



# South Texas Pistolaros Newsletter



## Match Info:

A Place To Shoot

13250  
Pleasanton  
Rd.San Antonio  
Texas

78221

## Monthly Match Schedule for January 3, 2026

- Range gate opens at 9:00 AM
- Match Registration from 9:00 to 9:30 AM.
- Mandatory Shooters Safety Meeting at 9:30 AM.
- Match Starts at 9:45 AM



## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Howdy all you Pistolaros. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. Giving thanks for all the blessing in our lives, to be living in the greatest country on the planet, and specifically the Second Amendment to the Constitution which allows us to do Cowboy Action Shooting. Then there's the main part of the holiday and that's the food and eating too much as we often do. I tried something new this year, I smoked a Turkey in my new Traeger Smoker. It was my first attempt and it turned out quite well.

Now we prepare for Christmas, to celebrate the birth of Christ. The gathering of family and friends to exchange gifts, with any luck you'll get that short stroke kit for your '73, or that new Dillon reloading press. Then there is New Year's Eve, where you can drink all the wine and whiskey you received for Christmas. While you are contemplating the passage of another year, I found a little bit about Christmas in Texas:

### Famous Texas Christmas Stories from the Old West Era

The Old West era in Texas was marked by unique and often bizarre Christmas celebrations that set the state apart from the rest of the United States. Here are some of the most famous stories from this era:

**The Battle of San Jacinto's Christmas Truce (1836):** During the Texas Revolution, Texian and Mexican forces took a breather on Christmas Day to enjoy a day of peace and possibly some enchiladas. While the exact details of any gift exchange are unclear, the truce is a notable event in Texas Christmas history.

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**The Galveston Christmas Tree Lighting Tradition (1850s):** In the 1850s, Galveston lit up Texas' first community Christmas tree, which was decorated with oyster shells and bay shrimp. This tradition spread statewide and became a beloved part of Texas Christmas celebrations.

**The First Recorded Christmas Celebration in Texas (1683):** Spanish explorer led by Alonso de León celebrated Christmas near Victoria County, holding a Catholic mass and sharing rations of tamales, tortillas and wine. This event is considered the first recorded Christmas celebration in Texas.

**The State of Texas Declares Christmas a Legal Holiday (1879):** Texans officially declared Christmas a holiday in 1879, despite the ongoing wars and cattle drives. The holiday was marked by hearty feasts and the introduction of modern Christmas traditions tamales.

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**And of course, a cowboy version of A Night Before Christmas (Texas Style):**

'Twas the night before Christmas, in Texas, you know.  
Way out on the prairie, without any snow.  
Asleep in their cabin, were Buddy and Sue,  
A dreamin' of Christmas, like me and you.

Not stockings, but boots, at the foot of their bed,  
For this was Texas, what more need be said,  
When all of a sudden, from out of the still night,  
There came such a ruckus, it gave me a fright.

And I saw 'cross the prairie, like a shot from a gun,  
A loaded up buckboard, come on at a run,  
The driver was "Geein" and "Hawin", with a will,  
The horses (not reindeer) he drove with such skill.

"Come on there Buck, Poncho, & Prince, to the right,  
There'll be plenty of travelin' for you all tonight."  
The driver in Levi's and a shirt that was red,  
Had a ten-gallon Stetson on top of his head.

As he stepped from the buckboard, he was really a sight,  
With his beard and moustache, so curly and white.  
As he burst in the cabin, the children awoke,  
And were so astonished, that neither one spoke.

And he filled up their boots with such presents galore,  
That neither could think of a single thing more.  
When Buddy recovered the use of his jaws,  
He asked in a whisper, "Are you really Santa Claus?"

"Am I the real Santa? Well, what do you think?"  
And he smiled as he gave a mysterious wink.  
Then he leaped in his buckboard, and called back in his drawl,  
"To all the children in Texas, Merry Christmas, to all y'all"

Get ready for the first match of the year on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January. Don't forget to sign up for Whoopin' in March put on by the Tejas Caballeros in Blanco and Comancheria Days in April put on by the Texican Rangers in Comfort. See you on the firing line.

