

For Information Call:

Smokehouse Dan (518) 885-3758 Annabelle Bransford (518) 877-7834

Published by the Circle K Regulators for Cowboy Action Shooting in the Capital District

AUGUST 2011

DATES TO REMEMBER

8/31/11 – Last CKR Practice Night of the Year, 5-7 PM 9/5/11 – Cowboy Klays 9/6/11 – HR Shooters Packet Stuffing (clubhouse), 7 PM 9/10/11 – HR Range Cleanup Day, 9 AM 9/15/11 – HR Setup Day, 9 AM 9/16-18/11 – Heluva Rukus!!! 9/19/11 – HR Teardown Day, 9 AM

NOTES FROM THE TRAIL BOSS

Sunday, Aug. 21st, was less than one month before HELUVA RUKUS 2011. We were still trying out new things and making adjustments to props and targets. We had 59 shooters, including a couple of folks new to cowboy shooting. It's good to see that we still have interest in our sport. The weather wasn't the best. We had some rain, thunder, and lightning. Luckily, it was short and shooting continued. We had a new mission put up with a bell and everything, as well as a moving target on a train track complete with a water tower. We used our new swinging target again with help from Big Bad Bob. We also had a new medicine wagon to shoot through. After all was done, there were still some minor adjustments to be made, but with Rukus coming up fast, we will make it happen.

reminder those Α to interested.... In Oct. and Nov., we will shoot 4 Wild Bunch stages on the Sat. afternoon of setup for our monthly shoots. Those who come to help with setup will get a reduced fee for shooting. Others may come and shoot after setup is complete for the regular fee. If this is well received, we will more than likely continue it from April on in 2012.

Please come to HELUVA RUKUS 2011, even if you're a new shooter and did not register to shoot. Tell your friends, and bring your family. It is free to the public to visit. We will have 18+ vendors on site selling cowboy wares. We will also have 300 + shooters. You will see the best shooters from the Northeast. If you want to know more about Cowboy Action Shooting, you need to come to this event. We will also have the archery novelty shoot held on the practice range in the woods between the main clubhouse and the pavilion. This will be from 10 am to 2 pm on Sat. and Sun. of HR weekend. You may bring your bow, or they have equipment there for you to use. This is open to all shooters and visitors alike. Please enjoy the club and what it has to offer.

706 Geyser Rd. Ballston Spa, New York 12020

FYI – We have two loading blocks, a pair of gloves, and some safety glasses in the Lost and Found. See Doe Dancer on any of these items.

Thank you.

Smokehouse Dan

AUG. MONTHLY SHOOT

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend our monthly shoot on Aug. 21st, so I can't ramble on too much about it here. But I do know that the weather was not the greatest (hot, wet, and generally not comfy), and I know that a lot of new and different things were tested out to make sure they functioned properly prior to use in Heluva Rukus next month. There were a couple of new interactive props, including Big Bad Bob Wheels!) (thanks, and beautiful medicine wagon (thanks, Yukon Mike and Peppy Star!). The new mover (on "railroad tracks") was used, as well as the (almost) new swinging target. The gorgeous new mission (thanks, Always Willin'!) was used for the first time as well. Yeah, there's a little tweaking to be done, but all-in-all, things worked out okay. Many thanks to ALL those who have been working so hard to get these new "goodies" ready for Rukus! When the rain – uh, smoke – finally cleared and the day drew to a close, the following cowpokes were left standing. Congrats to:

TOP GUN – Quaker Hill Bill Classic Cowboy – Travis Spencer **Cowboy** – Happy Holiday **Duelist** – Smilin' Pete Elder Statesman – Rattlesnake **FC Duelist** – Whiskey Brooks Frontier Cart./Ladies FC -Kate Cartwright (you go, girl!) **Gunfighter** – Smokehouse Dan **49r** – Abe the Crippler Senior – Always Willin' **Silver Senior** – Rowdy Bill Senior Duelist – Peddler Jack Wrangler – Quaker Hill Bill Ladies 49r – Babs Logan **Ladies Senior** – Violet Cassidy **Ladies Wrangler** – Appaloosa

Young Gun Girl – Snazzy McGee

Clean Shooters – Appaloosa Amy, Peddler Jack, Black Hawk Ike, The Capgun Kid, Porcupine Kid

Annabelle Bransford

COWBOY KLAYS

There will be a Cowboy Klays shoot on Labor Day, **Mon., September 5th**, at the Philmont Rod and Gun Club upper property starting at 9:30 AM. For information, contact The Dude Bandit at theodb1897@hotmail.com. The

cost is \$12 per round of 50 birds. Bring extra shells.

HR PACKET STUFFING

Tues., Sept 6th, at 7:00 PM, we will stuff the shooters' packets for Heluva Rukus. This is a major undertaking, so we can use a lot of help! We'll be putting labels on over 300 envelopes and filling them with the Shooters Handbook, a name badge, dinner tickets, brochures received from our sponsors and vendors, etc. Then we'll be alphabetizing them into boxes for registration. It should only take an hour or so, and it's actually quite fun – a whirlwind of activity in the clubhouse as a dozen or more people work in assembly-line fashion. Please come and lend a hand!

CKR PRACTICE NIGHTS

Just a reminder that the last CKR practice night of the season will be on Weds., Aug. **31st**. A couple of new shooters were brought into the fold this summer and were given a lot of sound advice and good tips on equipment, CAS shooting techniques and safety. Other more experienced shooters took advantage of the opportunity to hone their skills or to try out new guns or ammo. Many thanks to Rowdy Bill (and his Annabelle) assistant. holding these weekly sessions for our club members. Practice nights will resume next spring.

OOPS!

Apologies for an omission in the July newsletter. Bear Camp's clean shoot at the SASS New England Regional was inadvertently left out. Way to go, Bear Camp!

SEE YOU ALL AT HELUVA RUKUS 2011!