

# THE LONG RIDERS, INC.

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## From The Trail Boss Loco Poco Lobo

It was a beautiful day in the Long Riders' neighborhood on April 27<sup>th</sup>. It was nice to see everyone back out on the range after a long winter's break.

The shoot went extremely well. As Raunchy Rick said, we started only 5 minutes late and it was due to good teamwork. Thanks to everyone for helping! The scenario signs were well received and several Long Riders remarked that they had printed out the scenarios and layouts ahead of time to get familiar with the course of fire.

After 3 full scenarios, the Long Range, and cleanup, the group "retired" to the clubhouse to enjoy the fine and plentiful vittles that everyone brought for the Potluck kickoff. Someone either fell asleep afterwards or made a nice donation to the club because they forgot to claim their 50/50 prize. If you have winning ticket number 570941 and would like to collect your half of the take, please contact me.

Since we were looking for a Newsletter Editor, Death Nell said she would prefer to perform that job instead of Treasurer. We were in luck because a new non-shooting member, Calamity Jane, volunteered to be our treasurer and we all know what happens when you volunteer! Thanks Death Nell and Calamity Jane.

If you are reading this newsletter online, thank you for helping us save money on paper and postage. I heard the price of stamps is going up again and unfortunately, it is not going to the Pony Express riders like Nawlins Kid or Pembleton Paul. If you do not have the equipment or your "telegraph line" is way too slow to get this electronically, don't worry, you will just get the news a couple of days later than the rest of your posse.

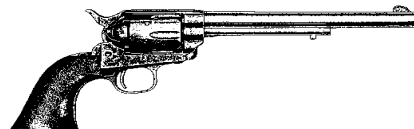
One of our Long Rider members mentioned that their "partner in crime" only likes to shoot .22 rifle. This thought was brought to the Vile Bunch and discussed. We have concluded that if a Long Rider would like to guide their Long Rider Non-Shooting partners at lunchtime, they could shoot. It would be part of our "plinking at lunchtime" activities.

As promised at the annual meeting, I will start describing the process that the Vile Bunch follows to get ready for the Annual 3-Day Shoot. We always kick things off by soliciting the membership for the theme at the Annual Membership meeting. At the first official Vile Bunch meeting of the Long Riders calendar year, we discuss the initial logistics of the long weekend (vendor for tent, potty purveyor, caterer details, etc.). Then we discuss the invitations, including guest invites to our friends from far away, gun raffle/door prize purchases, and vendor solicitations (154 solicitations were sent out in 2007).

Well, I think you have heard enough from me for this month. As always, if you have a suggestion, question, or comment, please drop me a line via email or give me a call. Don't forget to check out the website (<http://www.long-riders.org/>) if you haven't had a chance.

See you out on the range!  
L.P.L.

## 2008 SHOOTING SCHEDULE



May 25  
July 27  
September 28

June 22  
August 22, 23, 24  
October 26

Registration:	8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.
Safety meeting:	9:15 A.M.
Commence shooting	9:30 A.M.



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## **Foreman's Report Raunchy Rick**

Howdy,

Well the '08 season started off with great weather and a great bunch of folks. There were 23 shooters, which allowed us to have 2 posses. We had said that we needed a minimum of 6 people per posse, but the folks on the short posse (5) pitched in and rotated through jobs so that they could all shoot in a timely fashion. Sounds like there was some real team work there! We were able start shooting at 9:35, five minutes late, but not too bad compared to last year's late starts.

The Saturday set-up went extremely well with eleven workers: Lone Flyer, South Dakota Slim, Cactus Jack, Sandy Steel, William Clemnos, Fuller Beans, Badfingers, Nawlins Kid, Jeremiah Grimm, and Loco Poco Lobo. Thanks folks! Jeremiah Grimm did a great job of writing up the scenarios and laying out the stages. Thanks to him and William Clemnos for putting up the scenario signs at the shoot.

