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DATES TO REMEMBER

8/15/12 – CKR Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM

8/18/12 – Last day to sign up for, cancel out of (with full refund) or change categories for Heluva Rukus

8/18/12 – CKR Setup for Monthly Match, 9 AM

8/18/12 – CKR Roughriders Match, 12:30 PM

8/19/12 – CKR Monthly CAS Match

8/29/12 – Last practice night, followed by **HR Shooters**

Packet Stuffing, 7:30 PM

JUNE CKR ROUGHRIDERS MATCH

After setup on June 16th, 14 folks gathered with the intention of shooting a 5-stage Roughriders match. However, as it turned out, only 4 stages were shot. With this being our largest RR group ever and with Dude Bandit throwing in an extra pistol mag on some of the stages and numerous targets requiring resetting, the stages took a bit more time than usual. But long stages or not, everyone had a good time and enjoyed the chance to work on their skills with the 1911 pistol and other RR equipment. Thanks for the interesting and challenging stages, Dude.

Congrats to **Rowdy Bill**, who took **Top Gun** Overall and 1st in the Modern Category, and to **Jess Lucky**, who finished 1st in the Traditional Category.

JUNE CKR CAS MATCH

A total of 58 shooters gathered at the CKR on June 17th to throw lead with their fellow cowpokes. It was great to have Whiskey Brooks' daughter, Shani M, with us again. We also welcomed new shooter Flirty Gerty, who was shooting CAS with her dad, Glasco Jack, for the first time. It was nice to have these father/daughter pairs join us for Father's Day.

Rowdy had prepared six stages to give the shooters minds, bodies, and shooting skills a good workout. We got to try out the new carts that Always Willin made for use as gun rests, the new swinger/hostage target and release made by Wheels Cartwright, and the new revolving target built by Reaction Targets – awesome!

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

TOP GUN – ROWDY BILL
(not bad for his first match as an Elder Statesman!!!!!!)

B-Western/Ladies B-W – Violet Cassidy
Classic Cowboy – Tom Payne
Cowboy – Art Ryetis
Duelist – Sixgun Schwaby
Elder Statesman – Rowdy Bill
FC Duelist – Wheels Cartwright
49rs – Lone Star Jake
Frontier Cartridge – Irascible Curmudgeon
Gunfighter – Whiskey Brooks
Senior – Lefty Cooper
Senior Duelist – Peddler Jack
Silver Senior – Shatagee Trapper
Wrangler/Ladies Wrangler – Renegade Roper
Cowgirl – Flirty Gerty
Ladies Duelist – Shani M
Ladies FC – Kate Cartwright
Ladies 49r – Annabelle Bransford
Ladies Senior – J. T. Longfeather
Grande Dame – May Rein
Clean Shooters – Buck Bozeman, Pot Shot Bob, Shatagee Trapper, Wheels Cartwright, Whiskey Brooks

Annabelle Bransford

JULY CKR ROUGHRIDERS MATCH

This month 12 cowpokes took part in the Roughriders 4-stage match following setup on July 14th. Dude Bandit again put the

shooters to the test with his challenging stages. Thankfully, the shooters are getting more familiar with their firearms and with Wild Bunch style stages now. They particularly seemed to enjoy the opportunity to serve as guinea pigs on the town stage, where they used their 1911 pistols to test out Reaction Targets' new version of the Texas Death Star.

Congrats to **Rowdy Bill**, who took **Top Gun** Overall and 1st in the Modern Category, and to **Whiskey Brooks**, who finished 1st in the Traditional Category. A special thanks to non-shooters, Violet Cassidy, who picked brass in the heat on every stage, and to Annabelle Bransford, who served as the official scorekeeper for the match.

JULY NOTES FROM THE TRAIL BOSS

WOW! July's shoot was something. We had 65 shooters brave the heat to shoot some great stages. We got to use the new fort, which is basically finished other than some paint and cleanup. We used the mine stage again after more adjustments to the swinger and release. And the riverboat made another trip out, but the trip back was a sight. About the time all the shooting was done, the sky opened up. The boat had a flat, so with all the rain and the wobble from the tire, it looked to be sailing away. The rains came, which actually felt pretty good after the heat we had both Saturday and Sunday. Thanks to the guys who stayed

to change that tire, but I think they did it because the rain felt so good. Either way, thank you. Well, we are going down the home stretch for Rukus 2012, but there is still work to be done. Dude and his crew still need help. We will have our big cleanup day on Saturday, Sept. 8th. That's when we clean all the club grounds, so please come out and lend a hand for a few hours that day. We still have openings for the Rukus, so if you haven't signed up yet or know of someone who might want to come, contact Annabelle. We are still getting new shooters every month. It is so nice to see the interest is still there.