*Colonel Colt Winchester*

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# NOVEMBER 2025 TREASURER' REPORT

<b>Beginning Balance</b>		<b>\$4,175.30</b>
Deposit	\$385.00	\$4,750.61
WB Range Fees	-\$52.56	\$4,698.05
CB Range Fees	-\$166.44	\$4,531.61
Supplies (Paint)	-\$143.76	\$4,387.85
Checks	\$75.00	\$4,312.85
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>\$4,312.85</b>

*Tabasco Kid*

**Tabasco Kid  
Treasurer**



## CENTRAL TEXAS MONTHLY CLUB SHOOTING MATCHES

1st Saturday Plum Creek (Lockhart)	1000 Pin Oak Road Lockhart , TX 78644 USA	<u>Brazos Bo</u> 210-303-6996
1st Saturday South Texas Pistolaros (San Antonio)	13250 Pleasanton Road San Antonio , TX 78221 USA	<u>Colonel Colt Winchester</u> 210-788-4422
2nd & 5th Saturday Texas Riviera Pistoleros (George West) 5th Sunday Cowboy & Long Range	157 County Road 332 George West , TX 78022 USA	<u>Tocayo</u> 361-648-1680
2nd Sunday Rio Grande Valley Vaqueros (Pharr)	600 East Javelina Drive Pharr , TX 78501 USA	<u>Dream Chaser</u> 956-648-7364
2nd Weekend Saturday & Sunday (Cowboy/1911) Texican Rangers (Comfort)	130 Adolf Stieler Ranch Road Comfort , TX 78013 USA	<u>San Saba Slim</u> 832-691-7998
3rd Saturday (Cowboy) & 3rd Sunday (Long Range) Tejas Caballeros (TX Republic Ranch)	8545 Ranch Road 1623 Blanco , TX 78606 USA	<u>Farr Ranger</u> 512-657-2491
4th Saturday (Cowboy) and 4th Sunday (Long Range) Green Mountain Regulators (Marble Falls)	14230 South FM 1174 Marble Falls , TX 78654 USA	<u>Bessie James</u> 210-385-3348

# TERRITORIAL BULLETIN



A few changes were made for the edited CAS version 2026 Handbook, below are some changes.

## CLARIFICATIONS/EDITS NEEDED:

1. SHB p. 14 EXCEPTION: For Buckaroo/Buckarette shooters knockdown targets do not have to go down to count but must be hit.
2. Classic Cowboy Category- add verbiage that zippers are allowed, if hidden from sight.

## OTHER BUSINESS POLICY ITEMS per SASS:

1. Adding 90+ Category
  - a. Shootist
  - b. Lady Shootist
2. Adding Verbiage to all SASS Sanctioning Contracts:
  - a. All side matches and mini matches must be conducted 100% by SASS rules
  - b. Only officially registered shooters may participate in any shooting activity (no “off the book”/not for score shooters allowed)
3. Adding verbiage to SHB, p. 12 – Participant guidelines  
SASS Membership is not a right, and SASS reserves the right to revoke a member’s membership. SASS expects all its members to behave honorably and with respect for the sport, its official rules, the SASS organization, and their fellow competitors. Any SASS member that refuses to conduct themselves within SASS rules will face disqualification, removal/banning from the area/range, and revocation of their SASS membership.

## TG Voted for 2026 CASA Handbook

1. **Proposal:** Any unloaded firearm that falls, regardless of whether it breaks the 170 = SDQ. Remove the verbiage surrounding a gun that “slips and falls”/falls (breaking the 170 v. not breaking the 170).

*Reasoning: the rule with variables is no longer applicable. The rule dates to when props and staging items were less reliable. VOTED YES*

2. **Proposal:** A cocked revolver re-holstered with unfired round(s) remaining leaving the shooter’s hand = MDQ.

*This is currently a SDQ (SHB p. 23).*

*Reasoning: A re-holstered revolver with unfired rounds, cocked and released can be incredibly dangerous. VOTED YES*

# TERRITORIAL BULLETIN



Wild Bunch Action Shooting (WBAS) has undergone many changes this year trying to make the sport more available to Cowboy Action Shooting (CAS) shooters, but many “old School” WBAS feared it was just becoming CAS with a 1911.

The one big question out for decision is keeping the old WBAS rule of no shotgun makeups or aligning with CAS and “shoot ‘til they are down”.

In trying to preserve the WBAS legacy and still keep it open, SASS has enacted the following WBAS Rules and Policy Changes as of 1 January 2026.

