

# The CirKulator



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**10/15/14** – Monthly Meeting,  
7:30 PM

**10/18/14**– Setup for Monthly  
CAS Match, 9 AM, followed by  
Rough Riders Match, 11:30 AM

**10/19/14** – Monthly CAS  
Match

Remember – the CKR final  
RR/CAS shoots of the season  
will be **Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>** this year!

## HELUVA RUKUS 2014

Heluva Rukus 2014 is now in the history books. The Circle K Regulators' 14<sup>th</sup> annual SASS New York State Championship was once again a monumental success, thanks to the efforts of many dedicated club members who worked tirelessly to see to it that the shooters were given fun-filled, action-packed stages, awesome props, a multitude of vendors, beautiful trophies, and an overall memorable experience on Sept. 19-21, 2014. And a special thanks as well to all the shooters for their kind words regarding the match which made all that work worth it!

Despite a constantly changing weather forecast for the 3-day event, it turned out to be a lovely fall weekend. Side event day started out downright chilly

(39!), but by mid-day the bright sunshine had warmed things up nicely. Main match days were cool and comfortable, and thankfully the predicted rainfall held off until later Sun. night after the cowpokes had headed back home.

We were thrilled to be able to offer something special for the lady shooters on Fri. morning. Shamrock Sadie and her “assistants” conducted a 3-hour Doily Gang shooting clinic for 18 ladies looking to improve their CAS shooting skills. A special thanks to Sadie for providing such a wonderful opportunity for these women to learn from some of the best!



Approximately 160 cowpokes participated in the numerous side matches and wandered along sutlers' row on Friday. The side events this year included the usual speed shotgun/rifle/pistol/pocket pistol/derringer events, 2 mini-stages (shot with either CAS or Rough Rider firearms), the long

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range event, .22 caliber events, and an iron man stage. The 15 vendors on site made it all too easy for cowpokes to part with their hard-earned cash. Vendors included a gun engraver, leather makers, a knife maker, a target maker, photographers, bullet makers/distributors and several vendors selling cowboy clothing, jewelry, hats, and other accessories. Our two main match sponsors, Klassic Laser Works and Sturm, Ruger & Co., were on site displaying their wares as well. Ruger even had a laser shooting exhibit set up for those who weren't out on the range throwing real lead – pretty cool! A special thanks to KLW / Tazzmainian Kid for the great customized coffee mugs he donated for every shooter and vendor!

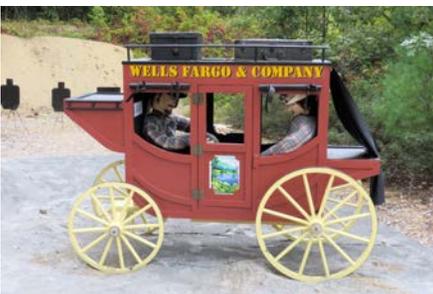


Rowdy Bill did a great job as usual with the main match stages – lots of movement, lots of “shooter's choices”, and lots of leadslinging fun. There were various movers (including the new ore cart mover), pistol and

rifle knockdowns, the beloved kick-down door, and targets of every size and shape. Target acquisitions were varied and, at times, challenging, keeping the shooters' minds, as well as their hands, working.



The props were awe-inspiring once again, thanks to the talented CKR building crew. Always Willin built a beautiful new stagecoach for use on Stage 5, rivaling anything you'd find from a bona fide reproduction stagecoach company anywhere in the world! Life-size, Western attired dummies, Clem and Clementine, (donated to the club by Turkey Creek Red and Night Train Kate of Florida) were the passengers. Whiskey Brooks built a new canon for the Ft. Misery just to add to the authenticity of the stage. Two shotgun targets were added atop the water tower in the train scene, and props on many of the other stages were "spruced up", repaired, or repainted.



We had a total of 263 shooters from 19 different states and

Canada competing in 29 different categories at this year's event, including the newly added Cattle Baron/Baroness and Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter categories. Competition at this year's match was particularly tough, with many State and Regional champs from across the country participating. In the end, we were pleased to "crown" Spinning Sally and El Muerto Negro as the new 2014 New York State Champions. Congratulations also to our overall Top Guns, Shamrock Sadie and James Samuel Pike.

We were happy to have special guest, Tom King, president of the New York State Rifle & Pistol Assoc., on hand at the awards ceremony to accept a donation to the NYSRPA's legal fund to assist in the fight for repeal of the NY SAFE Act. Thanks to all those who donated items for this year's raffle and all those who purchased tickets so that we could make this sizeable donation.