See you in August.

Smokehouse Dan

JULY CKR CAS MATCH

We had 65 shooters join us for the July 15th monthly match, including 4 brand new Cowboy Action Shooters. Hopefully, the new folks had fun and will come back to shoot with us again.

Rowdy Bill provided six action-packed stages as usual, and despite the heat, the ridiculously deep sand on stage 2, and the afternoon rain showers (which unfortunately turned into a deluge before all the targets/props were stored away), everyone seemed to enjoy the day. We got to shoot in the new fort, see the new "pirate boat", and test our skills on the new moving targets once again.

Congrats to the following cowpokes who remained standing when the smoke cleared this month:

TOP GUN – JAMES SAMUEL PIKE

Young Gun – Al B Crazy
Cowboy – Cold Brook Kid
Duelist – Sixgun Schwaby
Elder Statesman – Rowdy Bill
FC Duelist – Wheels Cartwright
49rs – Yukon Mike
Frontier Cartridge/Ladies FC – Kate Cartwright
Frontiersman – Stick-Man Tom
Gunfighter – Lefty Rhodes
Senior/Ladies Senior – J. T. Longfeather
Senior Duelist – Peddler Jack
Silver Senior – Irascible Curmudgeon
Wrangler – James Samuel Pike
Cowgirl – Snazzy McGee
Ladies Wrangler – Appaloosa Amy
Ladies 49r – Annabelle Bransford
Ladies Senior – J. T. Longfeather
Grande Dame – May Rein
Clean Shooters – Appaloosa Amy, John S. Books, Sixgun Schwaby, Whiskey Brooks

Annabelle Bransford

CKR WINNERS AT OTHER MAJOR MATCHES

Following close on the heels of the VT and PA State Matches was the **SASS Tri-State (MA-CT-RI) State Championship**. The 7th Annual Shootout at Sawyer Flats was held in Harvard, MA, on June 1-3. The

shooters who stuck it out to finish the match included a good number of CKR members this year. Side event day (Fri.) was a beautiful day, and there were plenty of side matches, a couple of warm-up stages, and a handful of vendors to keep folks busy throwing lead or spending money at the range for several hours that day. But Sat. was another story. The reason I said “stuck it out” earlier in this article was because the first day of the main match was shot in a #%*@! monsoon. It was downright miserable! The rain just wouldn’t quit – at least not for more than 5 minutes at a time here and there throughout the day. Nevertheless, the lead slinging persisted for 6 action-packed, horribly wet stages based on typical scenes from the Old West. Several cowpokes remarked that one particular stage looked way TOO much like an authentic 1870s town with mud in the “street” so deep it nearly sucked the boots right off your feet! Cowboy hats and boots may never be the same after spending so many hours in so much “liquid sunshine” and messy slop. Gun cleaning took priority over everything else that night, for sure. Thank heavens, Sun. was much better, and a heluva lot drier, allowing the shooters to actually ENJOY their final 4 stages of the match. The stages themselves were very interesting, with some nice props (as always), creative target acquisitions, a good bit of movement, and a whole lotta shotgunning! While waiting for the awards ceremony on Sun., they held a 2-person Top Gun Team Shootoff, pairing up the

Top 16 men and Top 16 women based on Sat. scores. Rowdy Bill, Renegade Roper, Sixgun Schwaby, Annabelle Bransford, and Big Sky Di all found themselves competing in that exciting event.

Congrats to the following CKRers who left MA “packin’ wood”:

Rowdy Bill – 1st Silver Senior
Renegade Roper – 1st L. Wrangler

Sixgun Schwaby – 1st Duelist
Kate Cartwright – 1st L. FC
Annabelle Bransford – 2nd L49r

Big Sky Di – 2nd L. Wrangler
J. T. Longfeather – 3rd L. Senior

Dude Bandit – 3rd Gunfighter, and

Buck Dancer – 4th Duelist.

An extra special “Yeehaa” to **Rowdy Bill**, who, with his partner Snazzy McGee, won the Top Gun Team Shootoff against some fierce competition. This was Rowdy’s 2nd Top Gun Team Shootoff win in a row – quite an impressive feat!

Congrats also to this year’s Tri-State Champions:

CT – Quaker Hill Bill (also Top Gun overall) & Appaloosa Amy
MA – Tackhammer & Hawley McCoy

RI – Brett Cantrell & Wild Sage.

