

July
2011



AGARITA GAZETTE

A Chronicle of the Plum Creek Shooting Society

Agarita Ranch

Lockhart, Texas

Marshals

Range Marshal - *Delta Raider*
Territorial Governor - *Jake Paladin*
Safety Marshal - *Elroy Rogers*
Protest Marshal - *Schuetzum Phast*
Stage Marshal - *Boon Doggle*
Long-Range Marshal - *Wild Hog*
Administrative Marshal - *Long Juan*
Medical Marshal - *Jake Paladin*
Raffle Marshal - *True Blue Cachoo*
Costume Marshal - *Lorelei Longshot*
Entertainment Marshal - *Old Bill Dick*
Special Events Marshal - *Belle Fire*
Side Match Marshal - *Texas Sarge*
Editor, Agarita Gazette - *Long Juan*

Long Juan Here! Many thanks to cub reporter and photographer extraordinaire, **Boon Doggle**, for providing coverage of the July shoot. Thanks to **Pine Tree** for his great article about cowboy-mounted shooting. There is no Marshal's profile this month. By popular demand, there will be a profile of Safety Marshal **Elroy Rogers** in the August issue. The range at Agarita Ranch is open and available for shooting every Friday. Please do NOT shoot the freshly painted targets during your practice sessions. We want the targets to be in great shape for our Saturday matches. There are plenty of other targets for practice. Thanks for **Boon Doggle**, **Elroy Rogers** and **Wild Hog** who do most of the painting. See information elsewhere in this issue about the Battle of Plum Creek.

July Match Report by Boon Doggle

The Plum Creek Shooting Society hosted its annual "Red, White, and Blue - Wear Whatever You Think You Can Get Away With" match July 2nd. Forty-three shooters braved the extremely hot temperatures to shoot five stages.

There were others who came with intention of shooting, but put their guns aside to put out brush fires and help with posse duties. Thank you **Belle Fire** for making the HEB run and **True Blue Cachoo** for helping to keep score. I'm sure there were others who came to visit and wound up working. We certainly appreciate your help and hope y'all will come back and shoot with us another time.

We always encourage our shooters to wear their finest patriotic colors for our July match. We also locked up the costume marshal in his own jail and let everyone come dressed in

whatever they found comfortable. Some folks wore their usual cowboy/cowgirl duds, while others wore shorts and "T's". As you can see from the photos many wore a little of each.



Other than the extreme heat, the match was pretty much uneventful. **Wild Hog** got his usual "P", **Joe Darter** won "Overall" with one of them new fangled bottom feedin' pistols, and **Waterloo** was top "overall" using real guns. **Jake Jones** had gun problems, as usual. **Boosey Babe**, **Adobe Kid**, and **Joe Darter** shot clean and are to be congratulated for keeping it all together in the heat. By the time everyone got to the last stage

of the day, a lot of folks just wanted to get in some shade. We were fortunate enough to have three generations of cowboys on Posse 2 -- **No Good Nate**, **Cyrus Sears**, and **Lars Christopherson**. It was a real joy watching them shoot together. That young Buckaroo is shootin' bigger loads than his elders. We had five shooters who shot with us for the first time. A big Agarita "Howdy" to **Minnesota Scooter**, **Tennessee Tinhorn**, **Bosque Billy Wade**, **Snake Durham** and **Kiff**.

A big "Thanks" goes out to **Delta Raider** and his ranch hands for providing water, some shade in the form of tarps and umbrellas, and big electric fans on all the stages. Never heard anybody complaining about lack of "Period Correctness" of the fans. As usual, there was plenty to eat for lunch, and it was darn good.

Uncle Spiteful slipped in a couple of stages that were, shall we say, a little different. He was last seen headin' out of town with a large group of angry cowboys and cowgirls armed with tar and feathers close behind.



No Good Nate and Buck Bradley



Clean Shooters: Adobe Kid, Boosey Babe and Joe Darter



True Blue Cachoo

COWBOY VERSUS MOUNTED SHOOTING

by Pat Thomas (Pine Tree)

I have been shooting cowboy action for about 8 years now and decided I wasn't spending enough money on that discipline, so I thought I would try mounted. My brother had been doing it for some time and had been after me to try it. I thought, why not? I have the guns, clothes, holsters and a horse (not trained to gunfire). How hard could it be?

