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# 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***

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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!*

I confess, I was one proud father and grandfather at our August shoot. My grandson, **Wasabe**, SASS #90128, and my daughter, **Sterling Sage**, joined in the fun. Both have been shooters most of their lives. This was the first cowboy match for **Sterling Sage**. **Wasabe** shot with the *Texican Rangers* one time last year. They both shot well and will be back! The photo below is the exercise of “editorial prerogative.” I thank everyone, especially the folks in Posse 2, for being such cordial hosts. You made them both feel really welcome. I know we do that for all our guests, but it was great to see them on the receiving end. We really are a special group of people.

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Wasabe, Sterling Sage and proud grandfather and father, Long Juan

### *Long Juan Here (cont.)*

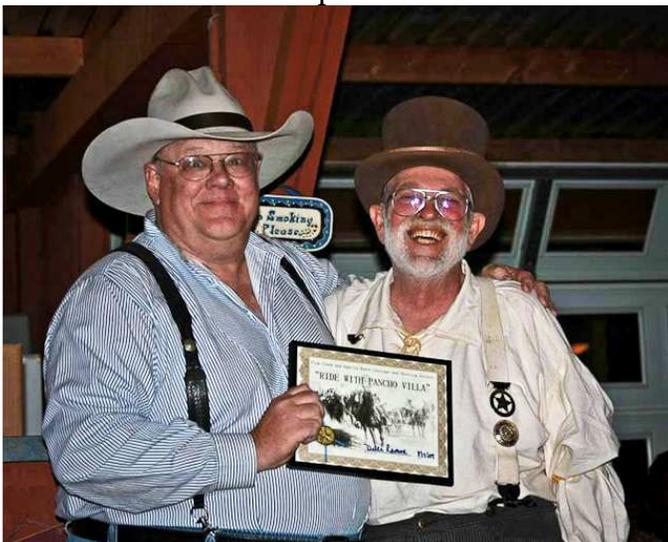
Thanks to **Lefty Leo** (Leo Bush) for his article about the Austin Light Artillery Battery. His article begins on page 3.

It was **HOT** again for our August shoot. Thirty-five shooters braved the heat. We shot five stages, mercifully, mostly in the shade. Thanks **Boon Doggle** and **Delta Raider** for making those plans. Thanks also for the water at each stage and fans wherever possible. As always we had a great lunch and awards ceremony following the shoot. Don't forget to RSVP each month the week before our monthly match to let **Delta Raider** know you want lunch after the shoot.

We will shoot a regular monthly match in September. Pray for somewhat cooler weather and maybe even a few days of rain between now and then. In **October**, we will host the *Battle at*

### **MARSHALL PROFILE:**

**Elroy Rogers**, a/k/a Mack Farrel, has been shooting since he was a kid growing up in Oklahoma. He is our **Safety Marshal**. Unlike most of us, he was actually well-qualified before our fearless leader, **Delta Raider**, asked him to serve. Among his many qualifications, Mack is a certified NRA rifle, pistol and shotgun instructor. He acquired his first firearm



when he was in first grade, a Stevens Favorite

*Plum Creek* – a three day event. In the future we will host only one large event each year. That event will be *Ride with Pancho Villa* in March. This year's *Battle at Plum Creek* will be used as a warm-up for *Ride with Pancho Villa* next March. We hope to iron out any kinks in order to make RPV a premier shooting event in Texas. Everyone's suggestions and help will be much appreciated. This year, the *Battle at Plum Creek* will start with a Wild Bunch match, a Western 3-Gun match and side matches on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. We will shoot six main-match stages and side matches on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be a dinner Saturday night. The match will conclude with four main-match stages and the awards ceremony at lunch on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Hope to see you there. Hope even more to see you there shooting!

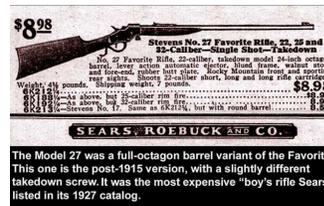
.32 Rimfire (sure hope I got that right Mack). In high school he shot competitive trap. He went on to shoot benchrest and long-range shooting is still his favorite. Mack tried IPSC (International Practical Shooting Confederation) for awhile, but it didn't stick. He says cowboys are better pards! Later he shot competitive Bullseye. In his "senior" years, he has firmly embraced cowboy action shooting. Mack's alias, **Elroy Rogers**, is the product of owning property in the little Texas community of Elroy, fast becoming notorious for Formula One racing, and his sister and brother-in-law's surname, Rogers. He got started in cowboy action shooting about six years ago. A couple of friends, including **Jarhead Jake**, encouraged him to give it a try. We're glad it stuck. He shoots pretty much



exclusively with the *Plum Creek Shooting Society*, but has also shot with the *Tejas Pistoleros* in Eagle Lake.

