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DATES TO REMEMBER

5/2/09 – SASS RO I and RO II Training (see below) 5/9/09 – NRA RO Training (see below) 5/12/09 – CKR Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM 5/16/09 – CKR Work Day & Setup for Monthly Shoot 5/17/09 – CKR Monthly Shoot

NOTES FROM THE TRAIL BOSS

The season has begun. Cowboy Action Shooting at the CKR started out with great weather and a great turnout with 68 shooters on Sunday, April 19th. We had some of our founding shooters return to our sport --Grandpa, Bambino (now a/k/a Santa Anna), C.W. Moss and Rose Wilder. It was good to have you back. We started the year out with us shooting six stages instead of five. This was done so we could divide up the stages. It allowed us to shoot 3 stages on one end, then after lunch, the posses just switched ends. It made for less walking (you know, from Stage 10 all the way to Stage 1).

We had the Greenfield Lions Club do the cooking again. They will be with us all year. For some of you new shooters and old ones, they offer breakfast sandwiches in the morning. And they have a nice lunch menu. They will offer a special at every shoot. Next month's special will be a sausage and peppers sandwich. The announcement for HR 2009 has gone out. Many of you took advantage of signing up early which is greatly appreciated.

Now that you have signed up and are coming to the shoot, please take time to sign up to help as well. We need many people to help with Range Officer duties for side events and main match ROs You do not need RO 1 or RO 2 training to RO for side events. We also need help for Setup (Thurs.), Teardown (Mon.), Range Maintenance (during the shoot), Registration and Door Prize Tables (Fri.), and other duties. We really do need help for this event. Signup sheets will be at the registration table at our monthly shoots, or you can contact Annabelle (call: 518-877-7834 email: or annabelle69@juno.com) to get put on a particular committee.

Just a reminder to everyone... There will be **SASS RO I and RO II** training classes for cowboy shooters held at the KF&G clubhouse on Saturday, May 2nd from 9 AM – 4:30 PM.

You must pre-register with Annabelle to get in a class.

There will also be an NRA Basic Range Officer Safety Training class held Saturday, May 9th, from 8 AM - 4 PM at the club. This is a NRA certified course. It is free to all Kayaderosseras Fish & Game Club members. The fee will be \$70.00 for all others. Please contact Smokehouse Dan before April 30th to pre-register (call: 518-885-3758).

Let's all have a fun and safe shooting season.

Smokehouse Dan

APRIL MONTHLY SHOOT

We could not have asked for a nicer day to start our '09 CAS season – sunshine and spring-like temps – glorious shooting weather. It was great to see all our pards again after the long, hard winter, and we were especially pleased to have several of the CKR 'old timers' return to the fold after years of absence.

This was the first time we had recognized the new SASS categories that went into effect this year. With heavy hearts, we bid a fond farewell to the

good old Traditional and Modern classes, and welcomed (sorta) the new Cowboy/ Cowgirl class (open to ANY age group) and the Wrangler category (open to ages 36-48).

Rowdy Bill made sure the shooters not only had to dust the cobwebs off their guns, but off their brains as well, as they took on six fun and challenging stages this month. It was obvious that some folks had failed in their dusting duties, as there were a fair number of ammo and equipment problems (like my 8-round rifle jam ouch!) and a few more misses and procedurals than normal. But just having the chance to get out and sling lead and chew the fat with friends was all that really mattered, and there sure was a lotta that going on.

When the smoke finally cleared and the day drew to a close, the following cowpokes were left standing. Congrats to:

TOP GUN - YUKON MIKE

Wrangler – Yukon Mike **Duelist** – Smilin' Pete Classic Cowboy - Ol' Scratch **Cowboy** – Irish Parson Paul **B-Western** – Roy Cassidy Frontier Cartridge - Heartless Frontiersman – Wheels Cartwright **Gunfighter** – Whiskey Brooks **49rs** – Lone Star Jake **Senior** – Blackhands **Senior Duelist** – Gentleman Doc **Silver Senior** – Rowdy Bill Elder Statesman – Rattlesnake Rische Ladies B-Western – Violet Cassidy

Ladies Duelist – Shani M

Ladies Wrangler – Three
Barrel Chris
Ladies 49r – Myrtle Wells
Ladies Senior – J. T.
Longfeather
Young Gun – Jeremiah T
Clean Shooters – Gentleman
Doc, Peddler Jack, Whiskey
Brooks, Deathwish Kid,
Shatagee Trapper, and Dirty
Bill

Annabelle

CKR WINNERS AT OTHER MAJOR SHOOTS

Needless to say, there haven't been many big shoots in the past few months - at least not around these parts. BUT there was one major competition (The Last Stand. Florida State Championship) back in January that was attended by a number of CKR folks. Congrats to Yukon Mike and James Samuel Pike who made it into the Top Gun Shootoff. There were over 325 shooters there, so finishing in the top 32 was quite an accomplishment. Way to go, boys!

COWBOY KLAYS

Tentative Schedule for Cowboy Klays 2009 at the Philmont Rod & Gun Club's upper range: Saturday, May 30th Saturday, June 27th No Shoot Scheduled for July Saturday, August 29th Saturday, September 26th.

The last Saturday of the month. (Except for July)

Pre-registration with The Dude Bandit is recommended. (Phone: 518-784-3226 or email:

theodb1897@hotmail.com). He will only schedule shoots if there is sufficient interest. Once he has ten registered shooters for any given date, he will send out a confirmation to all registered shooters. If you do not pre-register, please check with Dude first to ensure that there will be a shoot on a specific date. The cost will be \$12 for 50 birds.

For directions or more information, contact Dude.

The Dude Bandit

CKR PRACTICE NIGHTS

The Tuesday practice nights are now back in full swing. All CKR members are invited to join us from 5-7 PM. This is a great opportunity to ask questions, hone your CAS skills, get familiar with new firearms, or test your ammo. Come on out!

HELUVA RUKUS '09

The big mailing went out, the registrations came flying back in, and voila - we were (over)filled in one week. Amazing! With a record number of registered shooters (nearly 250), we'll need a lotta help, so please do your part. First, sign up for a committee (or 2 or 3). Then do what you can to help us obtain stage/side event sponsors, vendors and prize contributors. door Contact Lone Star Jake (kardman23@aol.com or 518-399-3709) if need you sponsor/vendor registration

forms or sample letters soliciting for door prizes.

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HAPPY TRAILS!