My first revelation was that most horses don't like multi-colored balloons flapping in the wind on top of fluorescent orange highway cones and they really object to you firing a very loud and smoky black-powder round off a couple of feet from their ears. I then realized that my very gamey cowboy holsters were made for quick draw and re-holster and not for holding a revolver securely on top of a wild-eyed panicking quarter horse (1/4 horse 3/4 jackass). Now for guns, most of my cowboy guns have very light triggers, exactly the opposite of what you want for mounted. They go bang very easily and when you don't want them to on the back of a running horse.



Pine Tree and grandson Aiden on Little Horse

I went out and got new holsters, new guns (stainless for black powder with stock triggers) and started training my horse to gunfire. It took a while, but I finally got him to where I could shoot while riding him and I am ready to go to my 1st match. This is where the difference really comes into play. I had left a bullet slide on my belt with a few live rounds on it. You would have thought I voted for Obama. Live ammo at a mounted shoot is a BIG NO-NO!!

For those of you who don't know me, I block a lot of sun; my horse is built just like me, big and tall. Typical mounted shooting horses are basically barrel-racing horses that you can shoot off of. As a rule, they are small, very fast and nimble horses (real race cars). I show up with a tank. We attracted a lot of attention to say the least. As I was walking my horse to a stall for my first mounted shoot, I overheard someone say "good lord what a monster." I asked my brother standing beside me, "Do you think he was talking about me or my horse?"

Cowboy action shooters know a lot about guns, holsters, ammo, western history, authentic clothing, gun safety etc. Most know little or nothing about horses. Mounted shooters know a lot about horses, horse training, trailers, saddles etc. Most know little or nothing about guns. These are two very different cultures; one is a gun culture the other a horse culture. At my 1st mounted shoot, there was a gunsmith working on guns. I thought this was odd with only about 40 shooters. Then I saw someone who had dropped a gun in the sand and took it to him to the gunsmith to clean. Like I said, different cultures.

One thing I really like about mounted shooting is the categories. There are only six -- Category 1 being the beginners; Category 6 being the pros. You only compete against your category and you have to win your category several times to

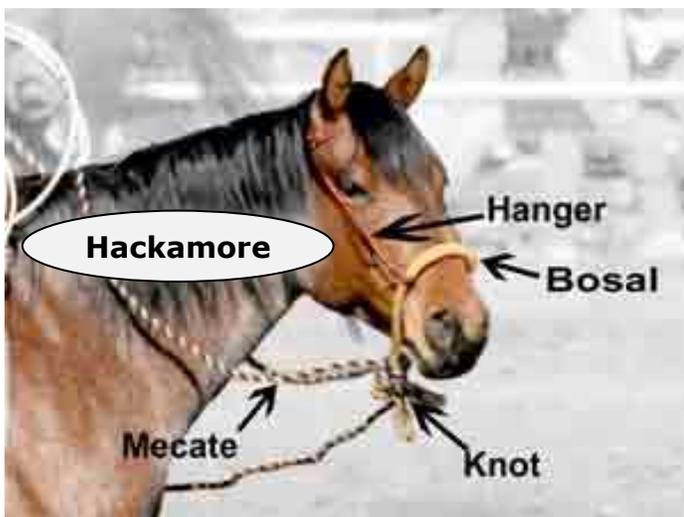
move up in rank. The other thing I like is the stages. There are only 60 stages and they are the same no matter where you go. At each match, they shoot 4 or 5 of the 60, selected at random. There are also only very broad guidelines on how to shoot the stage. You can shoot it how it best fits your shooting skill and fits your horse.

