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"We put the fun in Cowboy Action Shooting"

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From The Trail Boss Loco Poco Lobo

The 3 Day Shoot was hot – literally and figuratively!

We had a good shooter turnout and all the planned events went well.

As communicated in the last newsletter, we did not lay out the 3 Day raffle items or accept money/tickets for them until lunchtime. This worked extremely well and enabled us to shoot on time and finish shooting the stages at a decent hour. A special thank you goes out to **Kalamity Jeanne, Calamity Janet, Lucky Lady, and Betty Lannon (Billy Dixon's better half)**. These ladies setup the raffles and auction with little help from me and accepted your money for raffle tickets. Since the replies for 3 Day vendor donations were light this year, the **VILE BUNCH** purchased 2 Beikirch's Gift Certificates for \$50 each. These denominations were determined after estimating our costs and looking at the income from registrations.

One of our great sources of revenue this year was the donations from **LONG RIDERS** members. A couple of registered shooters could not attend and declined refunds. Several shooters donated money and other donated raffle and auction items. The various raffles and the auction brought in additional funds. The **VILE BUNCH** and **LONG RIDERS** would also like to recognize the **Laredo Kid** and **Lethal Lou** for generously turning their 50/50 raffle winnings back over to the club. Thanks guys!

The door prizes this year were handsome knives with leather sheaths. The lucky winners were **Pup** and **Bum Thumb**. The gun raffle was a Harrington & Richardson 45/70 Rifle which was won by **Johnny Whitefeather**. Congratulations gentlemen.

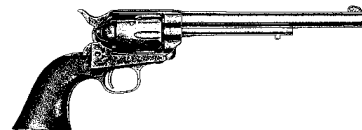
Well, fall is nearly here and it is time to renew our memberships and start planning for next year. At the annual meeting in February of this year, the club voted to increase the dues. Please find enclosed or in the "Membership Info" section of the website the 2009 Membership application. Also, if you would like to help the club by serving in some capacity, please let me know.

If you have any feedback on the 3 Day Shoot or anything else, please feel free to contact one of the **VILE BUNCH** members.

See you out on the range!

L.P.L.

2008 SHOOTING SCHEDULE



September 22	October 27
Registration:	8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.
Safety meeting:	9:15 A.M.
Commence shooting	9:30 A.M.

Get Yer Guns... and Ammo

For the September Shoot, you will need:
20 Pistol, or 40 for 2-gun shooters
33 Pistol Caliber Rifle for main stages
Rifle caliber (optional): 8, replaces 8 pistol caliber rounds
20 Shotgun
Long Range (Optional): 10 rifle of caliber of choice, 5 handgun
Up to 4 for Derringer or Pocket Pistol
** There are **no reloads** for September **



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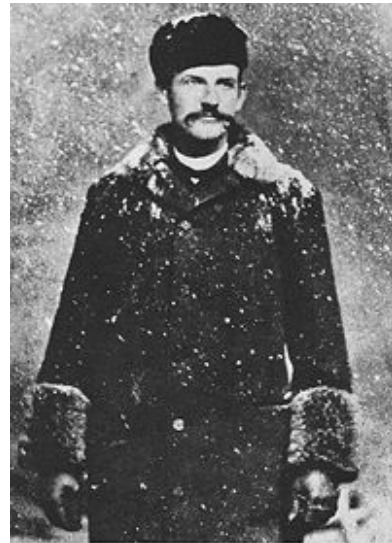
Shortsville Rod & Gun Liaison: **Lefty**

CONGRATULATIONS to
Knife Door Prizes – **Pup and Bum Thumb**

50/50 – **Laredo Kid and Lethal Lou**

45/70 – **Johnny Whitefeather**

3-Day Shoot Prize Winners!!



OLD WEST FEATURE STORY

ALIAS FRANK CANTON

Many individuals in the Old West worked on one side of the law and then the other during their lives. Some actually worked on both sides at the same time.

(One of the latter was Henry Brown, the marshal of Caldwell, Kansas. In 1884 along with three confederates, including his deputy, he tried to rob a bank in nearby Medicine Lodge. They botched the job - they got no money and killed two bank employees. They were captured within hours and failed to live out the day. But, I digress.)

One of those that rode on both sides of the law at different times was Frank Canton. Canton was born Joseph (possibly Josiah) Horner on September 15, 1849, near Richmond, Virginia. His family moved to Texas after the Civil War.

