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DATES TO REMEMBER

6/7/13 – Cowboy Get-Together at First Friday Artwalk, Saratoga (see article below)

6/11/13 – 2nd Amendment Freedom Rally, West Capital Park, Albany, Noon – 2 PM (see article below)

6/12/13 – Monthly CKR Meeting, 7:30 PM

6/15/13 – Setup for Monthly CAS Match, 9 AM, followed by Rough Riders Match, 11:30 AM

6/16/13 – Monthly CAS Match

7/4/13 – Cowboy Klays & Cookout at Dude's (see article below)

NOTE: Photos in this month's newsletter are courtesy of local fine arts photographer, Sue Clark of Sue's Photography (www.sue.photography.com). By all means, take a minute to check out her website, and while there, make sure to sign her guestbook and thank her for taking these awesome shots at our May CAS match!



NOTES FROM THE TRAIL BOSS

Well, the May shoot was a wet one, but 60 brave shooters started the day and got to enjoy some great stages. The dreaded moving target came back. It was missing for a year. You could tell some folks were worried, but when it came time to shoot, everyone shot it well. Rowdy does a fine job writing scenarios. I know as the day went on the weather got worse. Some left early and some stayed. But safety is always first and foremost. I thank you for that.

Many of you don't realize that if you come help set up for the cowboy shoot on Saturday, you may then shoot the Rough Riders event (our equivalent of the SASS Wild Bunch. This is where you get to shoot your 1911 pistol and your '97 shotgun loaded with 5 or 6 rounds. Now some of you may not have these guns yet, but you should come and watch to get a better understanding of this event.

There is still room for those of you that want to shoot the Rukus. It will be interesting to see how well we end up for the year. Everyone is still working hard to get vendors and

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sponsors for this event, but any ideas or new suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

Smokehouse Dan



MAY CKR ROUGH RIDERS MATCH

Nine shooters participated in this month's Rough Riders match, including two pards (Lawdog & Grizzly) from way out in Western NY who drove over to enjoy a weekend of lead-slinging at the CKR. And as predicted in last month's newsletter, Violet Cassidy did indeed return to shoot the ENTIRE match this month – and sacrilege of all sacrileges, she confided to me that she really prefers shooting the 1911 pistol to shooting her regular CAS sixguns. Traitor! LOL!

It was a tough match and a long one, with lots of issues with both guns and ammo arising throughout the afternoon. Nevertheless, everyone seemed to have fun and to enjoy the five challenging stages.

Congrats to **Rowdy Bill** who took 1st in Modern and Top Overall, to **Whiskey Brooks** who took 1st in the Open category, and to **Jess Lucky** who finished 1st in Traditional.



MAY CKR CAS MATCH

Ya know, I really should've been a weatherman. It's the only job I know of where you can make good money and be wrong 75% of the time. The 30% chance of PM showers was actually an all-day rain from the time we started shooting 'til about 8 PM that night. Sheesh! Although 60 shooters started the match, only 51 die-hards finished it. Brand new CAS shooters, Hurricane Carter and his wife, Shakey Sadie, braved out the entire day! Guess they're hooked!

Sue Clark, a local juried photographer, took photos at

this month's match. She was kind enough to give us permission to use them in our newsletter and on our website. You will see several examples of her fine work throughout this newsletter. Other may be found on the PHOTOS page of our Circle K Regulators website (www.circlekregulators.com).

Rowdy incorporated a number of different things in this month's match, including use of the knockdown plate rack, a couple of poppers/clay birds, and the mover that we hadn't used for eons. There were several Shooter's Choices as well. Good action-packed, interesting stages!

When the smoke cleared, the following gunslingers remained standing. Congrats to:

- TOP GUN** – Yukon Mike
- Classic Cowboy** – Ol' Scratch
- Duelist** – Sixgun Schwaby
- Elder Statesman** – Rowdy Bill
- FC Duelist** – Whiskey Brooks
- Frontier Cart./Ladies FC** – Kate Cartwright
- Gunfighter** – Marshal Cartwright
- 49r** – Yukon Mike
- Senior** – Mean Dawg Loomis
- Silver Senior** – Buck Wilder
- Senior Duelist** – Peddler Jack
- Wrangler/Ladies Wrangler** – Spinning Sally
- Young Gun** – Spaghetti Gunslinger
- Ladies Duelist** – Three Barrel Chris
- Ladies 49r** – Annabelle Bransford
- Ladies Senior** – Violet Cassidy
- Clean Shooters** – Always Willin, Feany Valentine,

Hardcase Bob, Lone Star Jake, and Whiskey Brooks

(BTW – Only those shooters who completed the entire match are eligible for braggin' rights, so if you didn't finish all six stages, even if you were the only one in your category, don't expect to find your name listed above.)