In spite of all the differences, there are a couple of similarities. When I started cowboy shooting an experienced shooter told me, "It's not hard to hit the targets and it's not hard to shoot really

What does it mean? "Hackamore"

by Long Juan

The more western novels I read and the more western action shooting I do, the more I realize how much I do not know. From the context, I was pretty sure I knew what "**hackamore**" means, but I decided to see what more I could learn. Watts' Dictionary of the Old West calls it a horse's bit, usually with a padded noseband, no part of which goes into the horse's mouth. Elsewhere in the same dictionary, **hackamore** is defined as a horse's halter without a bit. *Wikipedia*, describes a **hackamore** as animal headgear that does not have a bit and operates by exerting pressure on the animal's cheeks and nose.



fast, it's just hard to do both at the same time." The same is true for mounted shooting. It's not hard to pop the balloons or to run the course fast; it's just hard to do both at the same time. Another similarity is the people. Cowboy shooters are some of the nicest, most helpful and generous folks in the world. Mounted shooters are the same. I really enjoy doing both, not for the shooting or the riding, but for the people who shoot and ride.

The **hackamore** is most commonly associated with Spanish riding traditions and western riding. The word **hackamore** is derived from the Spanish word *jaquima*, meaning halter. In Old Spanish the word was *xaquima* from the Arabic *sakima* (bit) and *sakama* (bridle). **Hackamore** is the Americanized pronunciation of the Spanish *jaquima*. Given the Arabic origin of the word, it is not surprising that the **hackamore** traces back to early devices for controlling camels.

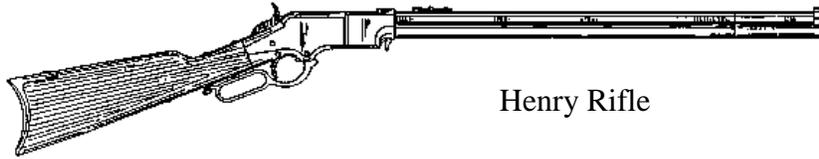
A traditional and "properly constructed" **hackamore** was composed of a braided rawhide noseband (*bozal*) with strips of *latigo whang* interlaced on either side to act as cheek-plates and tied behind the horse's ears to hold it in place. The *bozal* or noseband works on pressure points on the horse's face, nose and chin. *Mecate* reins were hand-braided from the long hair of a horse's tail. A **hackamore** could also be extemporized from rope. In the hands of the right man, the **hackamore** was a subtle and vital tool resulting in a well-mannered, sweet-mouthed horse, sometimes referred to as a "**hackamore** colt." Of course, **hackamore** training took time, often six months to a year.

Now you know more than you ever wanted to know about the **hackamore**. Next month, we'll explore another word, term or phrase out of the Old West.

RO's Corner: Spirit of the Game

SASS members and other western action shooters have developed and adopted an attitude called "Spirit of the Game." It means you shoot what the stage scenario asks. You do not look for ways to create an advantage out of what is or is not stated. Some folks call Spirit of the Game nothing more than good sportsmanship. Whatever you call it, if you don't have it, western action shooting is not for you. A "spirit-of-the-game" penalty is not assessed if a competitor simply makes a mistake. A "spirit-of-the-game" infraction occurs when a

shooter willfully or intentionally ignores the stage instructions to gain a competitive advantage, e.g., taking a penalty to get a better score than would be possible by following the stage instructions. A spirit-of-the-game penalty is a 30-second penalty and is in addition to any other penalties - misses, procedural, safeties, etc. Two spirit-of-the-game penalties in a match results in match disqualification. Having shot with most of you at one time or another, this is one penalty I think none of us have to worry about, but we all should keep in mind. It's the Cowboy Way!



Henry Rifle

July 4th in NYC by Long Juan

The bad news is that I missed our "Red, White, and Blue - Wear Whatever You Think You Can Get Away With" match. The good news is that my wife and I had a great trip to New York City for the July 4th weekend. The primary purpose of our trip was to attend a wedding. Although my wife is a regular, I had not visited NYC since 1964. After 47 years, I was willing to give it another try. We had a fabulous weekend that included great weather and visits to the Empire State Building, Central Park, Times Square and Ellis Island. We also took a wonderful 3-hour cruise around Manhattan Island. Best of all, on America's most patriotic of weekends, were visits to the Statue of Liberty and Ground Zero.

