



PANHANDLE COWBOYS

GAZETTE

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*A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State,
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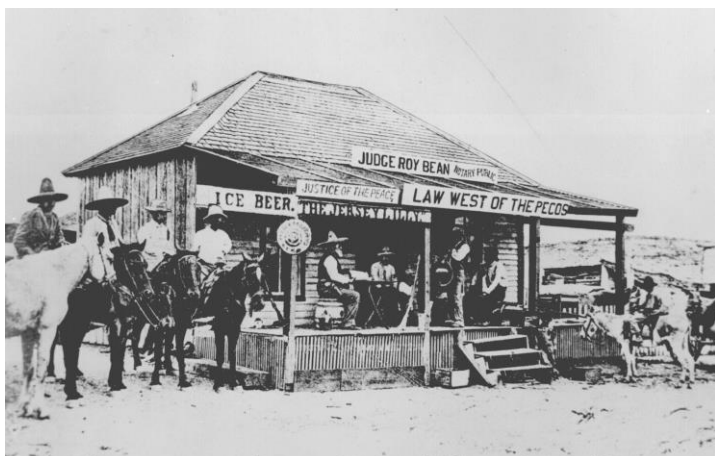
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MATCH INFORMATION

NEXT MATCH – FEBRUARY 8, 2015
MATCH SET-UP – 7:30 – 8:00AM
MATCH SIGN-UP – 8:00 – 8:45AM
MANDATORY SAFETY BRIEFING – 9:30AM
MATCH FEE - \$15.00
MORNING WADDIE MATCH FEE - \$10.00

JANUARY MATCH



Considering a significant number of our cowboys and cowgirls were in St. Augustine shooting the *Siege at St. Augustine*, the 2015 SASS Florida State Championship (see separate report) our turnout of sixteen cowboys and cowgirls was a good turnout. Steelman and Wild Bill Achord rejoined us for the January match. Good to see you cowboys again.

We had two new shooters for our January match. Lucky Lennie and Country Girl came down from Michigan. They will be in the area for a two or three month period, and they are certainly welcome to shoot with us. In fact, a quick perusal of our Match Results for January will show you Lucky Lennie won the Top Gun trophy by a significant margin – and he shot in the Elder Statesman category – and he shot in the Duelist style. Good shooting cowboy!

Thanks goes to all who helped run the match. El Camino Kid ramrodded the waddies for match set-up and take-down, Stitch made sure we had a tractor and trailer to use, and Texas Curly Wolfe volunteered to handle the job of Trophy Wrangler.

Speaking of volunteering, Mad Dane has asked for volunteers to seek the position of Match Director. He has stated he will not seek re-election at our annual April election of Panhandle Cowboys officers. He will, of course, provide assistance and/or guidance to the new match director as requested. Contact Mad Dane for further information on what the match director's position entails. Among other things you would be receiving such compliments as, "Great match" all the way to "Lynch the match director"; just one of the many benefits of the position.

FEBRUARY SIDE MATCH

We will have a Long Range Rifle side match. It will be divided into two categories, lever-action rifle and single shot rifle. In either category you may use either a pistol caliber cartridge or a rifle caliber cartridge. Time permitting you will be able to shoot in both the lever-action rifle and the single shot rifle categories. It will be a timed side match with the most hits in the least amount of time winning.

SIEGE AT ST. AUGUSTINE

The SASS Florida State Championship match was held early this month (January) and ten of our cowboys and cowgirls attended. Here is how well our cowboys and cowgirls did.