Again, thank you to all the Circle K members who worked so hard all year and throughout this shoot to make it another great one. And an especially big "thanks" to all of the shooters from outside our club who volunteered to help us out with ROing duties, both on side

event day and in the main match. We couldn't have done it without you! Thanks, too, to the Boy Scouts who picked brass all weekend and to Cargie's food truck which provided breakfast and lunch for the hungry cowpokes throughout the event. Also, thanks to all the vendors whose presence adds so much to the event. To all who came to Rukus 2014, thank you for making it another success. We look forward to having you all with us again in 2015.

Watch for my article on Heluva Rukus in an upcoming issue of *The Cowboy Chronicle*.

Annabelle Bransford



## **HELUVA RUKUS '14 WINNERS**

Congratulations to all the following cowpokes:

**NYS Men's Champion – El Muerto Negro**

**NYS Ladies' Champion – Spinning Sally**

**Overall Top Gun Male – James Samuel Pike**

**Overall Top Gun Female – Shamrock Sadie**

## Top Ten Overall:

1. James Samuel Pike
2. Shamrock Sadie
3. Wendover Kid
4. Quaker Hill Bill
5. Knot Hardly Dunn
6. Grazer
7. El Muerto Negro
8. Scheriff Richie
9. The Eastwood Kid
10. Illustrated Man

## First Place Category Winners / NY State Resident Category Champions:

**B-Western:** Knot Hardly Dunn / Wyatt Hurts

**Classic Cowboy:** Travis Spencer / Travis Spencer

**Duelist:** Grazer / El Muerto Negro

**Frontiersman:** Patchogue Mike / Patchogue Mike

**Frontier Cartridge:** Smokin Joe / Grandpa Zeb

**FC Duelist:** Gun E Bear / Deputy Short Stack

**FC Gunfighter:** Dead Head / Whiskey Brooks

**Gunfighter:** Hawkeye Harry / Hawkeye Harry

**Young Gun:** Spaghetti Gunslinger / Spaghetti Gunslinger

**Cowboy:** The Eastwood Kid / The Eastwood Kid

**Wrangler:** James Samuel Pike / Illustrated Man

**49er:** Scheriff Richie / Scheriff Richie

**Senior:** Wendover Kid / Always Willin

**Senior Duelist:** John Derringer / John Derringer

**Silver Senior:** Oneshot Willtravel / Lefty Cooper

**Elder Statesman:** Rowdy Bill / Rowdy Bill

**Cattle Baron:** Geriatric Kid / Geriatric Kid

**Ladies B-Western:** Birdie Cage / -

**Ladies Duelist:** Nanny Oakley / Bootsie Hill

**Ladies Frontier Cartridge:** Tricky Trina / -

**Ladies Gunfighter:** Bdoc / -

**Cowgirl:** Penny Candy / Kate Cartwright

**Ladies Wrangler:** Spinning Sally / Spinning Sally

**Ladies 49er:** Shamrock Sadie / Big Sky Di

**Ladies Senior:** Annabelle Bransford / Annabelle Bransford

**Ladies Senior Duelist:** Nantucket Dawn / -

**Ladies Silver Senior:** Shirttail Bess / Violet Cassidy

**Grande Dame:** Miss Tate / -

**Cattle Baroness:** Bonnie Dee / -

## Stage Winners:

**Stages 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10** – James Samuel Pike

**Stage 2** – Shamrock Sadie

**Stage 5** – Smokey Sue

## Clean Shooters:

Always Willin, Annabelle Bransford, Bdoc, Bob Maverick, Bonnie Dee, Buck Bozeman, Come Back Shane, Deputy Short Stack, Diamond Rio, Dirty Deadeye Don, Doc Green Thumb, Doctor Bill, Dusty Levi's, Evil Jack Spade, Iron Will Robinson, James Harvey, Just Plain Larry, Montague Kid, Peddler Jack, R. D. Buck, Sagtikos Kid, Sgt. John Campbell, Shamrock Sadie, Shirttail Bess, Shootin' Cousin Mark, Shotgun Ron, Stagecoach Jack, Wendover Kid, and Ziggady Zag

