

# The CirKulator

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

8/28/07 – CAS Practice, 5-7 PM

8/29/07 – Heluva Rukus

Shooters Packet Stuffing, 7:30 PM

9/4/07 – CAS Practice, 5-7 PM

9/9/07 – CKR Range Cleanup Day, 9 AM

9/11/07 – CKR Practice, 5-7 PM

9/13/07 – Heluva Rukus Setup, 9 AM

9/14-16/07 – **HELUVA RUKUS**

9/17/07 – Heluva Rukus Cleanup, 9 AM

***TAKE A BREATHER!***

## **NOTES FROM THE TRAIL BOSS**

August 19th, just a month before Heluva Rukus 2007! Sixty-three shooters came out to get some practice before the big shoot. The stages this month were from End of Trail 2007. Rowdy Bill hopes that by shooting these stages, some shooters that don't get to travel will get a feel for what they can expect at larger shoots. The stages were challenging with different target acquisitions, but still lots of fun.

We again had cowboys show up for this shoot that haven't been around in a while. It was good to see them all again.

Hopefully they will remember how much fun cowboy shooting was, and still is, and want to return all the time. It is important to have some of the older shooters come back to keep the sport moving forward. But I know it is just as important to have all you new shooters.

The SASS motto is "everyone shoots and everyone works". This is the cowboy way. In the Old West, the cowboys on cattle drives depended on each other to share the workload to make life easier for all of them. And when they were done from the drive and in town partying and gambling and doing other activities, they still depended on each other if trouble came to any of them. Well, when we shoot these stages at a shoot, most of them are gunfights that we must get out of. We protect our gold, cattle, horses, homestead or loved ones. When a shooter steps up to the line, he or she knows there are cowboys helping them shoot the stage correctly and safely. That is where the working comes in. There is someone at the loading table to make sure that the proper number of bullets and the correct bullets are loaded into each gun. There are three spotters to watch the targets for hits, misses and correct order of

shooting. There is the RO who runs the timer, helps the shooter start, and assists the shooter through the stage as safely and as quickly as the shooter wishes to go. Then there is the unloading table officer who insures that all the guns are now empty and safe. We also have target setters who reset the targets properly after each shooter is done. The scorekeeper records the time for each shooter. All this is the working part of Cowboy Action Shooting. This is what makes all of us cowboys and makes this the safest and most fun sport in the world. There are cowboy shooters all over the world that live by the cowboy motto, "Cowboy Up". Everyone shoots - everyone works. We all say thanks for the help at the shoots. But if you still want to see cowboy action continue, you really should get more involved in your local clubs. Take the SASS RO I and RO II classes to better understand range operations and what the RO does for all shooters. Learn about good, safe, fun stage designs and props.

Many shooters just come to shoot and help out at the shoot because that is what they have to do to get through the shoot. But cowboy shooting is so much more than that. Coming

out to help at a big shooting event like HR 2007 is the cowboy way. Say at a local shoot "I'll pick brass" or "I'll RO today" or even set targets for a change. Cowboys are a great bunch of people. We enjoy each other's company, and this make the work that we have to do so much easier. Please, the next time you go to a cowboy shoot, ask "Where can I help? ". Don't wait to be asked, or even told. Step up to the plate first.

All cowboys go through a time of nervousness about being in front of people and doing something wrong or getting embarrassed; that is okay. It is normal. But once you get past that, you should take the next step and ask "Where can I help?". You know that it will make you and your cowboy experience better.

Now September 14-15-16 is HR 2007. If you haven't gotten a chance to see this event, please stop by. It is open to all. Bring your family and friends to see the hard work the Circle K puts into the best shoot in the northeast. If you want to help at the shoot, just call Rowdy Bill (518-877-7834) or Smokehouse Dan (518-885-3758). Even if it is only one or two hours, we can always use more help during this time. I know you will be glad you did.

We will have 16 different vendors coming to sell all types of cowboy gear and wears. Bring lots of money! Most of these vendors have donated great prizes, too. But most of all, come out and watch some of

the best cowboy shooters put their best show on. It is a great time to be had by all!

Smokehouse Dan

### **AUG. MONTHLY SHOOT**

Wow! What an absolutely perfect day for a shoot! The cool, crisp air felt almost like fall. What a pleasant change from the heat and humidity we'd been having. Sixty-three cowboy shooters showed up to enjoy the day and to get in some more practice before 'The Big Event' (Heluva Rukus). Those who shot both our July AND August shoots can now tell their friends that they've shot 83% of End of Trail '07 without ever having to leave New York. Such a deal! Rowdy gave us 5 more fun stages with knockdown pistol and rifle targets, a clay bird, and an optional bonus. The stages left a lot of the "how to shoot" decisions up to the cowpokes doin' the shootin', and it was interesting to see the various ways some of the scenarios were shot. The Lions Club outdid themselves with an awesome chicken dinner for those so inclined. Just the smell was enough to make you drool! They're thinking about having chili and biscuits and/or venison stew and biscuits as their "specials" for Oct. Yummy!

