

The CirKulator



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DATES TO REMEMBER

10/15/19 – CKR Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM

10/18/19 – CKR Setup, 9 AM

10/19/19 – CKR Monthly

Rough Riders Match, 10 AM

10/20/20 – CKR Monthly CAS Match

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

HELIVA RUKUS 2019

Well, Heluva Rukus 2019 is now in the history books. Thankfully, the fact that the event started on a Friday the 13th (with a full moon, no less!) did not bring any bad luck. The Circle K Regulators' 19th annual SASS New York State CAS Championship was a tremendous 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 and side events, awesome props, plenty of vendors, unique trophies, and an overall memorable experience on Sept. 13-15.



On Friday, approximately 130 cowpokes participated in the numerous side matches, and even more wandered along sutlers' row looking for ways to spend their hard-earned cash. The side events this year included the usual speed shotgun/rifle/pistol/derringer/pocket pistol events, three CAS warmup stages, long-range rifle and pistol events, and multiple .22 caliber events.



There were 12 vendors on site this year – more, by far, than could be found at any other CAS event north of the Mason-Dixon. Our main match sponsor, Klassic Laser Works, was with us throughout the weekend, along with a gunsmith, leather maker, tin-type photographer, handmade basket/pottery maker, custom knifemaker, bullet makers, and other folks selling various cowboy and Indian items and accessories. A special thanks to Tazz and Rose of Klassic Laser Works for giving each shooter a very useful HR '19 customized, fold-up cloth bag. They'll really

come in handy, not only on the range, but when shopping in NY and other states where plastic shopping bags are being (or have already been) banned.



The popular Consignment Shop was back again this year, bigger and better than ever. Nearly 40 shooters took advantage of the opportunity to sell their gently used or no longer needed cowboy clothing and accessories. Sales were brisk, and by the end of the weekend, the tables and clothing racks were nearly empty. A big "thanks" to Cook County Kate for running the shop (and the Info Desk) throughout the event.





Unlike the unseasonably hot weather we had to deal with for Rukus in 2017 and 2018, the weather for this year's event was nearly perfect. Mornings were cool, with temps rising into the 70's during the day. The rainy forecast for Saturday turned out to be nothing more than a little mist and some clouds, while Friday and Sunday boasted bright sunshine and blue skies. Great weather for slinging lead!



Rukus 2019 paid homage to some of the more memorable TV westerns which dominated the small screens of America during the 1950s and 1960s. Many thanks to Annabelle Bransford for her research and write-ups on the various shows and for helping the shooters take a trip down memory lane as they started out the stages with classic lines such as "Get the hell outta Dodge" from "Gunsmoke", "The name's Paladin" from "Have Gun – Will Travel", "Happy trails to you" from "The Roy Rogers Show", "Head 'em up, move

'em out" from "Rawhide" and "Hi-Yo Silver, away!" from "The Lone Ranger."



Despite not being able to shoot the match himself this year due to rotator cuff surgery, Rowdy Bill nonetheless made sure the 215 shooters (from 16 states and Canada) who DID get to participate were treated to ten terrific stages. As usual, the movement between shooting positions and the numerous "shooter's choices" on the stages kept the shooters' minds and bodies fully engaged. Along with the usual steel targets, shooters were confronted with a mover, knock-down rifle and pistol racks, the three-tiered "Schwaby" rack, and, of course, the beloved kick-down door. There was even a mandatory rifle reload on one stage. Target sizes, shapes, and distances varied, as did the acquisitions, keeping the stages interesting and, at times, somewhat challenging but without being "P" traps.



The props were once again top notch, thanks to the talented CKR building and decorating crews, headed up by Whiskey Brooks and Suggs, Jr. Several stages included one or more permanent structures (a fort, mine, homestead, log cabin, freight office, and complete Western town of Rukus Flats). Others were turned into an old Spanish town (with mission, cemetery, and adobe ruins), a US cavalry camp site (with numerous pup tents, canon, and horse-drawn limber), and an extensive Indian village. Elsewhere throughout the club property shooters were treated to additional "decorations" which added to the overall Old West ambiance. Plenty of places for great photo ops, for sure!



