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# AGARITA GAZETTE

*A Chronicle of the Plum Creek Shooting Society*

Agarita Ranch

Lockhart, Texas

## Marshalls

Range Marshall - *Delta Raider*

Territorial Governor - *Jake Paladin*

*See profile page 2.*

Safety Marshall - *Elroy Rogers*

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Stage Marshall - *Boon Doggle*

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Medical Marshall - *Jake Paladin*

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Side Match Marshall - *Texas Sarge*

Editor, Agarita Gazette - *Long Juan*

## Long Juan here!

Don't forget the Texas State Match (Comancheria Days) hosted by the Texican Rangers May 11-15 (Wed-Sun). See schedule Page 9. More info available at [www.texicanrangers.org](http://www.texicanrangers.org).

Thanks to all who have said so many nice things about recent issues of the Gazette. I appreciate the positive feedback; it keeps me motivated.

I received a great article and photos from **Joe Darter**. The article will run in the May edition. Thanks, Joe!

I am hoping for more articles, photos and/or ideas. Send to [jsoule@scottdoug.com](mailto:jsoule@scottdoug.com). Thanks in advance.



## April Shoot in the Bag!

We had 38 shooters who shot in three posses. For the first time in a long time, the "fast" posses actually finished before the "slower" GAF/Cody-Dixon posse. The weather gave us a preview of summer. It was warm and muggy, with visible drizzle early in the day. We shot five stages. Most everyone most finished by 1 p.m., in time for another great Agarita lunch. Congratulations to the following winners in categories with more than one shooter: Ladies Silver Senior, **Cactus Kay**; Ladies Wrangler, **Bella**; Forty-Niner, **Joe Darter**; Cody-Dixon Lever, **Gold Dog**; Duelist, **Jake Jones**; Elder Statesman, **Dakota Doc**; GAF Repeater, **Lucky Nickel**; GAF Single Shot, **Texas Sarge**; Senior Duelist, **Buck Bradley**; Silver Senior Texas Trinity Kid; and Wrangler, **Mesquite Creek Mike**. Clean matches were shot by **Klickitat Bob**, **Gold Dog**, **Dakota Doc** and **Minnitex Slim**. **Jake Jones** had zero misses, but suffered the dreaded "P" on one stage. **Joe Darter** and **Cactus Kay** were fastest man and fastest woman, respectively. Complete results can be viewed on the club website, [www.pccss.org](http://www.pccss.org).



## PROFILE: JAKE PALADIN, TERRITORIAL GOVERNOR

**Jake Paladin**, aka Jean-Pierre Forage, is our Territorial Governor. Territorial Governors or TG's communicate member comments, criticisms, needs, suggestions, and proposed rule changes to the SASS Board of Directors (Wild Bunch). Communication is a two-way street. TGs also represent SASS to club members, helping to explain SASS policies and rules. The Wild Bunch runs SASS, but decisions that directly impact the rules of cowboy action shooting must be voted on and approved by the Territorial Governors. In order to be TG, one has to be a Life member of SASS and RO2 qualified. Jake is both and has been our TG for more than two years.



Jake got started in cowboy action shooting in 2008. He went to an IPSC match with his Glock in hand, thinking he would shoot with a friend. He discovered his friend had switched to cowboy action shooting. Jake and his wife True Blue Cachoo, aka Nancy Forage, tried it, liked it and are still shooting cowboy. They

have participated in shoots with the Travis County Regulators, Tejas Caballeros, Texican Rangers and the Texas Historical Shootist Society, but consider the Plum Creek Shooting Society their home club. Jake told me their first year of cowboy action shooting, he and True Blue shot three or four times a month for about seven months and then went to End of Trail. The following year they went to Winter Range. Now they try to shoot locally once or more a month and in a big international, national or regional meet at least once a year.

Jake shoots Classic Cowboy or Double Duelist. He says that's because he likes shooting a revolver with each hand. He shoots .45 Colt Ruger Bisleys, an 1873 lever-action rifle, also in .45 Colt, and a TTN hammered SxS. He says the Bisleys fit his big hands perfectly.

The stories behind Jake's and True Blue's aliases are worth telling. True Blue is a Marine. Marines are never "former" Marines. Once a Marine, always a Marine! Nancy is a True-Blue patriot. Cachoo, really "ca-choo", comes from the Beatles song, "I am the Walrus." Others might remember it from Simon & Garfunkle's song, "Mrs. Robinson" in the movie, "The Graduate." "*Coo coo ca-choo, Mrs. Robinson, Jesus loves you more than you will know, wo, wo, wo ...*" Ca-choo means everything is fine or A-OK. I think we would all agree everything is A-OK with True Blue Cachoo. Jake says his alias is the result of his love of John Wayne movies and the TV show, "Have Gun Will Travel." He checked Jake and he checked Paladin as possible aliases; both were taken. "Jake Paladin" was not. With his initials already J.P. for Jean-Pierre, Jake Paladin was meant to be his SASS alias.