Born in Sayre, Oklahoma, Mack graduated from Oklahoma State University. He moved to Texas when his Dad's took a job at Bergstrom AFB. Mack spent six years in the Army as a 155 howitzer mechanic. He says that pretty much took care of his hearing. Mack now lives in Cedar Creek, between Bastrop and San Marcos. He has been manager of Red's Indoor Shooting Range near the "Y" in Oak Hill for more than 11 years. Among the many strange things he has seen during his 11 years at Red's was a new range officer shooting out a window between the range and the retail store out front. That range officer, who quickly found himself without a job, failed to heed one of Mack's primary safety rules – always treat your gun as if it's loaded. Fortunately, no one was hurt. Mack, who is a Life Member of the Plum Creek

Shooting Society, continues to enjoy shooting long-range, preferring to shoot Cody Dixon or GAF categories at our monthly matches. When I asked him why he shot Wild Bunch in August, he confessed that he forgot the holster for his six-shooter. As **Safety Marshal**, Mack encourages us to be safe at all times: Treat your guns as if they are loaded - always. Keep those muzzles pointed down range. Never let your muzzle sweep another shooter or spectator. If you see something unsafe, do something about it. Like **Boon Doggle**, Mack encourages all of us to help with range maintenance. Try to come out during the week, especially Fridays, to work on stages, targets and the myriad of other things that require upkeep in order for us to experience those great weekend shoots. Thanks Mack for all your hard work as **Safety Marshal** and at the Agarita Ranch!

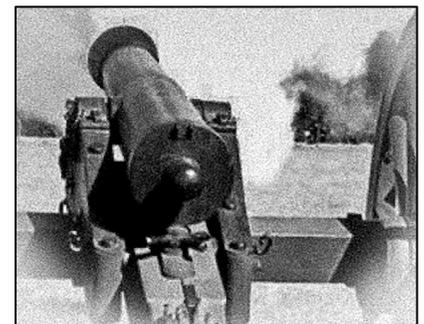


## ARTILLERY SUPPORT AT THE BATTLE OF PLUM CREEK AUSTIN LIGHT ARTILLERY BATTERY

By: Lefty Leo, AKA Leo R. Bush

The month is June of 1861 and a new artillery battery joins the ranks of the Confederate States of America. This new battery is mustered into the Confederate Army on October 14, 1861, as the Texas 6<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Battery. It is also called Willke's Texas Battery, so named for the first commander Captain Herman Willke. Being formed in Travis County, Texas, it also takes the nickname of the Austin Light Artillery Battery.

Upon muster the battery was armed with two 24-lb Howitzers and four 12-lb Napoleons. The battery served mainly along the Texas Gulf Coast and the Rio Grande Valley. The main battle that the battery was involved in was the defense of Galveston in 1862. Even after the fall of Galveston to Union forces, the battery continued to serve the Confederate Army until it was surrendered on May 26, 1865, by General E. K. Smith, at which time the battery still had two 24-lb Howitzers and two 12-lb Napoleons.



In July 2005 Jay Davis aka **Artiman**, and I became partners in an 1841 6-lb Smooth Bore Light Artillery Piece a/k/a Patience. We needed a name for our unit. It was through research that we found out about the Austin Light Artillery Battery. Being from the Austin area we thought it only fitting to resurrect the old name as our way to pay tribute to the original unit.

In 2009 we had the honor of being invited to participate in the Battle of Plum Creek at Agarita Ranch, Lockhart, Texas. Since then we are honored to have been invited back on a regular basis. On numerous occasions we have been allowed to conduct artillery qualification schools. **Artiman** and I are muzzle-loading artillery instructors certified by the Loyal Train of Artillery Chapter of The United States Field Artillery Association.



**Elroy Rogers, Artiman, Lefty Leo and Texas Sarge**

Among the regular shooters at Agarita are several who have been trained and qualified as artillerymen including: **Jarhead Jake, Jake Jones, Scooter, Texas Sarge, and Delta Raider.**

We appreciate the support that Agarita Ranch and the shooters of the Plum Creek Carriage and Shooters Society have shown us and are honored to provide artillery support for the Battle of Plum Creek and other events at the ranch.

## RO's Corner

We had some excitement this month on Posse 2. **Jake Paladin** was shooting one of his Rugers and had it come apart in his hand.



Photo by Wasabe

The cylinder and top strap were totally destroyed. Who would have think a Ruger

could come apart like that? It did! We were fortunate that no one was hurt, particularly Jake. The RO was quick to call a halt to shooting and everyone reacted quickly and appropriately. After confirming no one was injured, a large group gathered to view the damage and speculate on the cause. At the time of this writing, I am not aware of any formal determination of the cause. Jake and others speculated that there was only a single powder charge, but two bullets had been seated. If that is the case, compression of the powder and the weight and additional friction caused by two bullets could well have been the cause. The lesson: We all need to remember safety comes first – at the range, in the reloading room, and whenever we are handling firearms.