1. (Probably the biggest change.) SASS will add Classic Wild Bunch Categories of “Classic Wild Bunch Modern” and “Classic Wild Bunch Traditional.” These “Classic” categories will carry the reinstated parameters for WBAS for firearm requirements; 12-gauge SG (Model 12 or 97), 1911 and Rifle in 40 cal. or larger as well as Power Factor requirement of 150 minimum. (Old School WB’ers get to compete against each other.)
2. SxS/Double shotguns must be staged open and empty. The provision to load under TO supervision will be removed, eliminating any contradiction to SASS’ firearm handling and safety covenants. (Translated – SxS/ Double will be loaded on the clock.)
3. Teddy Roosevelt and Doughboy will no longer be official WBAS Main match categories. They will be moved back to WBAS Side match status. (No more rifles in WBAS matches.)
4. Additional category changes include aligning the WBAS Senior category with CAS at age of 60+ and creates the Elder Statesman Wild Bunch and Grand Dame Wild Bunch categories for age 70+. (What this really means is that I no longer will have to compete against these 70+ WBAS maniacs that shoot and move twice as fast as me!)
5. For the really picky - minimum pistol weight for the 1911 will be changed to 43 ounces. (Standardizes the pistol weight.)

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Clarifications for the 2026 WBAS Shooters Handbook will include.

1. 1887/1901 loading procedure: At the loading table, load as many rounds as the 87/01 will hold – up to 6 in the magazine and carrier. Close the action on empty chamber, hammer must fall unimpeded. (If your shotgun won't hold six – load what it can and bring the rest to the table.)
2. Tie down holsters are legal. (Strangely, I never knew they weren't??!?!)
3. Dotted sights – Appropriate verbiage stating darkening dotted sights as a 1911 pistol modification in the Traditional category, is legal. (Clears the block for all those who only had dotted sights keeping them from shooting traditional – welcome to traditional...now shoot one handed!)
4. Shotgun gauge clarifications: Aside from the new Classic category parameters of 12-gauge, new verbiages will be added to simplify and clarify the acceptable gauge range for shotguns in WBAS. (Welcomes all CAS shotgun shooters, but especially you 16-gauge 1897 shooters!)
5. Finally, the one clarification that really proves it's not "WBAS masquerading as a CAS 10-10-4"; the average **pistol** round count of a WBAS **Stage** is **28 rounds**. (Better get to reloading!)



To pre-register for the December 6, 2025 match

email [STXPMatch@gmail.com](mailto:STXPMatch@gmail.com)

with the following information:

Name, Alias, Category, SASS number,

and if you are a South Texas Pistolaros member or not.

If you experience difficulties with registration, please contact

Caprock Kid at [STXPMatch@gmail.com](mailto:STXPMatch@gmail.com)



## Notes from the Range Master.....Down Range!

Hard to believe that another year has flown by, but it sure has been fun pulling triggers with all of you. I truly am having a blast serving as your Range Master, but I do not do this alone. Thank you so much to everyone who pitches in to help make our matches happen.

From the Friday Wooden Nickel Set Up Crew, behind-the-scenes stage reviewers, hands pitching in for match day final set up / tear down, to finally everyone that pitches in to make sure their posse runs smoothly and, more importantly, safely. With our little club - that's pretty much everybody in some form or fashion so thanks to you all! I had planned to have some workdays set up this past fall, but family medical issues derailed that. Will look to set up some days before it gets "too cold." (Got to love winter in South Texas!)

Let's get to the match reviews starting with our 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Wild Bunch and Cowboy Action Match on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November. We had six total shooters (one of which was a first time visitor - my son! There were two Wild Bunch shooters (guaranteed at least a second place finish) and 4 Cowboys. On the Wild Bunch side, yours truly won the match but only because Colonel Colt Winchester had some unfortunate equipment and ammo issues, but I'll take it. (Not talking timing as it would be embarrassing!) On the Cowboy side, Picosa Kid took the match with Totuskey Pete getting second and Tobasco Kid coming in third. Picosa and Pete were also the clean match shooters for the day as well. Good job guys!

As for the December 6<sup>th</sup> match, we finally had enough shooters to break into two posses (and there was much rejoicing - yeah!). Would have been perfect had I spaced the two posses out, but I didn't - sorry about that - but enough of that - to the match! BB gun was fun on Stage 1 but next time I will use a pie plate so it's easier to hear a hit. Beauregard Beard took the match shooting a 100.84. Had it not been for that one itsy bitsy miss on Stage 4; would have been clean too. Due to the double stack shotgun targets on Stage 1, it was too hard to get averages, but I would say Beau easily averaged under a second a shot. Picosa Kid took second with a 151.93. Third went to Sheriff Robert Love with a 158.96. We had three clean shooters that day: Latigo Lee, Newt Ritter, and Silver Dollar Sage. Another interesting fact: all 18 shooters hit the bonus horse on Stage 2. I will have to find a way to make it harder in the future...still thinking mirrors and pulleys, but ... oh, never mind.