Trophies for this year's winners were quite impressive. Overall 1st place winners in each category received a wooden plaque with a resin sixgun and custom brass plate attached, while NYS category winners received an engraved leather belt buckle. Many thanks to Lone Star Jake and Klassic Laser Works for the ideas behind, and the execution of, these and the other fine trophies, as well as the unique shooter's badges.



When the last round had been fired, the smoke had cleared, and the long-awaited awards were finally presented, we were pleased to “crown” James Samuel Pike and Spinning Sally as the Overall Top Male and Female for the 3rd year in a row. That’s some consistently mighty fine shooting, you two!



A big congrats to this year’s New York State Men’s Champion – El Muerto Negro, who managed that accomplishment while shooting Duelist! Meanwhile, Spinning Sally retained her title as New York State Ladies Champion. Way to go, cowpokes!



Thanks to all those who donated items for this year’s charity raffle and to all those who purchased tickets. The raffle included some awesome prizes - two Ruger .22 caliber pistols, a Mernickle holster, a Rugged Gear gun cart, a handmade quilt, a custom knife, and numerous entries into other CAS/WB state and annual matches. With the proceeds from the ticket sales, we were able to make sizeable donations not only to the local EMTs who were on-site all weekend, but to a local not-for-profit/charitable organization, the Jack Falvo III Foundation (aka Jack’s Place). Jack’s Place provides a “home” for the families of out-of-town patients of Ellis Medicine and Sunnyview Rehabilitation Hospital in Schenectady while their loved ones are rehabilitating.



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 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! Many thanks to the “brass rats” of Boy Scout Troops 54 and 56 and to the food truck cooks who kept our shooters’ bellies’ full of good

grub throughout the weekend. Thanks as well to Smokehouse Dan (our CKR Trail Boss), ‘Mo’ Lassies (our Match Director and SASS liaison), Kay T. Ryder (in charge of data entry), The Dude Bandit (in charge of ROs & side events), Tequila Rob and Running Nanna (our scoresheet runners), L.T. Cool One and Magic Mike (our “go-to” guys), the Costume Contest judges, and all the others who pitched in to help out with the multitude of jobs which an event of this size requires. Also, thanks to all the vendors whose presence adds so much to the event. To all who came to Rukus 2019, thanks for coming, and we look forward to having you all with us again for our big 20th anniversary extravaganza in 2020.



Keep an eye out for Annabelle’s article on HR ’19 in an upcoming issue of *The Cowboy Chronicle*. Also, we already have a number of photos of this year’s event on CKR’s Heluva Rukus 2019 webpage, but we’d love to have more! If you have any particularly good pics to share, feel free to email them to: annabelle69@juno.com. Also, any comments or critiques of the event are welcome. We want to make next year’s Rukus even more special, so your input is very important to us.

HELUVA RUKUS '19

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 –
Spinning Sally

Top Ten Overall:

1. James Samuel Pike
2. El Muerto Negro
3. Quaker Hill Bill
4. Mista Spike
5. The Eastwood Kid
6. Zeke
7. Spinning Sally
8. Yukon Mike
9. Sixgun Schwaby
10. Hawkeye Harry

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

- **Young Gun Boy:**
Wandering Walter
Weatherby /
Wandering Walter
Weatherby
- **B-Western:** Ruger Bob
/ Ruger Bob
- **Classic Cowboy:** Tom
Payne / James Harvey
- **Duelist:** El Muerto
Negro / El Muerto
Negro

