



South Texas Pistolaros Newsletter



Match Info:

A Place To
Shoot
13250
Pleasanton Rd.
San Antonio
Texas
78221

Monthly Match Schedule for July 4, 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

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Howdy all you patriotic Pistolaros,

In case you haven't noticed, spring is over. My outdoor thermometer has been hovering around 95 for the past several days. Expect the same for our match on the fourth. Dress accordingly and don't forget to bring something to drink. For this month's article I was wondering what was the biggest celebration in San Antonio's history hoping there would be some form of gun-

play involved. My research assistant, GROK, helped me come up with the following about the Fourth of July in San Antonio.

The Grandest Fourth: San Antonio's Spectacular 1898 Independence Day Celebration. In the dusty, vibrant streets of post-Civil War San Antonio—a true frontier boomtown blending Tejano heritage, Anglo settlers, German immigrants, and military might—Independence Day was more than a holiday. It was a raucous declaration of American spirit amid the lingering echoes of the Texas Revolution and the fresh scars of the War Between the States. While many July 4ths in the mid-to-late 1800s featured barbecues, speeches, toasts, and the occasional cannon salute or fireworks, one stood out as the most exciting and grandest of them all: the massive 1898 celebration.

The year 1898 was electric. The Spanish-American War had just erupted, stirring patriotic fervor across the nation. San Antonio, already a key military hub with its historic plazas and proximity to the Alamo, threw itself into the festivities with unprecedented enthusiasm. On July 4, a parade of "never-before-seen proportions" wound through downtown, drawing huge crowds and showcasing the city's diverse character. Veterans, cowboys, soldiers, firefighters, marching bands, and local businesses filled the streets in a colorful procession that captured the rough-and-tumble energy of the Old West colliding with modern American pride.

Imagine the scene: The morning air filled with the crack of fireworks and the boom of artillery salutes. Flags waved from every building around Military Plaza and Alamo Plaza. The procession likely started with military units in crisp formation, followed by Rough Riders-inspired riders on horseback—echoing the cowboy and cavalry spirit so dear to lever-gun enthusiasts. Fire companies in their finest rigs, civic groups, and perhaps even a contingent of

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Tejano vaqueros added flair and local flavor. Bands played rousing marches as the parade snaked past the Menger Hotel (a favorite watering hole for frontiersmen and Teddy Roosevelt's officers) and historic landmarks.

Newspapers the next day buzzed with excitement over the scale—larger and more spirited than previous efforts. The 1876 Centennial had been notable, with flag-raisings, orations, barbecues, and community gatherings reflecting national jubilation, but 1898 eclipsed it in sheer spectacle amid wartime patriotism. Speeches praised liberty and the nation's expanding reach, while evening fireworks lit up the sky over the Alamo, a symbol tying Texas independence to American destiny.

These celebrations weren't just pageantry. They reinforced community bonds in a growing city still shaking off its frontier roots. Picnics, balls, and toasts (with plenty of local whiskey or cerveza) extended long into the night. For cowboy action shooters and history buffs, it's easy to picture competitors in a SASS-style match pausing to join the fun—lever guns at the ready for ceremonial volleys, just as frontiersmen once did.

Today, as we recreate the Old West on the range, San Antonio's 1898 Fourth reminds us why we honor those raucous, patriotic gatherings. They embodied resilience, unity, and the unbridled joy of a young nation flexing its muscles on the edge of the wilderness. So next time you're at a match or gathering on the Fourth, raise a toast to San Antonio's grandest Independence Day—the one that truly lit up the Texas sky.

Hope you enjoyed that interesting bit of San Antonio's Fourth of July history. See you on the firing line.

Colonel Colt Winchester

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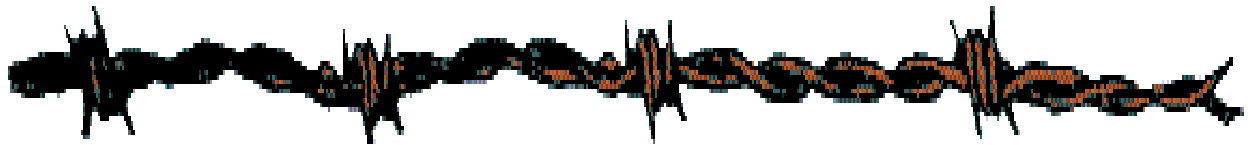




JUNE 2026 TREASURER' REPORT

Beginning Balance		\$2,379.14
Deposit	\$706.80	\$3,085.94
Range Fee	(-\$177.80)	\$2,908.14
Jump Drive	(-\$108,24)	\$2,799.90
Ending Balance		\$2.799.90

Tabasco Kid
Treasurer



The TG Corner



Howdy Ya'll,
The club had the election of officers at the June match, also during the meeting the club voted to increase the range fee from \$15.00 to \$20.00 due to the increase of A Place To Shoot shooting fee. The vote passed and the increase will apply to to the By-Laws.

Long John Beard
TG



NOTES FROM THE RANGE MASTER - DOWN RANGE!