In real life, Jake is an accomplished surgeon specializing in surgical oncology (cancer surgery) and Laparoscopic/Endoscopic (minimally invasive) surgery. As a result, many of us call him, Doc. He was born in Newport News, Virginia, and lived in Wyoming, Texas and New England while growing up. He attended Boston College and graduated from Texas A&M and the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. He met Nancy (before she was True Blue Cachoo) in the operating room. Nancy is a nurse anesthetist, thus her second alias, Doc-ette. Jean-Pierre volunteered that he liked the way Doc-ette made his patients feel good. I did not ask for details. He says he had no idea she was so cute underneath all the surgical garb she was wearing. It took only one date for him to make that discovery. In addition to cowboy action shooting, Nancy and Jean-Pierre enjoy riding Harleys, traveling and reading. Jean-Pierre



**True Blue Cachoo**

reads mostly history and almost always only when traveling or on vacation. The rest of the time, he is busy with the technical reading required by his profession. During their travels, J.P. and Nancy like visiting wilderness areas, which they have done throughout most of the western United States and much of Canada. They also collect and enjoy wine. French *Bordeaux* is at the top of their list, necessitating more than infrequent trips to France. They also enjoy California *Cabernet* and *Pinot Noir*.

Next time you see Jake, tell him how much you appreciate him being our TG. At the same time, you might tell True Blue Cachoo how much you appreciate her service to our country.

## Tejas Caballeros by Long Juan

My wife, Miss Patty, and I try to accommodate each other's extracurricular activities as much as possible. I say little about her antique shows and traveling with the gals to foreign countries; she says little about my cowboy action shooting. To keep peace in the family, I try to limit my shooting to twice a month. I typically shoot with the Plum Creek Shooting Society on the first Saturday of each month and with the Texican Rangers the second Saturday. Starting in last February, however, I participated in cowboy action shooting events three weekends in a row. I went to Winter Range, shot at Ride with Pancho Villa and then shot with the Texican Rangers. As the fourth weekend approached, I realized that Miss Patty would be out of town for the weekend. I

decided to shoot with the Tejas Caballeros at their monthly shoot.

The Cabs shoot at Flat Creek Crossing, a ranch not too far from Dripping Springs. I had checked their website for directions and



confirmed with **Judge Menday Morning** that the match would occur as scheduled. I woke up earlier than necessary Saturday morning and arrived plenty early. I unloaded my gear, got directions from the parking area to registration from **Abilene**, and headed down the hill. The range is located among the trees in a pretty little valley. Right away I ran into other cowboys I already knew - **Dragon Hill Dave, Schuetzum Phast, Farr Ranger, Chisos, Grouchy Spike, Phantom** and **Waterloo** to name a few.

In addition to cowboys I already knew by sight and name, I was introduced to **Kickshot**. I recognized both his face and alias, but confess I had not previously put them together. **Kickshot** asked if I was the new editor of the *Agarita Gazette*. When I answered, yes, he told me he had two complaints. I have forgotten what the first was, but the second was that I had failed to identify him in my article about Winter Range in last month's issue of the *Gazette*. **Kickshot, I apologize!** Readers, in addition to all the other cowboys from Central Texas I identified, **Kickshot** also shot at Winter Range. He finished 289<sup>th</sup> of 755 overall and 36<sup>th</sup> of 61 in the Forty-Niner category. Well done



**Kickshot!** If I want to avoid another complaint from **Kickshot**, I probably should not mention in the same paragraph that **Dragon Hill Dave** finished 239<sup>th</sup> overall and 9<sup>th</sup> of 34 in Classic Cowboy. Too late, I guess; I have already mentioned it.

After visiting for a while, I checked in, signed a waiver, paid my range fee and added my name to a posse list. **Gold Dog** and **Cree Vicar Dave** were on my posse, but otherwise, I was shooting with a group of all new-to-me cowboys, among them **Bronco Birnbaum, Bushwack Bud, Circuit Judge, Colorado Slim, Kettleman, Nada Chance, Rude Behavior,** and **Texas Heat**. We had a great time shooting and visiting, although **Bronco Birnbaum** did make some rude comments about my alias – something about Juan in a million. I really did not understand the point he was trying to make. Chuckle, chuckle!