MOHAWK VALLEY FREEDOM RALLY

The Mohawk Valley Freedom Rally (Rally for Repeal of the NY SAFE Act) was held at the Guan Ho Ha Fish and Game Club in Glenville, NY, from 6-8 PM on Weds., 5/15/13. Nearly 500 Second Amendment advocates gathered to raise money to benefit the NYS Rifle & Pistol Association's legal fund and to hear from area legislators who are fighting for our rights. Food and drink were available on site, and there were some great looking rally T-shirts for sale. Numerous items, including three firearms, were raffled off. Thousands of demand postcards petitioning for repeal of the NY SAFE Act were signed. And in the end, the NYSRPA President, Tom

King, was presented with a check for \$5000 to go towards their legal fund. This amount was later generously matched by the Capital Gun Group. All-in-all, a very successful rally!



MARCH ON ALBANY

Another local rally for repeal of the NY SAFE Act was held in East Capitol Park in Albany on 5/21/13. Numerous speakers were on hand to get the crowd revved up, including Sheriff Mack from Arizona. Rally attendees then delivered over 400,000 signed petition postcards to Albany lawmakers in their chambers demanding a vote on Steve Katz's Bill #A-5955 for full repeal of NY SAFE Act.



2nd AMENDMENT RALLIES

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the following upcoming local rallies to support 2nd Amendment rights and to repeal the NY SAFE Act:

6/8/13 – Rally on the River, Admiral's Marina and Bar, 842, North Hudson, Stillwater, NY, 1 PM - ??.

6/11/13 – 2nd Amendment Freedom Rally, West Capitol Park, Albany, noon – 2 PM. This is the last opportunity to rally and lobby against the NY SAFE Act before the NYS Legislature breaks. BE THERE!



FIRST FRIDAY ARTWALK

On Friday 6/7/13, from 5:30-8:30 PM, photographer Sue Clark has invited us cowboy shooters to attend the First Friday Artwalk in Saratoga – dressed in CAS cowboy or Victorian attire, of course! Interested cowpokes should plan to meet at Sharon Crutes Studio, 73 Beekman Street about 5:30-6:00 PM. We can go in the Studio to meet and greet Sue and Sharon, have a glass of

wine and some light “eats”, then walk the streets and check out the vendors and boutiques, grab dinner in one of the many restaurants in town, or just sit on the Studio porch or lawn and relax (bring folding chairs). Anyone planning to attend should contact Annabelle (email: annabelle69@juno.com, phone: 518-368-3535).



CKR WINNERS AT OTHER MAJOR MATCHES

Well, CAS is back into full swing in the Great Northeast with Memorial Day weekend finding two nearby states hosting their annual SASS State Championships.

PA

The SASS Pennsylvania State Championship was held in Muncy Valley, PA, on May 24-26. This was the 10th time El Posse Grande had hosted this event, but unfortunately, it will most likely be their last. Hopefully, another PA club will jump in to take over the PA State shoot in 2014. A total of 146 shooters completed this year's match, down 20 from last

year. There were numerous side matches, as well as 3-stage mini-matches for both regular CAS guns and Wild Bunch firearms on Fri. afternoon. Although the earlier rain had dissipated by the time side events started, the weather was still more like late fall than the start of summer with Friday's high only reaching the low 40s and a brisk 20-30 mph wind blowing all day. Brrrr!!!! It was so cold, in fact, that a couple of cowboys stooped so low as to raid the ladies' lingerie section of Kmart to obtain some thermal undies to help them through the remainder of the weekend (ask Rowdy Bill for details)! Thankfully, by Sun. things had warmed up a bit, and the sun finally graced the shooters with its presence. A handful of sutlers on site provided folks with a chance to part with some of their hard-earned cash in exchange for cowboy clothing and accessories, guns, ammo, and leather goods throughout the weekend. The theme of the shoot this year was a sequel to 2012's "It Should've Been a Western", with story lines turning modern movies such as "Star Wars" and "Poltergeist" into Westerns – a unique concept for sure! The ten main stages (6 on Sat. and 4 on Sun.) were fun and challenging, with a lot of movement and some fairly tough target acquisitions. While scores were tallied on Sun. afternoon, a Top Gun Team Shootoff was held, followed by announcement of the winners of the Chinese auction. Everything ran smoothly, and a good time was had by all.

Congrats to CKR members, **Rowdy Bill**, who took 1st in Elder Statesman and came in 9th overall, and **Annabelle Bransford**, who took 1st in Ladies 49r and had a clean match. Both were also in the Top Gun Team Shootoff.

