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Long Juan Here!

I have been unusually busy with my day job for the last two or three months. This issue will therefore contain only limited content. First, let me wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year. For those of other faiths, I wish you the very best of the holiday season. This issue marks two full years I have served as the editor of the **Agarita Gazette**. I have enjoyed the time spent on every issue and have appreciated all the nice comments and contributions to content. I hope during the next year to have even more contributions – everything from photos to feature articles.

We had a good time at our monthly match and annual Christmas party on December 1st. We started with our usual cowboy action match in the morning, followed by a Wild Bunch match in the afternoon and then a dinner in the evening. Thanks to **Phantom** for writing some more fun stages to

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Six Goin' South

shoot. Thanks to **Joe Darter** for the Wild Bunch stages and thanks to **Kitchen Kate** for a great dinner. Thanks also to everyone else who helped make the day a success. See photos from the day and into the evening on the Photos page at www.pccss.org. Congratulations to the top 5 shooters in December: **Phantom, Kickshot, Kit Carson, SkinDawg** and **Skyhawk Hans**. Category winners included Cattle Baron - **The Adobe Kid**, Cody Dixon Lever - **Gold Dog**, GAF Repeater - **Texas Sarge**, GAF Single - **Jarhead Jake**, Grande Dame - **Bad Little Mama**, Elder Statesman - **Bison Jim**, Senior - **Nueces Slim**, Silver Senior - **Skyhawk Hans**, Senior Duelist **Big John Mesquite**, Classic Cowboy - **Dragon Hill Dave**, 49'r - **Phantom**, Wrangler - **Joe Darter** and Cowboy - **JR**. Well done clean shooters: **Bad Little Mama, Bisbee Jackson, Bison Jim, Chisos, Dragon Hill Dave, Jake Jones, Kickshot** and **Nueces Slim**. Good shootin' folks! Complete results are posted on the Scores page at www.pccss.org. Congratulations also to the Wild Bunch winners. See **Dragon Hill Dave's** report on page 4.

While the changed format for our Christmas shoot worked well, the Board has decided next year to switch things around some. The plan is the have a Wild Bunch match mid-morning with the cowboy match in the afternoon, followed by dinner. We hope that way more folks will be able to stay for the dinner party. If you have

suggestions or comments, please share them with one of your officers.

Speaking of officers, in the confusion that resulted from my computer going down and scrambling to get everyone registered for the shoot, we forgot to hold the election of officers. Under the club by-laws, the President and Vice President serve for one-year terms. **Dragon Hill Dave** and **Joe Darter** are running for re-election. Secretary and Treasurer serve two-year terms. I will be serving the second year of my two-year term as Secretary in 2013. **True Blue Cachoo** is running for re-election to a two-year term as Treasurer. We will hold belated elections before the safety meeting at our January shoot.

Thanks to everyone who came prepared to pay 2013 dues in December. In addition to computer issues that day, I had a brain cramp and failed to bring copies of the new forms. I will have them at the January shoot and will email a copy to current members and frequent shooters with the hope that maybe they will download, fill out and have it with them when they arrive at the registration table in January.

Sterling Sage has placed the order for 2013 PCSS calendars. They will be delivered at the January match.

Hope to see all of you shooting at the Agarita Ranch in January and throughout 2013!

Captain Jim Bison,
Agarita Annie
and
Bisbee Jackson



WADDIES NEEDED

Are you a waddy? Do you know what a waddy is? No, it is not what you get your “panties in” when you are angry or upset!!!

A waddy is a cowboy slang term that originated around 1895-1900. Today it is used at places like End-of-Trail and around the country with cowboy shooting clubs to label those wonderful, hard-working people we call VOLUNTEERS.

A shoot like the upcoming *Ride with Pancho Villa* SASS 2013 Texas State Championship does not come together by itself. It takes the work of many volunteers, mostly behind the scenes, to make the event look so good and like it just happened. Lots needs to get done to make such an event a success; shooters need to be registered, shooters need to be parked, stages need to be set, targets need to be painted, banquet halls need to be decorated, Posse Marshals

need to keep order among the chaos and yes, toilet paper needs to be supplied to the outhouses!

