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#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

6/1/08 – CKR Work Day, 9 AM 6/10/08 – CKR Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM (following practice) 6/14/08 – CKR Setup for Monthly Shoot 6/15/08 – CKR Monthly Shoot

## NOTES FROM THE TRAIL BOSS

Well, another fine shoot. We had 77 shooters. We still get new shooters, which is a good thing. It also shows that this sport is still growing. I'll be honest with you – I thought that with the price of everything, including the rising cost of fuel, I had figured less people would be at our shoots. But that's OK. We love your company and are glad to see you every month. HR 2008 had 200 shooters sign up in 3 days. This is quite a statement for all of us who put the shoot together.

This month the stages offered many different target sequences. Rowdy did this so people can see and experience what you might get into at other larger shoots. This also adds fun to our own shoots.

I had a great time with our posse. We laughed most of the

day at our shooting skills. Some had some, and others didn't. Then there was me. I didn't care, which added a new dimension to everyone else's shooting. I got to pick on them to be as good or better, or maybe even worse, than me. Any way that you look at it, the idea is to have as much fun as you can safely have.

Rowdy and Annabelle have practice on Tuesday nights for Circle K members. They will help you perfect your cowboy skills, or you can just get some practice in before another shoot. They start around 5pm. They use the fields out back by the pole barn.

Good luck to those of you who are going out of town to some bigger shoots. Have fun. Be safe. Make us proud.

Smokehouse Dan

#### MAY MONTHLY SHOOT

We weren't real sure what to expect as far as the number of shooters this month. The weather forecast for May 18<sup>th</sup> was a bit "iffy", but apparently the prospect of rain wasn't enough to keep a mess of cowpokes from showin' up to sling some lead. We ended up

with four full posses, including first-timers. several morning weather was a bit cool but fine for shooting in all our cowboy gear. Unfortunately, by lunchtime, the temps began to drop further and rain showers started, persisting throughout the rest of the afternoon. Still. it didn't really seem to dampen anyone's spirit (bad pun). Only a couple of folks called it quits The rest of the gunslingers hung in there, testing their brains on some tough target acquisitions and their shooting skills on a wide variety of targets.

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

TOP GUN – ROWDY BILL Traditional – James S. Pike

**Modern** – Hobbs Scott

**Duelist** – Smilin' Pete

**Classic Cowboy** – Tom Payne

**B-Western** – Roy Cassidy

**Frontier Cartridge** – Heartless

FC Duelist – Whiskey Brooks

**Gunfighter** – Ol' Scratch

49rs – Sedalia Cowpoke

**Senior** – Blackhands

**Senior Duelist** – Peddler Jack

**Silver Senior** – Rowdy Bill

 ${\bf Elder~Statesman}-{\bf Rattlesnake}$ 

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**Ladies Traditional** – Three Barrel Chris

Ladies 49r – Annabelle
Bransford
Ladies Frontier Cartridge –
Kate Cartwright
Ladies Senior – Christmas
Carol
Ladies Silver Senior – May
Rein
Young Gun – Jeremiah T
One-Gun – Glasco Jack
Clean Shooters –Rowdy Bill,
Whiskey Brooks, Black Jack
Titus, Shatagee Trapper,
Borderline Jeff, Lonesome
Trailsman, Deathwish Kid,

Malta Single Shot, and Flat

Nose Drifter.

special Some thanks this month... Thanks to Blackwood Bill for heading up the cleanup of the pass between Stages 7 and 8. It looks great, and all the cowpokes sure appreciate having that cut-through open Thanks to Lone Star again! Jake and The Dude Bandit who were in charge of setup in Rowdy's absence. Good job! Thanks to Wheels for getting so many more target stands completed. They sure do make setup, teardown, and storage easier. And thanks to some of the new RO 2s who helped with Range Officer duties month. I understand they did very well.

#### **CKR WORK DAY**

A work day is scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup>. The primary focus will be on constructing the permanent building/shelter/loading table between Stages 9 and 10. Bring your carpentry tools, work gloves, etc. Things will get going about 9 AM.

#### **SASS RO TRAINING**

On Sat., May 4<sup>th</sup>, Annabelle Bransford and Rowdy Bill held their annual SASS RO training at KF&G. A big 'thank you' goes out to new CKR member, Baby Jane, for providing delicious homemade cookies and cake for the attendees. Umm, umm, good!

The Range Operations Basic Safety Course (RO 1) was the largest class Annabelle and Rowdy had taught in several years. A total of 14 students took, *AND PASSED*, this detailed 4-hour course. All but 5 were CKR members, and many were brand new to the sport.

The Range Officer Training Course (RO 2) was attended by 5 new students (who ALL PASSED) and 9 students who took the class as a refresher. The CKR can now boast of 4 new SASS Certified Range Officers amongst its members: Big Sky Di, Blackhands, Three Barrel Chris, and Ruthless Ras. Bear Camp (from VT) also joined the ranks of new SASS RO 2s. A special thanks to the previously certified RO 2s who came simply to make sure they kept up to date on recent changes in CAS. This shows a true dedication to our sport.

Congrats to ALL the students, and thank you for your interest in making Cowboy Action Shooting the best that it can be. (Be prepared – you never know when we'll be calling on you to help us run a posse! We know you'll do it right!)

### CKR WINNERS AT OTHER MAJOR SHOOTS

The SASS Pennsylvania State Championship was held in Muncy Valley, PA, May 23-25. There were 196 shooters in attendance, including several CKR members. It was a fun shoot with absolutely gorgeous weather.

Congrats to:
Rowdy Bill – 1<sup>st</sup> Silver Senior
(& 4<sup>th</sup> overall)
Annabelle Bransford – 1<sup>st</sup>
Ladies 49r
Myrtle Wells – 2<sup>nd</sup> Ladies 49r
Yukon Mike – 3<sup>rd</sup> Traditional
(& 3<sup>rd</sup> overall)

#### **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 have well 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 who might anyone interested, feel free to approach them yourself, or get in touch Lone Star with Jake (kardman23@aol.com or 518-399-3709). Also, if anyone has ideas regarding 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!!!

#### **FOR SALE**

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# HAPPY TRAILS!