



PANHANDLE COWBOYS GAZETTE

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2011



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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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A NOTE FROM ROCKY LANE

I am sure everyone has noticed there was not a September issue of the **PANHANDLE COWBOYS GAZETTE**. I have spent part of the past week (this part is written on October 9, match day) trying to come up with a cool, smooth way of explaining why, but there ain't no cool, smooth way to explain it. As Sgt. Friday might say, "Just the facts, ma'am!" (I know Sgt. Friday ain't cowboy.) So here we go.

On September 12, I had my left knee replaced, and even though my right knee was replaced back in January, I thought I knew what to expect. And I did know what to expect, except this

procedure was more complicated with more prolonged after effects. At four weeks after surgery, I can at least offer some degree of presentation, so here we go with a combined September/October issue. Hope you enjoy it.



PANHANDLE COWBOYS MATCH INFO

Our next match is November 13, 2011



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



Match fee is \$15.00, unless you are one of the morning set-up waddies, in which case the match fee is reduced to \$10.00. Please fill in the requested information on the match entry form, as this information is needed for reporting purposes to ERML.



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER COWBOY

Our September/October Cowboy will be even easier than the August Cowboy, however, the September/October Cowboy will be a little more involved than identifying the subject actor; there are two questions, and you can answer one or both of the questions by emailing Rocky Lane at winchesteraa@cox.net.

The first question is; who starred in the movie *Winchester '73*? The second question is; how many people handled the 1 of 1000 Winchester Model 1873 rifle after the star of the movie wins it? (Now where is my copy of the movie?)



SEPTEMBER MATCH

The weather for the September match was basically wonderful, especially so when compared to our summer shoots. Forty cowboys and cowgirls showed up to play outlaw. (Really sorry I missed this match. When I was Match Director in the early days of CASTTM shooting in Roanoke, Virginia we did the stage coach robbery thing. You know, stop the stage, shoot the lock off the strong box, discover it is carrying only rocks, then shoot the stage driver, shotgun guard AND ALL THE PASSENGERS. Now this is really fun stuff. RL)

At 8:50am Match Director Mad Dane assembled the shooters for the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence in remembrance of the tragic events of September 11, 2001. This was followed by a 21-gun salute to honor all who perished on that day, and to honor those who have given their all in the defense of the United States of America in our fight against terrorists. The 21-gun salute was conducted by Ned Whiskey, Jeb Stuart, Cassidy Jane, Rooster Cogburn, Dixie Chick, Dead Eye Dash, Dal Sackett, and Sammy Jo.

Mad Dane presented the Doug Guentz “Shootist /Fastest Clean Sweep Award” for the months of June, July, and August 2011. Trail Scout received the award for June, Stonewall Jason received the award for July, and High Card received the award for August. (Stonewall Jason was not present to receive the award, so Mad Dane will hold (and admire) the award until Stonewall Jason returns.)

High Card mentioned the Escambia River Muzzle Loaders (our host club) will resume Black Powder Cartridge Rifle matches. October 23rd (4th Sunday) will be the start-up date and the matches will be held bi-monthly on Range 4.

The possibility of having organized CASTM practice sessions was discussed again, and Navajo Kid suggested that perhaps a practice session could be held on alternating months after the trophy presentations at the regular match. This would allow a bit of practice for those who want it and allow a bit of time for some shooters to work on some part of their CASTM shooting that they feel may need some attention. High Card, Navajo Kid, and Mad Dane formed an adhoc committee to work on the idea.

Silver Blade Tracker, Chorus Christie, Tennessee Maverick, and Dakota Steele were welcomed as new shooters to Panhandle Cowboys matches. Hope you enjoyed the match and hope to see all of you again.

Mad Dane reminded everyone that the Safety Briefing is mandatory and must be attended to shoot our matches. He reminded all to complete the match entry form and to remember to sign in at the ERML trailer. He, also, mentioned that concealed carry weapons must be left in your vehicle, as only CASTM firearms are allowed at our matches.