Horner became a cowboy and worked the trail herds from northern Texas to the railheads in Kansas in the late 1860's.

However, in 1871 he started robbing banks and rustling cattle. In 1874 he got into a saloon brawl with some U. S. Cavalrymen. He killed one and wounded another and shot his way out of town.

He was arrested for bank robbery in 1877, but escaped the custody of the Texas Rangers. He returned to herding cattle and took a herd to Nebraska, where he changed his name to Frank Canton and gave up his outlaw ways.

Later Canton hired on as a stock detective with the Wyoming Stock Growers Association (WSGA), a group of wealthy cattlemen intent upon driving out all of the small ranchers and farmers. He ran his own ranch and was also elected sheriff of Johnson County.

He married in 1885 and had two daughters, one of whom died in early childhood.

Resigning his job as sheriff, he went back to work for the WSGA. At the same time he was working as a U. S. Deputy Marshal - possibly enforcing the law as the cattleman saw fit.

During the Johnson County War, Canton was one of Frank Wolcott's Regulators, a group of over fifty gunmen hired by the cattlemen to rid the county of settlers. (Considering the theme of the three-day shoot, this article should have been in the last newsletter.) In April 1892, Canton led a raid on the KC Ranch. Two men at the ranch were killed. One of them, Nate Champion, had been a friend of Canton's. Several days after the raid, the Regulators were cornered at the TA Ranch by Sheriff Angus, a friend of Champion's. Luckily for the Regulators, the cavalry arrived and saved them.

Murder charges were dropped when the Regulators won a change of venue to a more sympathetic court in Cheyenne.

Later, while still working for the WSGA, Canton was involved in a clash between the cattlemen and Cattle Kate that resulted in Kate's lynching. Soured

by the incidents with Champion and Kate, Canton left the WSGA.

He moved to Oklahoma, and later became a U.S. Marshal, serving under Judge Isaac Parker, working out of Fort Smith, Arkansas. He helped wipe out Bill Doolin's gang and outdrew and killed the sharpshooting desperado, Bill Dunn. Some of his tenure was spent working with such well known lawmen as Heck Thomas, Chris Madsen, and Bill Tilghman.

In 1897 when gold was discovered in Alaska, Frank went north. Instead of panning, though, he became a Deputy U. S. Marshal. Reportedly, he cleaned up the wild town of Dawson.

He returned south in 1907 and became the Adjutant Governor for the Oklahoma National Guard.

Eventually he sought an audience with the governor of Texas. Canton confessed that he was really Joe Horner. The governor, taking into account his years as a lawman, pardoned him. Canton chose to keep his alias for the rest of his life.

Frank Canton died in 1927 at the age of 78.



Foreman's Report Raunchy Rick

Well, another great shoot is under our gun belt ! It was a little on the hot side but it was dry. Because of the heat, we had a few shooters drop out which was the smart thing to do. Water seemed to be a problem. So, we will purchase another 5 gal. cooler and have two on the firing line and one at the pavilion. We are also considering the purchase of folding canopies to placed down by the firing line. The only drawback is that these canopies can't be set-up until Sunday morning. This would require help from folks who come earlier Sunday morning before the shoot, to set up these canopies while finalizing the regular set-up. This would be a real benefit and it shouldn't be a problem because of the great bunch of folks we have in our club.

Set-up on Thursday was completed by **S.D. Slim, Preskit Compadre, Rios, Badfinger, Bristol Bisley, Swisher, Lefty, Cactus Jack, Jeremiah Grimm, Fuller Beans, L.P.L., Nawlins Kid, M.C. Walker, and R.R.** A special thanks to **Badfinger** and **Jeremiah** for providing their trucks and trailers for both set-up and tear-down. We owe a debt of gratitude to all these pards who pitched in to "get it done".

Again, the long range remains very popular. The part that really is not used very often is the option of 22 pistol targets. We will keep it in place in case there are more folks interested in trying it.

We could use any and all feedback you may have that could improve our shoots. This year we have been able to get started pretty much on time, which was one of our goals. Remember this is YOUR club, so we need to have your input.

Looking forward to seeing you in September.

R. R.



Safety Officer's Report Nawlin's Kid

Howdy Pards,

Although the 3 Day Shoot was very hot, everyone had a good time. I would like to thank all the shooters who participated and made my job very easy. There were very few gun malfunctions and no safety issues!

Safety Tip of the Month

When reloading, keep your attention focused on the task. This will prevent squib loads.

Hope to see down the trail.

Nawlin's Kid