We are asking that you become a WADDY for the Texas State Championship. Even if you are shooting, you can still be a waddy during the time when you are not shooting. Yes, you will still have time to visit Sutter’s Row and to grab a bite to eat from the food vendors.

If you are able to help us out and would like to be a WADDY please send an email to me at:

texicanrangers@yahoo.com or using the Contact Link at the Plum Creek website www.pccss.org .

Thanks for your help and support.

Agarita Annie

Assistant Match Director

Waddy Coordinator



Bandera Kid, Skyhawk Hans and Bison Jim

Wild Bunch Match Report by Dragon Hill Dave

After the Cowboy Action shoot in the morning that stretched into the early afternoon, we took a break until 3:30 pm, when we assembled the hardy bunch of folks who were ready to continue their shooting day with the 1911 pistol and the stoked 1897 shotgun for three fast Wild Bunch stages. After a short safety meeting where we discussed the differences between Wild Bunch and Cowboy Action shooting, we got to it.

Joe Darter wrote our stages, which we shot on Stages 1, 2, and 4 using the same targets we had in the morning (although we did add 2 shotgun targets to the four already there on stage 4). Joe wrote entirely new scenarios where we chastised bad elves, shot chickens for Christmas, and crooned our favorite Christmas song with the addition of the word “Buffalo.”

We had a few first timers (for Wild Bunch) join us for the first stage only (**Kit Carson** and **Yuma Jack**), but 11 of us (**Abilene**, **Bunkhouse Bob**, **Captain Jim Bison**, **Dragon Hill Dave**, **E.T.**, **Gold Dog**, **Jake Jones**, **Joe Darter**, **Lincoln Drifter**, **Nueces Slim**, and **Wildcat Bob**) shot our way through Joe’s scenarios. We had to move pretty quick because the sun was going down fast. We finished the last stage with a blast of 6 stoked shotgun rounds with the sky turning rosette pink and the sun below the trees.

We had our usual spate of jams, ammo issues, and equipment glitches that tend to

accompany Wild Bunch matches (I think these screw-ups make the match more fun and interesting if you don’t take it too seriously). Some highlights: **Joe Darter** retrieving a dropped shotgun round so he had enough to finish the stage, **Gold Dog** keeping his 1911 action open with a jammed up empty so he could put it down and go to the next gun, 1897s being fired so fast that sometimes the earlier targets hadn’t even completely fallen before the last ones were hit. Low lights included **Joe Darter**’s rifle jamming with 5 rounds in it and **Wildcat Bob** stuck with a minor safety when a sticky live round would not come out of his 1911.

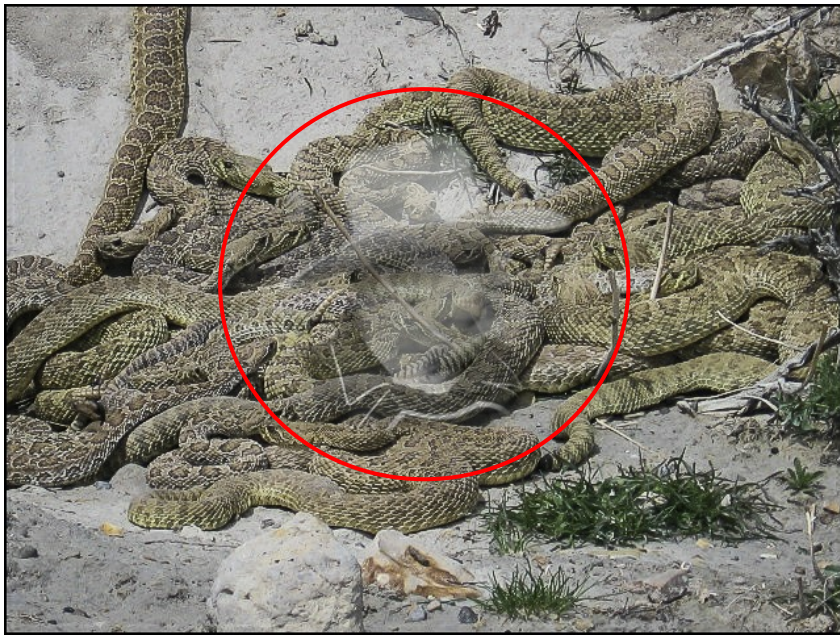
In the Men’s Traditional category the lineup was (1) **Dragon Hill Dave**, (2) **Lincoln Drifter**, and (3) **Abilene**. In the Men’s Modern category it was (1) **Joe Darter**, (2) **Wildcat Bob**, and (3) **E.T.**

