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DATES TO REMEMBER

8/6/10 – Deadline for HR '10 T-Shirt Orders (see article) 8/6/10 – Bowling Pin Shoot 8/10/10 – CKR Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM 8/14/10 – Work Day/Setup for CKR Monthly Shoot 8/15/10 – CKR Monthly Shoot 8/20/10 – Bowling Pin Shoot 8/31/10 – Last Practice Night of the year

NOTES FROM THE TRAIL BOSS

July's shoot was expected to be a hot one. It was. But at least the day was not as hot and humid as the 2 weeks prior. We still had 68 shooters come out. And we still managed to get new shooters and are still getting new people stopping by to look and see what cowboy shooting is all about. We had expected more shooters with the weekend next being Northeast Regional in NH. We hope all of the shooters going there have a great time and a safe trip.

Our shoot had some interesting target acquisitions. When reading the target sequences, sometimes people were confused. But once they were shown how it was to be done,

everyone seemed to do fine. Unfortunately, the heat did seem to take its toll on people and equipment, though.

At the morning safety meeting, we announced that we had a birthday girl. Now, not to be rude, we didn't ask how old she was, but she did say she couldn't wait for the first social security check. We also announced that James Samuel Pike had gone to EOT and placed 3rd overall. That is some fine shooting, and he also shot it clean. Renegade Roper won her class at the Massachusetts cowboy mounted shooting championship. She is starting a mounted shooting group here in our area. She has been working on it for a year already, so if you are interested, give her a shout.

We are still trying to finish some work on the ranges for HR 2010. We have had some great work parties and have gotten a great deal done when we are there. We have extended the pavilion 48 feet, which was done in 2 days. We have done a whole bunch of work on stage 1, Fort Misery. They hope to put some finishing touches on that stage as well. We will have 1 or 2 more work days in August to complete the rest of our work. There is an ATA

shoot on Sept. 12th, so we will have our HR range cleanup day Sat., Sept. 11th, instead of the 12th. Please keep this date open. We need to clean all the stages, mow the lawn, rake, trim and clean the whole club grounds before HR. Now, if you did not make it into HR, please... we can still use your help. There are things that have to be done during the shoot that our shooters cannot do. includes parking cars in the morning, putting ice and water out on ranges for the shooters, moving tables and chairs for Fri. and Sat. dinners and taking them down on Sun., setting up chairs for awards on Sunday, and helping at the registration table, the door prize table, and the information table. We have to have people re-set the stages Fri. night after side events, clean stages after Sat.'s stages, help set up the team shoot-off stage on Sun., etc. So, as you can see, you can still be a big part of HR. Besides, you will want to come and see the vendors. As of this date, we have 16 coming on site for the weekend.

Smokehouse Dan

JULY MONTHLY SHOOT

July 18th was warm (okay, borderline hot) and sunny with an occasional light breeze – a great day for a shoot. A total of 68 gunslingers joined in the fun, including a couple of new folks, several pards from our neighboring states of CT, VT, and MA and one pard all the way from AZ.

Things were busy at registration with HR T-shirt orders being taken and various raffle tickets being sold. Once out on the range, the shooters were faced with six action-packed and fairly challenging stages. fact, stages 1 and 2 must've particularly daunting been based on the number of procedurals! Rowdy Bill did indeed have some brain teaser target acquisitions on those stages, but it's good to give our brains a workout once in a while - keeps us all young, right?! ;-)

Anyway, when the smoke finally cleared and the day drew to a close, the following cowpokes were left standing. Congrats to:

TOP GUN – JAMES S. PIKE
B-W– The Dude Bandit
Classic Cowboy – Tom Payne
Cowboy/Cowgirl – Appalooosa
Amy
Duelist – Smilin' Pete
Elder Statesman – Frenchy
Wolf
FC Duelist – Sassparilla Will
Frontier Cartridge/Ladies FC
– Kate Cartwright
Frontiersman – Wheels
Cartwright
Gunfighter – Whiskey Brooks

