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DATES TO REMEMBER

8/11/09 – CKR Monthly

Meeting, 7:30 PM

8/15/09 – CKR Work Day &

Setup for Monthly Shoot, 9AM

8/16/09 – CKR Monthly Shoot

NOTES FROM THE TRAIL BOSS

It is July, and summer is half over. The Rukus is only 8 weeks away. Where is the time going? It doesn't matter where it's going. We still manage to get some cowboy action shooting done.

Sunday, July 19th, we had 83 shooters show up to have some fun. Rowdy had 6 great stages with lots of thinking in them. We had a few friends from out of town stop by. Glad to see you folks again. I do believe most people wanted to get one last practice in before the Regional. But, no matter, it was good to have that many of you there.

It was a busy week and weekend for some of our members. A devoted group is hard at work trying to get the town done before the Rukus in Sept. Their efforts and hard work are top notch, and I'm proud to say "Thanks, guys and gals for a great job." We also had a group of shooters go to

the Lone Feather Studios Open House on Sat., the 18th. We put on a cowboy action shooting demonstration for Ken Schmidt and his customers and friends, besides trying to get set up for Sunday's shoot. So you can see we were very busy the whole weekend.

Just a reminder that at the August shoot, we will shoot long range rifles after our regular match. This is so everyone can sight in their rifles at our distances for the Rukus. It also gives our guys a chance to work out the bugs for long range side events.

This Rukus could be one of our largest ever. We have 250 shooters. We have only had 1 or 2 drop out. So the posses will be large. There should be lots of people to visit with. Something new this year is that we are going to stay on the club grounds for both Friday and Saturday nights' meals. This should give you all plenty of time to visit with the vendors. Please visit with them and thank them for coming out to our shoot. They are as much a part of the event as the side events, stages and the posses, etc.

See you in August.

Smokehouse Dan

JULY MONTHLY SHOOT

Ya know that perfect shootin' day we've all been waitin' for all spring/summer? Well, it finally arrived on July 19th, just in time for our monthly CKR shoot! And a whopping 83 shooters took full advantage of it to join us for a fun-filled day of slingin' lead. We welcomed shooters from MA, CT, and VT this month, along with a couple of first timers. Hopefully, they all enjoyed the day, and will return to shoot with us again.

Rowdy Bill again provided six interesting stages to challenge our shooting skills and our brain cells. We also got to try out a couple of new things this month. Wheels Cartwright provided us with a great new release mechanism for the moving target which worked flawlessly! Flat Nose Drifter made us a cool new portable/modular jail cell which also worked great. And Sassparilla Will built us a couple of new props to use for staging guns (or just to look good). Thanks so much, folks!! We just keep adding nifty new props!

But props aside, the stages themselves were super, with a couple of new and different target acquisitions, another

chance to try out the knockdown plate rack and the mover, and a real jailbreak! Just too much fun!

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

TOP GUN – James Samuel Pike

B-Western – Sassparilla Will
Classic Cowboy – Tom Payne
Cowboy – James Samuel Pike
Duelist – Smilin’ Pete
Elder Statesman – Rattlesnake
Frontier Cartridge – Heartless
FC Duelist – Gentleman Doc
Frontiersman – Wheels Cartwright
Fortyniner – Lone Star Jake
Senior – Blackhands
Senior Duelist – Peddler Jack
Silver Senior – Rowdy Bill
Wrangler – Yukon Mike
Young Gun (M) – Jeremiah T
Ladies B-Western – Christmas Carol
Cowgirl – Appaloosa Amy (2nd Overall!)
Ladies Frontier Cartridge – Kate Cartwright
Ladies 49r – Annabelle Bransford
Ladies Senior – Jolee
Ladies Silver Senior – May Rein
Ladies Wrangler – Three Barrel Chris
Young Gun (F) – Snazzy McGee
Clean Shooters – Always Willin’, Appaloosa Amy, Baby Jane, Buck Bozeman, Capt. Cletus Justice, Peddler Jack, and Wheels Cartwright

Annabelle

CKR WINNERS AT OTHER MAJOR SHOOT

The **SASS NH/VT State Championship** was held in Holderness, NH, July 10-12, with 113 shooters participating in the event. A number of CKR members attended and returned home packin’ wood.

Congrats to Three Barrel Chris, James Samuel Pike, Rowdy Bill, Yukon Mike, and Annabelle Bransford who made it into the Top 16 Men/Ladies Shootoff.