Cattle Baron – Ranger John Paxton – 4th Place

Silver Senior Duelist – Dal Sackett – 13th Place

Elder Statesman – Cody Breaker – 15th Place

Senior Duelist – No Limit – 1st Place

Ladies Frontier Cartridge – Sammy Jo – 2nd Place
Kay Sadeeya – 3rd Place

Ladies Senior – Tac Hammer – 10th Place

Ladies Silver Senior – Buckskin Barb – 3rd Place

Frontier Cartridge – Navajo Kid – 5th Place

Frontier Cartridge Duelist – Hollifer A Dollar – 4th Place

Clean Sweep – Sammy Jo

Wild Bunch – Traditional – Navajo Kid – 2nd Place

Wild Bunch – Modern – Hollifer A Dollar – 10th Place

Black Powder Match – Ladies Frontier Cartridge – Sammy Jo – 1st Place



Looks like some good shooting cowboys and cowgirls. You have represented yourselves and the Panhandle Cowboys well.

APRIL ELECTIONS

Our Panhandle Cowboys officer elections are coming up in April. As this is written (January 30) we know of only one of our officers who will not seek re-election and that is Mad Dane our match director. If you are interested in becoming match director, throw you name in the hat. Also, even when an incumbent is seeking re-election you can still throw your name in the hat for that position.

COMIN' AT CHA

Comin' At Cha is the SASS Southwest Regional Championship match held by the Dooley Gang at the Badlands Bar 3 Gun Shop and Shooting Range in Clarksville, Texas. It is a big match held in the northeast corner of the big state of Texas. It is a match we were informed about some months ago, as several of our cowboys and cowgirls shot the match back on October 30th through November 1st of 2014. However, due to my organization skills the information ended

up being under a pile of something, and was only recently excavated. (The old adage of, “If it is on the bottom of the stack, how important can it be?” does not always hold true.) (I did the same thing with the letter from my allergist who is no longer practicing.)

So, we are a little late, but here is how our cowboys and cowgirls did at Comin’ At Cha.

Wild Bunch – Modern – Hollifer A Dollar – 14th Place

Frontier Cartridge Duelist – Hollifer A Dollar – 5th Place

Senior Duelist – No Limit – 4th Place
Dal Sackett – 16th Place

Ladies Silver Senior – Sammy Jo - 6th Place

Side Match – Ladies Big Bore Lever Rifle – Sammy Jo – 1st Place

Good shooting cowboys and cowgirls. Ya’ll done good!



GUN SHOWS

As this is written a gun show is scheduled for Pensacola on January 31st and February 1st at the Pensacola Interstate Fairgrounds. The following is a listing of gun shows scheduled for after February 1st.

February 7th & 8th – Panama City, Florida – Bay County Fairgrounds
February 14th & 15th – Biloxi, Mississippi – Mississippi Coast Coliseum & Convention Center
February 21st and 22nd – Fort Walton Beach, Florida – N.W. Florida Fairgrounds

March 7th & 8th – Tallahassee, Florida – North Florida Fairgrounds
March 7th & 8th – Dothan, Alabama – National Peanut Festival Facility

April 11th & 12th – Mobile, Alabama – Greater Gulf State Fairgrounds

The Panhandle Cowboys attends the Pensacola gun shows held at the Pensacola Interstate Fairgrounds where we promote Cowboy Action Shooting, get to wear our alter ego clothing and display our cowboy firearms. If you are available to help in manning our tables drop a line to our gun show coordinator, Mad Dane, at dlanglely@gulftel.com. The next scheduled gun show for Pensacola is the first weekend on May.



BPCR MATCH

Alabama Shootist, also known as Allen Pippin (in his mind mannered reporter disguise) filed

this following report on his Black Powder Cartridge Rifle match for January.

“The January 2015 BPCR match is in the books. The weather started out a little chilly but warmed up to be a beautiful day in the mid-60s. We had six shooters participate in the match and all had a good time. Gerald Roberts took 1st place with a score of 29 out of 30. I have listed the scores in the two tables below. (Editor’s note – We have not shown the tables, but have used the tables to show each shooter and each shooters total score.) The first five targets were shot off the bench and the second five off shooting sticks. I hope to see all of you at the next shoot which will be March 22nd.”

The scores indicate it was actually a pretty close match.

