

The CirKulator

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DATES TO REMEMBER

5/3/08 – SASS RO I and II

Training, 9AM – 5 PM

5/13/08 – CKR Monthly

Meeting, 7:30 PM (following
practice)

5/17/08 – CKR Work Day &

Setup for Monthly Shoot

5/18/08 – CKR Monthly Shoot

NOTES FROM THE TRAIL BOSS

Well, the shooting season has begun. We had 72 shooters show up to start the 2008 season. We kind of thought that with the economy being what it is we could be very busy or very slow. But we should have known better when we had 97 people show up to our March Cabin Fever Shoot. So I suspect that the rest of the year should be very busy indeed.

We are still getting new shooters to cowboy action shooting, which is a good thing. Hopefully they will get involved with the club to help and get to know more cowboys and the other parts of cowboy shooting. Welcome, new shooters!

As of this writing, the applications for HR 2008 have gone out. And by the time you finish reading the newsletter,

we should have filled our limit for HR 2008. Congratulations to all who made it in this year.

One of the things we must do this year is have more work days to get some of the projects done before HR 2008 in Sept. Most of these projects are construction related. Our first work day is May 17th, which is the Saturday before our shoot on the 18th. If we get enough people, we will have some set up for the shoot and some start the projects. When the setup crew is finished, they can lend a hand with the work projects. That is how we will get things done. But we will more than likely have to have more work days other than setup days. We know that everyone is busy, but we still need to complete the work. We also have to clean up the grounds from this past winter. So any time that you can spare and give a helping hand is greatly appreciated.

Rowdy Bill and Annabelle are having RO I and RO II training classes on Saturday, May 3rd. Please contact them (518-877-7834 / annabelle69@juno.com) if you plan to attend and also if you need this as a refresher for RO II. These classes are by pre-registration only.

They also have started practice nights which are on Tuesdays at 5:00 pm. They are for Circle K members and new members that need help to understand cowboy shooting and want to make sure they are safe. Practice is free to our shooters.

Please help us make cowboy shooting safe and fun for all those who wish to attend.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 13th at the clubhouse at 7:30 pm after practice night.

Thank you...

Smokehouse Dan

APRIL MONTHLY SHOOT

Wow, did we ever luck out with the weather for our April shoot. It was absolutely spectacular, with sunny skies and well above normal temps. By the time we gathered for the safety meeting on April 20th, there was a sizeable crowd of well heeled cowpokes jawin' with their pards and itchin' to get out and throw some lead. Just after 10 AM, a total of 72 shooters, including 2 Young Guns and 7 folks who had *NEVER* shot CAS before, broke into 4 posses and headed out to their stages. Rowdy Bill had provided us with some relatively

challenging scenarios to start off the season, and it was soon evident that some of the shooters didn't quite have their heads in the game yet. Although there seemed to be more misses and procedurals than usual, no one seemed to be the least bit upset. Instead, there were smiles all around as the cowboys and cowgirls used their trusty firearms to protect their homes, their herds, and their honor, as well as to seek a little revenge. There was plenty of movement – in fact, maybe TOO much in the deep sand on Stage 2 which was kinda like running on the beach! There were BIG new IPSC targets (love 'em) and little bitty buzzard targets (hate 'em). There were some easy target acquisitions and some that took a bit of thought (did you take your ginkgo biloba today?). All-in-all, it was an action-packed, fun-filled day, and a great start to the 2008 CAS season at the CKR.

It was especially nice to have so many new folks join our sport this month. Hopefully they all enjoyed the shoot and will come back to throw lead with us again in the future.

Thanks to those who assisted with setup and teardown, and to Wild Bill Longley for setting up a chronograph to help shooters test their loads for adherence to the new SASS standards. The chrony will be made available at future shoots as well.

At the end of the day, the following gunslingers were left standin'. Congrats to:

TOP GUN – JAMES S. PIKE

Traditional – James S. Pike
Modern – Sassparilla Will
Duelist – Smilin' Pete
Classic Cowboy – Tom Payne
B-Western – Roy Cassidy
Frontier Cartridge – Tommy Sharps
FC Duelist – Whiskey Brooks
Frontiersman – Wheels Cartwright
Gunfighter – The Dude Bandit
49rs – Rotten Rich
Senior – Blackhands
Senior Duelist – Peddler Jack
Silver Senior – Rowdy Bill
Elder Statesman – Rattlesnake Rische
Ladies Traditional – Three Barrels Chris
Ladies 49r – Annabelle Bransford
Ladies Frontier Cartridge – Kate Cartwright
Ladies Silver Senior – May Rein
Young Gun – Jeremiah T
Ladies Young Gun – Shani M
Clean Shooters – Annabelle Bransford, Rowdy Bill, Whiskey Brooks, Four-Feathers, Shatagee Trapper, Lonesome Trailman, and Wheels Cartwright

CKR PRACTICE NIGHTS

The Tuesday practice nights are going well, with good attendance from both new shooters and the "regulars". 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.

CKR WORK DAY

Mark your calendars and plan on attending our CKR work day

on **May 17th**. The gang will get started about 9:30 AM.

CIRKULATOR ARTICLES

If, at any time, you have an article you would like to contribute to *The CirKulator*, just send it to Annabelle (preferably via email). Also, if you have CAS-related items for sale, send the info to Annabelle as well, and she'll be glad to run an ad in the next issue of the newsletter. (Send to annabelle69@juno.com)

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We are in dire need of more sponsors, vendors, and door prize contributors for HR '08. Please help us out by soliciting those businesses you think might be interested in donating cowboy/shooting/western related merchandise or cash in exchange for advertising on our website and in our newsletter and Shooters Handbook. For further info on how you can help, contact Lone Star Jake (kardman23@aol.com or 518-399-3709). And please, support those businesses who support us!

HAPPY TRAILS!