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DATES TO REMEMBER

8/22/12 – Last CKR Practice Night of the season 8/29/12 – HR Shooters Packet Stuffing, 7:00 PM 9/9/12 – HR Range Cleanup Day 9/12/12 – HR Setup Day, 9 AM 9/13/12 – HR Setup Day, 9 AM 9/14-16/12 – Heluva Rukus!!! 9/17/12 – HR Teardown Day, 9 AM

AUG. CKR ROUGH RIDERS MATCH

A total of 9 folks participated in this month's Rough Riders match, including a couple who were new to the sport. match was a bit late getting started due to so much going on at the range in preparation for Heluva Rukus. But they did eventually manage to complete 4 action-packed stages (thanks, Dude!). The weather was awesome, which certainly made things go easier. And the guys even got to do something never done at the CKR before - kick down TWO doors on one stage. Pretty cool! When all was said and done, Rowdy Bill was the Top Gun Overall and 1st in the Modern Category with Jess Lucky taking honors in the Traditional Class. Congrats!

AUG. CKR CAS MATCH

We had a fantastic turnout for month's shoot whopping 75 shooters! Were they there because of the incredibly perfect shooting weather, or were they just trying to get a preview of the kinds of things Heluva Rukus might have to offer this year? matter the reason, it was great to see so many people there having fun and slinging lead with their pards. Thanks to Rowdy for coming up with 6 new and different stages. The gang got an opportunity to shoot thru Yukon Mike's new hearse for the first time this month. What a cool prop, and it worked without a hitch (after a bit of tweaking on setup day). The shotgun blanks used in conjunction with the activator target on the mine stage were nifty, too, treating shooters to a bang and puff of smoke as they released the swinging target. (Thanks, Wheels!) Another great thing about the shoot was having members of the local Boy Scouts there to pick brass all day. They did a wonderful job, saving us old-timers from a tedious (and backbreaking) task and helping to speed up the posses a great deal. It'll be super having them with us at Rukus this year!

Congrats to the following cowpokes who came out on top in this month's gunfight.

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TOP GUN – QUAKER HILL BILL

B-Western – Wyatt Hurts **Classic Cowboy** – Travis Spencer

Cowboy – Lonesome Sam Duelist – Sixgun Schwaby Elder Statesman – Rowdy Bill FC Duelist – Whiskey Brooks 49rs – Yukon Mike Frontier Cartridge – Heartless

Frontier Cartridge – Heartless Frontiersman – Stick-Man Tom

Gunfighter – The Dude Bandit Senior – Mean Dawg Loomis Senior Duelist – Peddler Jack Silver Senior – Black Jack Ed Wrangler – Quaker Hill Bill Young Gun Boy – Al B Crazy Cowgirl – Snazzy McGee Ladies Duelist – Three Barrel Chris

Ladies Wrangler – Appaloosa Amy

Ladies 49r – Annabelle Bransford

Ladies Silver Senior – Calico Jan

Grande Dame – May Rein Clean Shooters –Always Willin, Annabelle Bransford, Buck Bozeman, Lone Star Jake, Lonesome Trailsman, Malta Single Shot, Snazzy McGee

Annabelle Bransford

CKR WINNERS AT OTHER MAJOR MATCHES

The 7th Great Nor'easter, SASS New England Regional, was held in Pelham, NH, July 26-29. A total of 188 competitors participated in this year's event. Thankfully, the weather was much improved over last year. In fact, it might have been the nicest weather EVER at this event. There were several speed side matches, as well as a 3stage blast and a Wild Bunch mini-match on Thurs. Five main match stages were shot on Fri. and another five on Sat. The always exciting Men's and Ladies' Top Gun Shootoffs were held Sun. morning, followed by a timely awards ceremony and special raffles in the early afternoon. The theme this year was "Shady Ladies of the Old West", an interesting topic to say the least. The props were simple but adequate, and the stages were straightforward with reasonable size targets at reasonable distances and no "P" traps. There were a fair number of vendors on hand selling everything from custom cowboy hats to reloading supplies and gun leather. Klassic Laser Works was there making all manner of specialrequest badges. (Ask Annabelle how she earned her "You Can't Fix Stupid" badge!) There was also plenty of hot food and cold beverages available, thanks to Christina's Cantina and a local Boy Scouts group.

The CKR was well represented at the event. All 10 club members in attendance returned home bearing Regional buckles and/or nice wooden plaques –

quite an impressive showing! Congrats to:

Rowdy Bill – 1st Elder Statesman Sixgun Schwaby – 2nd Duelist **Three Barrel Chris** – 2nd Ladies Wrangler $\textbf{Annabelle Bransford} - 2^{nd}$ Ladies 49r (& clean) **J. T. Longfeather** – 2nd Ladies Silver Senior **Peddler Jack** – 3rd Senior Duelist **Renegade Roper** – 3rd Ladies Wrangler **Buck Dancer** – 4th Duelist **The Dude Bandit** – 4th Gunfighter **Big Sky Di** – 5th Ladies Wrangler

Also impressive was the fact that the 'Wild West Sweethearts' Ladies' Top Gun Shootoff was comprised of 25% CKR members! Congrats to Annabelle Bransford, Big Sky Di, Renegade Roper, and Three Barrel Chris for making it into this elite group.

Congrats as well to this year's SASS New England Regional Men's and Ladies' Champions, James Samuel Pike and Appaloosa Amy!

HR PACKET STUFFING

Weds., Aug. 29th, 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 approximately 325 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 kinda fun — a whirlwind of activity in the clubhouse with a dozen or more people working in assembly-line fashion. Please come and lend a hand! But don't walk off with a Shooters Handbook, or Annabelle will gun you down!

HELUVA RUKUS 2012

Things are in pretty good shape for HR '12, thanks to the efforts of a number of dedicated CKR members. Registration has topped out at an impressive 300 shooters, representing 18 states and Canada! The Buildings and Props Committee has gone way overboard again this year with some incredible and innovative ideas and props, the likes of will which you not see else ANYWHERE in the country - GUARANTEED! We still have a few things that need to be done prior to actual setup day, so be on the lookout for emails from Dude Bandit announcing work parties. Also, this year we will be starting setup day early with some of the stages being set up on the Weds. before Rukus. Help will be needed both Weds. and Thurs. for setup on the range and Fri. (all day) and Sat. (early morning) in the clubhouse for registration/door prize pickup. Please donate a little of your time to help out with the various chores required to make this the high quality shoot we are so noted for, won't you???