

# The CirKulator

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## APRIL 2007

### DATES TO REMEMBER

April 29 – SASS RO 1 & 2  
Classes, 9 AM & 1 PM,  
respectively

May 8 – CAS Practice, 5-7 PM

May 16 – CKR Monthly  
Meeting, 7:30 PM

May 19 – Setup for CKR  
Monthly Shoot, Noon

May 20 – CKR Monthly Shoot

May 22 – CAS Practice, 5-7  
PM

### CABIN FEVER SHOOT

Well, just like most March days, the snow was still on the ground. The weather forecast for March 25<sup>th</sup> didn't call for snow or rain, so it was ok. The big concern was how we were going to set up stages when we just had a snowstorm and nothing was plowed.

But we came up with a great idea. We shot from under the big building known as the chicken shack. On the left side, we set up one small stage with a few rifle targets and some shotgun targets. The only thing we didn't use was the knockdown targets for the shotguns. That way we didn't need someone going out in the snow to reset them. On the right, at the 50 yard bench, we set one cowboy or buffalo target (I've forgotten which), and let

shooters practice some mild long-range shooting. Having two stages seemed to split the group and made things move a little faster.

A few cowboys showed up on Saturday to set up the clubhouse with tables and chairs and extra tables for those who wanted to sell or trade.

Most people got to the club by 9:00am Sunday and dropped off their food donations for lunch. The ladies inside had things ready to go -- hot items on one side, desserts in the back, and cold items on the counter.

After the shooting was done around 1:00 PM, everyone came back to the clubhouse and we ate. And boy, what food we had to eat! Doe Dancer and I had gotten calls from 56 cowpokes wanting to gather. We ended up with 80! No one went hungry. Great job everyone. Thank you all, and we will do it again next year.

Smokehouse Dan

### APRIL MONTHLY SHOOT

Well, who would have known the weather was going to be like it was. As most of you know, it was snowing HARD on April

15th. But no matter, about 16 brave people showed up at the club to shoot. I do believe we had more people at set up on Saturday. Thanks, guys and gals.

It ended up that 11 brave people decided it was ok to shoot. I had the safety meeting in the clubhouse, as well as read the scenerios so as not to get the paper wet. Dude and Lone Star Jake decided not to shoot but stayed on so they could run the posse and speed things along. I helped where I could but ran out of gas after Stage 3. But that is another story. Doe Dancer kept score for the posse, so this also helped things along. They shot all 5 stages with no break. We ended about 1 PM.

Everyone had a good time. We all made jokes about the weather and said we should have shot in Dec. or even Jan. instead. We had two cowpokes come over from Vermont to shoot. They said they left home with more snow than what we had here, so it was better to come over and shoot with us.

Clean up went quickly. We did it after each stage was completed. Thank you, everyone, for all your work. I will say this was a different shoot, but as always, it was fun.

After the shoot, people called me and asked why we didn't postpone the shoot. This club is getting busier every year. The dates and times for events are limited, so when we are scheduled to shoot, **We Shoot**.

Thank you again for all the help.

Smokehouse Dan

### **APRIL MONTHLY SHOOT** **(Part 2)**

The first monthly shoot of the season kinda didn't turn out the way everyone had hoped. After waiting for five long months to shoot, those trigger fingers were really starting to get itchy. But, alas, on April 15th, Mother Nature showed us her mean streak. It was cold, it was windy, it was wet, and it was SNOWING like crazy! The calendar said Spring; the weather said NOT! Nevertheless, eleven brave (or totally insane!) cowpokes and pokettes actually shot all five stages. Many thanks to Rowdy Bill for writing the scenarios (although he didn't shoot them) and to The Dude Bandit and Lone Star Jake for serving as ROs (although they didn't shoot either). Despite the marked lack of participants (gee, I can't imagine why), we did learn a couple of things at the shoot. First, black and red targets stand out REALLY well in snow. (Thanks, Capt. Cletus Justice.) And second, the new Artzen target and stand works fine. Rather than break for lunch, the small posse shot all the stages straight through and then retired to the clubhouse for some pizza – and WARMTH! According

to Smokehouse Dan, those who shot had fun. Wheels confirmed that and sent me some amazing pics to prove it. Congrats to ALL those who shot for showing us the true meaning of “cowboy up”. Although Blackhands came out as Top Gun (CONGRATS!), I think everyone should be considered a winner this month just for making it through safely! And Feany even shot the match clean – an amazing feat under the adverse conditions. It looks like we'll have stages we can use again in May since they'll undoubtedly appear completely different when they're not being shot in the midst of a blinding snowstorm!

Annabelle

### **CKR PRACTICE SESSIONS**

Beginning in May, the CKR will hold practice sessions FOR MEMBERS ONLY on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 5 PM – 7 PM. Rowdy Bill has agreed to be in charge of the sessions this year and will be glad to give shooting tips to anyone interested. Please note that we will be utilizing the stages at the far left end of the range (Stages 2-4), so that the rifle range area can remain open for others to use.

### **SASS RO 1 & 2 TRAINING**

On Sunday, April 29th, Rowdy Bill and Annabelle Bransford will hold a SASS RO 1 and RO 2 training course at the KF&G clubhouse. The classes are

FREE to CKR members. Others will pay the regular SASS-required fee (\$10 for RO 1 and \$25 for RO 2). RO 1 will start at 9 AM and will consist of classroom training, followed by a test. RO 2 will start at 1 PM and will consist of classroom training, a test, and then field training on the range. There are no pre-requisites for taking RO 1; however, in order to take RO 2, you must have taken and passed the RO 1 course, be an active SASS member and have participated in SASS for a minimum of 6 months. You may take BOTH courses on the same day. Anyone planning to attend both courses should bring a lunch. Sodas will be provided. All students will also need a pen/pencil. Anyone who has already passed RO 2 and would like to sit-in as a refresher is welcome to do so. All interested parties need to contact Annabelle (518-877-7834 or [annabelle69@juno.com](mailto:annabelle69@juno.com)) by no later than 4/26/07 so that adequate copies of the training materials can be made.

### **CKR WORK DAY**

Saturday, May 12th, has been designated as a work day for the CKR. We will be working on the new permanent stage (deck and building) on Stage 10. This is a major project, so we can use all the help we can get. The work party will start at 9 AM and continue for most of the day. Please donate a few hours of your time to help out. Bring work gloves, hammers, and light carpentry tools (cordless screwdrivers, drills, and such).

## **CONDOLENCES**

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Feany Valentine on the recent passing of his mother and to Gusty Ten-Pings on the recent passing of his father. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families at this difficult time.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

On a MUCH more positive note, congratulations are in order for English Bev and Flat Iron who recently tied the knot. It's about time!!! May they enjoy a lifetime of love and happiness – even sweeter now that it's legal! ;-)

## **HELUVA RUKUS**

By the time this newsletter goes out, registration for Heluva Rukus '07 will undoubtedly be closed (197 registered as of 4/20/07). Many thanks to those who helped put the mailing together. We will have HR Committee signup sheets available at the upcoming shoots and will be looking for folks to help out with the registration and door prize tables, setup, teardown, props, range maintenance, and ROing both the side events and main stages. If you would like to volunteer for a job and won't be at a shoot to sign up, please let Homer or Annabelle know ([troussel@nycap.com](mailto:troussel@nycap.com) or [annabelle69@juno.com](mailto:annabelle69@juno.com)).

# Happy Trails!