ANNIVERSARY

Just a short note to mention the **PANHANDLE COWBOYS GAZETTE** began with the experimental October 2010 issue. Over the following 12 months refinements have been made to provide you with what we hoped would be an interesting, informative newsletter. From the comments received at our matches we believe we have succeeded. Thank you for your support and input. We will continue with our **GAZETTE** efforts, and hopefully, present an even more improved newsletter during the next 12 months.



AUGUST COWBOY



William Holden was our August Cowboy. His 1969 performance in “The Wild Bunch” along with Ernest Borgnine, Warren Oats, and Ben Johnson made the movie a classic among classics for us western movie fans.

Blackhawk Kid, Shiloh Sheriff, Jeb Stuart, Alabama Way and Mo M Down, Billy Diablo, Ranger John Paxton, Sammy Jo, and High Card all correctly identified William Holden.

Incidentally, the original director’s cut of “The Wild Bunch” is still available in glorious ‘New Digital Transfer (16x9 2.4:1)’ (whatever all that means).

You absolutely gotta love that Model 1911 in a cowboy movie. Those Winchester Model 1897’s looked good too.

HELLO JIMMY RAINSONG

High Card recently received an update from long time Panhandle Cowboys shooter Jimmy Rainsong. Jimmy reports his chemo treatments are continuing on schedule and next month (November) he is to be scanned again for cancer. If the scan comes back clean, the doctor will have the chemo port removed. Then his cardiologist wants to shock his atrial-flutter back into rhythm and then change out his defibrillator/pacemaker unit.

To quote Jimmy’s email to High Card, “Don’t worry, I will be back to shooting. . . But, not right away. First things first... Cancer, Heart, then the rest of my Life... Aloha.”

“Aloha” to you cowboy. We all look forward to seeing you at the range again.

GUN SHOW

The next gun show at the Pensacola Interstate Fairgrounds is scheduled for November 19th and 20th. The Panhandle Cowboys always has a table or two promoting Cowboy Action Shooting™. If you are able to help on one or both days give Blackhawk Kid a ring at dwade@bellsouth.net.

OCTOBER MATCH

The Panhandle Cowboys were gathered together for the Pledge of Allegiance at 9:00am by Match Director Mad Dane. Lariat LeMoyne and Tradesman were welcomed as new shooters. There were, also, three observers welcomed to the Panhandle Cowboys and were invited to shoot a practice stage after the match.

Match Director Mad Dane reminded everyone that attending the Safety Briefing is required to shoot our matches. We were also, reminded that we run a cold range; that all concealed carry firearms must be left in our respective vehicles; that only our cowboy firearms are allowed on the range; and that our long guns must be carried with muzzles up. Mad Dane also mentioned those cowboys and cowgirls who are serving as spotters hold shooters scores in their hands as far as hits and misses are concerned. Spotters should position themselves so as to be able to see all targets and listen and watch for hits or misses on the targets, and watch for procedural violations of the prescribed shooting sequence for each stage. Shooters deserve the best job of “spotting” that can be done.

Mad Dane also advised that eye protection is mandatory with hearing protection being recommended.

High Card presented Hollifer A. Dollar with the *Doug Guentz “Shootist/Fastest Clean Sweep Award”* for our September match.

How would you like to be in a shootout against Escambia County Sheriff David Morgan and not be arrested? Well you can on Sunday, November 6th from 1pm to 5pm at the Blackwater River Tactical Range, 6380 Jeff Ates Road, Milton. It is an “Out-Shoot the Sheriff” fundraiser for Sheriff Morgan’s re-election. You can challenge the Sheriff in trap and/or pistol plate shooting at \$50.00 per challenge up to the maximum campaign contribution of \$500.00 per person. You can contact Capt. Ron Beermunder at beermunder@yahoo.com or call 850-266-2325 to sign up and/or get additional information. Firearms and ammunition will be provided.