## What does it mean? Horse Colors

When I first got back into reading fiction about the Old West, I started wondering about the description of horses by color or breed. For example, what should I be picturing when the hero rode out of town on his trustee Bay or Dun? Is Appaloosa a color or a breed? The following list is taken from notes I started to keep so I would have some idea what picture the author was trying to paint.

**Appaloosa** – a strain or breed of horse whose spots, of varying size and color, which can be felt with fingertips. They were originally bred by Nez Perce Indians in the Palouse River country of eastern Washington and Central Idaho and were considered by the Indians to be good war-horses with good stamina.

**Bay** – deep rich chestnut red brown, black mane, tail and points (extremities).

**Black** – a horse that is black all over, without light areas

**Brown** - body color brown or black with light areas around the muzzle, eyes, flank, and inside upper legs. The mane, tail, and points are black.

**Buckskin** – a horse the color of buckskin with black tail and mane.



**Canelo** – cinnamon color of California or Spanish stock. Renowned for stamina in old California.

**Dun** – a bay of faded, dull brown shade; mane, tail and other extremities black, usually has dorsal stripe; reputation for hardiness and endurance.

**Bayo** is Mexican for faded bays.

**Gray** – a horse with a mixture of white and any other colored hairs; often born solid colored or almost solid colored and gets lighter with age as more white hairs appear; may have a dorsal stripe.

**Paint or pinto** - Today considered to have a breed with pinto spotting. Pinto refers to a Spanish, pinto is the word for paint. In the meant a horse of more than one color usually – brown and white, black and white, brown paint or pinto was a common result of Paints or pintos were favored by the Indians believed the multi colors denoted weakness fancy.” I think the Cisco Kid rode a paint or pinto, at least on TV.



different meanings. Paint is horse of multi-colors. In Old West both simply in generously sized patches and black and white. A inbreeding of mustangs. and disliked by whites, who or were “suspiciously



**Palomilla** – white or cream horse with white mane and tail.

**Palomino** – “California sorrel.” Golden color with white mane and tail. Think Roy Rogers.

**Roan** – red, bay, blue, intermixed white and colored hairs.

**Sorrel** – reddish horse color without dark mane, tail and extremities like a bay.

**White** – Cremello (appears almost pure white, including tail, Ranger rode a white stallion, Silver.



Now when you read your next western novel and they mention the outlaw riding a dun into town, you should have a decent mental picture in your mind.

<b>PLUM CREEK SHOOTING SOCIETY CALENDAR</b>	
September 3, 2011	Monthly Match
September 30-October 2, 2011	<b>Battle at Plum Creek</b> <b>Entry Form at <a href="http://www.pccss.org">www.pccss.org</a></b>
November 5, 2011	Monthly Match

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*Long Juan*

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Hey, Phantom! What's going on over there?



# Havng Fun!! Agarita Ranch August 2011



Photos in this month's by Sterling Sage, Boon Doggle and Wasabe



**Joe Darter and Dragon Hill Dave**



**Wasabe and Buck Bradley**

## Plum Creek Results August 2011

Name	Cat	Total	Misses	P's
BELLA	LW	332.54	5	0
TRUE BLUE CACHOO		335.82	10	0
STERLING SAGE		581.56	8	0
LITTLE MAMA	LSS	380.33	2	0
WASABE	YG	296.88	7	1
NUECES RANGER	C	321.97	6	0
CODY		337.14	14	1
PHANTOM	W	130.54	1	1
MESQUITE CREEK MIKE		182.49	3	0
PAPA GRANDE		253.17	1	2
JOE DARTER	49r	129.8	0	0
KIT CASSON		186.67	1	0
WHISKEY RUNNER	S	286.12	5	2
FRIO SLIM		435.83	1	0
TENNESSEE TINHORN		623.63	8	0
TEJAS BOB	SS	280.26	1	0
THE ADOBE KID	ES	216.16	2	0
KLICKATAT BOB	D	195.67	2	0
BUCK BRADLEY	SD	196.82	1	0
FARR RANGER		205.29	1	0
DRIFTER		244.07	1	0
DRAGON HILL DAVE	CC	162.89	2	0
JAKE PALADIN		426.38	6	0
DAWGTOOTH DAVE	F	258.31	5	0
BOSQUE BILLY WADE	GF	203.87	2	1
LIGHTING McQUEEN	WBT	278.96	8	0
ELROY ROGERS		305.99	15	0
GOLD DOG	CDL	272.07	0	1
WILD HOG		323.89	3	0
ARTIMAN	GAFR	328.68	1	0
SCOOTER		340.28	4	0
LEFTY LEO		438.02	8	1
TEXAS SARGE		479.15	10	1
JARHEAD JAKE	GAFS	426.58	1	0
LONG JUAN		462.53	5	0

Fastest shooter overall - **Joe Darter** by less than a second over **Phantom**.  
Category winners highlighted in green