- **Frontiersman:**
Patchogue Mike /
Patchogue Mike
- **Frontier Cartridge:**
Harry ThreeFingers /
Harry ThreeFingers
- **FC Duelist:** Hawkeye
Kid / Wheat Lightnin'
- **FC Gunfighter:** Dead
Head / Whiskey
Brooks
- **Gunfighter:** Hawkeye
Harry / Hawkeye
Harry
- **Cowboy:** Mista Spike /
Mista Spike
- **Wrangler:** James
Samuel Pike / Suggs
Jr.
- **49er:** Quaker Hill Bill /
The Eastwood Kid
- **Senior:** Zeke / Dusty
Drifter
- **Senior Duelist:** Pecos
Pav / Deacon Henry
- **Senior Gunfighter:**
Chelsea Kid / Dutch
Cassidy
- **Silver Senior:** Rancho
Roy / Deuces
- **Elder Statesman:**
Vaquero Dan / Kerry
Blue Kid
- **Cattle Baron:** Deacon
Will / Kohl Elder
- **Gran Patron:** George
Silver / R. L. Trooper
- **Ladies B-Western:**
Jewels Cartwright /
Jewels Cartwright
- **Ladies Gunfighter:**
Scarlett Darlin' / -
- **Cowgirl:** J. C. Phoenix
/ Luna Tick
- **Ladies Wrangler:**
Renegade Roper /
Renegade Roper
- **Ladies 49er:** Spinning
Sally / Spinning Sally
- **Ladies Senior:** Dancin'
Angel / Alibi Annie

- **Ladies Senior Duelist:**
Nantucket Dawn / -
- **Ladies Senior
Gunfighter:** Emma
Goodcook / Calamitee
- **Ladies Silver Senior:**
Annabelle Bransford /
Annabelle Bransford
- **Grande Dame:** Jessie
Saint Ann / Jessie
Saint Ann
- **Cattle Baroness:** Miss
Tate / -

Stage Winners:

- **Stages 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7,
8, 10:** James Samuel
Pike
- **Stages 9:** Mista Spike

Clean Shooters (37):

Annabelle Bransford, Big Sky
Di, Billy Lunger, Black Jack
Ed, Chelsea Kid, Deacon
Henry, Dead Head, Deuces,
Doc McCoy, Doc Savage, El
Muerto Negro, El'ohssa, Gun
E. Bear, Hardcase, Hawkeye
Kid, Heavy Bear, J. C.
Phoenix, James Harvey,
Jersey Sue, Johnny Law,
Jumping Jack Flash, Lefty
Lacota, Lone Star Jake,
Mayor of Dubois, Milo Sierra,
Patchogue Mike, Peddler
Jack, Powder Keg Pooch, R.
D. Buck, Sky Ryder, Spinning
Sally, Stryker, The Eastwood
Kid, Wheels Cartwright,
Whiskey Brooks, Zeke,
Ziggady Zag

Side Event Winners (Men's / Ladies):

- Long Range Rifle (Single Shot - Smokeless) – Dutch Cassidy / Scarlett Darlin’
- Long Range Rifle (Single Shot – Black Powder) – El Diablo Gringo / -
- Long Range Rifle (Lever Action, Rifle Caliber) – Dutch Cassidy / Scout Wrangler
- Long Range Rifle (Pistol Caliber) – Billy Lunger / Waterhatchet
- Long Range Pistol – Gator Dunn / Calamitee
- .22 Caliber Rifle (Gallery Shoot) – Smoking Joe Suggs / Gunne Sax
- .22 Caliber Rifle (Long Range) – I. C. Moose / Gunne Sax
- .22 Caliber Pistol – Gator Dunn / Gunne Sax
- Speed Pocket Pistol – Black Jack Titus / Kate Cartwright
- Speed Derringer – Yukon Mike / Kate Cartwright
- Speed Rifle – Rhsty Heatmore / Spinning Sally
- Speed Shotgun (2 barrels) – Mista Spike / Renegade Roper
- Speed Shotgun (1 barrel) – Quaker Hill Bill / Appaloosa Amy
- Speed Pistol - 1 Handed – El Muerto

Negro / Renegade Roper

- Speed Pistol - 2 Handed – Long Colt Tommy / Spinning Sally
- Speed Pistol - Gunfighter – Hawkeye Harry / Emma Goodcook
- Mini-Stage #1 (on Stage 1 - 1 Handed) – El Muerto Negro / -
- Mini-Stage #1 (on Stage 1 - 2 Handed) - James Samuel Pike / Spinning Sally
- Mini-Stage #1 (on Stage 1 - Gunfighter) – Double Tap Taylor / Emma Goodcook
- Mini-Stage #2 (on Stage 9 - 1 Handed) – El Muerto Negro / -
- Mini-Stage #2 (on Stage 9 - 2 Handed) - James Samuel Pike / Spinning Sally
- Mini-Stage #2 (on Stage 9 - Gunfighter) – Hawkeye Harry / Emma Goodcook
- Mini-Stage #3 (on Stage 10 - 1 Handed) – El Muerto Negro / -
- Mini-Stage #3 (on Stage 10 - 2 Handed) - James Samuel Pike / Renegade Roper
- Mini-Stage #3 (on Stage 10 - Gunfighter) – Hawkeye Harry / Emma Goodcook