This month, we will return to shooting four stages plus the long range. Weather permitting, we will also allow more than one gun to be shot on the long range. I think everyone had a good time, and again thanks to a good team, tear-down was completed in about 30 to 40 minutes. By the way, the food was great and sure hit the spot! Hope to see you all this month.

**Raunchy Rick**

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## Safety Officer's Report Nawlins Kid

Howdy Pardes,

It was a mighty fine day to do some shootin'. After a long winter, we finally got out to shoot for the first time, which brought a lot of smiles to the Long Riders who were present. Them darn villains scurried out of town pronto with all the lead flying their way!

### Safety Rule Change:

The Vile Bunch has made a new rule change. After shooting a derringer or pocket pistol, the shooter will lay the unopened gun down, facing downrange.

Hope to see down the trail at the next shoot!

Nawlins Kid

### **WANTED:**

A "cooper" who could repair our shotgun shell buckets or lead us to a source for replacements.



## From the Editor

Howdy, Y'all. I'm doing my civic duty as Newsletter Editor. Hope I will do a good job for all of you and not make too many mistakes! Let me know if there is anything you would like to see, and I will try to accommodate your requests.

See ya on the field!

Death Nell

## Get Yer Guns... and Ammo

For the May shoot, you will need:  
20 Pistol, or 40 for 2-gun shooters  
34 Pistol Caliber Rifle for main stages  
20 Shotgun  
Rifle Caliber (optional) - 8  
Pocket Pistol/Derringer - 2 or 4  
Long Range (optional) - 10 or 5 pistol

No Reloads

## FOR SALE:

**9mm used brass**, cleaned, \$4 per hundred

**.223 brass**, cleaned, \$7 per hundred mixed headstamp

**Wolf Match Target brick of .22LR, 40grain**, \$50 per brick of 500 (2 avail)

**Hornady #3147 7.62 x 39mm bullets**, new in box, \$12 per hundred (3 boxes avail)

**Hornady #30801 .308 168gr HPBT match bullets**, \$15 per hundred rd box (1 box avail)

**Hornady \$45200 .45 cal XTP**, one box of 100, \$18

**Hornady #32050 .32 cal 85gr XTP** 1 box avail, \$12 per box of 100

**Hornady #2249, .22 cal 52gr HPBT match**, 3 boxes available, \$15 per box of 100

**Winchester .38 SPL brass**, new in 100 rd bags, 2 bags avail, \$13 per bag, \$25 for both

**Rem 12gs "slugger" slugs**, \$1.00 per box of 5 rds, \$5 for 6 boxes (8 boxes avail)

**MTM 50-rd ammo boxes** for .44 mag/,45 colt, 2 x 100rd boxes \$2 each, 8 x 50rd box \$1 each (mixed colors)

**1# H322 powder**, \$15

**Replica folding German "paratrooper" knife**, \$10

**Remington 597 rifle**, .22mag, rifle sights, grey laminate stock, manual and original box, 2 mags \$210

### Non-gun items:

**4 rolls Woodland Scenics Plaster Cloth**, \$5 per roll (new in bags)

**1970 proof set**, San Francisco mint, slimline case \$10

See or e-mail Scenario Hand - Jeremiah Grimm.  
\*\*Will consider trades for guns\*\*

# **POSSE LEADER – JOB DESCRIPTION**

The posse leader is responsible for leading all of the shooters on his posse safely through a monthly match.

## **Specific Responsibilities**

The posse leader attends the “Posse Walk Through” with the Match Director before the required safety meeting.

The posse leader is responsible for “recruiting” members of his or her posse by calling out their names (aliases) as scribed by the Trail Hand. They solicit the individual posse members to perform assignments throughout the match. The assignments are:

## **Loading table**

- Inspect the shooter’s rounds for high primers
- Ensure the shooter loads the correct number of rounds into their pistol(s), derringer, and rifle as appropriate to the scenario
- Check to make sure the shooter has the correct number of shotgun shells and reload rounds.