A big congrats to Jerseytown Kid and BeDoc, the 2013 PA State Men's and Ladies' Champs, and to James Samuel Pike who took Top Gun overall.

Annabelle Bransford



VT

The wind was howling, the rain coming down in buckets, and later that evening, there were even snowflakes in the air. But that didn't deter eight crazy Circle K cowpokes from shooting in the Alaska State, oops, I mean, **Vermont State Championship** (Green Mountain Mayhem).

Despite the nasty weather and her 73's magazine tube occasionally holding her bullets hostage, **Three Barrel Chris** was the VT State Ladies Champion for the fifth time! Not only that, but she did it shooting as a duelist, also winning her class, Ladies Duelist. Way to go!

Continuing with the duelist theme: **Peddler Jack**, one of the few clean shooters, outwitted, outlasted, and out-shot the other Senior Duelists to claim 1st place Senior Duelist. **Sixgun Schwaby** dueled his way to 2nd place Duelist and 10th overall – AND won the raffle for a 1911 pistol. **The Dude Bandit** looking his usual dapper self was seen looking skyward appearing to be shouting to Mother Nature "Is that all you got?!!" as he coolly sauntered off with 2nd place Gunfighter.

Moving on to the Wrangler categories: **Renegade Roper** managed to tie down a clean shoot, 1st place Ladies Wrangler, and 8th place overall. **Big Sky Di** was hot on her heels, raining lead downrange as fast and furiously as the rain was pouring from the sky to batten down 2nd place Ladies Wrangler. Meanwhile, **Suggs Jr** snagged up 2nd place Wrangler, despite having to use a backup pistol with such a long barrel it dang near dragged in the mud.

And not to be left out in the cold, **Homer Suggs** put the deep freeze on his competition and speared 3rd place Elder Statesman.

As an aside, rumor has it they may move this shoot to August next year. (I am sure it has absolutely nothing to do with the weather, though.)



COWBOY KLAYS

The first Cowboy Klays Shoot of the season was held on Monday, May 27th, Memorial Day, at the Philmont Rod and Gun Club, Upper Property (the usual spot).

We had a beautiful day and eight cowboys showed up to shoot Cowboy Klays with the Dude. We also had a number of shooters from the regular Philmont Club. We broke up into two groups to shoot, and the cowboys had way more fun. **Jess Lucky** won the first round with a 39, way ahead of the rest of the pack. He came very close to breaking 40, but he had some trouble with the trapper's revenge round. Yukon Mike, came in second with a 27, followed by Whiskey Brooks. Always Willin', Roy Cassidy, Willie Misfire, Suggs Jr., Homer Suggs - all pretty close in the middle, shooting in the teens. Always Willin' brought along a new shooter, Sometimes Wright, who shot a very respectable 8, considering he never shot clay birds before at all.

In the second round, everybody showed improvement. There was a very tense competition between Jess and the Dude. Dude was off to an early lead, but Jess caught up on the

second half. It all came down to the trapper's revenge round. Whiskey Brooks pulled the birds for both shooters. Lucky shot first and finished with a 33. The Dude came into that round with a 31, needed two to tie and 3 to win. Yukon Mike was kind enough to remind The Dude several times of that fact (no pressure). But **The Dude** came through with 3 and won with a 34.

Additional Cowboy Klays shoots will be held on:

- July 4th (Thursday), cookout at Dude's house following shoot, RSVP.
- September 2nd, (Monday), Labor Day

Start time for the shoots is 9:30 AM. We usually try to shoot two rounds of 50 birds each. The cost is \$12.50 per round. If you need directions or additional info or wish to RSVP, email Dude Bandit theodb1897@hotmail.com.

The Dude Bandit



FOR SALE

Uberti 1873 rifle, 45 LC, case hardened, short stroke kit, gun slinger trigger. Mint condition. \$ 1,100.00

Two Ruger Vaquero pistols. 45 LC, case hardened, birds head walnut grips, Last Cowboy editions. Mint condition. These guns are limited edition. \$1,500.00 for the pair.

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FOR SALE

Winchester Model 1907, .351 Winchester self loading, 20 inch barrel, open sights. Approximately 58,490 made from 1907 to 1957. Asking \$800.

"The Overland" 12 Ga. shotgun with exposed hammers, 20 inch barrels. Manufactured by Rossi for Interarms of Alexandria, VA. Asking \$400.

Harrington and Richardson Inc., Model 176 10 Ga. shotgun, 3 1/2 inch mag., single shot heavy barrel rifle sights. Asking \$130.

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