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DATES TO REMEMBER

7/27/14 – CKR Work Day

8/13/14 – CKR Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM

8/16/14 – CKR Setup, 9:00 AM, followed by Monthly Rough Riders Match, 11:30 AM

8/17/14 – CKR Monthly CAS Match – Final cutoff for HR registration or category changes

8/27/14 – Last practice night of the season, 5-7 PM

9/14/14 – Final Range Cleanup Day for HR

NOTES FROM THE TRAIL BOSS

Thank you all for coming to our July shoot. Rowdy did another fine job with the stages.

We are getting closer to the Rukus. There is only one more month to practice for Rukus. There is still time to get in if you send the registration back to Annabelle by 8/17.

There is still a lot of work to be done. Dude has a few more work days set up. Please come out and help. There is this Sunday, July 27th, where he has things set to be finished. But there is always work to be done on the stages. They need to be raked, trimmed, picked up, and generally cleaned up. There is

painting to be done on some props as well as on some buildings. Sunday, Sept. 14th, is our BIG CLEANUP DAY. We will need many hands to make sure the club grounds and stages are ready for Rukus. Please put this date on your calendar as a “must be there”.

Smokehouse Dan

JULY ROUGH RIDERS MATCH

Once again, we had a good turnout for our monthly Rough Riders match. There were 22 shooters this month, including newcomers to the sport, Doc Mixx and Oklahoma Fork. Dude Bandit again made sure to keep the stages challenging enough so as not to allow any clean shooters, but folks didn't let a few misses here and there keep them from having fun. With movers and double bird throwers and a whole mess of targets to throw lead at, along with some great shooting weather to do it in and some great friends to do it with, how could you help but enjoy the day? So what if your brain hurt afterwards. It was a good workout! LOL

Congrats this month go to:

TOP GUN – Rowdy Bill
Men's Modern – Rowdy Bill
Men's Traditional – Jess Lucky
Open – Whiskey Brooks
Ladies Modern – Annabelle Bransford
Ladies Traditional – Renegade Roper

JULY CKR CAS MATCH

We seem to be stuck in the 50's recently. No, I'm not referring to the 1950's; I'm referring to the number of shooters we have been getting for our monthly CAS matches this season. Although down slightly from 2013, it's still a good showing, especially considering the lousy economy, difficulty in obtaining ammo, and number of other club matches being held within a reasonable driving distance.

Our July 20th shoot saw a total of 54 cowpokes join in the fun, including three who had NEVER shot CAS before (R.G., Pony Boy, and Bill Cassidy's son, Luke L. Short), along with a few others who only had one or two matches under their belts. It's great to see new folks getting into the sport. Hopefully they enjoyed themselves and will come back to shoot with us again. The weather was certainly

cooperative, and the stages were fun as usual. Shooters again served as guinea pigs this month, testing out some things which will be used in Rukus (and forcing poor Rowdy Bill to go home and tweak the Rukus stages for the umpteenth time in order to ensure that all will go smoothly when the REAL event arrives). For some reason, there were several Stage DQs this month, making everyone more aware of the consequences of failing to adhere to the rules of the game, particularly where safety is concerned. Better to get a SDQ at a monthly than at the State match, though, so hopefully everyone learned from their mistake.

At the end of the day, the following cowpokes came out on top.

Congrats to:

- TOP GUN** – Rowdy Bill
- Cattle Baron** – John S. Books
- Cattle Baroness** – Dance Hall Anne
- Cowboy** – Pony Boy
- Cowgirl** – Kate Cartwright
- Duelist** – Sixgun Schwaby
- Elder Statesman** – Rowdy Bill
- Grand Dame** – May Rein
- Frontiersman** – Stick-Man Tom
- Frontier Cartridge** – Grandpa Zeb
- FC Duelist** – Wheels Cartwright
- FC Gunfighter** – Whiskey Brooks
- Gunfighter** – The Dude Bandit
- 49r** – Lone Star Jake
- Ladies 49r** – Big Sky Di
- Senior/Ladies Senior** – Annabelle Bransford
- Sr Duelist** – Peddler Jack

- Silver Senior** – Irascible Curmudgeon
- Wrangler/Ladies Wrangler** – Renegade Roper
- Young Gun** – Spaghetti Gunslinger
- Clean Shooters** – Always Willin, Lonesome Trailsman, Peddler Jack, Rowdy Bill, & Roy Cassidy

CKR WINNERS AT OTHER MAJOR MATCHES

The Quick & the Dead



On June 20-22, the Crumhorn Mountain Cowboys, hosted its 2nd annual 3-day CAS event in Maryland, NY. A total of 51 cowpokes attended the event this year. The weather was perfect, the 10 stages were challenging but fun, and the food (all included in the registration fee) was awesome as always. New this year were an Indian trail stage with all the targets set amongst trees in the woods, a new fort (Ft. Redemption), a covered wagon, and some nice Indian teepees (two used on a stage and one set up as a “pee pee teepee” out on the range – too funny!).



Fri. activities included long range and speed side events, a warmup stage, and a delicious all-day BBQ. A breakfast buffet was available Sat. and Sun. mornings. Six main match stages were shot on Sat., followed by a wonderful dinner buffet including cooked-to-order steak, chicken, and all manner of sides and desserts. A great two-piece live band entertained the group afterwards and set a lot of feet to dancing. A roaring bonfire was lit at dusk to finish off the evening. Four more stages were shot on Sun., followed by lunch and the awards ceremony.



