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DATES TO REMEMBER

7/30/11 – CKR Work Day, 9:00 AM 8/17/11 – CKR Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM 8/20/11 – Setup for CKR Monthly Shoot & CKR Work Day, 9 AM 8/21/11 – CKR Monthly Shoot

NOTES FROM THE TRAIL BOSS

We are into July already, just two months before Heluva Rukus. Time is going by so fast. There is still a lot of work to do before Sept. Dude has a great bunch of people working for him to complete the jobs at hand. Rowdy has done another fine job with the scenarios for Sept. with new targets and different target acquisitions, along with some great new props.

At our July monthly shoot, we tried some new things – the swinging target for one. I heard comments that many people had a heluva time with that target. We only had 65 shooters this month. I thought we would have more considering the Great Nor'easter was the next weekend, but that's ok. The posses were small, which made

it easier to talk to everyone and not miss anyone to pick on.

Effective immediately, a few cowboys are going to set up a long range practice night. It will be held on the second and fourth Friday of the month from 5 PM - ? This is so people can get to sight-in and practice with their long range rifles before Sept., so stop by and have some fun. For more info, contact Jess Lucky at 518-664-5219.

Now don't forget the first and third Friday nights we shoot bowling pins at the club. It is \$5.00 to shoot all you want. It's a good chance to shoot your 1911 if you do the Wild Bunch shoot or if you want to shoot other handguns you might have.

And, of course, our regular CAS practice nights are still going on from 5-7 PM each Weds. night.

Meanwhile, if you're a little antsy for the Sept. shoot, drop Dude a line or call and he will tell you when the work days are. He will gladly put you to work and take the edge off because they work and they work hard these last few weeks before Rukus.

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JULY MONTHLY SHOOT

706 Geyser Rd. Ballston Spa, New York 12020

Ok, it was downright hot and humid at the July CKR shoot, that's just all there was to it. Nevertheless, 64 CAS diehards and one new Young Gun (Voodoo Kid) joined us for a sweaty but fun day of slingin' lead. As usual, Rowdy Bill had action-packed provided six stages, including one utilizing a new swinging target. (Many thanks to Wheels Cartwright for building the new mover. Great job!) We gave the new target a hefty workout at the shoot with each shooter firing 6 rounds of pistol and 6 rounds of rifle at it. The target held up nicely, but it sure did mess up a lot of folks'clean shoots!

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

TOP GUN – YUKON MIKE Classic Cowboy – Travis Spencer Cowboy – Happy Holiday

Duelist – Smilin' Pete **Elder Statesman** – Buck Bozeman

FC Duelist – Whiskey Brooks **Frontier Cartridge** – Irascible Curmudgeon

Gunfighter – Smokehouse Dan **49r** – Lone Star Jake **Senior** – Blackhands

Silver Senior – Rowdy Bill

Senior Duelist – Peddler Jack Wrangler – Yukon Mike **Young Gun** – Voodoo Child Ladies FC – Kate Cartwright **Ladies 49r** – Annabelle Bransford **Ladies Senior** – Calico Jan **Ladies Silver Senior** – May Rein **Ladies Wrangler** – Appaloosa **Grande Dame** – Dance Hall Anne **Clean Shooters** – Annabelle Bransford, Big Sky Di, K. B. Wales, Malta Single Shot, Travis Spencer

If all goes as planned, we'll be introducing yet another new moving target at the August shoot, so mark your calendar and plan on being there.

CKR WINNERS AT MAJOR SHOOTS

Fracas at Pemi Gulch, the SASS NH State Championship, was held in Holderness, NH, July 8-10, 2011. It was a pretty lightly attended match, with only 71 shooters participating, but there were still plenty of skilled competitors there. Side matches and a Wild Bunch mini-match kept folks occupied on Friday. Sat. activities consisted of six main match stages and a steak/pork loin dinner followed by Western movies in the clubhouse. Sun. there were four main match stages, the Top Gun Team Shootoff, and awards. The stages were varied everything from almost standand-deliver to running your little buns off. Two stages had rifle reloads (2 shots) for bonuses on small rifle targets WAY out there. Although there was a good bit of rain Fri. night, the weather for the shoot was sunny and pleasant.

