



PANHANDLE COWBOYS GAZETTE FEBRUARY 2013

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*A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State,
the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.*

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FEBRUARY MATCH



The weather looked like rain for most of the morning, but the rain held off as a result of several “no rain dances” held throughout the morning. However, the strength of the “no rain dances” began to weaken as we got further into the morning, and the decision was made to forgo the side match for February and rescheduled it for March.

High Card reminded everyone of the upcoming Panhandle Cowboys election. (See article below.)



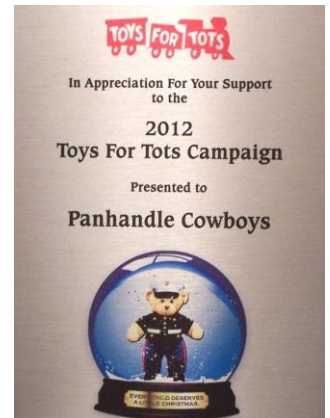
Who is a Panhandle Cowboy? This question has been asked on more than one occasion and the general opinion has been “If you shoot with us, you are a Panhandle Cowboy”. However, we have reached the point where a more definitive answer may, emphasis on “may”, be necessary to identify who is a member of the Panhandle Cowboys. One of the issues being the election of Panhandle Cowboys officers, as only those “Panhandle Cowboys” present at the April match have been able to vote. It has been suggested that all members of the Panhandle Cowboys could vote by mail or email, however, to do this we must first determine who is a Panhandle Cowboy.

The following ideas have been floated around as possibilities; having a Panhandle Cowboys badge; shooting in a minimum number of matches with the number ‘4’ being suggested (we average something like 9 matches a year); simply declare you a member of the Panhandle Cowboys; charge a yearly dues to be a member; some combination of the above; or, none of the above as Panhandle Cowboys membership is a non-issue. If you have ideas on the subject you can send them to High Card at gbaughman@juno.com, or present your ideas at the March match. On the other hand, this entire issue may just be a non-issue.

Match Director Mad Dane mentioned he has received request to increase the number of stages we shoot at our matches from four to five or six. The subject was opened for discussion and Mad Dane asked for input from anyone and everyone who may have thoughts on the subject. You can email Mad Dane at dlanglely@gulftel.com with ideas, or present your ideas at our March match.



During our lunch break, we had a visit from USMC, MGySgt Bobby Tagle and Sgt J. P. Santiago. MGySgt Tagle was the coordinator for the USMC Reserve Toys for Tots program in our area for 2012. Bobby, as he wanted to be called and Sgt Santiago were introduced to our shooters by High Card. Bobby reported over 9,000 children in the area received toys this past Christmas thanks to the generosity of people in our area. Bobby presented a plaque to High Card in appreciation of the \$2,000.00 contribution from the Panhandle Cowboys. Both Marines were invited to shoot the last two stages of our match and Bobby accepted the offer, shooting the last two stages and staying for trophy presentations and was one of the last four





shooters to leave the range. (The photo at left is Bobby being ROed by Alabama Shootist.

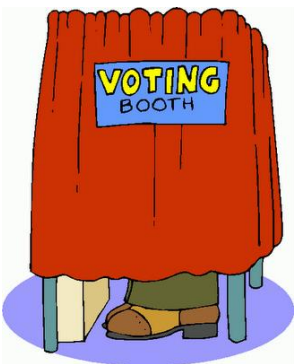
We welcomed some “new” shooters to our February match. Well, if not authentic new shooters, at least shooters we had not seen before, or lately. Shorty Norton drove down from Illinois to shoot with us, ‘course he could have been vacationing in the area and timed his visit to coincide with our February match. He is a pretty fair shot too, as he took home the Elder Statesman trophy. Daybreaker, who shoots with the Panhandle Cattle Com-

pany in Chipley, Florida joined us again and took home the Cowboy trophy. Another Panhandle Cattle Company shooter, Kay Sadeeya joined us, in the company of Hollifer A. Dollar, and placed 2nd in Ladies Cowboy category. A big WELCOME from the Panhandle Cowboys and we hope you all enjoyed the match and we hope to ‘see ya soon’.



Thanks go to all who pulled ‘waddie’ duties for match set-up and take-down. Thanks for the door prize donations. Cody Breaker and Sammy Jo took care of match sign up duties. Jeb Stuart helped High Card with match scoring during the lunch break, and Cassidy Jane assisted High Card with scoring at the conclusion of the match.