31 January is a Fifth Saturday but we are not planning a WBAS/CAS club match that day. I will instead set up for practice. Will set up targets for a WBAS type stage on one of the stages and set up a rifle target in Stage 1 so you can sight in Cody Dixon Rifles that many of us only shoot once or twice a year. If you would like to chronograph your loads, I will set up a chrono in one bay. I can even set up some close in targets for derringer and pocket pistol if you want. For those planning on shooting Whoopin' and Comancheria Days, here's your chance to check out your stuff. Don't worry about dressing up in cowboy clothes; come as you are.

I will see you all on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January for our first match of the year...or maybe January 2<sup>nd</sup> at range set up! (Hint, hint!) Don't forget to register for Whoopin' and Comancheria Days and get out there and have fun. I plan to be at both.

'Nough said...brass is up, targets are up, shooter up. "Stage starts with SHOTGUN." STAND BY...BEEP...sound of shot shells hitting the table and mumbling/cursing under the breath. "Shooter, would you like to start over?" (...or as Picosa would say, "Do I get a do over?")

## Match Starting Time And Range Rules

Access to the Cowboy Action Shooting Range will be available only after A Place To Shoot opens at 9:00 AM.

Please do not attempt to enter the range parking lot via the dirt bypass road.

Please enter the CAS range through the side gates by the pistol range or around the right side of the building.

### **Matches start at 9:45 AM.**

Registration will close by 9:30, With the shooter's Safety Meeting to follow.

Please, present no bills larger than \$20 at registration.

**Guest shooters must read and sign a liability waiver before the match.**

The gate to the CAS range should be closed during a Match. Be aware that visitors may come on to the CAS range who are not familiar with CAS safety protocols.

Members having concerns or complaints about range issues shall communicate those issues to the Pistolaros club officers.

## South Texas Pistolaros Guest Shooter Policy

Visiting shooters unknown to club members but possessing a valid SASS Membership who wish to register as a competitor will be assigned a Pistolaros Officer or member as a "shooting buddy" for at least one stage. New-to-CAS individuals or guest without a valid SASS membership but with a **documented** knowledge of safe firearms hand skills (LTC, NRA certification, etc.) who desire to participate in a club match will be referred to the Range Master, or other designated Officer, for on-site orientation. If time permits, the orientation will be held before the match. If the Range Master and Match Director concur, the individuals will be assigned a mentor and permitted to register as a competitor.

Any person who have not completed any type of formal firearms training but wish to participate in CAS will be referred to a formal CAS orientation session to be provided by the club. The orientation session will use a classroom setting to address basic firearms safety, handling CAS firearms safely, **SASS** match protocols, and range and club safety rules. Upon successful completion of the classroom session, attendees will have the opportunity to shoot in a controlled setting on the CAS range. Cost per student has yet to be determined, but a range fee of \$11.00 per person plus the cost of suitable ammunition is to be expected.

## Guest Shooter Liability Waiver Policy

Any contestant at a match who is not currently a member of the South Texas Pistolaros must first read and sign a liability waiver before competing.



**Check out the  
club's revised website**



**[www.stxpistolaros.net](http://www.stxpistolaros.net)**

**Or scan here**



# The Bean Pot.....



## SAN ANTONIO: THE METROPOLIS OF THE SOUTHWEST

According to the census of 1924, San Antonio had a population of 201,308. By comparison Dallas, Texas had a (rapidly growing) population of 158,976.

### One hundred and one years ago (1924):

- The **San Antonio Conservation Society** is organized on March 22<sup>nd</sup> with Miss Emily Edwards named as the first president. (Note: “Tennis shoes” had not been invented yet. The “Little Old Ladies in Tennis Shoes” sobriquet would have to wait.)
- The **Scottish Rite Temple** on Avenue E is dedicated on June 27<sup>th</sup> under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Texas with Gus A. Brand, Grand Master.
- Construction of the 10 story **Builders’ Exchange Building** (later known as the American Hospital and Life Insurance Building) is begun on the corner of Pecan and St. Mary’s Streets.
- Construction of the 13 story **Medical Arts Building** (now the Emily Morgan Hotel) is begun on the corner of Avenue E and Houston Street.
- Construction of the new **YMCA** Building on the corner of Martin and Navarro streets is completed.

### One hundred years ago (1925):

- Construction of the **Olmos Dam** had begun in answer to the flooding of the city in 1921. The dam was 1940 feet long with a 24-foot roadway across the top. The City’s Fire Department is tasked with operating the floodgates.
- Construction of the “World’s Most Beautiful” **Municipal Auditorium** with a seating capacity of 6,065 was begun.
- The San Antonio Club and the Casino Association consolidate under the name **San Antonio-Casino Club** and move the following year into their new six-story building known as the Gilcrease Building.
- The **Water Works** is purchased in June by the City from private owners, and management is placed under the control of the City Water Board.

