



# PANHANDLE COWBOYS

## GAZETTE

NOVEMBER 2010

### AWARD CEREMONY

Capt Bobbie D was awarded a special trophy for his nine years as the Match Director for the Panhandle Cowboys. The idea for the award was carried to fruition by Rooster Cogburn. Mad Dane made the presentation of the trophy and the photo signed by those cowboys and cowgirls who shot the October match. Capt Bobbie D has never be known to be short of words, but ---. Capt Bobbie D did a great job as our match director – a job that is a job, and, until you have been a match director, it is difficult to comprehend the complexities of the job. We say to Capt Bobbie D, “Thank you for nine great years.”



### CHUCK



Wow! This one word is insufficient to describe the Santa Fe Chili, but on the other hand, delicious, also, sounds insufficient. Dixie Chick and Rooster Cogburn put on quite a feed. Wow!

Delicious! Thank you, again! Speaking of chuck, Cassidy Jane provided desert in the form of brownies. What a way to top off a great chili. High Card said he ate two, so if you wanted one, and did not get one, you now know who got yours.

### HUH?

It sure seemed like the Gulf Breeze flying saucer was at it again. Including an unrelated Navajo Kid, we had more cow pokes with the real last name of “Pippin” as we had shooters in the Du-elists and Gunfighters Categories combined. Now we know how the sodbusters felt in the Wyoming cattle war. Surrounded, by gum.

## **PANHANDLE COWBOYS INFORMATION**

We shoot on the second Sunday of each month. Our next match is December 12, 2010.

**Set up time will be between 7:30 am to 8:00am. Match sign-up will be from 8:00am to 8:45am. The mandatory safety briefing will begin at 9:00am. Shooting begins at 9:30am.**

The match fee is \$15.00, unless you are one of the morning set-up waddies, in which case your match fee is \$10.00. Please fill in the requested information of the entry form. This information is need for reporting purposes.

At this point, match directing responsibilities have been divided into “Committees” as follows:

### **Match Director – Cody Breaker**

He will perform the administrative duties, such as; consulting with the committee members to ensure all is in readiness for the next match. He will be the main interface with the ERML, generating the match report for, and presenting same to ERML at their monthly meeting.

### **Match Operation – Mad Dane, Ned Whiskey and Alabama Shootist**

They have been nicknamed the “Tricky Triumvirate” by someone with a sense of humor? They will be responsible for stage writing, selection of targets and props for each stage and, ramrod the waddies for match set-up and take-down. They will, also, handle pre-match announcements and the safety briefing.

### **Trophy Wrangler – Grundy**

Grundy will ensure trophies are available for each match by purchasing the necessary trophies/plaques as needed, and coordinating with the Match Director and Panhandle Cowboys Treasurer for the funding.

### **Match Scoring – High Card**

High Card will continue to do as he has been doing. Basically, he will input match scores into the onsite laptop during the lunch break, and after the match to determine match and category winners, clean sweep winners, and stage winners. He will, also, publish scores/match results, and the **PANHANDLE COWBOYS GAZETTE** to everyone on the Panhandle Cowboys e-mail list via electronic means.

### **Editor – Panhandle Cowboys Gazette – Rocky Lane**

Yep, Rocky Lane will continue doing the newsletter, but, in its new electronic form. If you have something for inclusion in the **GAZETTE**, you can contact him at [winchesteraa@cox.net](mailto:winchesteraa@cox.net). Things like funny things that happened at matches, favorite recipes, for sale items, wanted items, photos, news about Panhandle Cowboys members, how well you did at other matches, or which other matches you shoot, even your favorite guns and/or loads would be interesting and welcome. I quote from an informational e-mail from High Card as he was enumerating editorial duties and responsibilities, “and certainly, from the fertile mind of Rocky Lane him-



self, as Editor-in-Chief.” (Editor’s note: “fertile” – Does this mean I am full of “fertile-lizer”?)

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## PANHANDLE COWBOYS ELECTIONS

April is election month for officers of the Panhandle Cowboys. Be thinking of whom you would like to be the club officers, or perhaps you would be interested in one of the positions. If you would like to nominate someone, or volunteer (self-nominate), for one of the club jobs, feel free to do so.

Present officers are:

President – Blackhawk Kid

Vice-President – Capt Bobbie D

Treasurer – Pancho Via

Secretary – Lil’ Dynamite

Territorial Governor – Navajo Kid

Match Director – Cody Breaker (interim with the “Committee”).

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## WELCOME BACK

A very special “Welcome Back” to our friends from Canada, Alabama Way and Mo M Down. We always hate to see you go, but we are always happy to see you come back to the Deep South, and ride on our posses helping chase down bad guys and bringing them to justice.

Would like to say, “Thanks for coming out”, to Navajo Kid and Sam Sixkiller. Both are recovering from surgery. Understand Navajo Kid has extensive rehab ahead of him. Sam Sixkiller stayed around for the match and did posse work for the entire match.

