

AGARITA GAZETTE



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Little Bullseye Named Cimarron 2015 Young Gun

Plum Creek's own **Little Bullseye** was recently selected for Cimarron Firearm's Young Guns program. She was one of six young men and women selected for the program in 2015. This is the second year young men and women who aim high in the shooting sports, academics and in preserving our country's history have been selected to be part of the Young Guns program. The successful applicants demonstrated the drive and determination to be the the best they can be. All applicants must regularly participate in their local SASS club. Those selected will receive a pair of Pietta revolvers.



In her application, **Little Bullseye** told Cimarron that she plans to attend Texas A&M on a soccer scholarship (that's aiming high for sure) and wants to compete as a representative of the United States on the National Women's Soccer Team. She

ultimately wants to pursue a career in teaching or law. **Little Bullseye** has participated

in cowboy action shooting for five years and joined SASS in 2012. She started shooting with the Plum Creek Shooting Society. **Elroy Rogers** loaned her a pair of revolvers. **Joe Darter** was her shooting mentor. In addition to shooting regularly at the Agarita Ranch, **Little Bullseye** has shot with the Tejas Caballeros, the Travis County Regulators (now Darby Rough Regulators), the Texican Rangers, the Green Mountain Regulators and the Texas Historical Shootist Society. She competed in the Battle of

Plum Creek and the Texican Rangers' Comancheria Days in 2014. This year she plans to shoot Comancheria Days, Green Mountain's Regulator's Revenge, the 2015 SASS Texas State Championship and the Cabs' Whoopin'. An ambitious schedule for sure!

Little Bullseye currently shoots with a pair of borrowed (from **Victoria Whiskey**) Taylor's 1873 Cattleman Birdshead grip revolvers with 4 3/4" barrels (soon to be replaced by the Peittas), a borrowed (from **Lefty Leo**) 1894 .38/.357 Marlin and her Dad's (**Lightning McQueen**) 12g. Stoeger SxS. She confesses she goes back to her .410 when light 12g loads are not available.

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Cimarron's Young Gun application requires the submission of a personal essay. In her's, **Little Bullseye** said, "I love learning and I always work hard at everything I do. I love my family and appreciate everything they help me do." She went on to say that she loves "God, family, school and sports." Not a bad list and in the right order! She her closed essay saying that

Shooting is something my Dad and I do together. We wear costumes, well, jeans and a cowboy shirt with a cowboy hat. Dad says, you can never forget your hat! We shoot at Agarita Ranch in Lockhart Texas. It feels like a second home to me and I love it there. I have been shooting there for 5 years. When I shoot, something about the loud thunder from the gun echoing in my ear makes me forget about all the worries in the world.

Idoubt many of us could have said it better or even as well. Congratulations, **Little Bullseye**, you make us proud! The next time you see her shooting, add your personal congratulations. And by the way, ask to see her Piettas when she gets them.

To see **Little Bullseye** in action, go to:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PaODZh1hEQY&feature=youtu.be>



Little Bullseye showing the form that earned her Cimarron Young Gun honors

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Little Bullseye



Lefty Leo, Little Bullseye & Lightning McQueen



Little Bullseye with Dad,
Lightning McQueen

First place
Buckarete,
Battle of Plum
Creek 2014



With Joe Darter
& Lefty Leo
(left), Little
Bullseye
handles posse
chores -
scorekeeping
(left) and brass
picking (right)



SASS Regulator, National Champion
Classic Cowboy & PCSS President
Dragon Hill Dave

President's Word:

We had another excellent day of shooting Saturday, March 7. The weather cooperated by delivering cool temperatures, a little overcast, and a very comfortable shooting day. We did something a little different registering in

the Pavilion and assembling around the flagpole to get started (we were staying off the dirt in front of the Saloon to let the grass grow a little more). Everyone was very cooperative, and the change in venue seemed to work fine. Next month we will likely be back in the Saloon.

When we last saw the area in front of the Saloon, it was hard to see much grass. We had some spirited green growth right in the middle of a lot of brown, but not much else. Then we had the rain on Sunday. It was not an overpowering rain, but it was plenty to create a mess. We canceled the Sunday shoot because it was too muddy to shoot. Thanks to **Whiskey Kid**, **Buckshot Slim**, **Phantom** and **Pedernales Drifter** for helping me shut down the range in the mud. I hope the rest of you slept in. The good news is that the rain ignited the previously reluctant grass seed and the brown has turned green. It still has a ways to go, but I think you will be pleased to see how much it has grown when you come shoot in April.