Our hotel was less than a block from where the Twin Towers once stood. We made visits to Ground Zero our first afternoon and the following evening. The National September 11 Memorial will open on the 10th anniversary of the attack this coming September 11. There are two square pools located where the foundations of the Twin Towers formerly stood. The museum, which will open in 2012, is located between and behind the pools. The new One World Trade Center is being constructed just north and west of the memorial. It will be just taller than the Twin Towers and should be ready to occupy in 2014.





9-11 Memorial and Museum Concept



One World Trade Center – Now & Planned

The Statue of Liberty is located on an island in New York Harbor not too far southwest of Manhattan. The statue, a symbol of American liberty, was a gift to the United States from the people of France. It was constructed in France and shipped to the United States in crates, where it was assembled on a specially designed and constructed pedestal. The statue's completion and dedication in 1886 was marked by New York's first ticker-tape parade.

My wife and I were both moved by our visits to Ground Zero and the Statue of Liberty. What a great way to spend a weekend remembering our great country and the sacrifices made by so many that allow us to be free!



**“Red, White and Blue
Wear Whatever You Think You Can Get Away With”
Match Photos**



Jake Jones



Joe Darter



Scooter and Jake Paladin



Six Going South



Kick Shot



Lars



Adobe Kid & Boosey Babe

JULY RESULTS				
Name	Category	Total	Misses	P's
SIX GOIN' SOUTH	Ladies 49r	297.35	5	2
BOOSEY BABE	Ladies Grand Dame	442.04	0	0
LITTLE MAMA	Ladies Silver Senior	384.64	0	1
BELLA	Ladies Wrangler	401.17	20	1
MINNESOTA SCOOTER	Buckaroo	311.73	4	0
NO GOOD NATE		674.58	17	0
COLE YOUNGER	Young Gun	501.69	20	0
WATERLOO	Cowboy	124.81	1	0
PHANTOM		153.97	7	0
SKINNY STEVE		277.08	2	0
LIGHTING McQUEEN		319.34	8	1
EL GUAUPO		493.07	57	0
MESQUITE CREEK MIKE	Wrangler	224.43	9	0
CRYUS SEARS		182.13	2	0
KIFF		457.59	13	0
SAN GABRIEL	49r	160.80	2	1
DUTCH VAN HORN		163.46	2	1
KICKSHOT		164.42	1	0
NUECES RANGER		332.90	8	1
LARS CHRISTOPER	Senior	217.36	3	1
ALAMO BILL		370.70	8	0
OLD BILL DICK		401.85	16	0
TENNESEE TINHORN		846.84	26	0
JUDGE MENDAY COMING	Silver Senior	176.13	2	0
GENERAL BURLESON		229.78	0	1
TX TRINITY KID		255.23	10	1
TEJAS BOB		304.52	2	0
BUNKHOUSE BOB		384.29	14	0
THE ADOBE KID	Elder Statesman	215.13	0	0
GOLD DOG		239.76	6	0
BOSQUE BILLY WADE	Duelist	217.42	7	0
SNAKE DURHAM		329.22	4	0
BUCK BRADLEY	Senior Duelist	195.80	5	0
DRIFTER		225.06	5	1
KLICKATAT BOB	Frontiersman	283.53	3	0
WILD HOG	Cody Dixon Lever	366.39	11	1
WILD WARREN		488.12	7	0
BOON DOGGLE	Cody Dixon Single	400.12	2	0
JAKE JONES	GAF Repeater	425.34	5	0
ARTIMAN		673.18	13	0
SCOOTER	GAF Single	440.22	3	0
JOE DARTER	Wild Bunch Modern	117.60	0	0
JAKE PALIDIN	Wild Bunch Trad	297.92	2	1
EL ROY ROGERS		308.14	5	1

PLUM CREEK SHOOTING SOCIETY CALENDAR

August 6, 2011	Monthly Match
September 3, 2011	Monthly Match
September 30-October 2, 2011	Battle at Plum Creek, Entry Form and Shooter's Schedule, pp. 11-13 or www.pccss.org