On June 8-10, the Dakota Badlanders held their 4th annual multi-day shoot, **The Reckoning**, in Orefield, PA (just outside of Allentown). Instead of the normal side events, they had a Wild Bunch mini-match (4 stages) on Fri.

The Sat./Sun. main event was a fun-filled match boasting ten action-packed stages and one “extra” stage where there was a real 1877 Bulldog Gatling Gun which competitors could shoot (\$20 for 20 rounds with a portion of the proceeds going towards the local Boy Scouts troop). Pretty cool! Props were exceptional as always, with this year’s additions being an Indian village (with “real” teepees, one of which you shot out of), a carnival-style all knockdown shooting gallery, and a leaky water tower (where you shot your shotgun through the cascading water).

Included in the total of 134 shooters were a couple of CKR members. Congrats to:

Rowdy Bill – 1st Silver Senior (& 7th overall)

Annabelle Bransford – 1st L.49r (& clean)

The **31st Anniversary End of Trail, SASS World Championship**, was held at Founders Ranch in Edgewood, NM, June 18-24. A total of 514 CAS shooters from around the world participated in the main match. This year’s shoot celebrated the centennial anniversary of New Mexico’s statehood. Prior to the start of the main match, there were 2 days of warm-up stages, a Wild Bunch match, and a side event day to give folks plenty of opportunity to sling lead. The 12 main match stages were shot over 3 days in early, mid-day, and afternoon flights, with 4 stages shot per day. This year’s stage props included 2 beautiful new permanent buildings. The

usual moving targets were conspicuously absent this year, but the number of knockdown targets was way up. The new cowboy memorial chapel was used for the first time during this event and looked super sitting on the hillside overlooking the EOT "town". Unfortunately, the number of vendors seemed to be down a bit this year. The Wild West Show and much of the usual daytime entertainment in the Belle Union Saloon had been omitted from the schedule of events, but there were still seminars to attend and some smaller shows during the day, along with costume contests, poker tournaments, an optional dinner show at the nearby Wildlife Park, and various nighttime shindigs at the range to enjoy. One thing that hadn't changed at all was the heat and its accompanying dust. Ugh! Thank heavens for the water available on every stage.

As for shooting awards, New York/New England participants made an impressive showing at EOT this year. Congrats to CKR members:

Rowdy Bill – 4th Elder

Statesman (and winner of a Dillon 650 in the random door prize drawing!)

Annabelle Bransford – 6th L49r, and

Peddler Jack – 8th Sr. Duelist, as well as to other CAS pards from the Northeast:

Grazer (MA) – 2nd Duelist

Travis Spencer (NY) – 4th

Classic Cowboy

James S. Pike (CT) – 8th

Wrangler

Hawley McCoy (MA) – 9th L.

49r

The SASS High Plains Regional, Hell on Wheels,

was held in Cheyenne, Wyoming, on June 28- July 1. Wow! Quite a shoot! With warm-up stages, a Wild Bunch match, numerous side events, and 12 main stages (shot 6 per day), there sure was a lotta lead flying. The props rivaled any in the country, with a "town", stagecoach, several different individual buildings (jail, saloon...), a train scene, a Boot Hill scene, etc. There were a number of great vendors there as well. Although it was quite hot (around 100), it was dry without being dusty, so all was well as long as you stayed hydrated (not hard since they supplied bottled water to the shooters for free). The stages involved a good bit of movement and gun transition, and target size, placement, and acquisition was similar to what we are used to at the CKR. The Sat. night banquet was held at the Terry Bison Ranch Resort, boasting 2000 bison, train rides, a trading post, trail rides, an old time photo studio, and, of course, a restaurant. The event culminated in a Top 16 Male and Female Shootoff on Sun., followed by awards.

A total of 283 shooters participated in the main event, including 2 CKR members and another NY pard. Congrats to:

Rowdy Bill – 3rd Elder Statesman (& clean)

Annabelle Bransford – 4th L. 49r (& in the Top 16 Ladies)

Tom Payne – 5th Classic Cowboy

The SASS New Hampshire State Championship was held in Candia, NH, June 29-July 1. A total of 94 shooters participated in The Flat Gap Jack Cowboy Shootout, including a few CKR members all of which returned home winners. Congrats to:

Renegade Roper – 1st L. Wrangler

J. T. Longfeather – 1st L. Senior

Sixgun Schwaby – 2nd Duelist

Buck Dancer – 3rd Duelist

Congrats also to this year's NH State Champions, Jimmy Spurs and Crystal Creek Chris.

**HELUVA RUKUS 2012
IS COMING!!!
ARE YOU READY!**

**Happy
Trails!**