April 4th will be our last shoot before the State match. We will be shooting only on Saturday. Speaking of State, if you have not registered yet, now is the time to get it done. **Long Juan** is working on forming posses, and in several instances he has "posse with" requests for people who haven't registered. If that's you, get 'er done. Those of you who have not been shooting with us regularly

should come see the changes we've made - the range, the targets, and the facilities. They are all much improved and more shooter friendly. Whether you are registered for State or not, please consider contacting **Agarita Annie** (agarita_a@yahoo.com) about serving as a waddy (volunteer). See Annie's letter of page 6. The match committee has been working hard, but we need more help during the match to be sure that we deliver a great experience for our shooters.

I want to thank everyone on the match committee for their hard work in getting us ready, but particularly I want to thank **Agarita Annie**, **Long Juan**, **Lefty Leo** and Match Director **Delta Raider** for their tireless work on the range and plans for State. **Lefty Leo** and **Delta Raider** are at the range nearly every day. **Long Juan** and **Agarita Annie** are like whirling dervishes doing the behind-the-scenes stuff that shooters rarely see but notice if it isn't done. **Lightning McQueen** has been a big help with more things than I can remember. Thanks to Vice President **Joe Darter** and **Whiskey Kid** for their work on sidematches, to our Territorial Governor **Jake Paladin** who has done so well in securing sponsors for us, and to **Phantom** for helping us find the guns and other things we need for the stretch raffle and shooter prizes. Finally, thanks to **Phantom**, **Joe Darter** and **Whiskey Kid**, all of whom have been working feverishly on the stages we will shoot.

So what about next year? Applications to host the 2016 State match are due before the start of this year's match. We have not submitted an application for 2016; nor is there any inclination to do so unless no other club puts in for the 2016 match. **Agarita Annie** and **Long Juan** are both stepping down from their roles after 2015 so they can enjoy just shooting (or watching) for a change. Without those two and all the work they do, putting on a State match

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would just be too difficult. Perhaps there are others in the club who would be willing to step up and perform their substantial duties (indeed, they have established the procedures and created the template), but unless we have new blood ready to take over those jobs, we cannot in good conscience take on another State match.

Finally, I want to thank everyone for their congratulations on my winning the National Championship in Classic Cowboy at Winter Range in Phoenix this year. It was a strong field of 35 Classic Cowboys to contend with,

and I was very lucky to have bested them. This achievement has been a personal goal for me for several years, and it was gratifying to accomplish it this year. I want to dedicate that win to **Jim No Horse**, whose friendship, courage, and good humor have been a joy and an inspiration to me in the time that I have known him. He is facing some serious health issues right now, but I hope to see him shooting with us many more times at Plum Creek.

FIND DELTA RAIDER



Little Bullseye takes us back in time to a previous Find Delta Raider

I thought I made it too easy to find Delta Raider in February, but only 11 of you reported finding him in the lead story picture on the front page (see left). Hereby mentioned in the dispatches in the order they reported finding **Delta Raider: Artiman, John Selman, Hairtrigger Hayes, Kettleman, Big John Mesquite, Boon Doggle, Meadow Biscuit Slim, Eli Blue, Sole Proprietor, Six Goin' South and Preacher Man Lee.** Can you find Delta Raider this month? It's tougher than usual and will likely require some serious looking. Find him for a mention in the dispatches next month. The photo below does NOT count.



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 *Battle of Plum Creek SASS* 2015 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 good and like it just happened - no effort required. Lots needs to get done to make such an event a success; shooters need to be checked in, 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!

Please consider becoming a WADDY for the Texas State Championship. If you are shooting, you can still be a waddy during the time when you are not shooting. Yes, we will give you time to visit Suttler’s Row and to grab a bite to eat from the food vendors.

If you can help us out and would like to be a WADDY please send an email to: Agarita Annie agarita_a@yahoo.com

Thanks for your help and support.

Agarita Annie

Assistant Match Director-Administration
Waddy Coordinator



THE STORY OF THE AGARITA CHRISTMAS TREES

by Sue Freely

When you come to Agarita Ranch and go into the Pavilion, you will see two Christmas Trees: one is decorated in a patriotic tree theme with red, white and blue balls and military ornaments; and the other is decorated with the seasonal holiday theme of the month. Both of these trees were the idea of one of the original members of the Plum Creek Carriage and Shooting Society, **Elroy Rogers** (Mack Farrell). Mack was a beloved member who recently passed away and his ideas have continued to be honored since his passing.