We had 15 shooters join us for the June match. It was a tad bit warm, but we ran through the stages quickly and we all had a good time as there was a lot of laughing and joking going on. We set up using the hot weather protocols doubling up on stages in the shade to minimize movement and make it easier on set up and tear down. Quick reminder that everyone needs to bring their own drinks and make sure you bring plenty! Remember the old rule that if you feel thirsty, you are already behind in hydrating. Second rule (that usually applies to Friday nights) is to drink a lot and drink often! We have emergency cool packs if anyone starts feeling the effects of the heat; everyone keep an eye on each other as we always do.



Speaking of set up – think I will start with them this month. Thank you to Monterrey Plainsman, Newt Ritter, Kincaide, Tabasco Kid, Beauregard Beard, Long John Beard, Thunder Mountain, and Colonel Colt Winchester for braving the heat and setting up the shoot. I appreciate you guys taking part of your Friday mornings to drive to APTS and hauling steel. At set up, I found out that there was a “one-man” set up crew from last month’s shoot I wanted to recognize: Ta-

basco Kid. I was out of town and the set up was canceled due to rain and mud. Poor Tabasco never got the word and showed up. Since he was already there, he took it upon himself to set up all but one stage. Thanks Tabasco.

For the shoot, Beauregard Beard took the honors shooting a 101.75 averaging .99 seconds for each shot. Would have been clean except for one that got away on Stage 2. Picoso Kid took second and Shooting Iron Miller brought in third; both shooting under 1.5 seconds a shot. We had three clean shooters: Newt Ritter, Beans Ahgin and Caprock Kid.

July’s match falls on the 4th of July. Realize many of you have family events so may not make it, but we will run the match as planned. Come dressed in your finest red, white, and blue if you have any. Set up will be Friday, 3 July at 10:00. ‘Nough said...”brass is up, targets are up, shooter up.” BEEP! Shooter blazes away with pistols and rifle but comes to an abrupt stop at shotgun...”Dang it, forgot to load my belt.” “....oh look – four shells magically appeared on the table!”

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' 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 Pistoleros club officers.

South Texas Pistoleros 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 Pistoleros 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 students 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 Pistoleros must first read and sign a liability waiver before competing.



Check out the club's
website

@

www.stxpistoleros.net

Or scan here



The Bean Pot.....



Happy Anniversary!

In case you haven't heard, the United States is celebrating the 250 th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence this year. Happy Anniversary is easier to say than Happy Semiquincentennial!

The Declaration of Independence was signed by the members of the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia on July 4 th , 1776. One year later, there were a number of celebrations, including fireworks, held in Philadelphia. Celebrations in Philadelphia were put on hold over the following two years as the British had occupied the Colonial Capital.

Meanwhile, closer to home, the Spanish Crown had been busy organizing the presidios of the new Provincias Internas, SanAntonio de Bejar making it the capital of the Province of Tejas. The official 1783 census of the Province of Tejas, including both the Presidio de San Antonio and the Villa de San Fernando showed 1,200 people. Mission San Antonio de Valero listed 144 people.

Putting things in perspective, at the time the Revolutionary War ended with the Treaty of Paris signed on September 3 rd , 1783, the population of the new United States was approximately 2.6 Million people.

In Tejas, the Mission San Antonio de Valero is occupied by a military organization known as the Segunda Compana Volante de San Carlos de Parras. The soldiers and families of which form a settlement around it. Thus the mission became an ordinary Spanish pueblo named Senor San Jose y Santiago del Alamo, from which comes the present-day name of The Alamo.

What followed were a number of revolutions in Mexico, and various attempts by Anglos, Mexican liberals, and Indian allies to "conquer" Tejas. Notable among them was one Lieutenant Augustus Magee, who resigned his commission before raising the Republican Army of the North. Magee was killed in battle at La Bahia in February 1813.

The American reorganized under Major Sam Kemper and pursued their march towards Bejar, along with one Bernardo Gutierrez as their "commander." The Republicans crossed the Salado Creek, defeating the Spaniards at the Battle of Rosillo on March 29 th . Gutierrez now moved on San Antonio and demanded the unconditional surrender of the city.

Spanish Governor Salcedo and his staff officers were taken prisoner, and on April 5 th were bound, marched out of town, and executed by having their throats cut.