I wish I could say I shot well. I shot Senior Duelist, with my two .44 Special Type II Conversions, my '66 lever-action and a SxS shotgun (not hammered). We shot six stages. **Schuetzum Phast**, wrote the scenarios (based on stories about various Texas heroes) and was responsible for target placement. I heard his name lots during the day and he seemed to disappear quickly after we finished shooting. Really, the stages were not THAT tough!

My posse shot the “last” stage first. It was fairly normal. The targets were not too far away and the order of engagement was not too complicated. Relatively close and simple disappeared quickly. I finally realized, however, the order-of-engagement written by **Schuetzum** was really not that difficult. One just had to recognize the pattern. For example, rifle – R1, R5, R2, R4, R3, R3, R4, R2, R5, R1. At first glance, I said to myself, “Whoa, how am I going to remember that sequence?” The answer turned out to be pretty simple. It was

just two 5-shot sweeps, the first outside to inside and then a sweep in reverse from inside to outside. Once broken down that way, it was not too difficult at all. The pistols used the same pattern. First pistol, 5-shot outside to inside sweep; second pistol, 5-shot inside to outside sweep. Bottom line, **Schuetzum Fast** made us think and made it interesting. He also provided some great vignettes about Texas heroes from the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

The second thing I noticed about the stages the Caballeros shoot became too apparent at the second stage we shot, Stage 1A, actually the “first stage” of the match. We got there and I asked, “Where are the targets?” Someone pointed off in the distance and I responded, “No, I mean the pistol targets, not the rifle targets!” The response, “Those are the pistol targets.” The rifle targets were even further away, including a bonus target that looked a lot like a Cody-Dixon target to me. Well, you can guess what happened to me and to more than a few others. We started with the rifle. I shot the first ten targets (actually five targets 2x) in the right order and without a miss. So far I was clean for the match. That quickly ended. I reloaded my rifle with one round and took a shot at the bonus target somewhere off the the far distance. I missed! Okay, no bonus (-10 seconds), but not a “miss.” I’m still clean. I fixed that quickly. I suspect I was still thinking about my “near-hit” on the bonus target when I engaged the pistol targets – P4, P4, P4, P4, P3, P3, P3, P2, P2, P1. Simple, right? Nope, not for **Long Juan** that day. I missed P4 once and shot at it five times. A miss and a P on the first pistol target. Then I missed twice more with my second pistol. One stage – 3 misses and the dreaded P! Oh well, I was enjoying a new venue and making new friends. I managed to shoot the next three stages clean, but had two

careless misses with my pistols on our last stage – 5 misses and a P for the match!

I’m okay with not being the fastest in my category, but I rarely miss and I hate P’s. Notwithstanding my poor shooting performance, I had a really fun time. I met and shot with some great cowboys and was introduced to a fine new-to-me club and shooting venue. Next time I cannot shoot at Agarita Ranch or with the Texican Rangers (or maybe next time Miss Patty is out of town), I plan to shoot with the Caballeros again. I hope they will have me. You can find more information about the Cabs on their website at <http://tejascaballeros.org/>.

On the way home from shooting with the Cabs, I stopped in at **Phantom’s** new store – *Storied Firearms*, located in the old Dumas Rail Depot on 290 between Dripping Springs and



Austin. The depot is owned by an old friend of mine, who has a passion for history and railroads, particularly Texas railroads. He has relocated and restored many old railroad buildings to the site on 290 where *Storied Firearms* is now located, but that’s another story for another time. **Phantom** (Charlie Harris) and his wife (Cherie) started Storied Firearms because of their passion for shooting and preserving history. I enjoyed my quick visit, bought some primers, visited with Cherie and headed for the house to clean guns and reload for my next shoot. To learn more about *Storied Firearms*, check out their website at <http://www.storiedfirearms.com/>.

## RO's Corner – Dropped Rounds

Ammunition dropped by a shooter when loading or reloading a firearm during a stage is considered “dead” and may not be recovered until the shooter completes the course of fire. That includes “ejected” live rounds. A dropped or ejected round must be replaced from the shooter’s person or other area as required by stage description. If a round is not fired, it is counted as a missed shot. For example, if a shotgun shell is dropped while loading, the round must be replaced from the shooter’s person or other area as required by stage description or it is a miss. No attempt may be made by the shooter, or any other person, to pick up the dropped round for use on that stage. The reason for this rule is the potential loss of muzzle direction control. Once the dropped round leaves the shooter’s hand or control, it is considered to be a dead round. The RO/Timer should stop the shooter if he tries to recover the dead round. It is a 10-



second Minor Safety Violation if the shooter retrieves the round during the stage. Staged rounds that are dropped back where they were staged are NOT considered “dead.” For example, if a round is staged in a box on a table and it is dropped back in

the box, it may be picked up. If it falls off the table, it may not be picked up. Rounds safely “placed” on a prop from their original loading area are not considered “dropped” rounds as long as recovering these rounds does not create loss of muzzle control. Lesson, if you drop a round, it is dead. Do not ask or expect anyone else to pick it up and hand it to you, which would result in a MSV.