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	125	FP	56
	130	RNFP	57
	158	RNFP	61
	158	FP	61
	158	SWC	61
.380	100	RNFP	52
.38-55	245	RNFP	88*
.41	215	SWC	74
.44	180	RNFP	64
	240	SWC	78
.44-40	200	RNFP	67
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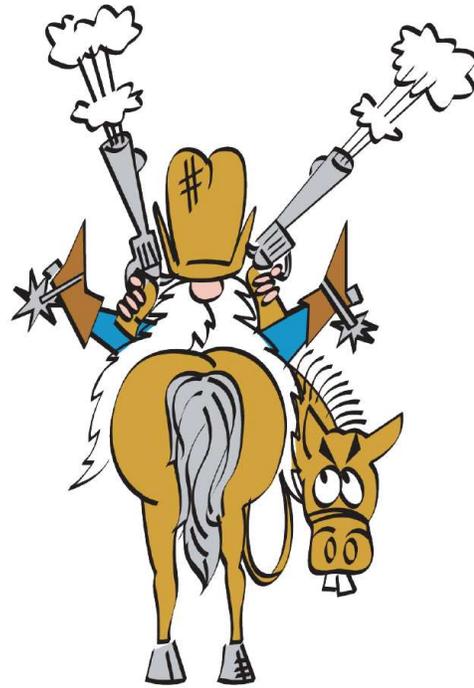
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There's a new range in town

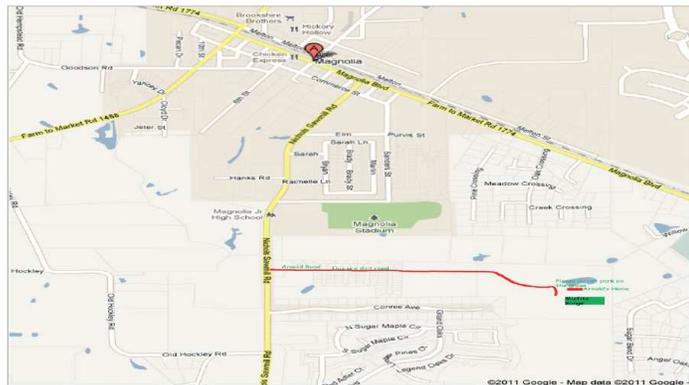
The Magnolia Misfits Range and Western Action Shooting Club



This is a private range and will be open to members six days a week. The range is for any kind of shooting, but the Western Action Shooting Club, NCOWS Affiliated, will be the biggest part of the range.

**Everyone is welcome to participate in the Western Action Shooting Club.
Club shoots on the 4th Saturday of the month starting at 8:30 am**

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Comanche and Kiowa have attacked Victoria and burned and sacked
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Join us at Lockhart for The Battle Of Plum Creek October 1st & 2nd

Volunteers from Gonzales under Matthew Caldwell and from Bastrop under Ed Burluson, and Rangers led by Ben McCulloch even now are preparing to march. The forces will be led by Gen. Felix Huston.

Muster for the battle will be held at the *Plum Creek Shooting Society's* headquarters at *Agarita Ranch* in *Lockhart, Texas*, on October 1st, and October 2nd, 2011.

Saturday, October 1st – Safety meeting at 8:30 AM, 6 main match stages and 4 main match stages on October 2nd., followed by the Awards Ceremony.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM FOR THE BATTLE OF PLUM CREEK

October 1st and October 2nd 2011

Enclose total payment and mail with completed form. All refund request must be received prior to September 19, 2011 and are subject to a \$25 processing fee. Shooter packets must be picked up before shooters meeting on Saturday.
Make checks payable to: PCCSS Mail to: 1794 Old Lytton Springs Rd., Lockhart, Texas 78544
 www.PCCSS.Org • For Information call Delta Raider 512-376-2602

(Complete an Entry Form for each shooter)

ALIAS _____ SASS NUMBER _____

NAME _____ PCCSS Member? Yes No

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY / STATE / ZIP _____

HOME PHONE (____) _____ WORK PHONE (____) _____

E-MAIL _____

**Match Fee (Fee covers all shooting events,
 Banquet And Awards Ceremony)**

Pre-Registration Before September 19, 2011	\$80 _____
Registration received <u>AFTER</u> September 19, 2011	\$90 _____
Extra Banquet tickets and Awards Ceremony (EACH)	\$15 _____
Junior (14-16)	\$25. _____
Buckaroo (13 & Younger) AGE _____ (Required)	FREE

