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### MAY 2017

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

6/14/17 – CKR Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM 6/16/17 – CKR Setup for Rough Riders Match, 9:30 AM 6/17/17 – Monthly Rough Riders Match, 6 Stages, 10 AM 6/18/17 – CKR Monthly CAS Match (& Happy Father's Day!)

## MAY CKR ROUGH RIDERS MATCH

Well, we certainly could not have asked for nicer weather for the May 20<sup>th</sup> Rough Riders match. With bright blue skies, a light breeze, and temps making it into the upper 60s, it was a perfect spring day. The new 10 AM start-up time allowed the 19 shooters to finish up early – so early in fact, that the powersthat-be decided we'd have more RR stages in the future (see Special RR Announcements).

Lone Star Jake took some of the pressure off Dude Bandit this month and kind of tweaked some of the stages from this year's Muster to provide five fun-filled, lead-slinging scenarios, replete with single and double bird throwers, a mover, a no-shoot, and a wild and wondrous new whirl-a-gig target designed and built by our own Wheels Cartwright.

Although the whirl-a-gig still needs a bit of refinement, it was certainly unlike anything anyone present had ever shot before, that's for sure. Fun and different!

With a total of only 10 clean stages (out of 95 stages shot), 3 SDQs, and several equipment malfunctions, the golden gift card for a clean match remained safe for yet another month.

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

TOP GUN – James Samuel
Pike
Ladies Modern – Renegade
Roper
Men's Modern – James
Samuel Pike
Men's Traditional – Wheels
Cartwright
Men's Open – Whiskey Brooks

# SPECIAL ROUGH RIDERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beginning in June, the monthly Rough Rider matches will consist of 6 stages, rather than 5. One of the stages will be the same as one of the Sunday cowboy stages but with 10 extra pistol rounds. Setup will continue to take place on the Friday preceding the match,

starting at 9:30 AM. The match itself will start on Saturday at 10 AM.

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#### MAY CKR CAS MATCH

The weather for the May 21<sup>st</sup> CAS match was not quite as nice as it had been for the RR match the previous day, but it could certainly have been worse. It was somewhat chilly in the morning and mostly cloudy all day, but there has been a lot of that kind of weather this spring, so what else is new?!

A total of 47 shooters enjoyed the opportunity to shoot six fun stages and get a little more practice in before the "big shoots" of the 2017 season started. Lone Star Jake was on a roll this month and took it upon himself to do the CAS stages, too, giving Rowdy time to work on other KF&G events and training classes. Thanks, Jake!

When the day drew to a close, the following folks were left with braggin' rights 'til we do it all again next month

Congrats to: **TOP GUN – JAMES SAMUEL PIKE B-Western** – Wyatt Hurts

**Classic Cowboy** – Travis Spencer **Duelist** – Sixgun Schwaby Elder Statesman – Rowdy Bill Cattle Baron - Frenchy Wolf **Grand Patron** – Pot Shot Bob FC Duelist – Wheels Cartwright **Gunfighter** – Smilin' Pete 49r - Yukon Mike Ladies 49r – Big Sky Di Senior/Ladies Senior -Annabelle Bransford **Sr Duelist** – I. C. Moose **Silver Senior** – Four Feathers **Ladies Silver Senior** – Violet Cassidy Wrangler – James Samuel Pike Ladies Wrangler -Renegade Roper

#### **CKR SASS RO TRAINING**

Clean Shooters – Annabelle

Whiskey Brooks

Bransford, John S. Books, and

Annabelle Bransford and Rowdy Bill (with assistance from Nanny Oakley who was working on her RO II instructor certification) conducted their annual SASS RO I and II training at the CKR on May 6th. Along with 6 first-time RO I students, 14 folks took the course as a refresher (including CKR members). SASS recently completely revised the RO I course and set it up to be presented as a slide show. It was a much more comprehensive AND LONGER course than in the past -5 hours - whee! Six folks took the RO II course for the first time with 2 taking it as a refresher. We are pleased to welcome CKR member, Midnight Mike, to the "elite" list of qualified RO IIs in the club. Now we just have to put him to work!