Congrats to CKRers:

- Rowdy Bill** – 1st Elder Statesman
- Sixgun Schwaby** – 1st Duelist
- Peddler Jack** – 1st Sr. Duelist (and the ONLY clean shooter!)
- Annabelle Bransford** – 1st Ladies Senior
- Big Sky Di** – 2nd Ladies 49r



SASS World Championship (End of Trail)

The 33rd Annual End of Trail, SASS World Championship, was held at Founders Ranch in Edgewood, NM, June 19-29, 2014.



Prior to the start of the CAS match, the Wild Bunch shooters were busy with their own World Championship. There were special Wild Bunch individual and team side events, warmup stages, and a full 3-day 12-stage Wild Bunch main match. This event continues to grow in popularity, with 83 participants from 18 different states and 4 foreign countries competing this year.



When the WB folks' were done with their competition, it was time for the Cowboy Action Shooters to take over the range for the next 5 days. They, too, had multiple warmup stages and various side events available to help them burn ammo and acclimate to the dry heat, dust, and altitude before the main event. A total of 517 CAS shooters from around the world completed this year's 3-day 12-stage CAS main match. The stages were again written by T. A. Chance, and the targets were up close and personal, with uncomplicated acquisitions and "P" traps basically non-existent (resulting in a record 127 clean shooters!). Fast and furious, for sure! There were the usual moving targets, as well as a few pistol and rifle knockdowns, to keep things interesting. Junior boy shooter, Matt Black, set a new EOT record for shooting a stage consisting of 10 rifle, 10 pistol and 2 shotgun in only 9.42 seconds! Try spotting for this guy! Yikes!



There were no major changes or additions to this year's props,

but the "town" had been rearranged somewhat with a different location for the GEM Saloon and the main entertainment stage.



There were plenty of things to keep shooters occupied at the ranch even when not actually slinging lead. Many vendors were on site, although their number seemed to have dwindled even further this year. During the day, there were free stagecoach rides available, longhorn steers to check out (great photo ops), the mounted shooting competition to watch, Gatling guns to shoot, book signings to attend, and numerous shows to see (including a Wild West Medicine Show, exhibition shooter Bill Oglesby, a John Wayne 'live' performance, and musical entertainment provided by the Anslovers). At night, the range hosted various costume contests, poker and blackjack tournaments, a variety show, musical performances, and wild and wooly parties replete with music (even karaoke), dancing, raffles/giveaways, and even free food and beverages. The big Top Gun Shootoff was held just prior to the final awards on Sun., with the top 8 WB men and women and the top 16 CAS men and women battling it out.



As for CAS shooting awards, participants from the Northeast, many attending for the first time, made an impressive showing at EOT this year.



Congrats to CKR members: **Rowdy Bill** – 4th Elder Statesman (and clean!) and **Annabelle Bransford** – 5th Ladies Senior, as well as to other CAS parads from the area:

James Samuel Pike (CT) – 3rd Overall!!, 2nd Wrangler, and in the Top Gun Shootoff
Biloxi Bob (PA) – 5th Wrangler, 15th overall, and in the Top Gun Shootoff
Travis Spencer (NY) – 5th Classic Cowboy
Vance Montana (ME) – 6th Classic Cowboy

Black Hills Barb (PA) – 4th Classic Cowgirl
Grazer (MA) – 5th Duelist
Hawkeye Kid (CT) – 6th Duelist
Pecos Pav (NJ) – 6th Sr. Duelist
Gun E Bear (VT) – 8th FC Duelist
Callous Clyde (NH) – 10th FC Duelist
Doc McCoy (VT) – 7th Frontiersman
Doc Allan Wood (PA) – 10th Gunfighter
Hawley McCoy (MA) – 7th L. 49r
Jersey Sue (NJ) – 6th L. Duelist
Copper Starr (PA) – 9th L. Duelist



HELUVA RUKUS UPDATE

Applications continue to filter in for Heluva Rukus. As of 7/20/14, there were a total of 245 shooters registered, only down 3 shooters from that same date last year – not too shabby! Remember, the final cutoff for registration is 8/17/14, so if you haven't already sent in your

form, don't delay! Also, keep in mind that 8/17 is the last day for changing your shooting category, so make sure you are happy in the class you registered for or contact Annabelle to make a change prior to the aforementioned date. Posses and shooting flights will be set up on 8/20, so if you have any requests regarding these things that you failed to include on your registration form, now is the time to let Annabelle know. After 8/20, it'll be too late! (Annabelle may be reached via phone at 518-877-7834 or via email annabelle69@juno.com.)

Since the last newsletter, we have added several vendors, as well as a few sponsors, for HR '14, but we'd love to have more! Starline Brass has come on board as a Presenting Sponsor, with Dude Bandit, Harts Trading Post, and Redwing Trading Post committing to Stage/Side Event sponsorship. Newly added vendors include Perry Engraving, Reaction Targets, Mike Rivette (knifemaker), Peacepipe Leather Traders, Boston Scarlet Enterprises, Professor Litewell's Heliographic Emporium, and White Wolf Trading Co. If you know of anyone else who may be interested in vending or sponsoring – or even just donating a door prize, please let Big Sky Di know (email: dianecolumbine@gmail.com).