The Patriotic Tree, like the Holiday Tree, is a 5' tree that remains decorated with decorations dedicated to the members of all of the military both past and present. This country owes so much to the members of

the military since the country's inception. Often people forget the sacrifice made by men and women of the military for all of us to have the freedoms that we have today. The tree is the Ranch's constant reminder of that sacrifice. As ornaments are found for any of the services, they are added to the little tree so that we all acknowledge what it stands for.

The Holiday Tree was the result of the "porch musings" of Mack and other members of the Shooting Club after a Christmas party when the Pavilion was all decorated for Christmas. As the decorations were being taken down and the Pavilion was looking a little less festive than it had, Mack thought that maybe we ought to keep the Christmas Tree up, but change it for the seasons. That way, the Pavilion was always a bit festive. Well, the first month that came up was February. Mack may not have envisioned what a Valentine's Tree would look like, but it was a Valentine's extravaganza with red boas, kisses, signs saying "I Love You" and "Be my Valentine", red hearts and roses and a great big red bow at the top. The normally reserved Mack was delighted. From there, the Holiday Tree has reflected Texas Independence Day, Easter, Spring, the Battle of Plum Creek (Cowboys and Indians to represent an actual battle of Plum Creek near Lockhart), the Fourth of July, Fall, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's. Mack didn't get to see all of the Holidays before his passing, but each tree is decorated with him in mind, and each tree is always ultimately – Mack's Tree.



"Mack's" trees decorated for St. Patrick's Day at the March match



Stories from Jake (Paladin that is):