49r/Ladies 49r - Annabelle Bransford **Senior** – Blackhands Silver Senior – Rowdy Bill **Sr Duelist** – Buck Bozeman Wrangler – James S. Pike **Ladies Duelist** – Shani M **Ladies Senior** – Calico Jan **Ladies Silver Sr** – May Rein Ladies Wrangler - Three **Barrel Chris** Clean Shooters – Blackhands (first clean match!), Buck Wilder, Flat Nose Drifter, Four Feathers, James S. Pike, and Whiskey Brooks Wild Bunch Side Event – K. D. Wales

Annabelle



Enthusiastic (?) CAS supporter, Doe Dancer, snoozes during the July shoot

COWBOY KLAYS

Cowboy Klays for July 10th got rained on again. It was just like last time; it rained on and off during the first round and then stopped by the second round. I should schedule these more often so we don't have these long dry spells. Despite the unpleasant weather, we had seven shooters come out to test their wet weather shooting skills and Annabelle, our scorekeeper for the day. Rowdy Bill came in as top shooter with a 31 in

the second round. Yukon Mike had the high score of 20 in the first round and then bettered that by 3 additional birds in the second round. However, that wasn't good enough as Peppy Star hit 25 in the second round, making her the second highest shooter of the day. Afraid of melting in the rain, Peppy did not shoot in the first round, so Mike's combined total put him second after Rowdy Bill for the day. (Sorry, Peppy.) Sassparilla Will turned in two 18s. Rounding out the field were The Dude Bandit, Soup Meat and Willie Misfire, whose scores we won't mention but who had great fun anyway. Thank you all for coming out in the bad weather. I'm looking for a date in August, depending on when the farmers need the rain.

The Dude Bandit

(Editor's Note: Peppy Star served as Trapper for round one and did a heluva job! The shooters were struggling just to keep up! Good job, Peppy! And, to Dude, thanks for all your work on this event. It is sincerely appreciated.)

CKR WINNERS AT MAJOR SHOOTS

The Great Nor'easter, the **SASS New England Regional**, was held in Pelham, NH, on July 22-25. A total of 225 shooters participated in the event, including a sizeable number from the CKR.

James S. Pike, Rowdy Bill, and Annabelle Bransford made it into the Top Gun Shootout with Pike taking Men's Top Gun. He also managed to win 5 of the 10 main stages, as well as the 3 stage "Squall" on side event day, and to be voted "Outstanding Posse Member" for his posse. Not too shabby!

Several other CKR members returned home victorious, too. Congrats to:

Rowdy Bill – 1st Silver Senior (and 9th overall)

Three Barrel Chris – 1st Ladies Wrangler

Renegade Roper – 2nd Ladies Wrangler

James S. Pike – 2nd Cowboy

Peddler Jack – 2nd Sr. Duelist

Blackhands – 3rd Senior

Annabelle – 3rd Ladies 49r

Kate Cartwright – 3rd Ladies Frontier Cartridge

Tom Payne – 4th Classic Cowboy

Sassparilla Will – 4th Frontier Cartridge

Wheels Cartwright – 5th Frontiersman

The Dude Bandit – 5th B-Western

Sixgun Schwaby – 6th Duelist Clean – Feany Valentine, Peddler Jack

HELUVA RUKUS T-SHIRTS

Just a reminder that HR 2010 T-shirt orders must be received by 8/6/10 in order to guarantee delivery in time for the Rukus. Pre-payment is required. Cost is \$15/shirt with any profits being donated to the SASS Scholarship Fund. Checks should be made payable to KF&G Club and mailed to: Debbie Myers, 8 Hidden Valley Lane, Ballston Lake, NY

12019, along with SASS alias and number of shirts and size(s) needed. These shirts run true to size and are available in adult sizes S-XXXL. They are nice quality heavy weight cotton with the CKR logo on the front (where a pocket would normally be) and "Heluva Rukus 2010, 10th Annual SASS New York State Championship" and a picture of our famous "town," Rukus Flats, on the back. The color is tan.





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HAPPY TRAILS!