- 1st Place – Gerald Roberts – 29 hits (Hi-Wall .45-70)
- 2nd Place – Joe Scheel – 27 hits (Sharps .45-70)
- 3rd Place – Mike Rayburn – 25 hits (Sharps .45-70)
- 4th Place – Allen Pippin – 23 hits (Buffalo Classic .38-55)
- 5th Place – Mindy Pippin – 21 hits (Buffalo Classic .38-55)
- 6th Place – Michael Murphy – 15 hits (Marlin 1895 .45-70)

The BPCR match is shot with black powder era rifles (or replicas thereof) chambered in black powder rifle cartridges and fired with black powder, or an approved black powder substitute and lead or lead alloy bullets. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Allen at apippin357@aol.com.



COWBOY LEXICON

As much as I would to use phrases from our good ole western movies and TV shows this month, I think I will save them ‘til next month, or later. *Western Words – A Dictionary of the Old West* by Ramon F. Adams is the source for this month’s column.

Ribbons – What the West calls the lines of a harnessed team.

Rib wrenches – A slang name for spurs.



Ride herd on – To take care of.

Ride herd on a woman – Said of one courting a woman.



Blue whistler – A bullet, so called because of the blue flame of the pistol; also a norther.

Norther – A driving gale from the north that hurtles over the Southwest, and, coming into

collision with preceding warm, moist breezes from the Gulf of Mexico, causes a sudden and extreme drop in temperature. What is called a blizzard in the rest of the West is called a norther in Texas and the Southwest. As one cowhand at Amarillo, Texas, said, “They jes’ pour off the North Pole with nothin’ to stop’em but a bob-wire fence and it’s full o’ knot-holes.”



Needle-gun – A rifle used on the frontier and called this because of its long firing pin which detonated the powder by plunging through the paper cartridge to strike the primer at the base of the bullet.

Necktie social – A lynching, a hanging.

Spoiled herd – One that has acquired the habit of stampeding at every opportunity.

Spike weaner – A circle of wire spikes fitted around a calf’s nose and serving the purpose of weaning the animal.

Beef cut – Roundup parlance for cattle cut out of a herd for shipment to market.

Between hay and grass – In different seasons, as in early spring, when hay is gone and grass has not come up; also meaning difficult times.



NOVEMBER COWBOY



Alan Walbridge Ladd, Jr., was born September 3, 1913, in Hot Springs, Arkansas. At age four Alan Ladd saw his father die of a heart attack. On July 3, 1918, four year old Alan was playing with a box of matches and burned down the rundown apartment building he and his mother were living in. They then moved to Oklahoma City. While there his mother remarried. In 1920 the family decided to move to California. It was a long arduous trip taking four months with little and sometimes nothing to eat. In California they initially settled into a transient camp in Pasadena; then moving to Hollywood where his step-father got a job as a painter for a soon to be out of business movie studio. At age twelve Alan Walbridge Ladd, Jr. was diagnosed with stomach problems as a result of malnutrition. He would have stomach problems for the rest of his life.

He fell several grades behind in school resulting in him being the oldest student in his class. He

was also the shortest kid in his class standing about 4 feet 9 inches. He was nicknamed “Tiny”; a nickname he did not like. He was also very frail and light skinned, and blond headed. When he was fourteen he took a part-time job hauling produce crates for a grocery store. He gradually built his physic from frail to imposingly masculine, although he was still short. In high school he began track and swimming activities winning awards for swimming and diving. In 1931, at age seventeen, he began training for the 1932 Olympics. However, it was not to be, as during high dive practice he hit his head and was rendered unconscious. Afterwards he was no longer able to concentrate on diving without the constant worry of another injury.

While still in high school a teacher persuaded him to try out for a part in a school play entitled *The Mikado*. He not only enjoyed the acting experience, he was also introduced to Marjorie Jane “Midge” Harrold, the woman who would later become his wife, and give birth to their son Alan Ladd, Jr. The son was called “Laddie”. Remember, Alan Walbridge Ladd, Jr. was already a ‘Junior’, so naming his son Alan Ladd, Jr. is one of the mysteries of choosing names for children.