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- The **San Antonio Junior College** is organized as a branch of the University of Texas and by 1926 occupies the old German-English School buildings on South Alamo Street next to today's Fairmount Hotel.

**Ninety-nine years ago (1926):**

- A record **snowstorm** on January 24<sup>th</sup> deposits 3.4 inches of snow on San Antonio.
- The **Texas Cavaliers** are organized in April "to add more pageantry, brilliance, and merriment to the annual Fiesta de San Jacinto."
- The **Aztec** and **Texas** Theaters are completed and opened to the public.
- The first chain broadcast of **WOAI** is presented on July 5<sup>th</sup> with a two-hour program beginning at 8:30 PM.
- The **Witte Memorial Museum** in Brackenridge Park is formally opened to the public on October 8<sup>th</sup>.
- The **Gunter Hotel** is remodeled and three stories are added. (In 2025, the Gunter Hotel underwent yet another remodeling.)
- The eight-story **Merchant's Building** is erected on the corner of Navarro and Villita Street.
- Work is begun on cutting an **overflow channel** of the San Antonio River through Commerce, Market, and Dolorosa Street as a precaution for flood control.

Source: *A Chronology of Events in San Antonio*, Heusinger

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# Don't Forget The Date

# COMANCHERIA DAYS

APRIL 9 - 11, 2026



# GUN SHOW SCHEDULE



## Local Shows

**Jan 2nd – 4th, 2026**  
**The San Antonio Gun Show**  
Alzafar Shriners  
901 N Loop 1604 W  
San Antonio, TX 78258  
(210) 844-9599

**Jan 16th – 18th, 2026**  
**The Live Oak San Antonio Gun Show**  
Hilton Garden Inn San Antonio-Live  
Oak Conference Center  
8101 Pat Booker Rd  
Live Oak, TX 78233

## Area Gun Shows

**Jan 9th – 11th, 2026**  
**The New Braunfels Gun Show**  
Columbus Club Hall At Columbus Hall  
111 LANDA Street  
New Braunfels, TX 78130  
(830) 399-5955

**Jan 9th – 11th, 2026**  
**The Round Rock Gun Show**  
Round Rock Embassy Suites Conference Center  
270 Bass Pro Dr  
Round Rock, TX 78665  
(210) 844-9599

**Jan 23rd – 25th, 2026**  
**The La Vernia Chamber of Commerce Gun Show**  
La Vernia Chamber Of Commerce Hall  
12301 Us Highway 87 W  
La Vernia, TX 78121  
(830) 399-5955

**Jan 24th – 25th, 2026**  
**The New Braunfels Gun Show**  
New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center  
375 S Castell Ave  
New Braunfels, TX 78130  
(817) 732-1194

**Jan 31st – Feb 1st, 2026**  
**The Floresville Gun Show**  
Floresville Event Center  
600 TX-97  
Floresville, TX 78114  
(774) 486-7469 ext. 774-GUN-SHOW

**Dates and locations of gun shows are subject to change,  
so please contact the show before traveling.**



# My Two Cents



This is just a heads-up for any cowboys using the Frankford Arsenal (FA) Bullet Puller. This is a device you mount to a wall which has very strong coil springs which use inertia energy to eject bullets from cases. Reference video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gxuAgIRnY&t=5s> .

I initially mounted the FA unit to the wall in my garage using the four center screw locations through sheetrock into a wall stud. I put the four side screw locations into the sheetrock on either side of the joist with plastic anchors. Recently noticed the unit was working screws loose from the wall, apparently from the vibrations of the impact when the springs release. I retightened those screws and started to use again but soon all the screws pulled loose from the wall when I raised the cocking handle. To correct this, I put a scrap piece of lumber a little longer and wider than the FA device on the wall as a backing board using four much longer screws through the backing board into the joist. Then I remounted the FA device to the backing board with screws through the four center holes of the FA device and board into the joist as well. Then I placed shorter screws through the four outside holes and into the backing board. The unit seems more stable now. Bottom line, if you are using the FA device already or install one in the future, in addition to occasionally checking screw conditions, use some sort of backing board to secure all mounting screws firmly to the wall. Believe me, if the device pulls loose while you are cocking it, it is an unnerving experience. Ask me how I know! I have had a couple of the accessory items for the device break and the Frankford Arsenal has replaced them promptly at no cost, under warranty, with no questions asked.

SaukValley Sam