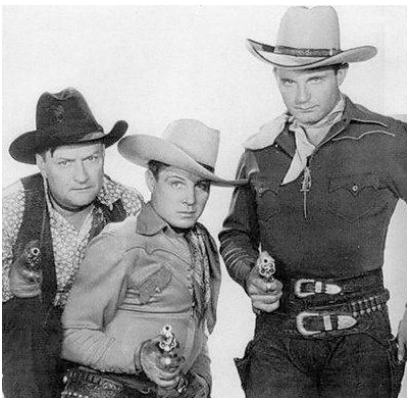
Judge Henry Magnum and Scarlet Magnum rejoined us for the November match. Scarlet Magnum was unable to shoot, but she did assume various posse jobs. If we had an award for “Spirit of the Game” Sam Sixkiller and Scarlet Magnum would be the recipients for November. Thanks for the help.

Thanks to all who helped with match set up and takedown. That steel is heavy and your work is appreciated.

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## TRIVIA

How many of these cowboys can you name? Name all of the actor’s screen names and the actor’s character names in the photos. You have to go way back for the three in the photo on the left. **Not so far back for the photo on the right.** Answers will be in the next Gazette, if we do not forget, and if you are the first to e-mail





Rocky Lane at [winchesteraa@cox.net](mailto:winchesteraa@cox.net) with the correct answers we will publish your name in the next **GAZETTE**. Same goes for the question below. (I know there are a lot of actors to deal



with this time, but subsequent trivia questions will deal with only one (most likely) question. You know things like, “Who is this actor/actress and for which role is he/she best known?”)

Everyone knows the masked man’s name and character name, but who played the Masked Man on TV when Clayton Moore was “fired” by the production company producing the Lone Ranger series. Answer next issue. (Look at that pistol on a rock. Kemo Sabe, say you didn’t.)

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### GAZETTE INPUT

Thanks to all who gave input on the new **PANHANDLE COWBOYS GAZETTE**. We will use the input to produce the best product we can. Please remember, this is a learning process for us (especially this electronic stuff for me), and if it looks like we do not know what we are doing -- well, we don’t: and if we do look like we know what we are doing – well we don’t. However, we will continue to experiment on format, and especially with color.

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### TALL TALES OR TRUE TALES

If you have a story or two to tell about something that happened to you, or someone else, during a match, send the tale to High Card or Rocky Lane. Our e-mail addresses are in this issue somewhere. Like the time I shot my first Mule Camp – no, we will do that one latter, because further in this issue of the **GAZETTE** you will probably be tired of hearing about me (Rocky Lane).

I recall one of our prominent Panhandle Cowboys shooters was using pistols in a caliber larger than his rifle. You see what is coming don’t you. Yep, he put the larger caliber pistol cartridges into the smaller caliber long gun. The combination did not work well. It did not help his score. He did have a sense of humor about it though. No, it was not me. My rifle malfunctions are documented a little further into this issue of the **GAZETTE**.

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### FOR SALE

If you have items you would like to sell, you can offer them to Panhandle Cowboys shooters through your **GAZETTE**, and if you are looking for something. we can run a **WANTED** section, too. Just send an email to High Card at [gbaughman@juno.net](mailto:gbaughman@juno.net) or Rocky Lane at [winchesteraa@cox.net](mailto:winchesteraa@cox.net) and we will include your for sale or wanted item(s) in the next issue. What you have for sale, or what you are looking for, does not have to be CAS related.

I (Rocky Lane) have a Taurus Raging Bull, blued, with 8 3/8” compensated barrel, caliber .44 Magnum, for sale. I, also, have a scope mount for it. It is a package deal. It is one of those

guns I wanted until I bought it. I am a cast bullet shooter, and the comp chamber accumulates lead deposits, which are difficult to remove. I was told by a Taurus service rep that Kroil Oil should do it, but I have chemical allergies and that stuff is especially nasty to me, as are most commonly encountered chemicals and products. Contact me at [winchesteraa@cox.net](mailto:winchesteraa@cox.net) if you are interested.

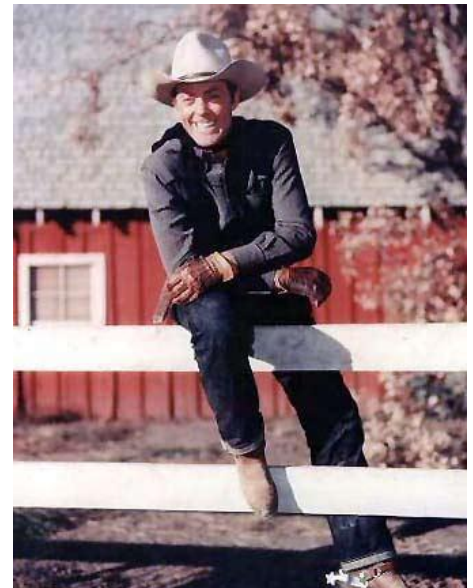


## WHO IS ROCKY LANE?

It has been brought to my attention that most of you have never seen me. I did a little research and discovered, much to my surprise, that, apparently, I have not shot a CAS match anywhere since October 2006. Wow! I had not realized it had been that long. In fact, as near as I can determine, the last two matches I shot were in October 2006. One match was with the Panhandle Cowboys, and the other, the Virginia State Championships in Roanoke, Virginia, where I shot a clean match. So, the following is to introduce myself to those of you who do not know me. (And those who do know me probably do not care anyway.)