PANHANDLE COWBOYS ELECTION



The Panhandle Cowboys Officers election will be at the April match. Our Vice President, Ned Whiskey, and Treasurer, Pancho Via, have decided to not seek their respective positions again. Our other Officers are willing to continue in their present position if our electorate votes for them again. The following have been nominated for Vice President; Dead Eye Blue, Cody Breaker, and Rooster Cogburn. The only nominee for Treasurer, as this is written, is Cassidy Jane. Nominations for all elected positions will be accepted at the March match as well as nominations made by email to High Card at gbaughman@juno.com.

MARCH MATCH

March match – March 10th

- Match set up time – 7:30 to 8:00am
- Match sign up time – 8:00 to 8:45am
- Mandatory safety briefing – 9:00am
- Match begins – 9:30am

Match fee - \$15.00

Morning waddies match fee - \$10.00

Please fill in the requested information on the match entry form, as this information is needed for reporting purposes to the Escambia River Gun Club

MARCH SIDE MATCH

Due to the threat of rain and, perhaps, the over use of “no rain dances” the February side match was postponed and rescheduled for March. So, our side match for March will be a Wild Bunch Match. Bring your M1911, three magazines, and some of lead bulletted .45 ACP ammo, a Winchester Model 1897 (97), or replica shotgun (riot guns are accepted), or a Winchester Model 12 (see special instructions in the article *Wild Bunch Firearm Changes* in the January Gazette or in the Wild Bunch Match Shooters Handbook at www.sassnet.com). You will need your match rifle/carbine too. If you do not have all the shootin’ irons needed, there will be plenty there, so borrowing works.

NEW CAS™ CLUB

High Card received an email from Woodie B Western (SASS 62497) about a new CAS™ club located on Mississippi Highway 67 a little north of Biloxi, Mississippi. The new club is known as The Gulf Coast Gunslingers, and is affiliated with the Coast Rifle and Pistol Club located directly across the street from the Mississippi Highway Patrol station. The Gulf Coast Gunslingers shoot the first Sunday of the month. Their contacts are; Old Rebel at 228-860-0054 and Woodie B Western at 601-214-4009. Alabama Shootist and Kat Herder have already shot with them and they will be going back to shoot with them again. Sounds like a good recommendation.

2013 FLORIDA WILD BUNCH STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

High Card received an email from Bill Bonney of the Ghost Town Gunslingers, the Florida State Championship cowboys and cowgirls. They are expecting to be approved for the 2013 Wild Bunch Florida State Championships. Their tentative match dates are November 2nd and 3rd, 2013. Additional information will come later about this match as well as information on the Siege at St. Augustine.

MARCH BPCR MATCH

March 24th, fourth Sunday, is the day of the next BPCR match. The match will be held on Range 1. Match set-up time is 7:30am to 8:00am. The safety briefing begins at 8:45am with shooting starting right after, about 9:15am.

There are two shooting categories. Traditional category is for black powder rifle cartridges in the 2.5” length range (.45-120 WCF is fine, but not the short .44-40 WCF). Traditional category rifles would be the exposed hammer single shot types, either originals or replicas. The Open category is for the shorter black powder cartridges, what we now call ‘pistol size’ cartridges, like the .44-40 WCF. Lever, pump action and single shot rifles/carbines can be used in this cat-

egory. Regardless of category black powder or a black powder substitute is the only propellant allowed. Contact High Card at gbaughman@juno.com for additional information.

GUN SHOWS

Reports of attendance at area gun shows continue to be unbelievable. It seems each gun show establishes new attendance records for that gun show. A report from the recent Fort Walton Beach gun show was such that the reporter said he got tired of looking at the backs of people's heads, and found nothing he was interested in at a reasonable price. At any rate, here is a list of gun shows within a more or less driving distance of Pensacola. There may be other gun shows than those listed below, but they are not listed at the internet sources used to compile the gun show list. (There are gun shows in Milton, Florida, but I am unable to locate an internet listing for them.)

March 2 & 3 – Dothan, Alabama – National Peanut Festival Facility

April 13 & 14 – Panama City, Florida – Bay County Fairgrounds

April 20 & 21 – Pensacola, Florida – Pensacola Interstate Fairgrounds

May 4 & 5 – Robertsdale, Alabama – Baldwin County Fairgrounds

June 8 & 9 – Fort Walton Beach, Florida – N.W. Florida Fairgrounds

June 22-23 – Pensacola, Florida – Pensacola Interstate Fairgrounds

The Panhandle Cowboys will be attending and promoting Cowboy Action Shooting™ at the Pensacola gun shows. If you can help with manning the table and promoting CAST™, for one or both days, please contact our gun show coordinator Mad Dane at dlangle@gulftel.com.

COWBOY LEXICON

This month we go back to the book *Western Words – A Dictionary of the Old West* by Ramon F. Adams.