Several CKR members were in attendance, and *ALL* of them put in a fine match, landing each and every one of 'em in the Top Gun Team Shootoff and sending 'em all home "packin' wood".

Congrats to CKR category winners:

Blackhands – 2nd Senior (4th overall)

Rowdy Bill – 1st Silver Senior (5th overall)

Three Barrel Chris – 1st
Ladies Wrangler (Top Lady
Shooter & 9th overall)
Buck Dancer – 1st Duelist
J. T. Longfeather – 1st Ladies

Senior **Annabelle Bransford** – 2nd

L49r

Annabelle Bransford

The Great Nor'easter, the SASS New England Regional, was held in Pelham, NH, July 21-24. Although there were originally 233 registered shooters, that number had decreased fairly substantially by the time the event was over. With the record-breaking heat they had, it's a wonder even more folks didn't drop out. I mean, really...who in their right mind pays good money to run around and/or work outside sweltering 100+ degree heat oppressive and humidity dressed in long sleeves, long pants and boots for over 5 hours a day just to shoot for a measly 150 or so seconds and MAYBE go home with a belt buckle or wooden plaque when all is said

and done? Sometimes I think we cowpokes really must be a little soft in the head. Ya gotta love the fact that the most popular memento from the shoot was a specially made badge that read "I SURVIVED THE GREAT NOR'EASTER 2011". Just ask Big Sky Di if you have any questions regarding hydration.

Somehow, despite the weather, folks seemed most thoroughly enjoy the event, although I don't think many hung around for the various evening festivities unless they were camping on site. Just too darn HOT and sticky! There were several speed accuracy side matches, as well as a 3-stage blast, a Wild Bunch event, and a Plainsman event 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. In my opinion, the stages were the best they'd ever had there, although I'd have to say they were a little lacking in props on a few. Others had some very nice props, including one stage which looked oddly familiar to anyone having attended HR '10 (remember our raft??) and a pretty cool double stage using a train. They did a fantastic job of keeping sufficient ice water on the range, a critical job under the circumstances. The large air-conditioned clubhouse was a god-send as well, giving shooters a comfortable place to cool down and relax. There were a fair number of vendors

on hand selling everything from second-hand CAS clothing and handcrafted jewelry to reloading supplies and gun leather. 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. Congrats to all of the following who proudly returned home bearing Regional buckles and/or nice wooden plaques:

Yukon Mike – 1st Cowboy (13th overall)

Rowdy Bill – 1st Silver Senior (14th overall)

Peddler Jack – 1st Sr. Duelist **Three Barrel Chris** – 1st

Ladies Wrangler

J. T. Longfeather – 1st Ladies Senior

Renegade Roper – 2nd Ladies Wrangler

Blackhands -3^{rd} Senior **Big Sky Di** -3^{rd} Ladies

Wrangler

Annabelle Bransford -3^{rd}

Ladies 49r

Kate Cartwright – 3rd Ladies

Frontier Cartridge

Sixgun Schwaby – 5th Duelist Buck Dancer – 6th Duelist

Rattlesnake – 6th Elder

Statesman

The Dude Bandit -7^{th}

Gunfighter

Wheels Cartwright -7^{th} F C

Duelist

 $\textbf{Marshal Cartwright} - 8^{th}$

Duelist

Clean CKR shooters included: Rowdy Bill, Peddler Jack, and Oklahoma Fork

Top Gun Shootoff participants included CKRers Annabelle

Bransford, Rowdy Bill, Big Sky Di, Renegade Roper, Three Barrel Chris, and Yukon Mike.

Congrats to Wheels who was the lucky winner of a Pietta 45 caliber pistol in a special raffle!

HAPPY TRAILS!