

The CirKulator

Kayaderosseras Fish and Game Club



For Information Call:
Smokehouse Dan (518) 885-3758
Annabelle Bransford (518) 368-3535

706 Geyser Rd. Ballston Spa, New York 12020

Published by the Circle K Regulators for Cowboy Action Shooting in the Capital District

October 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER

10/27/20 – CKR Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM

10/30/20 – CKR Setup for Monthly Match, 9:30 AM

10/31/20 – CKR Rough Riders Halloween Match

11/1/20 – CKR Monthly CAS Match (last CKR match of 2020)

Annual Winter Dinner -sorry, but not this year, thanks to COVID

Early-mid Dec. – Annual CKR (e)mailing – Watch for it!

MUSTER AT FORT MISERY

“2020 The Year That Wasn’t”

Our 7th annual SASS NYS Wild Bunch Championship, Muster at Fort Misery, was postponed from May to October 10-11, 2020, due to COVID, but we pulled it off when the majority of other major shoots cancelled. And for once we had two days of awesome weather! Who would have thought the weather would be better in October than in May, but that’s the kind of year it has been! We were limited to 50 people on the property in its entirety, so we had to limit the number of shooters in order to accommodate the people

working the event, the Boy Scouts, the Milton Fire Dept. and the food vendor. We ended up with 39 shooters after a few last-minute cancellations versus last year’s 60+ shooters – not bad given the circumstances. Those of you that attended noticed that the shooter’s badges were “nameless” which was done on purpose to signify the fact that this is a year most of us would probably like to forget. The story lines were all changed to be COVID related, and people seemed to really enjoy them. In addition, the match was subtitled “2020 The Year That Wasn’t.” You can check out the stages on the Wild Bunch page of the Circle K Regulators website at www.circlekregulators.com.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the stages again this year. As a matter of fact, a couple of people said this was the best match ever! I am not sure if that was truly a fact or just that they hadn’t been able to shoot much at all this year and with so many major shoots being cancelled they were just glad to be out shooting. Either way, great job to all of you that helped make it the success it was. Overall, they said it had a great variety as far as target sizes and distances, different starting positions, round counts

and sweeps, as well as numerous specialty targets. Even though the Town stage had the most misses (259), the comments were that “all of the targets were hittable; we just didn’t hit them”. I may add another mag to that stage now that I know we have another set of knockdowns that we could have used. Something for you to look forward to! Unfortunately, since nobody shot a clean match, none of the coveted white 1911 Clean Match pins were given a “forever home” - maybe next year. Our two closest to clean shooters did receive the coveted horseshoe and hand grenade “Close Enough” pins. Kester Road Kid had only 8 misses, and Patchogue Mike had 11 misses. Great job, guys! Big congrats to our Top Overall Man, Montague Kid, and our Top Overall Lady, Renegade Roper, as well as to all of the state and category winners!

Of course, all of this would not have been possible without the help of many hands. A big THANK YOU to all who helped out in any way! I can’t thank Feany Valentine enough for being an awesome waddy and keeping everything running smoothly. (Unfortunately for me, he was one of the lucky 2021 free shoot winners, so next

year he will be shooting Muster.) Violet Cassidy stepped up to handle the scoring with assistance from Annabelle and Rowdy Bill. And Violet and Doe Dancer once again were there to handle registration and ticket sales. Thanks, ladies! I also want to mention Seth Bradford who showed up Thursday and Friday for setup and Sunday for takedown even though he had to work and could not shoot the match. I especially want to thank the ROs (Abe the Crippler, Deathwish Kid, Dutch Cassidy, Lone Star Jake, Patchogue Mike, Rhsty Heatmore, Sixgun Schwaby, Smilin Pete, Suggs Jr., Wheels Cartwright, and Whiskey Brooks). Without their dedication, we would not be able to hold this match. Two free shoots to Muster 2021 were given away to the Ros, as well as 3 free shoots to the workers. These 5 free shoots were the courtesy of Critter, Doc McCoy, Gun E Bear, James Samuel Pike and Sky Ryder who had to cancel at the last minute but graciously donated their entry fees to sponsor free shoots for next year for the ROs and workers. Thank you so much. The Spirit of the Game recognition award went to Lone Star Jake for all the hard work he does throughout the year, not only for Muster, but for the Rough Riders, Rukus and the Circle K. Thanks again, Jake! We also had 10 veterans that shot the match, and we gave them flag pins as a small token of our appreciation for their service.

The donations we received for the gun tickets enabled us to

donate \$1000 to the Milton Fire Dept. with the rest of the proceeds going to the Club. Our lucky winner was The Dude Bandit! We are proud to be able to support our first responders. By the way, our food vendor, Fire and Smoke BBQ, is owned by two members of the Galway Fire Company, and we are proud to support them, too. They received great reviews for their breakfast sandwiches and pulled pork lunches again this year.

Thanks also go out to the following businesses for their donations and sponsorships in support of this year's Muster: Sturm Ruger & Co., Bear Creek/LPL Bullets, Mernickle Holsters, Klassic Laser Works, Rugged Gear Gun Carts, Wild West Mercantile and Zack's Sports.