Jake Paladin



Cabs

## PLUM CREEK SHOOTING SOCIETY CALENDAR

May 7, 2011	Monthly Match
May 11-15, 2011	<i>Comancheria Days 2011</i> , SASS Texas State Match, hosted by the Texican Rangers at the Stieler Ranch, between Comfort and Fredericksburg on Hwy 87. See Schedule of Events page 9.
June 4, 2011	Monthly Match (Note this year's <i>Battle at Plum Creek</i> has been rescheduled for the first weekend in October)
June 20-24, 2011	Old West Shootist Association (OWSA) Raton, NM
July 2, 2011	Monthly Match



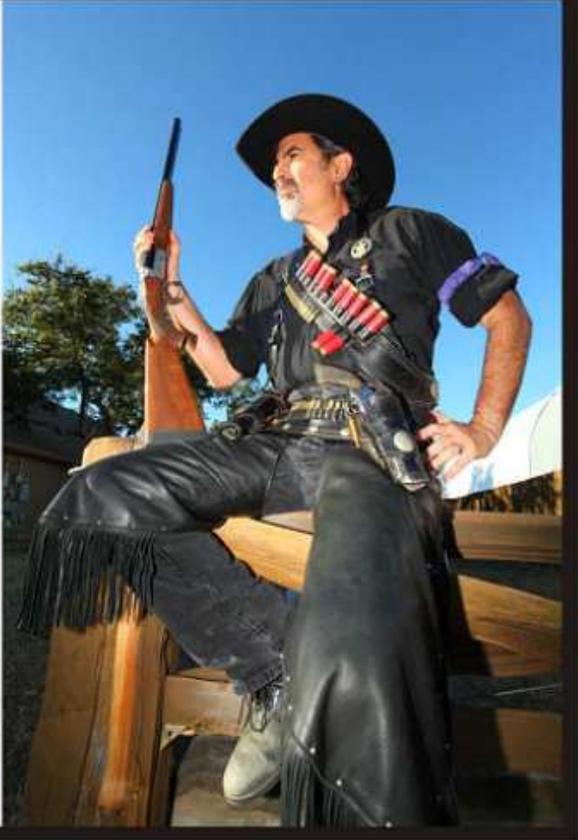
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# Comancheria Days

## 2011 Schedule of Events

### Wednesday, May 11

8:30am – 12:30 RO I class  
1:00pm – 4:00 RO II class

### Thursday, May 12

9:00am – 5:00pm Registration and Drawing for Door Prizes  
9:00am – 4:30pm Side Match Competitions  
10:00am – 12:00pm Plainsman Match (3-stages)

**11:30am – 1:30pm** \*\*\*BBQ Lunch Available for Sale\*\*\*

1:00pm – 4:00pm Wild Bunch Match (3-stages)

### Friday, May 13

7:15am – 8:00am Registration  
8:00am - 4:30pm Drawing for Door Prizes  
8:00am Mandatory Shooter Meeting Posses 1 - 10  
8:30am – 12:00pm 5 Stages of Main Match Competition Posses 1 - 10

**11:30am – 1:30pm** \*\*\*BBQ Lunch Available for Sale\*\*\*

12:00pm Mandatory Shooter Meeting Posses 11 – 20  
12:30pm 5 Stages of Main Match Competition Posses 11 - 20  
6:30pm Potluck Dinner (Hamburgers furnished by Texican Rangers)  
Side Match awards Shooters Costume award  
(Held behind the office, near the fire pit)

### Saturday, May 14

8:00am Mandatory Shooter Meeting Posses 11 - 20  
8:15am – 12:00pm 5 stages of Main Match Competition Posses 11 – 20

**11:30am – 1:30pm** \*\*\*BBQ Lunch Available for Sale\*\*\*

12:30 Mandatory Shooter Meeting Posses 1-10  
12:45– 4:00pm 5 stages of Main Match Competition Posses 1 - 10  
6:30pm Banquet & Awards Ceremony @ Farm Bureau in Fredericksburg

### Sunday, May 15

9:00am Cowboy Church with the Reverend Jackson (No, not that one.)  
9:45am Shooter Meeting  
9:50am - 1pm Master Gunfighter, Team Shoot and Couples Competitions

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