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DATES TO REMEMBER

7/13/16– CKR Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM
7/15/16 – CKR Setup, 9:30 AM
7/16/16– Finish CKR Setup, 9:30 AM, followed by Monthly Rough Riders Match, 11:00 AM
7/17/16– CKR Monthly CAS Match

JUNE CKR ROUGH RIDERS MATCH

It was beastly hot for our June 18th Rough Riders match, but 12 die-hard shooters suffered through the sweltering heat to sling lead with their pards anyway.

When all was said and done, the following cowpokes came out on top. Congrats to:

TOP GUN – Yukon Mike
Men’s Modern – Yukon Mike
Men’s Open – Whiskey Brooks
Ladies Modern – Renegade Roper

Not a single person, male or female, shot Traditional this month. Hmmm! And needless to say, the elusive clean match remained as elusive as ever.

JUNE CKR CAS MATCH

Thanks to it being Africa hot, vacation time, and Father’s Day, attendance at our June 19th CAS match was somewhat lacking, to say the least. Only 36 shooters turned out to sling lead with us, but those who did seemed to enjoy the match.

Congrats to the following folks who get to claim braggin’ rights for the next month:

TOP GUN – ROWDY BILL
Cattle Baron – John S. Books
Classic Cowboy - Tom Payne
Duelist – Sixgun Schwaby
Elder Statesman – Rowdy Bill
FC Duelist – Wheels Cartwright
FC Gunfighter – Whiskey Brooks
Gunfighter – Smilin’ Pete
49r – Yukon Mike
Ladies 49r – Big Sky Di
Senior/Ladies Senior – Annabelle Bransford
Sr Duelist – Peddler Jack
Silver Senior – Four Feathers
Ladies Silver Senior – Violet Cassidy
Wrangler/Ladies Wrangler – Renegade Roper
Clean Shooters – Four Feathers, John S. Books, and Smilin’ Pete (his first ever clean shoot at the Circle K – yeehaa!)

HELUVA RUKUS 2016

Plans continue to move along slowly but surely for this year’s 16th annual SASS New York State Championship.

Registrations are trickling in at the rate of one or two per day. As of this writing, we have 190 registered shooters, down about 25 from this same time last year. Remember...the final cutoff date for registration is Aug. 15th. If you haven’t already sent in your form, get it in right away!

And if you can help us out by obtaining sponsors, vendors, or door prize contributors, go for it. We are doing quite well with this thus far, with 13 Stage/Side Event Sponsors, 3 Presenting Sponsors, and 3 Match Sponsors. We also have several vendors lined up, including Klassic Laser Works, PT Litewell, Clark’s Bullets by Scarlett, Stateline Bullets, Reaction Targets, Cowboy Gunworks, Boston Scarlet, Adventures in Photography (Lynn Shippee), and TStar Leather. The more, the merrier!

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CKR WINNERS AT OTHER MAJOR MATCHES

SASS Pennsylvania State Championship

North Mountain Shootout XVII, the SASS Pennsylvania State Championship, was held on Memorial Day weekend and hosted once again by El Posse Grande in Muncy Valley, PA. A total of 135 shooters completed the match. The theme this year was "My Heroes Have Always Been Cowboys", with stages honoring cowboy heroes who were veterans of our armed forces, including Clint Eastwood, Hugh O'Brian, Charles Bronson, Dan Blocker, and others.

There were several speed side events, as well as a 3-stage mini-match, to keep shooters occupied on Fri. Six main stages were shot on Sat. and four on Sun. There were a handful of vendors on site as well.

When the leadslinging was done, the following CKR members went home winners. Congrats to:

Rowdy Bill – 1st Elder Statesman (clean & 5th overall)

Renegade Roper – 1st Ladies Wrangler (Top Lady & 7th overall)

Sixgun Schwaby – 1st Duelist (& 9th overall)

Annabelle Bransford – 1st Ladies Senior (& clean)

Lone Star Jake – 1st B-Western (& in control of his pistols at all times!)

Peddler Jack – 2nd Senior Duelist (& clean)

Special congrats to the 2016 PA State Champs, Jerseytown Kid and B-doc, who repeated their wins of last year.