Plans are underway for a Panhandle Cowboys Christmas Party to be held at Robert’s Catfish and Seafood Restaurant on Saufley Field Road on December 2nd or 3rd. A sign-up sheet will be available at the pavilion and an email flyer will be sent to everyone on the Panhandle Cowboys mailing list. You can also sign-up by emailing Sammy Jo at s.pitkin@att.net, or by emailing Cassidy Jane at bob15621@aol.com. Wearing cowboy/cowgirl attire is encouraged but not required. (Now if we could only wear our pistols, unloaded, of course.)

There were some scoring errors in the October match due to a new, expanded, version of the scoring spreadsheet being used for the first time. High Card discovered the errors after arriving back at his rancho, made the corrections, issued the appropriate apologies to those concerned. Still beats the old stubby pencil, calculator and hand sorting method. High Card thinks the bugs are all worked out.



AMBUSH AT CAVERN COVE 2011

The Panhandle Cowboys were well represented at the *Ambush at Cavern Cove 2011*, which is the *Alabama State Championship* match. Following is how various Panhandle Cowboys faired

at the match. (Included are some cowboys and cowgirls we have not seen in a while, but, you know, "Once a Panhandle Cowboy, always a Panhandle Cowboy.")

Spirit of the Game Award

Cassidy Jane

Clean Sweep

Ned Whiskey, Cody Breaker, Ranger John Paxton
Bama Kid, Curly Buck Younger

Best Dressed Couple

Billy Diablo and Texas Sweetpea

Best Mountain Man Costume

Rooster Cogburn

Best Dressed Townsman

Navajo Kid

Long Range Big Bore Lever Action Rifle Side Match

Dal Sackett – 1st Place

.22 Extreme Rimfire Side Match

High Card – 1st Place



CATEGORY RESULTS

B Western

Bama Kid – 2nd Place (Alabama State Champion)

Men's Duelist

No Limit – 11th Place

Elder Statesman

Billy Diablo – 6th Place

Frontier Cartridge

Navajo Kid – 1st Place

Ranger John Paxton – 2nd Place

Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter

Alabama Shootist – 2nd Place

Mad Dane – 3rd Place



Ned Whiskey – 4th Place
Curly Buck Younger – 5th Place
Hap Hazard – 6th Place

Ladies 49er

Cassidy Jane – 7th Place

Ladies Elder Statesman

Texas Sweetpea – 2nd Place

Ladies Frontier Cartridge

Kat Herder – 1st Place (Alabama State Champion)

Ladies Senior

Tac Hammer – 2nd Place

Sammy Jo – 4th Place

Ladies Wrangler

Dixie Chick – 4th Place (Alabama State Champion)

Senior Duelist

High Card – 8th Place

Dal Sackett – 11th Place

Silver Senior

Rooster Cogburn – 6th Place

Grundy – 8th Place

Cody Breaker – 11th Place



Hopefully, I have not overlooked anyone. If I have, let me (Rocky Lane) know and I will make the correction or addition in the November **GAZETTE**, along with some lame excuse as to why the information was not correct in the first place. Now let us take a look at a couple of posse photos from *Ambush at Cavern Cove 2011* graciously provided by Sammy Jo.



PC NEWS ALERT

It has been brought to our attention that Navajo Kid recently had business in northern Alabama, during which he made a 160 mile round trip detour to stop off at the *Ambush at Cavern Cove* range to pick up the trophies won by our Panhandle Cowboys and other local friends. The trophies will be available for pickup/presentation at our November match. The “Spirit of the Game” manifests itself both on and off the range. A “Spirit of the Game” salute goes to Navajo Kid....and "Thanks, Pard".



More pictures in the next **GAZETTE**.



ADIOS

This is about it for this time cowboys and cowgirls. Be Safe and Shoot Straight.