Upon graduating high school, he opened a burger and malt shop, named ‘Tiny’s Patio’ across from a swimming pool where he hoped to capitalize on his swimming and diving success in high school, and hoped to preempt ridicule from former classmates by using the name “Tiny” in the name of the business. Unfortunately, the business failed within a year. In October 1936 he married Midge. In October 1937 Alan Ladd, Jr. was born. (Alan Ladd, Jr. is a motion picture executive and producer and founder of The Ladd Company.) Just after Alan Ladd, Jr. was born Alan Ladd’s mother, Ina, moved in with them. By this time his mother was a widow and an alcoholic. Three months later his mother committed suicide by drinking ant poison. Alan Ladd watched his mother die an agonizing death and there was nothing he could do to help her.



His first efforts as an actor were rebuffed by movie studios as light skin and blond hair were considered to not photograph well (he had a number of small parts in movies prior to *This Gun for Hire*), so he started doing local radio programs ending up on the nationally broadcast “Lux Radio Theater”. Sue Carol, a talent agent and former actress, heard him on radio and offered to serve as his agent. In 1941, she got him an uncredited part in the movie *Citizen Kane*. In 1942, she got him the starring role of “Raven” in the movie *This Gun for Hire*. This film jump started his movie career.

His hair was died black for this film. Also, in 1942 he divorced his wife Midge and married Sue Carol, who was ten years his senior, a week after the divorce was final. Alan and Sue had

two children; Alana and David. (Alana co-starred with her father in *Guns of the Timberland* and *Duel of Champions*. David co-starred with his father in the movie *The Proud Rebel* and married Cheryl Ladd of *Charlie's Angels* fame. Actress Jordan Ladd is his granddaughter.)

He was classified 4-F in World War II due to his stomach problems, but was later ordered to military service. He joined the Army Air Force in January 1943, but in November 1943 he was given a medical discharge due to his stomach problems. In 1945, he and his wife Sue did a goodwill tour of Army bases and hospitals in the Midwest.



Alan Ladd appeared in slightly less than fifty movies. A big majority of these movies were not westerns. However, arguably, he is perhaps best known as a western actor. The 1948 film *Whispering Smith* and, of course, the 1953 *Shane* are two films that, instantly, come to mind. His last film was 1964's *The Carpetbaggers*, which was released after his death. During his life he had constant stomach problems, shingles, and various accidents, including a hand injury while playing football with his son, that became gangrenous and almost had to be amputated. He also suffered from insomnia and used sedatives and alcohol to help him sleep and to help relieve the pain from his other affections. On November 2, 1962, he was discovered with a self-inflicted gunshot

wound to the chest. He said it was an accident. On January 29, 1964, he was found dead at his Palm Springs, California home. An autopsy indicated the cause of death was an overdose of sedatives combined with alcohol. Considering the genetically inherited health issues from his father and mother, and his own individual health issues, it is perhaps, fortunate that Alan Walbridge Ladd, Jr. was able to live fifty years.

Alan Walbridge Ladd, Jr., has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, a star on the Palm Springs Walk of Stars, and the Arkansas Walk of Fame in Hot Springs, Arkansas.



JANUARY COWBOY



This month's cowboy was an actor, singer, song writer, musician, and comedian. If you know his name, email Rocky at winchesteraa@cox.net with your answer.

PANHANDLE COWBOYS WEBSITE

Cowboys and cowgirls have you visited our website lately. Jeb Stuart is doing a great job of keeping it current. Our website contains information on the Panhandle Cowboys complete with a photo gallery, match dates, the current issue of the **PANHANDLE COWBOYS GAZETTE**, and back issues of the same. There are even match scores going back to 2004. Talk about a nostalgia trip -- and there are links to several cowboy action related websites. Just type in <http://panhandlecowboys.org/> and check it out.

ADIOS

And that is it for this month cowboys and cowgirls.

Be safe and shoot straight.

