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DATES TO REMEMBER

7/15/08 – CKR Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM (following practice) 7/19/08 – Lone Feather Studio Demo & CKR Setup for Monthly Shoot 7/20/08 – CKR Monthly Shoot 8/10/08 – Remington Arms Stepping Out Day

NOTES FROM THE TRAIL BOSS

Sorry for taking so long in getting this newsletter out. The summer is going by very fast, and I seem to be losing ground.

June's shoot was another fun one with 63 shooters joining in the fun. We had five new shooters come to our club to start their Cowboy Action Shooting experience. I hope you all had fun. After the shoot, we set up our new moving target for cowboys to shoot. Not as many shot it as I had hoped, but those who did try it out, enjoyed it.

Coming in July we are going to shoot <u>SIX</u> stages. We hope to have it split with four posses. Two posses will shoot the three stages at one end of the range, while the other two posses will start at the opposite end and

shoot three stages. Then all will break for lunch. After lunch, the posses will switch ends of the range. We hope this will make it a little easier on everyone, so we don't have to make that long walk 'til after lunch. With July and August being so hot, we hope this will work out. We also hope to use the moving target in one of the July scenarios.

On July 19th, some of our cowpokes will once again go to Lone Feather Studio to put on a CAS demo shoot for their open house. In August, we will send cowboys to Illion, NY, to help Remington Arms with a demo for their Stepping Out Days. Both of these events help us tell people what Cowboy Action Shooting is all about. They also help us meet new people and help both Lone Feather Studio and Remington promote their products. Lone Feather Studio has great cowboy prints and paintings, and Remington sells guns. They support our State championship shoot by donating some of their products.

Speaking of our State championship, we are getting closer to Sept. quicker than I had hoped. We still have lots of work to get done before we will be ready. We have to build a new building between stages 9

and 10, so soon we will have some work days to finish this project. We also have some props to build. We did get a new wagon, thanks to Lone Star Jake. He found it at an auction.

The Dude Bandit has set up a Cowboy Klays shooting schedule. (See article elsewhere in this newsletter.) If you want to try this, contact The Dude Bandit for times and directions to his club. Cowboy Klays is for cowboy shotguns only, and you must dress cowboy. The shooting is fun, and cowboys usually go out to eat somewhere afterwards to enjoy the day.

Good luck to all the shooters who go to other shooting events besides Circle K.

See you in July!

Smokehouse Dan

JUNE MONTHLY SHOOT

Sorry Rowdy and I missed the fun this month, and that it's taken so long to get this newsletter out. We've been on the go a lot recently and just got behind with everything. ARGH!

When doing the scores, I noticed that lots of folks switched categories for this shoot, creating new challenges for the "switchers" and opening up new chances for bragging rights for everyone. There were also several newcomers amongst the gunslingers this time. Welcome!!! I hope that everyone had a blast and will join us again in July. A special thanks to Lone Star Jake for writing this month's stages. A thanks, too, to those who filled registration and setup/teardown in Rowdy and I's absence.

When the final smoke cleared, the following cowpokes finished victorious. Congrats to:

TOP GUN – BLACKHANDS Traditional/L. Traditional – Three Barrel Chris

Modern – Major E. A. Sterner
Duelist – Smokehouse Dan
B-Western – The Dude Bandit
Frontier Cartridge – Heartless
FC Duelist – Adirondack Jack
Gunfighter – Whiskey Brooks
49rs – Smilin' Pete
Senior – Blackhands

Senior Duelist – Wild Bill Longley

Silver Senior – Buck Bozeman **Elder Statesman** – Rattlesnake Rische

Ladies 49r – Myrtle Wells **Ladies Frontier Cartridge** – Kate Cartwright

Ladies Senior – Dance Hall Anne

Ladies Silver Senior – May Rein

Young Gun – Johnny Blaze L. Young Gun – Shani M Clean Shooters – Buck Bozeman, Big Sky Di, Borderline Jeff, Shatagee Trapper, and Buck Staghorn.