At the end of the day, the following gunslingers came out on top. Congrats to:

**TOP GUN – Yukon Mike**  
**Traditional – Yukon Mike**  
**Duelist – Smilin' Pete**

**Classic Cowboy – Tom Payne**  
**B-Western – Lone Star Jake**  
**Frontier Cartridge – Irascible**  
**Curmudgeon**  
**FC Duelist – Wheels**  
**Cartwright**  
**Gunfighter – Ol' Scratch**  
**49rs/Ladies 49rs – Annabelle**  
**Bransford**  
**Senior – Blackhands**  
**Senior Duelist – Bear Lee**  
**Tallable**  
**Silver Senior – Rowdy Bill**  
**Elder Statesman – Latigo**  
**Means**  
**Ladies Frontier Cartridge –**  
**Kate Cartwright**  
**Ladies Traditional – Three**  
**Barrel Chris**  
**Young Gun – Jeremiah T**  
**Clean Shoot – Smokehouse**  
**Dan (YEEHAA! 1<sup>st</sup> clean shoot**  
**ever – and it only took 10**  
**years!), Rowdy Bill, Peddler**  
**Jack, Flat Nose Drifter, Homer**  
**Suggs**

### **HR PACKET STUFFING**

**Weds., Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 PM,** we will stuff the shooters' packets for Heluva Rukus. This is a major undertaking, so we can use a lot of help! We'll be putting labels on the envelopes and filling them with the Shooters Handbook, a name badge, BBQ dinner tickets, various HR-related flyers, and all the brochures received from our sponsors. Then we'll be alphabetizing them into boxes for registration. It'll only take an hour or two, and it's actually quite fun – a whirlwind of activity in the clubhouse as 15-20 people work in assembly-line fashion. Please come and lend a hand!

## **KF&G GUN RAFFLE**

All CKR/KF&G members should have received a gun raffle ticket in their last KF&G newsletter. Please support your club by purchasing the ticket. You may either mail the stub and a check for \$20 to: Kayaderosseras Fish & Game Club, 706 Geyser Rd., Ballston Spa, NY 12020, or turn in at an upcoming CKR meeting or shoot. If you are NOT going to buy the ticket, please return it ASAP to the aforementioned address so that it can be made available for purchase by someone else.

Non-members, if you are interested in purchasing a ticket, you may do so at Heluva Rukus or at our October CKR shoot, or by calling Smokehouse Dan at 518-885-3758.

## **CKR WINNERS AT OTHER MAJOR SHOOTS**

**The Great Nor'Easter SASS New England Regional** was held July 26-29 in Pelham, NH. It was HOT, HOT, HOT, but lots of fun! There were 220 shooters in attendance. Congrats to the following CKR members who finished with honors:

Rowdy Bill – 1<sup>st</sup> Silver Senior (clean & 10<sup>th</sup> overall)  
Annabelle Bransford – 1<sup>st</sup> Ladies 49r (& 1<sup>st</sup> in Buffalo Bill's Wild West Auditions)  
Lone Star Jake – 2<sup>nd</sup> B-Western  
The Dude Bandit – 3<sup>rd</sup> B-Western  
Peddler Jack – 4<sup>th</sup> Senior  
Duelist (clean)

Rattlesnake Rische – 4<sup>th</sup> Silver Senior  
Myrtle Wells – 6<sup>th</sup> Ladies 49r  
Wheels – 6<sup>th</sup> Frontiersman  
Blackhands – 8<sup>th</sup> Senior  
Three Barrel Chris – 10<sup>th</sup> Ladies Traditional

Rowdy Bill also made it into the Men's Top 16 Shootout. Annabelle and Myrtle Wells made it into the Ladies Top 16 Shootout – AND Myrtle made it all the way to the 3<sup>rd</sup> round when she got to go head-to-head with World Champion, Holy Terror! If you're gonna lose in a CAS shootout, that's one person you don't have to feel bad about losing to!

**The Guns of August SASS Midwest Regional** was held in Middletown, OH, on Aug. 9-12. It was HOT, HOT, HOT (do you see a trend here?), but a lot of fun. This was a 12-stage match. There were just over 400 shooters in attendance, and the competition was fierce! Circle K members, Flat Iron and English Bev, who recently moved to NC, were there, along with a few other CKR folks. Congrats to the following who returned home "packing wood":  
Rowdy Bill – 2<sup>nd</sup> Silver Senior (and clean!)  
English Bev – 3<sup>rd</sup> Ladies 49r  
Annabelle Bransford – 4<sup>th</sup> Ladies 49r

## **CKR PRACTICE NIGHTS**

CKR practice nights will continue from 5-7 PM each Tuesday through Sept. 11th. They will then be suspended until the spring of next year. These next few practice

sessions will be your last opportunity to throw some lead and get all the misses out of your guns before the NYS Championship! Hope to see you there.

## **RANGE CLEANUP DAY**

**Sunday, Sept. 9th**, will be a Range Cleanup Day in final preparation for Heluva Rukus. Things will get going around 9 AM. We'll be cleaning up shotgun shells, raking, trimming, and just generally straightening up the entire range. Please donate a few hours of your time to help out. Bring work gloves, pruning shears, chainsaws, and rakes.

## **REMINGTON DEMO**

Anyone with photos of the CKR members "doing their thing" at the Remington demo are asked to share them with Annabelle who is helping with preparation of an article on the demo to be submitted to *The Cowboy Chronicle*.

# Happy Trails!