The top two places went to Traditional shooters (**Dragon Hill Dave** and **Lincoln Drifter**) with Modern’s **Joe Darter** third. Of special note were the clean matches—**Lincoln Drifter** and **Nueces Slim**. This was a tough course, and they did well to clean it. *Editor’s Note: **Dragon Hill Dave** also shot clean.*

I think we all had a great time shooting these different guns (even if you shoot an 1897 in Cowboy, it is nothing like shooting a stoked 1897 for 6 rounds). We will keep looking for opportunities to do this again in the future.

Captain Jim
Bison shootin’
one fine-lookin’
Henry!





Find Delta Raider

Delta Raider appeared four times in last month's issue. See circle to the left for the pic I "hid." He also appeared in two photos and the montage from our Thanksgiving lunch. Congratulations to those who found him one or more times.

Boon Doggle, Handlebar Bob, Gold Dog, Artiman, Lefty Leo, Six Goin' South, Cowboy Small, Bunkhouse Bob (4) and Anne Strohm (3). **Delta Raider** is somewhere hidden again in this issue. Find him and you will be mentioned in the dispatches. *Hint, you may have to look on screen, not a printed page.*

Annalong Longshot
and
Gideon T. Sharps
in their Christmas finery,
enjoying the great weather
and the
Wild Bunch match





Duke, Bad Little Mama & Bullseye



Shotgun Jim



Jake Jones and his classic 1887 lever-action shotgun!

Santa Lincoln Drifter



Caos Drifter



Boosey Babe & Texas Two-Step



Texas Trinity Kid



Texas Sarge, Artiman timing



Gold Dog

Artiman



Bisbee Jackson





Gold Dog



Skyhawk Hans



Bunkhouse Bob



Tudelum Creek Granny



Scorekeeper Kay & Tascosa



Yuma Jack & Abilene

**Elroy
Rogers**





Abilene in a fog of holy black!



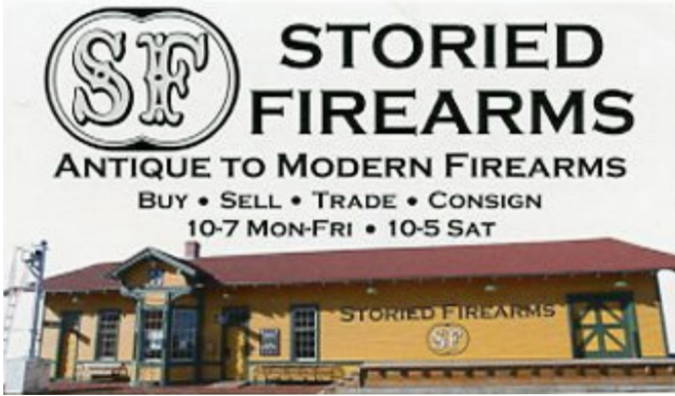
Agarita Annie getting the posse scoresheets ready



Kickshot, Skyhawk Hans & Cowboy Small



Dragon Hill Dave



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A photograph of Charlie Harris, a man in cowboy attire including a black hat, a dark shirt with an American flag patch, and chaps, sitting on a wooden bench and holding a rifle.

Long Juan in the
Christmas spirit
thanks to a hat
provided by
Dragon Hill Dave



Posse 3 shooting
Stage 2,
Wagon Wheels