Annabelle Bransford

CKR WINNERS AT OTHER MAJOR SHOOTS

End of Trail, the SASS World Championship, was held in Albuquerque, NM, June 17-22. A total of 510 SASS members from 8 different countries participated in the event. Three CKR members shot the match, while another CKR member attended as a conventioneer. It was hot and dusty, but a whole lotta fun.

A big congrats to: Annabelle Bransford – 9th L49r

While Annabelle walked away with a cool "EOT 2008 Champion" belt buckle, the other 2 CKR members walked away with a couple of pretty nice door prizes. Yukon Mike won a Great Western II pistol, and Rowdy Bill won an El Paso Saddlery double speed rig. Not too shabby!

The SASS MA/CT/RI Tri-State Championship was held in Harvard, MA, May 30-June 1. There were 152 shooters in attendance, including nearly a posse full of CKR members.

Congrats to Costume Contest winners: Best B-Western – The Dude Bandit Best Working Cowgirl – Big Sky Di

Congrats to category winners: Annabelle Bransford – 1st L49r

Rowdy Bill – 1st Silver Senior Lone Star Jake – 1st B-Western Rattlesnake Rische – 1st Elder Statesman (& Outstanding Cowboy Special Award!) The Dude Bandit - 2nd B-Western Peddler Jack – 3rd Sr. Duelist Yukon Mike – 4th Traditional (& winner of Stage 7) Myrtle Wells – 7th L49r Saranac Slim – 7th Senior Big Sky Di – 8th L Traditional (& CLEAN!) Marshall Cartwright - 10th Duelist Feany Valentine – 10th Senior

Yukon Mike, Rowdy Bill, Annabelle & Myrtle also made it into the Top 16 Men/Top 16 Ladies shootout. The weather was fantastic, the stages were good, and a great time was had by all!

The SASS Maryland State Championship was held in Damascus, MD, on June 26-28. 158 shooters participated, including 3 CKR members, all of which went home "packin' wood".

Congrats to: Rowdy Bill – 1st Silver Senior (& CLEAN) Annabelle Bransford – 2nd L49r Myrtle Wells – 4th L49r

COWBOY KLAYS

The Dude Bandit has set up a Cowboy Klays shooting schedule for '08 as follows: Sat., 8/9/08 Sun., 8/24/08 Sat., 9/27/08

The shoots will be held at the Philmont Rod & Gun Club in Philmont, NY. Contact Dude for directions.

There will be signup sheets at the CKR monthly shoots, or you can email Dude at theodb1897@hotmail.com if you are interested in attending any of the shoots. Keep in mind that Dude must have 10 shooters in order to hold the event. If you sign up for a date, make sure he has your email address or phone number in case the event has to be cancelled.

HELUVA RUKUS '08

Plans for Heluva Rukus are moving right along. We have reached that magic cutoff (235 shooters, plus shoot-thrus) and are now busy getting sponsors, vendors and door prizes lined up. Remember – we will have a LOT of shooters who we would like to send home with a nice door prize, so we need a LOT of contributors. Please do your part in helping us to solicit for these items, won't you? We're still looking for more vendors and sponsors, too, of course, so if you know of anyone who might be interested, feel free to approach them yourself, or get in touch with Lone Star Jake (kardman23@aol.com or 518-399-3709). Also, if anyone has regarding any ideas entertainment for the Friday night banquet (DJ? band?), please contact Annabelle. We need a LOT of Side Event ROs. too (not necessarily CKR members), so that no one will have to RO more than an hour

on Friday. We also need several folks to help out with the Registration and Door Prize tables on Friday. These folks need not be shooters. We'll continue leaving the various HR committee signup sheets at registration at the monthly shoots. If you haven't already done so, please add your name to at least one of our lists!!! We'll be sending out an email to notify members when we set up a day to work on the new Stage 9/10 building and other props for the shoot.

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).

Pair of Great Western II pistols, 38-357 cal., 5 ½" barrel, blue finish, NIB, \$400 each. Call Malta Single Shot at 518-584-4899.

HAPPY TRAILS!