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

The theme of the 11th annual Shootout at Sawyer Flats Tri-State Championship was "They Still Make Westerns, Don't They?". The event, hosted by the Harvard Ghost Riders, was held in Harvard, MA, on June 3-5, with 121 shooters participating.

There were numerous speed side events on Fri., along with a 3-stage Wild Bunch match and 3 CAS/Plainsman warm-up stages. Stories for the main stages (six shot on Sat. and four on Sun.) were actually synopses of Western movies and TV shows, including "Deadwood", "Crossfire Trail", "True Grit", and "3:10 to Yuma", among others. The props were good, as always, and the stages were well-written and interesting with plenty of movement, varied target sizes, shapes, and distances, and lots of shooter's choices. Prior to the awards ceremony on Sun., there was an exciting Top Gun 3-Person Team Shootout.

Congrats to the following CKR winners who returned home with braggin' rights and nice wooden plaques:

Rowdy Bill – 1st Elder Statesman (clean & 10th overall)

Annabelle Bransford – 1st

Ladies Senior

Peddler Jack – 2nd Sr. Duelist

Annabelle and her team members ended up the Top Gun Team Shootout winners, taking out hubby Rowdy Bill and his team in the final round. As you might imagine, it was a long ride home. LOL!

A special congrats to the 2016 Tri-State Champs:

CT – James Samuel Pike & Appaloosa Amy

MA – Grazer & Birdie Cage

RI – Nutmeg Ryder & Nanny Oakley

SASS Maryland State Championship

Thunder Valley Days XVII, the SASS Maryland State Championship, was held in Damascus, MD, on June 9-11, and hosted by the Damascus Wildlife Rangers. The theme of this year's event was "Sidekicks" with stages dedicated to Western TV show and movie sidekicks such as Gabby Hayes, Andy Devine, and Jack Elam. For some reason, attendance was down a good bit at this year's match with only 84 participants.

Unlike most Fri.-Sun. State matches, this shoot is held on a Thurs.-Sat. Thursday's side events included several speed events and a 3-stage blast. Ten stages were shot on Fri. and Sat. – five per day. The awards banquet was held at the range on Sat. evening.

Congrats to CKR members **Rowdy Bill** (who finished 1st in Elder Statesman) and **Annabelle Bransford** (who finished 2nd in Ladies Senior).

Also, a special congrats to 2016 MD State Champions, Silas Highland, and Kiddo Caldwell.

End of Trail, SASS World Championship

The 35th anniversary End of Trail, CAS World Championship, took place at Founder's Ranch in Edgewood, NM, on June 16-26.

Prior to the start of the CAS match, the Wild Bunch shooters were busy with their own World Championship. Weather for the WB events was tough on the shooters with smoke and ash from a nearby wildfire making air quality "iffy" at best. Temps above normal didn't help matters any either. Nevertheless, 73 dedicated shooters managed to complete the 3-day 12-stage WB main match.

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 had multiple warmup stages and various side events available to get them primed for the main event. Although somewhat hotter than normal, the weather for the CAS events this year wasn't too bad. The dust was held down to a minimum due to frequent rain, most of which was thankfully not during the match itself. A total of 612 CAS shooters from around the

world completed this year's 3-day 12-stage CAS main match, up somewhat from last year. The stages were written by Lassiter and T. A. Chance, and the targets were up close and personal and VERY Gunfighter friendly (Lassiter is a Gunfighter – hmmm!). Two different moving targets and a few pistol and rifle knockdowns helped keep things interesting.

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, the mounted shooting competition to watch, and Gatling guns to shoot. There was also daytime entertainment on some days and various nighttime events throughout the week as well. The Top Gun Shootoffs were 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.

A big congrats to CKR member, **Annabelle Bransford** who shot clean and took 7th in Ladies Senior. Her hubby, Rowdy Bill, also shot clean but unfortunately missed getting a Top Ten buckle in his class by a measly 30 rank points (only 6/10 of a second behind the 10th place winner). ☹

Congrats as well to other CAS pads from the Northeast: **Spinning Sally** (NY) – 2nd Ladies 49r (& in the Ladies Top Gun Shootoff)

James Samuel Pike (CT) – 5th Wrangler
Jersey Sue (NJ) – 3rd Ladies Duelist

This year's overall CAS World Champions were Missouri Lefty (Men) and Sass Kicker (Ladies), two very young and very talented shooters!