## **Unloading table**

- Ensure that all the shooter’s firearms, including derringer/pocket pistol, are clear and no squibs are present

## **Timer**

- Ensure that the shooter understands the course of fire
- Ensure that the shooter has their firearms properly staged
- Operate the timing device
- Watch/listen for squib loads or firearm malfunctions
- Help guide the shooter through the course of fire in a safe manner

## **Scorekeeper**

- Keep the posse moving by calling out the lineup of shooters
- Record the scores, time, misses, bonuses, and procedurals for each stage

## **Counters**

- Count the shooter’s misses
- Watch for any procedurals

## **Brass Picker / Target Reset**

- Pick up the shooter’s brass and shotgun hulls
- Ensure that the shooting area is clear for the next shooter
- Deposit retrieved spent rounds and dropped live rounds at the unloading table
- Reset any necessary targets such as pepper poppers or pigeon/rabbit throwers

The Posse Leader reads the stage to his posse before they shoot the scenario. He or she will answer any questions or address safety concerns.

For the match, the posse leader keeps the posse moving through the scenarios by ensuring smooth assignment transitions between the working and shooting posses to make the match a safe, enjoyable time for all.

## Tom O'Folliard, Billy The Kid's Best Friend



Born in Uvalde, Texas in 1858, his family moved to Monclova, Coahuila, Mexico while Tom was an infant. His parents died of smallpox and Tom was brought back to Uvalde by his uncle. Over the years he was shifted from aunt to uncle to grandmother.

He left Texas with a friend in 1878, and headed to New Mexico. They arrived in Lincoln County in May or June.

Tom (nobody knows what happened to his friend) joined the Regulators, the supporters of Alexander McSween in the Lincoln County War. (It's possible that he had rustled some cattle belonging to a Murphy-Dolan supporter, and Tom joined the McSween side because of that.) At this time he met William Bonney. Billy taught Tom how to shoot and they became fast friends. Tom worshiped Billy. He would hold the horses, when Billy would visit one of his senioritas; even if he had to wait half the night for Billy to return.

Tom survived the five-day battle at the McSween house in July, 1878. Billy, Tom, and three others made a break for it. One of the five, Harvey Morris, was shot during the escape. Supposedly Tom stopped to help Harvey, and was wounded in the shoulder for his efforts. Harvey didn't make it.

In September, 1878, Billy, and what was left of the Regulators, raided the ranch of Charles Fritz. They stole 15 horses and 150 head of cattle. They drove the livestock to Tascosa, Texas, and sold them.

There Tom almost got into an altercation with another man while playing cards. Billy diffused the situation before any shots were fired. The Regulators disbanded at this time, and Billy and Tom rode back to New Mexico.

In April Tom and another man were indicted for the raid on the Fritz ranch. They were offered amnesty by Gov. Lew Wallace, and accepted it.

When the Rustlers were formed in the fall of 1879, Tom became Billy's second-in-command.

In late 1880, an informant told Pat Garrett where the Rustlers could be found. Garrett and his deputies waited for them in the old hospital building at Fort Sumner. (The wife of Charlie Bowdre, one of the Regulators, lived there at the time.) Billy and his gang rode up to the hospital. Garrett and his deputies were ready. When the gang approached, Garrett yelled at them to halt and told them to raise their hands. The gang immediately wheeled their horses to make a getaway. Tom, who had been riding at the front, turned his horse and reached for his gun. He was shot in the chest by Garrett or one of his deputies. He made it about 100 yards, but could go no farther. He rode back and surrendered.

They carried Tom into the house, put him on the floor, and covered him with a blanket. The deputies went back to playing cards. After about 45 minutes, Tom asked for a drink of water. He was given one, shuddered, and died. The date was December 19, 1880. Tom was 22 years old.

Garrett described Tom as "something of a gun expert", at least in his own mind. He also said that Tom was of "medium height and dark complexion, and of no great amount of mental capacity." Susan McSween described him as "good natured" and "full of fun." Newspaper accounts after his death said that he was about 5'8" and weighed about 175 lbs. He has also been described as over 6 feet and red-haired.

He is buried in the cemetery at Fort Sumner in the same plot as Charlie Bowdre and Billy the Kid.