Other notable items... The Boy Scouts did an awesome job picking brass and made \$791 from shooter contributions and their bake sale versus \$853 last year. We were the first and only fund raiser they have been able to hold this year, so we are very proud to be able to support them even though we were limited in numbers and could not allow spectators. I definitely did my part by buying up quite a bit of their baked goods. As I noted in the safety meeting, most of us have already put on the COVID-19 extra pounds, so what's a few more! The date for next year's Muster will be **May 15-16, 2021!!** I hope to see you there!

Roper

Congrats to the following Muster 2020 winners. (You will note that we included senior classes for the second time and will continue to do so. Next year I hope to include a ladies senior class if we have any ladies that qualify.)

OVERALL CHAMPIONS:

Top Gun: Montague Kid

Top Lady: Renegade Roper

NYS Resident Champions:

Men's Modern: Slim Chance
Chris

Men's Modern Senior:

Patchogue Mike

Men's Traditional: Montague
Kid

Men's Traditional Senior:
Dutch Cassidy

Ladies Modern: Renegade
Roper

Category Winners:

Men's Modern: Slim Chance
Chris

Men's Modern Senior:

Patchogue Mike

Men's Traditional: Montague
Kid

Men's Traditional Senior:
Dutch Cassidy

Ladies Modern: Renegade
Roper

(And I would like to add a special thanks to Renegade Roper for all her hard work as Match Director – handling registration, designing the stages, doing the Shooters Handbook, ordering trophies, and taking care of a myriad of other duties to ensure that the event was a success. Great job, Roper!)

Annabelle

OCT. CKR ROUGH RIDERS MATCH

Oct. 17th dawned sunny and bright, with brilliant fall foliage gracing the club grounds. Although it started out a bit on the chilly side, as the day progressed, it warmed up to comfortable temps in the upper 50s. A total of 14 shooters participated in the match, including PW McKlintock who was shooting RR for the first time. Welcome to the sport, PW! It only takes one time to get hooked, so I know you'll be joining us again!

The five stages were basically taken from the recent Muster at Ft. Misery NYS Wild Bunch Championship, with minor tweaking to allow for the 6-round pistol sequences used in our monthly matches. The stages were great, and Roper's accompanying non-PC, "stories" were right on target – literally.

When the scores were tallied, the day belonged to the ladies. Congrats to:

Renegade Roper – Top Gun Overall & 1st Ladies Modern (with Annabelle Bransford 2nd overall)

Lone Star Jake – 1st Men's Modern

Wheels Cartwright – 1st Men's Traditional

Whiskey Brooks – 1st Open

And lo and behold, we had a **CLEAN SHOOTER!** A big congrats to **Whiskey Brooks** for this very impressive accomplishment!

Annabelle

OCT. CKR CAS MATCH

Despite a few last-minute cancellations, we had a relatively good showing for our Oct. 18th CAS match with 30 shooters joining in the fun. It was another fine fall day for slinging lead and enjoying the great outdoors – cool and crisp with plenty of sunshine.

Again, the cowpokes were provided with five fun-filled stages to test their shooting skills, including numerous pistol knockdowns and the carousel mover, all of which turned out to be a wee bit more challenging than expected for some folks. (See note re: clean shooters below!) With small posses, the shooting was finished and the stages had been torn down by just after 1 PM. Such a deal!

Congrats to the following gunslingers who came out victorious:

TOP GUN – Sheriff Mickey
Gran Patron – Six-Gun Arn Fire

Elder Statesman – The Bronx Bandit

Grande Dame – Jessie Saint Ann

B-Western – Wyatt Hurts

Gunfighter – Smilin' Pete

49r – Seth Bradford

Senior – Lone Star Jake

Senior Duelist – I C Moose

Silver Senior – Sheriff Mickey

Ladies Silver Senior – Annabelle Bransford

Wrangler – Suggs Jr.

Ladies Wrangler – Renegade Roper

Duelist – Gunsmoke Gus

Young Gun – Wandering (Abe the Crippler, Deathwish Kid, Dutch Cassidy, Lone Star Jake, Patchogue Mike, Rhsty Heatmore, Sixgun Schwaby, Smilin Pete, Suggs Jr., Wheels Cartwright, and Whiskey Brooks)Walter Weatherby

Clean Shooters – For the first time EVER, we had a clean shooter at the monthly RR match but **NO** clean shooters at the monthly CAS match!!! What's that all about???

Annabelle

CKR ENTRY FEES FOR 2021

Just a heads up that the CKR has decided that starting in 2021, the entry fees for our monthly CAS matches will change to \$10 for all CKR members and \$15 for all non-members. There will be no special discounts for SASS membership. As you all know, you don't need to be a SASS member to shoot our monthly matches; HOWEVER, if you plan to shoot either our Wild Bunch or CAS NYS Championship matches, you WILL have to be an active SASS member. (And yes, a list is sent to SASS prior to those matches to confirm membership of all registered shooters. Those without active SASS memberships will not be allowed to shoot.)

The entry fee for our monthly Rough Rider matches will remain at \$10 per person for everyone.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!