Maverick brand – An unrecorded brand. A thief can easily hold an animal on the range with one of these unrecorded brands until he is able to drive it off. In case suspicion is aroused, there are no records to connect him with the theft.

Dinner plate – A humorous name for the old broad-horned Spanish saddle, which, in the cowboy's language had a horn "big enough to play a game of seven-up on."

Roping out – Said when cowhands rope their mounts in a corral, catching them for saddling.

Beef – Any cow or steer over four years of age (as noun); to kill an animal for food, to belly-

ache (as verb).

Hay burner – A slang name for a horse, usually one kept up and fed hay and grain instead of being turned out to pasture.

Buckaroo – A term used in the Northwest for *cowboy*. The terms *baquero*, *buckhara*, and *buckayro*, each a perversion of either the Spanish word *vaquero* or *boyero*, are also used.

Trying to chin the moon – Said of a horse standing on his hind feet and pawing the air with his front ones; also said of a high buckler.

Salty dog – The name applies to anyone especially good or a master in his line of endeavor.

JANUARY COWBOY

Our January cowboy was born Norman Eugene Walker, on May 30, 1927 in Hartford, Illinois. He is of one-quarter Cherokee descent and was a twin. (His twin sister passed away November 11, 2000.)

Clint Walker left school to work in a factory and then on a river boat before joining the Merchant Marine at age 17 during the last months of World War II. He then did odd jobs in Texas and California before getting a job at the Sands Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. Many actors and actresses noticed him at the Sands and suggested he go to Hollywood. He did so, and his first movie appearance was in the 1954 Bowery Boys movie *Jungle Gents* where he portrayed a Tarzan type character.



His second film appearance was in *The Ten Commandments*. Next came the Warner Brothers produced *Cheyenne* TV series, a role for which he is best known. During the production of the *Cheyenne* series he starred in the films *Fort Dobbs*, *Yellowstone Kelly* and *Gold of the Seven Saints*. His physique (6'6" with a 48" chest and 32" waist) had not been seen in a starring role on television before and it helped him get the role of Cheyenne Bodie. Of course, his voice and some acting ability helped too. One film critic described him as, "the biggest, finest-looking Western hero ever to sag a horse, with a pair of shoulders rivaling King Kong's".

Some of the other films Clint Walker appeared in are; *Send Me No Flowers*, *None But the Brave*, *The Dirty Dozen*, *Sam Whiskey*, *The Great Bank Robbery*, *Yuma* (made for TV), and *Pancho Via*. Prior to making *Pancho Via*, Clint Walker was involved in a skiing accident where the tip of his ski pole punctured his heart and then pulled out. It was an accident he said should

never have happened, because the ski poles he was given were too short for him and the little voice in the back of his head told him to give the ski poles back and get longer ones. He said this was the last time he ignored this little voice, as this little voice had saved his life before.



After falling and tumbling head over heels, he was found, taken to a hospital, and pronounced dead by two doctors just as a heart specialist walked by and asked what had happened to this man. The heart specialist took a look, decided Clint Walker was not dead, stripped to his shirt-sleeves, and without washing-up, began opening his chest. Clint Walker said he was aware of what was going on and asked the doctor if all this was necessary, and after a short pause, the doctor replied, “Yes”. Later, doctors told him there was no medical reason for him to be alive, but there he was alive, eating, and getting stronger. Two months after the skiing accident he was filming *Pancho Via* in Spain.

Clint Walker’s last two film appearances were in *The Gambler Returns: The Luck of the Draw*, of course, playing Cheyenne, and in the film *Kung Fu: The Legend Continues*; both films being made for TV.

There were 108 episodes of the *Cheyenne* TV series. Clint Walker has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on Vine Street near Sunset Boulevard. He was inducted into the Hall of Great Western Performers at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in 2004. Clint Walker is still with us.

Jeb Stuart gave is the correct answer of Clint Walker for our January Cowboy.

FEBRUARY COWBOY



Our February ‘cowboy’ is not really a cowboy, but he definitely could not be considered a cowgirl, either. He was born in Canada into poverty. He had a strong desire to secede, and he did secede, in boxing, and, especially in the sport of lacrosse; a game that is believed to have been played by Aborigines for many years prior to the arrival of the Europeans into what is now known as North America. Lacrosse was, at that time, not a game; it was used as an honorable, gentlemanly way of resolving disputes between tribes. The photo at left

should help you identify our February ‘cowboy’. Email Rocky Lane at winchesteraa@cox.net with your answer for our ‘cowboys’ name.

ADIOS

Well, unless I have left something out (it has happened before), this looks like the place to put a
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BE SAFE AND SHOOT STRAIGHT!

