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DATES TO REMEMBER

11/9/11 – CKR Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM 11/12/11 – Setup for CKR Monthly Shoot, 9 AM, followed by Wild Bunch shoot 11/13/11 – Last CKR Monthly Shoot of the season (5 stages)

PLEASE NOTE DATE OF NOVEMBER SHOOT IS THE SECOND SUN., 11/13/11!

NOTES FROM THE TRAIL BOSS

The Oct. CKR cowboy shoot is done and gone. Only one more to go this season. Seems like just the other day we were having our Cabin Fever Shoot and preparing for our 2011 shooting season. Well, time flies when you have this much fun. Our October shoot only brought out 47 shooters, but there was a lot going on that weekend. We used some new target stands, plus some old targets. The scenarios were fun, but we all had our moments with them.

Now, remember that November's shoot will be the second Sunday, which is the 13th. Don't know what the weather will bring, but we're going to shoot just the same. I am sure Dude and the gang will need some extra help this month for setup on Sat., so that they can put away some of the extra stuff we have out on the ranges. Then plan on staying a little longer to help clean up on Sun., so we can put away the stuff we use for the Nov. shoot. They will shoot Wild Bunch Stages on Sat. after setup. Please come early and help with setup. Then you can shoot the rest of the afternoon.

A very <u>Important Reminder</u> to all Circle K members... Don't let your membership dues lapse! **Dues will need to be paid in December or January (cutoff 1/31/12)**. Also, we will be planning our January dinner as soon as possible and will get that information out to you soon.

Thank you.
Smokehouse Dan

P.S. Doe Dancer would like to thank Smokehouse Dan and Big Sky Di for handling registration for the Oct. shoot since she was under the weather and Annabelle was out of town.



OCT. MONTHLY SHOOT

706 Geyser Rd. Ballston Spa, New York 12020

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend our monthly shoot on Oct. 16th, so I can't ramble on too much about it here. But I do know that there were only 47 shooters there − a pretty poor showing! Maybe it was the weather forecast or the conflict with the opening of hunting season, but we do hope this is not the start of a trend! ⊕

From the looks of the scores, the stages must've been a bit harder than usual, too. Was it those darn snake targets or the mover or what? I noticed one new shooter joined in the fun, and a couple of cowpokes we don't get to see too often were there as well. Good to have you with us.

When the smoke cleared and the day drew to a close, the following cowpokes ended up with braggin' rights. I must say it's nice to see some new names on the list of winners this month.

Congrats to:

TOP GUN – PEDDLER JACK!!!!!!

Classic Cowboy – Ol' Scratch Cowboy – Lonesome Sam Duelist – The Capgun Kid Elder Statesman – Buck Bozeman FC Duelist – Wheels
Cartwright
Frontier Cart./Ladies FC –
Kate Cartwright
Gunfighter – The Dude Bandit
49r – Smilin' Pete
Senior – Blackjack Ed
Silver Senior – Lightning Lee
Senior Duelist – Peddler Jack
Wrangler/Ladies Wrangler –
Renegade Roper
Grande Dame – May Rein
Clean Shooters – Only TWO!
Peddler Jack & Kate Cartwright

Annabelle Bransford

CKR WINNERS AT OTHER MAJOR SHOOTS

The CT Valley Bushwackers' annual **Buzzard Boil** shoot was held in East Granby, CT, on Oct. 8-9. There were 95 shooters in attendance, including a number of CKR members. Side matches were held on Sat. The main shoot (6 stages) was held on Sun., followed by a great banquet and awards ceremony at a nearby restaurant.

Congrats to the following CKRers:

Rowdy Bill – 1st Silver Senior & 3rd overall

Renegade Roper – TOP LADY

OVERALL!! 1st in Ladies

Wrangler & her 1st clean match

– YEEHAA!

