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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 4/20/11 – 1st CKR Practice Night of the season (see below)
- 4/30/11 – SASS RO I and RO II Training (see below)
- 5/11/11 – CKR Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 5/14/11 – CKR Setup for Monthly Shoot, 9 AM
- 5/15/11 – CKR Monthly Shoot

NOTES FROM THE TRAIL BOSS

Well, we started a new cowboy season on April 17th, but the weather just wouldn't give us a good sign. When we got to the club, the sun was out and it looked good, but about 20 minutes later, the weather went bad. The wind came up, the sun went away, and the temperature took a nosedive. We had a few people leave before we even shot. We had 62 shooters stay to start shooting, but by lunch time, we lost a few more. That is okay because we would rather they leave than stay and not be safe and have something terrible happen. That is the great thing about cowboy shooting... the cowboys care.

We had many shooters come from other states to join us for our monthly shoot. It was great to see you all. I know some of

you came to get signed up for Heluva Rukus. Some of you came to get practice before the Vermont State or Pennsylvania State shoot. We were told that the Tri-State shoot still has some openings, and the Long Island shoot is starting to take registrations for their shoot as well.

I am sure you had a good time dusting off your guns and hopefully getting yourself ready for the cowboy season. Rowdy Bill makes some interesting scenarios, but he could always use some help. If you have any ideas of something you would like to shoot or see done, I am sure Rowdy can do something with any ideas. Give him a call or drop him an e-mail and let him know. Maybe he could use them for the Rukus.

And speaking of the Rukus, by the time you get this, I'm sure it will be full. We are glad for those who made it in this year, but sadder for those who didn't make it. We hope to see you all at the Rukus and throughout the cowboy season, whether it is at our shoot or yours or even someone else's.

Thanks again for your support, and always remember -- in cowboy shooting, everyone shoots and everyone works.

See ya on the Trail.

Smokehouse Dan

APRIL MONTHLY SHOOT

Ok, so even though the calendar said April 17th, it didn't feel quite like spring out there. In fact, when that wind came whipping through, it was downright COLD! But who really cared? Hmmm... Actually, I guess a few did 'cause they packed up and went home before the shooting even began at our first monthly match of 2011. But before they headed out, they made sure to take care of one thing – they all turned in their Heluva Rukus applications. In fact, I'm not really sure how many folks came to shoot and how many came just to guarantee a place in Rukus 2011! With a total of 63 shooters turning in a total of 75 HR applications... Well, you do the math! But the truly important thing was that we were all back together again, slinging lead and having fun, and that's what CAS is all about.

The shooters were treated to some fairly challenging stages this month. Guess Rowdy Bill wanted to get everyone broken in quickly this year! With lots

of "Shooter's Choices" as to how to complete the stages, everyone had to use their heads, as well as their hands, if they wanted to shoot the stages fast and efficiently. There seemed to be more misses and "Ps" than normal, probably attesting to most folks' rustiness after a long, hard winter without CAS. But fear not, the season has just begun, and there'll be plenty of opportunities to throw lead and hone those CAS skills over the next several months.

Meanwhile, congrats to the following cowpokes who remained standing when the smoke cleared this month:

TOP GUN – JAMES S. PIKE

Classic Cowboy – Travis

Spencer

Cowboy – Irish Parson Paul

Duelist – Gun E. Bear

Elder Statesman – Buck

Bozeman

FC Duelist – Whiskey Brooks

49rs/L 49rs – Annabelle

Bransford

Frontier Cartridge/L FC –

Kate Cartwright

Frontiersman – Doc McCoy

Gunfighter – Chelsea Kid

Senior – Dealin Justice

Silver Senior – Hardcase Bob

Wrangler – James S. Pike

Young Gun – Snazzy McGee

Ladies Gunfighter – Emma

Goodcook

Ladies Senior – Calico Jan

Ladies Silver Sr – May Rein

Ladies Wrangler – Appaloosa

Amy

Clean Shooters – Buck Wilder,

Coulombe US Marshal, Feany

Valentine, John S. Books, K. D.