#### **MUSTER AT FT MISERY**

Our 4<sup>th</sup> SASS NYS Wild Bunch Action Shooting Championship, Muster at Fort Misery, was held on April 29-30. It was a resounding success with a record 61 shooters from 6 states and Canada participating in the match.

As always, there are lots of cowboys and cowgirls to thank. Very special thanks go out to Match Director, Roy Cassidy, and Range Master/Stage Writer, The Dude Bandit. Thanks also to Brenda Kopp for doing our scoring once again. Whistlin' Micah was our "go to" guy and was always willing to do whatever was asked of him. Thanks, Micah, for showing us the "Cowboy Way". KF&G members Dona & Eric Rutland once again did breakfast and lunch for the shooters both Sat. and Sun. As if that was not enough, they also catered the Sat. night dinner. The food was delicious, and no one went away hungry. Thanks again, Dona and Eric; it is greatly Kathy appreciated. Nadler helped at the "Infurmation Booth", and she and "Mo" also decorated Lasses the clubhouse for the dinner.

When the shooting was done, no one had even come close to mastering Dude Bandit's challenging and action-packed stages. In fact, there were over 2,100 misses (an average of approximately 35 per shooter!). Yikes! But whether they

missed or not, everyone went away with a smile on their face. Congrats to the following winners:

#### **OVERALL CHAMPIONS:**

**Top Gun:** James Samuel Pike **Top Lady**: Serenity

NYS Resident Champions: Men's Modern: Yukon Mike Men's Traditional: Hawkeye

Harry

Ladies Modern: Renegade

Roper

**Category Winners:** 

Ladies Modern: Serenity Men's Modern: James Samuel

Pike

Men's Traditional: Hawkeye

Harry

Spirit of the Game: Nawlins

Kid

Winner of the Ruger 1911 Raffle: Reverend Dave Clayton

#### **HELUVA RUKUS 2017**

Plans are moving along for this vear's SASS NY State Championship. As of this writing, we are up to 125 registered shooters. If you haven't already sent in your registration, don't delay! This is especially critical for those planning to camp on site. Space is limited and filling up fast!

We continue to add more sponsors and vendors to the list. Vendors who have committed thus far include: Cowboy Gunworks, Klassic Laser Works, Bullets by Scarlett, Boston Scarlet (Storm Gear), PT Litewell's Heliographic Emporium, and new ladies'

clothing vendor, Frederick's of Deadwood.

If you can help us out by obtaining sponsors, vendors, or door prizes or are willing to serve on a particular committee (main match ROs, side match ROs, registration table, door prize table, etc.), jump right in. As you can imagine, for a shoot of this size, we need a lot of help!

Any questions may be directed to 'Mo' Lasses at donadler@hotmail.com or Annabelle Bransford at annabelle69@juno.com.

### CKR MEMBERS AT OTHER MAJOR SHOOTS

Memorial Day weekend marked the start of this CAS season's travels to major shoots for several CKR members.

The SASS Ohio State CAS **Championship**, Shootout at Hard Times, was held in Piqua, OH, May 26-28. A total of 188 shooters participated in the Overall Men's and match. Ladies' Champions were Deuce Stevens and Sage Chick, respectively. Congrats to CKR members, Sixgun Schwaby (who shot clean, took 1st in Duelist, and came in 19<sup>th</sup> overall) and Renegade Roper (who took 1st in Ladies Wrangler).

The SASS Pennsylvania State CAS Championship, North Mountain Shoot Out XVIII, was held in Muncy Valley, PA, May 26-28. A total of 130 shooters took part in the match. Overall

Men's and Ladies' Champs were Jerseytown Kid and Spinning Sally, with the PA State Champs being Jerseytown Kid and Alamo. Congrats to CKR members, **Rowdy Bill** (who shot clean, took 1<sup>st</sup> in Elder Statesman, and came in 11<sup>th</sup> overall) and **Annabelle Bransford** (who took 1<sup>st</sup> in Ladies Senior).

More big matches are coming up! If you have never traveled to a bigger "away" match, think about doing so. It's a great way to make new friends and see how some of the other CAS clubs do things.