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## JUNE 2014

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

7/16/14 – CKR Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM 7/19/14 – CKR Setup, 9:00 AM, followed by Monthly Rough Riders Match, 11:30 AM 7/20/14 – CKR Monthly CAS Match

### JUNE CKR ROUGH RIDERS MATCH

There was a nice turnout for setup and the monthly Rough Riders match on June 14<sup>th</sup> – a total of 20 shooters, including first timer, Bully Dog Dan, who had recently been receiving from training his experienced 15 year old son, Spaghetti Gunslinger. Ya gotta love it! Unfortunately, a few shooters were unable to finish the match for various reasons, others had equipment issues, and a few suffered from brain fade, but all-in-all, it was a good day. The stages were a lot of fun (thanks, Dude!), and the weather was great (partly sunny, breezy, and temps in the mid-upper 60s). The group again split into two posses and was able to finish all five stages at a reasonable time. Posse 2 would like to publicly thank Kay T Ryder who picked brass for the posse all day (and we

didn't even have to tip her – such a deal!). We are also pleased to report that The Dude Bandit (recently renamed "DQ Dude") managed to RO an entire shoot WITHOUT having to Match DQ anyone. (Unfortunately, this "trend" did not continue as he MDQ'ed another shooter at the CAS match the next day. Sigh!)

Using Stage Point scoring, the following folks came out on top in their respective categories this month. Congrats to:

TOP GUN – Rowdy Bill
Men's Modern – Rowdy Bill
Men's Traditional – Jess
Lucky
Open – Buck Wilder
Ladies Modern – Annabelle
Bransford
Ladies Traditional – Renegade

Alas, once again, there were no clean shooters; but Rowdy came close with only 2 misses for the match. One of these days someone will actually clean a RR/WB match at the CKR, I just know it!

## JUNE CKR CAS MATCH

A total of 56 shooters joined in the lead-slinging at the CKR's CAS match on Father's Day.

We were happy to see several of our pards from CT make the drive over this month. And a couple of new shooters were welcomed into the fold as well. The day started out a bit cooler and cloudier than expected but turned out very nice indeed. A photographer, Rachel Watson, spent much of the day wandering the range snapping portrait-type photos of the cowboys and girls posing with their firearms. Rowdy's stages were a bit tougher than usual and included a rifle reload, a pistol knockdown plate rack, the new ore cart mover, and some funky target acquisitions which really put those brain cells to work. couple of the stages were "test stages" for possible use in this year's Rukus (after additional tweaking, of course). Competition was particularly tough this month, with world, regional, and state champions in the mix, but no matter where the shooters finished in the overall match, judging by the smiles at the end of the day, everyone had fun.

At the end of the 6-stage gunfight, the following cowpokes came out on top.

Congrats to:

**TOP GUN – Yukon Mike** (not a bad showing for someone who

hadn't shot CAS in over 8 months!)

**B-Western** – Violet Cassidy **Cattle Baron** – John S. Books **Cattle Baroness** – Dance Hall Anne

Cowgirl – Snazzy McGee Duelist – Sixgun Schwaby Elder Statesman – Rowdy Bill Frontiersman – Stick-Man Tom

**Frontier Cartridge** –Grandpa Zeb

**FC Duelist** – Wheels Cartwright

**FC Gunfighter** – Whiskey Brooks

**Gunfighter** – The Dude Bandit **49r** – Yukon Mike

**Ladies 49r** – Big Sky Di **Senior/Ladies Senior** – Annabelle Bransford

**Sr Duelist** – Peddler Jack **Silver Senior** – Irascible

Curmudgeon

Wrangler – Quaker Hill Bill Ladies Wrangler – Renegade Roper

**Young Gun** – Spaghetti Gunslinger

Clean Shooters – Annabelle Bransford, Dirty Bill, Sixgun Schwaby, and Suggs Jr. (his first clean match – yeehaa!)



**Spaghetti Gunslinger & Big Sky Di** strike a pose. (Photo by Rachel Watson)

# CKR WINNERS AT OTHER MAJOR MATCHES

## SASS Tri-State (MA-CT-RI) Championship

The theme of the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Shootout at Sawyer Flats Tri-State Championship was "The Adventures of Tom Selleck and Sam Elliot". The event, hosted by the Harvard Ghost Riders, was held in Harvard, MA, on May 30 - June 1, with 125 shooters participating. Stages were taken from Western movie favorites, such as "Tombstone" and "Quigley Down Under", starring one or both of the aforementioned actors. props were great as usual, and the stages were well-written and interesting with plenty movement, varied target sizes and distances, and lots of shooter's choices. There were a handful of vendors on hand providing cowboy clothing and accessories, reloading supplies, etc. The weather was MUCH more pleasant than last year, with temps in the 60s and 70s and no "liquid sunshine" to deal with during the event.

Congrats to the following CKR winners who returned home with very nice wooden plaques:

Sixgun Schwaby – 2<sup>nd</sup> Duelist, clean, & 9<sup>th</sup> overall

Rowdy Bill – 1<sup>st</sup> Elder

Statesman

Renegade Roper – 2<sup>nd</sup> Ladies

Wrangler

Annabelle Bransford – 1<sup>st</sup>

Ladies Senior

Peddler Jack – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sr. Duelist
& clean

The Dude Bandit – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Gunfighter

Rowdy, Annabelle, Renegade Roper, Sixgun Schwaby, and Big Sky Di were all in the Top 16 Team Shootoff as well.

A special congrats to the 2014
Tri-State Champs:
CT – James Samuel Pike &
Appaloosa Amy
MA – Grazer & Hawley
McCoy
RI – Brett Cantrell & Wild
Sage

## **HELUVA RUKUS UPDATE**

Applications continue to filter in slowly for Heluva Rukus. As of 6/17/14, there were a total of 203 shooters registered.

Thus far, we have commitments from Klassic Laser Works (Tazz) and Ruger to serve as Match Sponsors. Ruger will be donating a pair of matched SASS Ruger revolvers again this year. Lupare Chenz, as a Presenting Sponsor, has donated another awesome custom knife. And Recollections, Mo Lasses, Zack's Sports, Gunpowder Creek Trading Post, Russ the Carver, and Calico Sue have promised Stage/Side Event Sponsorships. Vendors who have committed thus far include Klassic Laser Works, Russ the Gunpowder Carver. Creek Trading Post, and Ruger.

Obviously, we need more sponsors, vendors, and door prize contributors, so please help us out with this any way you can.