And a couple of really special congrats – to **Three Barrel Chris** who became the 2009 VT Ladies’ State Champion (a repeat of her win last year!) and to **James Samuel Pike** who won the Top Gun Shootoff (along with his partner, Hawley McCoy) and took 5 of the 10 stages! Way to go, folks!!!! Ya done us proud!

Congrats also to:
Rowdy Bill – 1st Silver Senior (and 4th overall)
Annabelle Bransford – 1st Ladies 49r
Peddler Jack – 2nd Sr. Duelist
Blackhands – 3rd Senior
Yukon Mike – 4th Wrangler

The biggest annual CAS event in the Northeast took place in Pelham, NH, on July 23-26. A total of 250 shooters participated in The Great Nor’easter, the **SASS New England Regional**, with a number of our own CKR members joining in the fun.

Rowdy and Annabelle taught a SASS RO II course there on Weds. afternoon, and the REAL fun began the next day with numerous side events and a 3-stage “squall”. All this was followed by 10 main stages Fri. and Sat. and a team event, cowboy trap, Top Gun Shootoff, and awards on Sun.

Congrats to James Samuel Pike, Rowdy Bill, Yukon Mike, Annabelle Bransford, and Three Barrel Chris who made it into the Top Gun Shootoffs. A special congrats to **James S. Pike** who won the Men’s Shootout (beating out former World Champion, Evil Roy!) and the final shootout (top man against top woman). Yeehaa!

The CKR made a fine showing at the event as evidenced by the number of members returning home with Top Ten buckles and/or plaques. Congrats to:

James S. Pike – 1st Wrangler (3rd overall, and winner of 2 stages)
Annabelle Bransford – 1st L49r
Rowdy Bill – 2nd Silver Sr (and clean!)
Peddler Jack – 3rd Sr. Duelist
Kate Cartwright – 3rd Ladies FC
Three Barrel Chris – 4th Ladies Wrangler
Yukon Mike – 4th Cowboy
Wheels – 5th Frontiersman
Lone Star Jake – 5th B-Western
Rattlesnake – 5th Elder Statesman
The Dude Bandit – 7th B-Western
Blackhands – 8th Senior

LONE FEATHER STUDIOS **OPEN HOUSE/CAS DEMO**

On Sat., July 18th, well-known local Western artist, Ken Schmidt, held his Annual Open House at the Lone Feather Studios in Ballston Spa. Once again, the CKR was invited to present live CAS demonstrations as a part of the day's activities. This was our 5th year there, and the club decided it was time to do something a little different. Instead of shooting regular CAS stages, we decided to do a team shootoff similar to what we do for the Top 16 Shootoff at Heluva Rukus. The weather was "iffy" for setup Fri. night with sprinkles of rain and scads of mosquitoes, but Saturday's weather was the best we've ever had for the event – mid to upper 70s, sunny, a slight breeze, and low humidity – a perfect shooting day. Twelve cowpokes participated in the shootoffs (one at 12:30 and one at 2:30) which consisted of 2-man (or woman!) teams. One team member shot a rifle and 2 pistols; the other shot a rifle, 1 pistol, and a shotgun. Misses were made up with a shotgun, and a rifle reload was required to take down the stop plate for the win. Two teams shot against each other until only one team remained unbeaten. There were some REALLY close rounds and some real blowouts, but everyone seemed to have a blast, and the small, but attentive, group of onlookers seemed to enjoy the whole show. Congrats to the team of Blackhands and Peddler Jack who were the overall winners! When not doing the

demos, the club members enjoyed a delicious buffet and got an opportunity to check out Ken's fabulous Cowboy/Indian/Mountain Man artwork. An authentic Indian tepee, three beautiful horses and a number of nice hot rods were there as well. Ken generously agreed to sponsor a stage at Heluva Rukus again this year and donated several of his prints. At the conclusion of the event, the names of the cowpokes who attended were thrown into a hat for a drawing for a piece of Ken's art on slate. Congrats to lucky winner, Otter Creek Trapper. A special thanks to all those who participated in the event AND to those who helped with setup and teardown. A good time was had by all!

Annabelle

FOR SALE

Gun Carts by Smilin' Pete. Take-down design to fit any size vehicle. Basic gun cart with 12 inch wheels. Will hold 3 to 4 guns. Call for prices (518- 945 3218).

HAPPY TRAILS!