The photo at left was taken some time back while timing for Rob N Rustler, whereas, the photo at right is the Republic Pictures version of Rocky Lane. Since my photo was taken, I have added a little weight, but am now losing that weight and a little extra. (I have, also,



become more handsome, and more modest.) In fact, I have ordered a new gun rig from Jim Lockwood, Jr. of Legends in Leather, for a pair of consecutively numbered Cimarron Model P .44-40 sixguns. However, I began CAS shooting in Roanoke, Virginia, in the spring of 1995, and eventually became Match Director for a couple of years before moving back to Pensacola in 1999. (I am a Pensacola native.) I have a bunch of first place plaques from Roanoke, and, I shot monthly matches at two North Carolina CAS clubs, and have a few first place wins from them (very few). One of the clubs was one of the two oldest CAS clubs in the eastern United States. In fact, one of the cowboys had SASS badge number 42.



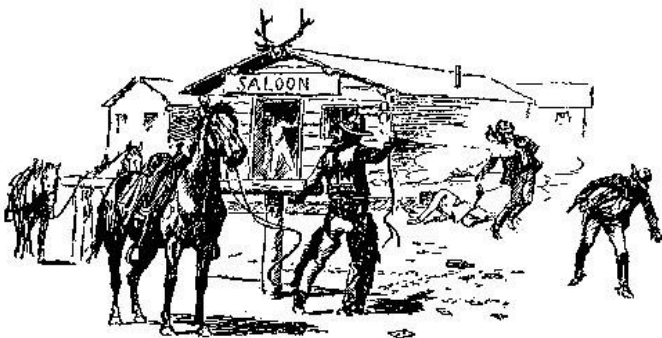
In 1998 I shot the Appalachian Showdown VII in West Virginia, before the match became the West Virginia State Championships, finishing Fourth in Traditional, and Fifth overall, and won the Long Range Rifle Pistol Caliber side match. This match was presented by the other of the two oldest CAS clubs in the eastern United States. (They could never agree as to which club was the older of the two, only that they were the two oldest clubs in the eastern United States.)

In 1999, I shot The Reckoning in Central Florida finishing Second in Semi-Senior. In 2000, I shot The Reckoning again, finishing Third in Semi-Senior and winning the Long Range Rifle Pistol Caliber side match. At the time, The Reckoning was billed as the Florida State Championships. This was before SASS established their state championships program.

In 1999, 2000, and 2001, I shot three consecutive clean sweeps at Shootout at Mule Camp, the Southeast Regional Championships. Rumor had it that no one had ever shot three consecutive clean sweeps at Mule Camp before then. Do not know for sure, but it was the rumor at the time. In the 1999 match I had a rifle malfunction, and since the rifle was the first firearm of that stage, and I did not get off the first shot of the stage, the time for the stage never started. I finished the match with a borrowed rifle. At Mule Camp in 2002 I shot in the Senior Duelist Category and finished fourth. I had a rifle malfunction in that match too, that cost me seven or eight misses. Never found out what was wrong with that rifle, as it has never missed a beat since. Just bad vibes that day I guess. In 2003 I shot Mule Camp again, and had another clean sweep.



As for as shooting with the Panhandle Cowboys, my first shoot with them was in October or November 1997 when my family and I returned to Pensacola on vacation to visit family. I won that match, and the Prairie Hunt side match. Then, in 1999, my family and I moved back to Pensacola, and, I offered whatever assistance I could to the match director. After Capt Bobbie D became match director, along with writing stages from time to time, I began writing the newsletter in August 2002. I have three or four boxes of trophies from the Panhandle Cowboys for clean sweeps, or first place in whatever category I chose to shoot, or trophies for winning a stage. There are, also, trophies, or plaques, displayed on my fireplace mantel, and, on a bedroom wall and bookcase. Never could beat Navajo Kid or The Yank though.



Why have I not been shooting CAS since October 2006? A couple of reasons, the main one being knee problems, I guess. It got to the point where it would take three to five days after a match for my knees to settle down to the discomfort and pain level I was accustomed to. Now, after about three, or so, years of knee injections, I have reached the point where daily activities are too much for the knees and I have an ap-

pointment with a surgeon to see about knee replacement. After both knees are replaced I should be able to run, jump, and play again.

In case you are wondering, I do a good bit of plinking, a bit of practicing with my CAS guns and do some trap shooting. I, also, take my eighteen (almost nineteen) year old grandson shooting from time to time. Hope to get him involved in CAS shooting next year. Have to wait and see. He does get a special joy in the times he has beaten me at trap. I will learn to concentrate one day. You know, wood to wood, and do not think of anything before calling for the bird. (My last trap shooting on November 7, I shot a twenty-three and a twenty-five, and my brother

shot a twenty-four and a twenty-five. Some people have a knack for shooting; others (like me) have to work at it.)

Well, I guess about two pages of me is more than enough. Luck to you at our December match.



**ADIOS**

Well, that is all of the “fertile” I can think of for this month. Be safe and shoot straight.