## Side Event Winners (Men's / Ladies):

**Long Range Rifle (Single Shot)** - Scheriff Richie / Savvy Cindy

**Long Range Rifle (Single Shot – Open)** – Beaver Trapper / Bonnie Dee

**Long Range Rifle (Lever Action, Rifle Caliber)** –

Rancho Roy / --

**.22 Caliber Rifle (Mid-Range)** – The Catskill Shootist / Gunne Sax

**.22 Caliber Rifle (Long Range)** – I. C. Moose / Gunne Sax

**.22 Caliber Pistol** – Scheriff Richie / Gunne Sax

**Speed Pocket Pistol** – Evil Jack Spade / Tricky Trina

**Speed Derringer** – Rowdy Bill / Tricky Trina

**Speed Rifle** – Smokey Sue / Spinning Sally

**Speed Shotgun (2 Barrels)** – Smokey Sue / Spinning Sally

**Speed Shotgun (1 Barrel)** – Quaker Hill Bill / Crystal Creek Chris

**Speed Pistol (1-Handed)** – Grazer / Hawley McCoy

**Speed Pistol (2-Handed)** – Scheriff Richie / Spinning Sally

**Speed Pistol (Gunfighter)** – Grazer / Bdoc

**Speed Rough Rider Pistol** – Rowdy Bill / Annabelle Bransford

**Iron Man Stage (1-Handed)** – El Muerto Negro / --

**Iron Man Stage (2-Handed)** – Smokey Sue / Spinning Sally

**Mini-Stage #1 (CAS Guns – 1 Handed)** – Grazer / Nanny Oakley

**Mini-Stage #1 (CAS Guns – 2 Handed)** – James Samuel Pike / Shamrock Sadie

**Mini-Stage #1 (CAS Guns – Gunfighter)** – Hawkeye Harry / Bdoc

**Mini-Stage #1 (Rough Rider Guns)** – Rowdy Bill / Annabelle Bransford

**Mini-Stage #2 (CAS Guns – 1 Handed)** – El Muerto Negro / Nanny Oakley

**Mini-Stage #2 (CAS Guns – 2 Handed)** – James Samuel Pike / Spinning Sally

**Mini-Stage #2 (CAS Guns – Gunfighter)** – Spades Hanlin / Bdoc

**Mini-Stage #2 (Rough Rider Guns)** – Black Jack Ed / Annabelle Bransford

#### **Costume Contest Winners:**

**Best Young'un** – TStar Kid

**Best Classic Cowboy** – Durango Steve

**Best B-Western** – Wyatt Hurts

**Best Working Cowgirl** – Ruby Rae

**Best Working Cowboy** – Laredo

**Best Townie Male** – Rev. Dave Clayton

**Best Townie Female** – Crackshot Bev

#### **Special Raffle Winners:**

**Custom Knife w/Beaded Sheath** (donated by Lupare Chenz) – Slick Top

**Pair of SASS Ruger Vaqueros** (donated by Sturm, Ruger & Co.) – Jim Stalters

**Embellished Spur Staps** (donated by Pot Shot Bob) – Lazy Ace Bob

**Handmade Coverlet** (donated by Calico Sue) – The Dude Bandit

**Handmade Wall Hanging** (by Calico Sue) – Pete Gabriel

**Ruger Gun Cart** (donated by Sturm, Ruger & Co.) – Badlands Buck

#### **Other Special Awards:**

**Middle of the Pack** (complete Frontier Classics outfits donated by Gunpowder Creek):

**Female** – Alamo

**Male** – Wildcard Paul

#### **10 Year Sponsor Plaque:**

Recollections

#### **5 Year Sponsor Plaques:**

Klassic Laser Works

Gunpowder Creek Trading Post  
Russ, the Carver

#### **Contribution to Milton Fire District (EMTs) - \$1,400**

#### **Contribution to NYSRPA (for legal fund to fight for repeal of NY SAFE Act) - \$1,400**

#### **Boy Scouts Fund Raising Results - \$2,041**

#### **HR COMMENTS NEEDED**

Anyone who would like to comment on Heluva Rukus is encouraged to call or email Annabelle (518-877-7834 or annabelle69@juno.com). Don't be shy – feel free to include both good points and bad. Include comments on registration, the AM/PM flight system, the stages, props, door prizes, raffles, vendors, food, overall facilities, side events, ROs, awards, parking, camping, etc. We'll be discussing any comments or suggestions received at our upcoming club meetings. Our goal is to make Heluva Rukus the best shoot we possibly can, a shoot that will send everyone home with a smile on their face and looking

forward to coming back next year.

#### **HR PHOTOS**

Thanks to all those who have sent Annabelle Bransford photos and videos from this year's Rukus. Many have already been placed on our website – and more are coming. Check 'em out at [www.circlekregulators.com](http://www.circlekregulators.com) (click on the *Heluva Rukus* page and then on "2014 Results & Photos"). Many will also be submitted for possible inclusion with Annabelle's forthcoming HR article in *The Cowboy Chronicle*.

