

# The CirKulator



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## JULY 2020

### REMEMBER

**8/11/20** – CKR Monthly Meeting,

6:00 PM at the outdoor pavilion

**8/14/20** – CKR Setup, 9 AM

**8/15/20** – Annual Magnum PI

Rough Riders Match (5 stages, no lunch)

**8/16/20** – CKR Monthly CAS

Match (5 stages, no lunch)

**PLEASE NOTE THE CKR  
MONTHLY MEETING DATE,  
PLACE, AND TIME AS  
SHOWN ABOVE.**

### WELCOME BACK TO THE CKR

Well, by July, the CKR shooting season is usually almost ½ over, Muster at Ft. Misery is in the history books, and the countdown for Heluva Rukus has begun in earnest. But, alas, 2020 was not destined to be like any other year. COVID-19 struck, and the world changed. Early in the State's lockdown phase, the club decided to forego holding Heluva Rukus at all this year as there were simply too many unknowns. It was also decided that Muster at Ft. Misery would be moved from May to Oct. (Most other clubs in the Northeast eventually followed suit, cancelling or postponing their State Championships as well.)

Under Gov. Cuomo's reopening plan, gun ranges were some of the last places to be allowed to reopen, even for individual members to plink, much less for real competitions which could include folks from outside the club (or even NYS.). Finally, in July, the CKR was given the okay to start holding our monthly matches again, but there were restrictions that had to be adhered to, including the number of folks allowed on club property (50) and the need for social distancing and/or the wearing of masks. We never figured that those cowboy bandanas would come in so handy!

Anyway, we're back to slinging lead now, and unless something drastic happens, we will continue having our monthly RR and CAS shoots as scheduled, including on what would have been Heluva Rukus weekend in Sept. There aren't the usual hugs and handshakes amongst shooters or the Boy Scouts picking brass or a food truck providing breakfast and lunch to the hungry cowpokes, but at least we are finally getting to see and throw lead with our CAS pards again. It was a long, dry spell, for sure!

### JULY CKR ROUGH RIDERS MATCH

Our first weekend back shooting at the CKR proved to be just as hot as

it was this same time last year. With temps in the low 90s, Sat., July 18<sup>th</sup> was just plain uncomfortable. But who ever said cowpokes were smart? Despite the blazing sun, 13 die-hard Rough Rider shooters showed up to participate in the 5-stage match. The relaxed dress code helped keep everyone as comfortable as possible, with social distancing making masks pretty much unnecessary except for the Timer Operator when running the shooter thru the course of fire. Without any lunch break and despite not having the help of the Boy Scouts, the single posse was able to get thru the relatively uncomplicated stages quickly, finishing up shortly after 1 PM and before the worst of the heat really hit. Many thanks to those who helped with setup, stage writing, and reset.

When all was said and done, the following folks came out on top of the sweaty heap. Congrats to:  
**TOP GUN** – Hawkeye Harry  
(shooting Traditional, no less!)  
**Men's Traditional** – Hawkeye Harry  
**Men's Modern** – Smilin' Pete  
**Men's Open** – Whiskey Brooks  
**Ladies Modern** – Annabelle Bransford

### OTHER CKR ROUGH RIDER NEWS

Mark your calendars now because you won't want to miss out on our 5-stage **Annual Magnum PI Match on Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>**. As usual for this match, shorts, Hawaiian shirts, and sneakers are encouraged (no flip flops or sandals please). Unlike our usual Magnum PI match, there will be no official lunch break. We will be shooting all 5 stages straight thru as we did in July, so make sure to bring whatever food/drink you anticipate needing for the day, along with a mask and any hand sanitizer or disinfecting wipes you might need.

### **JULY CKR CAS MATCH**

Unfortunately, the heat wave continued on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, for our first monthly CAS match of 2020. The sweltering temps (tying the record high of 97 degrees) no doubt caused many prospective shooters to forego the match and opt for a day in front of the AC instead. Nevertheless, we were pleased to welcome a total of 29 competitors, including 3 newcomers, Nacogdoches Nate, Doc LaMorte, and Deadwood Daisy. Having 3 small posses and a relaxed dress code, along with shooting only 5 stages straight thru, kept *MOST* of them going for the duration of the match, but a couple did bow out early due to the excessive heat. Like it's not hard enough dealing with COVID-19... Did Mother Nature really need to try to melt us, too? Sheesh!

Thanks to Lone Star Jake for providing the fun-filled stages and to all those who helped with setup, teardown, and RO'ing duties, none of which was easy in the extreme heat.

Congrats to the following cowpokes who get to claim braggin' rights 'til the August shoot rolls around:

**TOP GUN** – James Samuel Pike  
**Young Gun Boy** – Wandering Walter Weatherby  
**Cattle Baron** – Sky Ryder  
**Elder Statesman** – Roy Cassidy  
**Grand Dame** – Violet Cassidy  
**Gunfighter** – Gospel Gunslinger  
**Duelist** – Black Jack Titus  
**49r** – Luke L. Short  
**Ladies 49r** – Patsy Montana  
**Senior** – Lone Star Jake  
**Sr Duelist** – Smilin' Pete  
**Silver Senior** – Gambler Rob  
**Ladies SS** – Annabelle Bransford  
**Wrangler** – James Samuel Pike  
**Ladies Wrangler** – Southpaw Slingin' Sally  
**Clean Shooters** – Annabelle Bransford and Peddler Jack

### **MUSTER AT FT. MISERY UPDATE**

Just a reminder that this year's SASS New York State Wild Bunch Action Championship, Muster at Ft. Misery, will take place on Oct. 10-11. If you plan to attend, make sure to get your entry in to Renegade Roper ASAP. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, unless something changes, we will be limited to 50 people on site at any given time, so shooting slots are limited this year. Every attempt will be made to posse people with who they want, but this may not be possible due to the need for qualified ROs, the size of the posses, etc. It will be on a first app in, 1<sup>st</sup> choice if need be. Note that full refunds will be available up until the day of the shoot this year.

### **CKR WINNERS AT OTHER MAJOR MATCHES**

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A big, big congrats to **Renegade Roper and Sixgun Schwaby** who have been doing some traveling and some mighty impressive winning at CAS and WB matches in other states this year.

Prior to the COVID outbreak, they participated in a couple of major matches in Arizona. First, at the **Arizona State Wild Bunch Championship** in mid-Feb., Roper won Ladies Modern and was 2<sup>nd</sup> lady overall. Then, at Winter Range, the **SASS National Championship**, in late Feb., Roper took 1<sup>st</sup> place in Ladies Wrangler and came in 37<sup>th</sup> overall out of 690 shooters! Meanwhile, Sixgun Schwaby took 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Duelist category, shot clean, and was 39<sup>th</sup> overall. Yeehaa!

And while the rest of us were shooting our July CKR matches, Roper and Schwaby were in Manchester, KY, competing at an annual 3-day match, **Black Gold**. Roper was Top Lady, 1<sup>st</sup> Ladies Wrangler, and clean. Schwaby was 1<sup>st</sup> Duelist and clean. And on top of that and winning numerous side events, they won a new Dillon 750 Reloader in a raffle. Now that was a worthwhile trip!

Congrats again to you both!