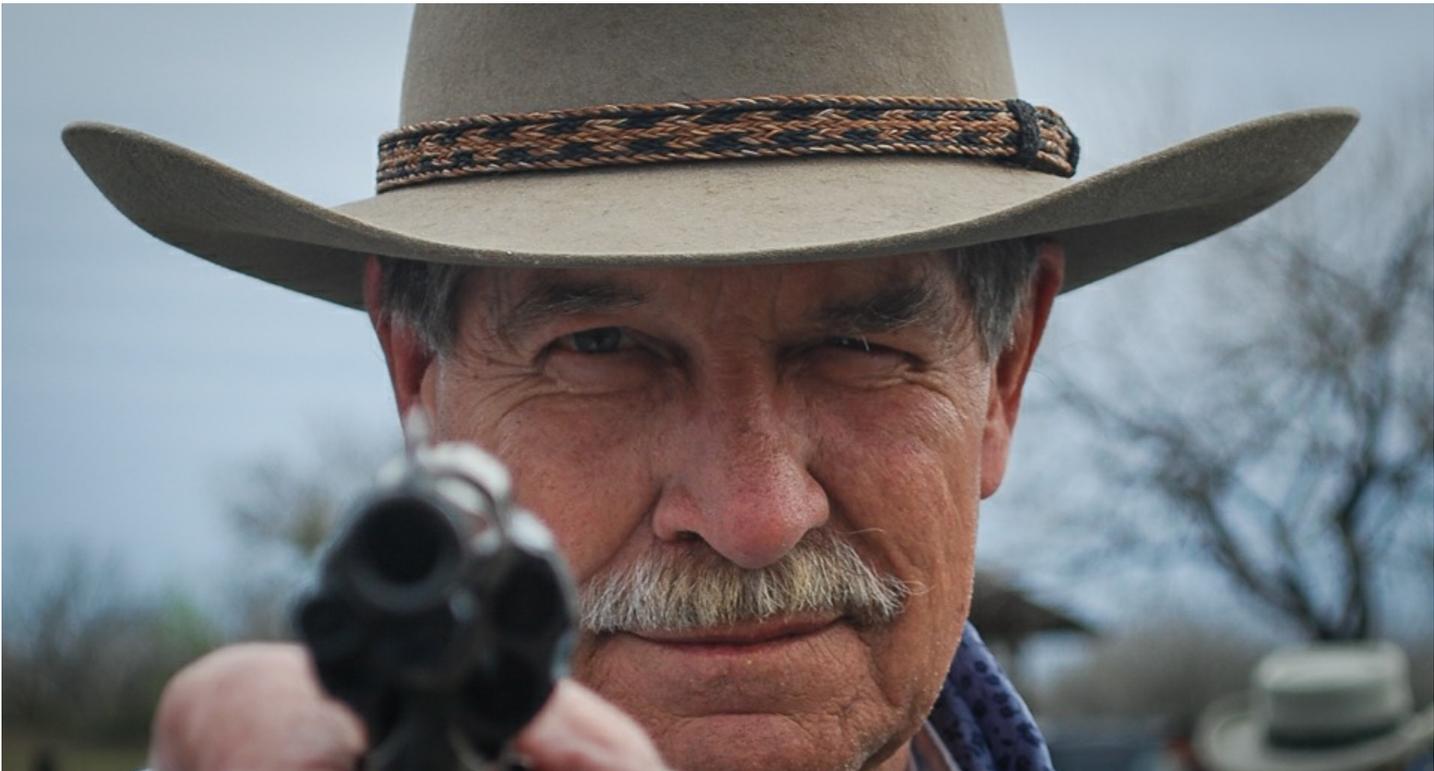
Delicacy of the Wild West Lives On

Last month, **Long Juan** wrote about Sheep Wars in the Old West. This month, we'll take a quick look at the not-for-faint-of-heart, gastronomic treat - the lamb fry. Harvested through castration, lamb testicles often become lamb fries. Calf testicles become calf fries. Bull testicles are called Rocky Mountain oysters. In Canada, they are called prairie oysters. Classically dipped in cornmeal and fried, or artfully concealed in scrambled eggs, bordelaise sauce or sushi, these fries are a cornerstone of western culture. Other terms include cowboy caviar, Montana "tendergroins," dusted nuts and swinging beef. In Texas, we have an annual fry nicknamed the "Testicle Festival." Festival food is served at Castration Station. Of course, the primary goal of testicle removal is not culinary. Castration serves a variety of purposes, including control of breeding, temperament alteration and improved tenderness of the meat. So there you have it, all you wanted to know about lamb fries - and more.



Long Juan Here

I don't have much to add to what our President, SASS Regulator, National Champion Classic Cowboy (whewwwww, that's a mouth full) had to say in the President's Word, but I would like to add thanks to **Dragon Hill Dave** for all of his hard work as our President and Assistant Match Director - Operations for the State match. It has not been a single-handed chore, but without DHD, the Plum Creek Shooting Society and the Agarita Ranch would not be the very best cowboy action shooting venue in the country, which it is. **Nueces Slim** also gets honorable mention as Assistant Whirling Dervish for **Agarita Annie**.



Business end of one of Jim No Horse's Colts



Deputy Whirling Dervish, Nueces Slim



Kidd James looking pretty serious and Dad, Smoke Jensen



Would you trust this guy to run your business, with your daughter, ... ?



For a mention in the dispatches next month, who wore this buckle at the March match?



Some of the range buildings at the Agarita Ranch - grass is better since this photo



Long Juan is not sure he believes a word Phantom is saying and Phantom is not sure what he is saying.



Frank Longshot demonstrating his version of Western 3-Gun, Joe Darter timing, at least twice.



Show Me, Kuckleburr & Agarita Annie



Manchaca Kid



Joe Darter & Bandera Kid -
Boys will be boys!



Shooting Iron Miller takes dead aim



Rogue Heeler making sure those
cowboys all go down this month

Bison Jim



Hopalong Herbert



Longhandle Slim



Alamo Andy



Whiskey Kid



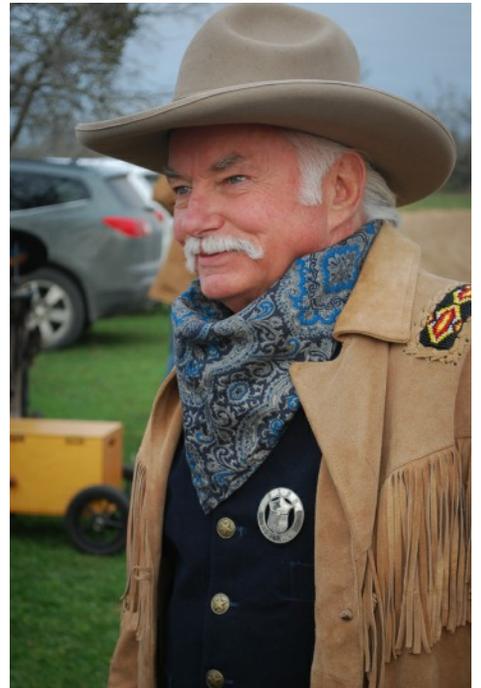
I Reckon & Bellekaye (above)
Sassy Teton Lady & Deadwood Woody (below)



Sheriff Robert Love



Artiman



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