Wales

Annabelle Bransford

CKR PRACTICE NIGHTS

The CAS practice nights are now back in full swing with one difference – they're on **WEDNESDAYS** this year. All CKR members and new CAS shooters / prospective CKR members are invited to join us from 5-7 PM each Weds. This is a great opportunity to ask questions, improve your CAS skills, get familiar with new firearms, or test your ammo. Also, these sessions may occasionally be combined with CKR work nights or meetings if there are things that need to be done or discussed, props that need to be repaired, etc.

SASS RO TRAINING

Annabelle Bransford and Rowdy Bill will be conducting their annual SASS RO I and II training at the CKR (**in the scoring shack out back**) on Sat., April 30th. RO I will run from 9AM – 12:30 PM and is **STRONGLY** encouraged for **ALL** SASS members/new CAS shooters. RO II will run from 1 – 4:30 PM and is for SASS members who have taken/passed RO I and have participated in CAS matches for a minimum of 6 months. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Annabelle no later than April 26th. All CKR members are eligible to attend this training for **FREE**, as are non-members who have passed the course previously and are just taking this as a refresher. The cost for new students who are not CKR members is \$10

for RO I, \$25 for RO II, payable at time of training.

COWBOY KLAYS

Tentatively Scheduled Cowboy Klays Shoots for 2011 are:

- May 7th (Saturday)
- July 4th (Monday) -
Followed by a cookout at Dude's house for the shooters and their families (RSVP)
- July 30th (Saturday)
- August 27th (Saturday)
- October 10th (Monday, Columbus Day)

If you plan on attending any of these shoots, please email me at theodb1897@hotmail.com. I will also be sending out a reminder about a week before each shoot.

The shoots will be held at the Philmont Rod and Gun Club at the upper club property (contact me for directions), and the shoots will begin at 9:30 AM. There are 50 birds per round shot from 13 different locations. The cost is \$12.50 per round. We prefer cowboy shotguns and cowboy attire. This year one regular cowboy stage with shotgun targets and a bird popper will be available for practice at no additional cost. Generally, we shoot 2 rounds and finish around 2:00 PM. Facilities at the property are primitive. For additional information, contact The Dude Bandit at the above email address.

Dude

CKR WINNERS AT OTHER MAJOR SHOOTS

Needless to say, there haven't been many big shoots in the past few months – at least not around these parts. BUT there was one major competition (The Last Stand, **SASS Florida State Championship**) in early January that was attended by a few CKR members. The weather was great this year, and the stages and props were super!

A big congratulations to **James Samuel Pike** who took TOP GUN overall (out of 264 shooters)! Both he and **Rowdy Bill** made it into the Top Gun Shootoff (top 32 shooters) and returned home with a coveted “Survivor of the Last Stand” badge. Pike finished 1st in Wrangler class; Rowdy was 1st in Silver Senior (and clean!), and **Annabelle Bransford** managed to pull a 5th in Ladies 49r. Way to go, folks!

HELUVA RUKUS 2011

The big mailing went out, the registrations came flying back in, and voila – we were (over)filled in less than one week. Amazing!

With so many registered shooters, we'll need a lotta help, so please do your part. First, sign up for a committee (or 2 or 3). Committees include:

- Main Stage ROs
- Side Event ROs
- Setup (Thurs)
- Tear-down (Mon)
- Registration Table
- Door Prize Table

- Range Maintenance
- Props
- Scoring (non-shooters).

You may sign up at a CKR meeting or shoot or by contacting Annabelle (via phone: 518-877-7834 or email: annabelle69@juno.com). Then do what you can to help us obtain stage/side event sponsors, vendors and door prize contributors. Contact Lone Star Jake (kardman23@aol.com or 518-399-3709) if you need sponsor/vendor registration forms or sample letters soliciting for door prizes.

Happy Trails!