Sixgun Schwaby – 1st Duelist

Annabelle Bransford – 1st

Ladies 49r & clean

Wheel Cartwright – 1st FC

Duelist

Big Sky Di – 2nd Ladies

Wrangler

Marshal Cartwright – 4th Duelist

Annabelle and Rowdy were presented with a special appreciation award engraved "For all you've done for CAS, for all you've given our game, our thanks" from the CT Valley Bushwackers. VERY NICE!!

Big Sky Di was also a big winner in the raffle – going home with a Dillon XL650 Reloader!!

The SASS New Jersey State Championship, Purgatory in the Pines, was held in Jackson, NJ. on Oct. 14-16. A total of 108 shooters took part in the event. As promised, even more range work had been done this year, making this a very impressive shooting facility. Unfortunately, the weather for Friday's side events was less than terrific (a bit of liquid sunshine), but the main match on Sat. and Sun. was breezy and dry. Stages were good, props were nice (loved the new chuckwagon!), and a fun time was had by all.

Congrats to CKR members, **Rowdy Bill**, who took 1st in Silver Senior, and **Annabelle Bransford**, who took 1st in L49r.

This year Rowdy Bill and Annabelle Bransford (accompanied by CAS pard, Tom Payne) decided to travel out to the previous location of SASS's End of Trail, the Mike Raahauge Shooting Range in Norco, CA, for the **Gunfight**

Behind the Jersey Lilly held Oct. 20-23. Although only an annual match, it was a biggie a 4-day event with side matches, 12 main stages, evening entertainment, numerous vendors, a Top Gun Shootoff. and nearly shooters, including several from Germany. And the fantastic weather was typical of Southern California – cloudless blue skies and low 80s (once the morning marine layer of fog burned off).

The stages were reminiscent of the old EOT. Rifle targets were quite spread out, target sequences for each pistol and the rifle were all different on each stage, and squares were circles and nowhere to be found. Instead there were spittoons, bears, pigs, cowboy heads, snakes, vultures, and all manner of oddshaped steel to taunt the shooters. There were even two stages using scabbards something that hasn't been done around here for years. Needless to say, there was only a handful of clean shooters, but no matter...everyone had fun and stayed safe, and that's the big thing.

There was plenty of nice sightseeing in the area, too. For this trip, the "three amigos" decided to spend their free time primarily taking in Western-related sights. They visited John Wayne's gravesite, Calico Ghost Town (an 1880's silver mining town that went boom and bust in only 15 years), and the Autry National Center (an awesome Western museum). They also took a scenic ride through the San Bernardino

Mountains, where they went from temps in the upper 80s at 2000 ft. to temps in the low 60s at 8000+ ft on incredible switchback roads that sometimes left you breathless, especially with Rowdy driving!

Congrats to CKR members, **Rowdy Bill** who took 3rd in Silver Senior and made it into the Top Gun Shootoff (top 20 shooters), and to his better half, **Annabelle Bransford.** who took 1st in Ladies 49r and made it into the Sweet 16 Shootoff (top 16 ladies). (Former CKR member, Tom Payne, took 3rd in Classic Cowboy.) A great East showing for Coast shooters!

The SASS Long Island Championship, Melee on the Bay, was held in Westhampton, NY, on Oct. 21-23. Sixty-seven shooters participated in the event, which consisted of side events, 10 main stages, a Sat. night banquet with entertainment, and a Top 16 Shootout.

Congrats to CKR members, **Roy Cassidy**, who took 1st in Senior, and **Lone Star Jake**, who finished 12th overall and made it into the semi-finals of the Top 16 Shootout!

OOPS!

Apologies for an omission in the Sept. newsletter. Yosemite Gene's clean shoot at Heluva Rukus was inadvertently left out. Way to go, Gene!

GUNS FOR SALE

2 **SKB shotguns** for sale:

12 gauge, Model 280, basically a stock gun, disconnected safety, 3 chokes, English (straight) stock, asking \$1200.

20 gauge, Model 200E, basically a stock gun, disconnected safety, pistol grip, nice engraving, asking \$1100.

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