#### **CKR WINNERS AT OTHER MAJOR SHOOTS**

The Tioga County Cowboys held their 5th annual multi-day match, **The Showdown**, in Owego, NY, on Aug. 22-24. There were 99 participants, including a few CKR members. The weather was great, and the leadslinging opportunities abounded. There were several side events and 3 mini-stages to keep folks occupied on Fri., followed by 11 main match stages Sat. and Sun. The stages were fun, the songs were a hoot (you had to be there to understand how this works), and the props were nice as usual. There was a yummy pig roast, a couple of vendors to check out, and a silent auction to round out the weekend.

Congrats to CKRers:

**Rowdy Bill** – 1<sup>st</sup> Elder  
Statesman & clean (& 4th overall)

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**Renegade Roper** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Ladies Wrangler (& 8th overall)  
**Sixgun Schwaby** – 1<sup>st</sup> Duelist & clean  
**Annabelle Bransford** – 1<sup>st</sup> Ladies Senior  
Good showing, folks!

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The White Mountain Regulators hosted this year's **SASS New Hampshire State Championship**, Ghost Riders Revenge, in Candia, NH, on Sept. 26-28. Attendance was a bit lacking with only 72 shooters participating, including the usual handful of CKR "travelers". It was too bad the event wasn't better attended as the stages were fun and the props much better than at most CAS clubs in the region. There was also plenty of shooting to be had with all manner of side matches on Fri. (3-stage CAS/Wild Bunch/Plainsman warmups, plus the regular speed and long range events, a shotgun run, a Texas Speed Star event, etc.). This is also the ONLY 12-stage SASS CAS State Championship in New England with 6 stages shot Sat. and 6 Sun. And if you like shooting the shotgun, you would've loved this match – one all-shotgun stage (12 shotgun, including 2 clay birds) and 4 other stages with 6 shotgun each. Whee! Throughout the weekend, skies were blue, temps were unseasonably warm (in the low-mid 80's!), and foliage in the area was beautiful. There was a Sat. night BBQ at the range, but unfortunately, no vendors to throw money at.

Congrats to the following CKR members who returned home with trophies and really cool Ghost Riders Revenge belt buckles:

**Sixgun Schwaby** – 1<sup>st</sup> Duelist & clean (& 3<sup>rd</sup> overall)  
**Renegade Roper** – Ladies Top Gun!, 1<sup>st</sup> Ladies Wrangler (& 4<sup>th</sup> overall)  
**Rowdy Bill** – 1<sup>st</sup> Elder Statesman (& 7<sup>th</sup> overall)  
**Annabelle Bransford** – 1<sup>st</sup> Ladies Senior & clean

A special congrats to this year's SASS NH State Champions – Jimmy Spurs and Crystal Creek Chris!

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On Oct. 2-5, 2014, the **SASS Northeast Regional**, a/k/a the Mason-Dixon Stampede, was held in Thurmont, MD. Approximately 215 shooters finished this year's match (down over 100 shooters from 2 year ago!). The weather was nice with cool, comfortable temps and no "liquid sunshine" during shooting hours to dampen the cowpokes' spirits. The shooters had plenty to keep them occupied for the four-day event (Thurs. side events/warmup stages/Wild Bunch mini-match, Fri. & Sat. 10 main match stages, and Sun. team events, awards ceremony and Top Gun/Sweet Sixteen Shootoff). Most of the stages had movement, and gun transition and some different target acquisitions kept things interesting. A good number of vendors were on site throughout the event. Fri. night a catered "Dinner at Delmonico's" and various games of chance (with

proceeds going to the SASS Scholarship Fund) kept many of the shooters at the range long after the leadslinging was done for the day. A live band, "The Davisson Brothers", performed in the main tent late Sat. afternoon.

Although no formal announcement was made, the host club did allude to the fact that they will NOT be the Northeast Regional next year. They have signed a contract with SASS to hold the EASTERN DIVISIONAL there (with there also being a new CENTRAL DIVISIONAL and WESTERN DIVISIONAL in other areas of the country). Meanwhile, the various Regions are being realigned. We will have to wait until SASS finalizes things to know just how much this will affect us in the New England area.

Unfortunately, only two CKR members shot the Mason-Dixon this year. Congrats to:

**Rowdy Bill** – 1<sup>st</sup> Elder Statesman, clean, and in the Top Sixteen Shootoff  
**Annabelle Bransford** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Ladies Senior, clean, and in the Sweet Sixteen Shootoff.  
Rowdy and Annabelle were also voted Best Dressed Working Couple by the Berm Marshals.

A special congratulations to this year's SASS Northeast Regional Champions, Jerseytown Kid and Sunshine Marcie, and to Overall Top Guns, James Samuel Pike and Sunshine Marcie.

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