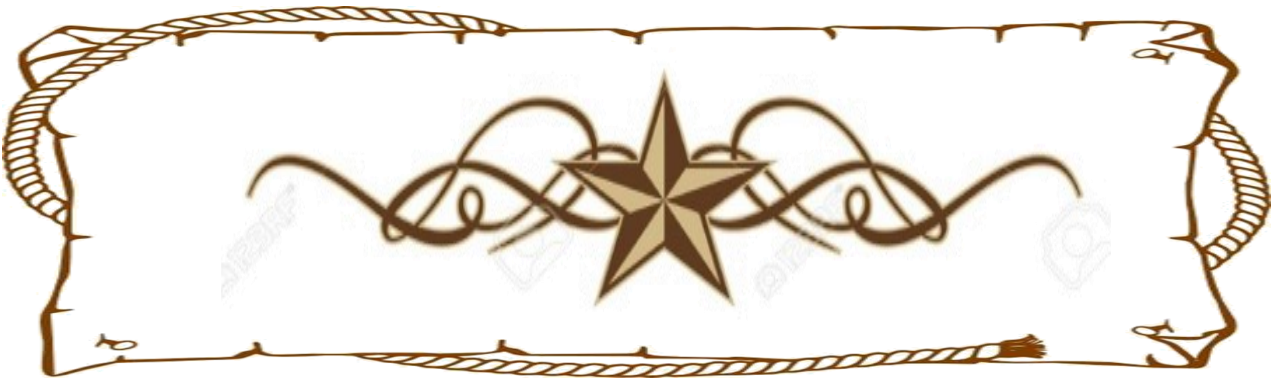
When this butchery became known, Gutierrez was arraigned before a tribunal and deposed.

In June 1813, Mexican Royalists defeated the Republican Army in the Battle of Medina. It was a bloody affair with few, if any, prisoners taken. After the battle, conditions in Tejas became deplorable. Many settlers of San Antonio packed up and left the region.

Things began to change when, in 1821, Moses Austin petitioned the Spanish for permission to colonize portions of Tejas. Moses died before he could be informed that his petition had been granted, leaving it to his son, Stephen F. Austin to take on the task.

Later, on **March 2nd, 1836**, Texas declared her independence. That date is often overshadowed by the fall of the Alamo on March 6th and, of course, the 4th of July!

- Source: A Chronology of Events on San Antonio, Heusinger
- And” Beans Ahgin



To pre-register for the **July 4 2026** match , you can reply to this Newsletter
and sign up for the match, email STXPMatch@gmail.com
with the following information:

Name, Alias, Category, **SASS** number, and if you are a
South Texas Pistoleros member or not.

If you experience difficulties with registration, please contact
Caprock Kid at STXPMatch@gmail.com

GUN SHOW SCHEDULE

Local Shows



**Jul 31st – Aug 2nd, 2026
The San Antonio Gun Show
Alzafar Shriners
901 N Loop 1604 W
San Antonio, TX 78258
(210) 844-9599**



Area Shows

**Jul 10th – 12th, 2026
The Seguin 3-Day Gun Show
Knights of Columbus Hall
1015S AUSTIN ST
Seguin, TX 78155
(830) 399-5955**

**Jul 17th – 19th, 2026
The Kenedy Gun Show
THE MILL CONVENTION CENTER
820 ESCONDIDO ST
KENEDY, TX 78119
(830) 399-5955**

**Jul 18th – 19th, 2026
The New Braunfels Gun Show
New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center
375 S Castell Ave
New Braunfels, TX 78130
(817) 732-1194**

**Jul 24th – 26th, 2026
The Floresville Gun Show
WILSON COUNTY SHOW BARN & EXPO
435 TX-97
FLORESVILLE, TX 78114
(830) 399-5955**

**Jul 11th – 12th, 2026
The Kerrville Expo Hall Guns & Gifts Show
Hill Country Youth Event Center
The Ag Barn
3785 Highway 27
Kerrville, TX 78028
(830) 285-0575**

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



OFFICERS FOR 2026-2027



President
Colonel Colt Winchester



Vice-President
Beauregard Beard



Secretary
Natalia Sue



Treasurer
Tabasco Kid



Range Master
Caprock Kid



Webmaster
Director of Publications
Long John Beard

A reminder

Membership applications are now being accepted for the new year which runs from June to May. You can print a copy of the application from this newsletter or pick up a copy at the July 4th shoot.

The yearly dues for individual are \$36.00 and for family \$48.00

Natalia Sue
Secretary



South Texas Pistoleros

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New/Renewal - Membership Application

(Circle One)

Please fill in the following information, and return with membership dues to the above address.

Name: _____ Alias: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Emergency Phone: _____

SASS Member: Yes No SASS # _____

NRA Member: Yes No NRA # _____

TSRA Member: Yes No TSRA # _____

Can we include you in our directory Yes ____ No ____

Check if applicable Range Officer Certification	
☐	SASS RO I
☐	SASS RO II
☐	SASS WB RO
☐	Other _____

South Texas Pistoleros

Membership Release

I, the undersigned, do hereby release and discharge the **South Texas Pistoleros** and their representatives, agents, servants, directors, employees and or any land owner or operating facility associated with the **South Texas Pistoleros**, from any and all liability of every kind and character, howsoever arising, including bodily injuries and loss or damage of property, sustained by me, my guest, and any other person or entity, having or asserting claims or rights, by, through, or under me; and I do covenant and agree to **HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY** the said entities and persons from any claims of the nature released or discharged, arising by, through, or under me.

I AM SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT FOR THE PURPOSE AND CONSIDERATION EXPRESSED AS MY FREE ACT AND DEED.

This is a legal and binding obligation from date of signature to May 31, 20 27 inclusive!

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____ - _____

Yearly dues are: Individual - \$36.00. Family - \$48.00. \$3.00 per month for individual
\$4.00 per month for family for any part of year remaining. (June to May).