RV Hook-ups _____ **Nights @ \$25** _____

RV Dry Camping _____ **Nights @ \$10** _____

TOTAL _____

Breakfast Saturday & Sunday \$6 and Lunch on Saturday \$8. Please let us know which meals you plan on attending

Wild Bunch Side Match (6 Stages) September 30th at 10:00 AM Circle one YES/NO

Side Matches: Will be shot on Friday September 30, 2011 and after lunch on October 1, 2011.

Long Range Rifle – Single Shot – Big Bore - Long Range Rifle – Lever Action – Big Bore - Long Range Rifle – Lever Action – Pistol Cal. – Long Range Rifle – Buffalo Rifle - Long Range Pistol - Fastest Pistol - Fastest Rifle - Fastest Shotgun - Fastest 3-Gun (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun) - Fastest Derringer - Fastest Pocket Pistol)-Long Range Optical-Long Range Open and surprise new side matches

All SASS Categories Recognized

(Circle One) Men Lady

Shooting Categories (Circle Applicable Category)

Cowboy, Cowgirl, Wrangler, Duelist, Senior Duelist (60+), Gunfighter, Forty-Niner, Frontier Cartridge, Frontier Cartridge Duelist, Frontiersman, Classic Cowboy/Cowgirl, "B" Western, Senior (60-64), Silver Senior (65-69), Elder Statesman (70+), Grand Dame (70+), Young Guns, Buckaroo (13 & Younger), Wild Bunch, Wild Bunch Modern, Cody Dixon Single, Cody Dixon Lever, GAF Single, GAF Repeater

Battle at Plum Creek Shooter's Schedule

Friday September 30, 2011

- 9:30 AM Wild Bunch Match (Stages 1-6)
12:00 PM Registration, Long-Range Sight Confirmation, Warm-up Stages After Lunch (Lunch Not Available on site)
1:00 PM Western 3 Gun Match (Run by Joe Darter and Phantom) (3 Stages)
3:30 PM Derringer and Pocket Pistol @ Warm-Up Stage 1
Fastest Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, 3-Gun @ Stage 10

Saturday, October 1, 2011

- 7:30 AM Breakfast available at Kitchen Kate's Cantina in the Pavilion (\$6.00)
8:30 AM Shooters Meeting
- | Posse | Shoot Stages: |
|-------|---------------|
| 1 | 1,2,3,4,5,6 |
| 2 | 2,3,4,5,6,7 |
| 3 | 3,4,5,6,7,8 |
| 4 | 4,5,6,7,8,9 |
| 5 | 5,6,7,8,9,10 |
| 6 | 6,7,8,9,10,1 |
| 7 | 7,8,9,10,1,2 |
| 8 | 8,9,10,1,2,3 |
| 9 | 9,10,1,2,3,4 |

After completing 1st six stages:

- Lunch available at Kitchen Kate's Cantina in the Pavilion (\$8.00)
Best dressed Working Cowboy and Cowgirl in the Pavilion
After Lunch
Side Matches
Long Range @ Fort Agarita (All Long Range Events)
Derringer and Pocket Pistol @ Warm Up Stage 1
Fastest Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, 3-Gun @ Stage 10

- 5:30 PM Judging for the Custom Contest
6:00 PM Dinner with Awards Ceremony

Sunday, October 2, 2011

- 7:30 AM Breakfast available at Kitchen Kate's Cantina in the Pavilion (\$6.00)
8:30 AM Cowboy Church @ The Church at Agarita by
- | Posse | Shoot Stages |
|-------|--------------|
| 1 | 7,8,9,10 |
| 2 | 8,9,10,1 |
| 3 | 9,10,1,2 |
| 4 | 10,1,2,3 |
| 5 | 1,2,3,4 |
| 6 | 2,3,4,5 |
| 7 | 3,4,5,6 |
| 8 | 4,5,6,7 |
| 9 | 5,6,7,8 |
- 12:00 PM Lunch with Awards Ceremony (Included)