Costume Contest Winners:

- Best Young'un – Cody (T Star Leather)
- Best Working Cowgirl – Luna Tick

- Best Working Cowboy – Justin A. Shootout
- Best Townie Male – Deacon Bob Blackcoat
- Best Townie Female – Alibi Annie

Special Raffle Winners:

- Ruger Bearcat .22 Caliber Single Action Revolver (donated by Sturm, Ruger & Co.) – One Eyed Black Jack
- Ruger Wrangler .22 LR Single Action Revolver (donated by Sturm, Ruger & Co.) – James Harvey
- Custom Knife & Sheath (donated by Page Custom Knives) – ‘Mo’ Lasses
- Handmade Quilt (by Calico Sue) – Emma Goodcook
- \$250 Gift Certificate for a Mernickle Holster – Major E. A. Sterner
- \$500 Gift Certificate for a 4-Gun Rugged Gear Gun Cart – Chama Kid
- Concealed Carry Purse – Rev. Dave Clayton
- Free Entry to NJ State CAS Championship (2) – Alibi Annie / Thirty-Thirty
- Free Entry to MA/CT/RI State CAS Championship – Lefty Cooper
- Free Entry to VT State CAS Championship – Pennsylvucky Slim
- Free Entry to NY Wild Bunch State Championship (2) – I.

**C. Moose / Hondo
Harry**

- **Free Entry to ME
State CAS
Championship – E Z
Ryder**
- **Free Entry to
Rendezvous at
Rattlesnake Ridge –
Shady Rose**

**RO “Thank You” Raffle (Free
Entry to Heluva Rukus 2020)
– Rhsty Heatmore**

5-Year Sponsor Plaque:

- **South End Powder
Coating**

10-Year Sponsor Plaque:

- **Klassic Laser Works**

Contributions:

**\$1250 - Milton Eagles Fire
Dept. (EMTs on site during
the match)**

**\$1250 – Jack Falvo III
Foundation (aka Jack’s Place)**

**Boy Scout Troops 54 and 56
made a record-breaking
\$3,372 by picking brass and
selling snacks.**



Smokehouse Dan



Lone Star Jake and “friend”



The Dude Bandit



Annabelle Bransford &
Rowdy Bill



Whiskey Brooks



Cook County Kate helping Evil Jack Spade at the Consignment Shop



Kay T. Ryder entering scores

CKR WINNERS AT OTHER MAJOR SHOOTS

The Showdown

The 10th annual **Showdown**, the Tioga County Cowboys' annual 3-day CAS match, was held in Owego, NY, on Aug. 23-25. A total of 111 shooters participated in the event, including several CKR members.

The weather was picture perfect for shooting with daytime temps in the mid-70's and a nice mix of sun and clouds. Dusty Drifter and his assistants made sure that the shooters had plenty to keep themselves occupied for the entire 3 days. Friday was side match day with the usual speed rifle/pistol/shotgun and long-range rifle events, along with 3 warmup stages. The main match consisted of 12 fun-filled, action-packed stages shot 6 per day on Sat. and Sun. The stages certainly kept the shooters' brains and bodies in high gear with a good bit of movement and several "shooters' choices", along with numerous knockdown pistol / rifle targets, and some unusual target sequences. Non-shooting highlights of the weekend included a small consignment shop, a handful of vendors, a silent raffle, a regular raffle (with a Dillon reloader as the main prize!), a Sat. night BBQ chicken and ribs dinner (included in the registration fee), free lunch on Sun. (delivered right to the shooters on their stages to keep things moving along), and fresh fruit and homemade desserts available prior to the awards.

There was absolutely no excuse for leaving that shoot hungry for more lead-slinging *OR* more food!

When it came time for awards, the CKR members made us proud. Going home with nice trophies were:

Renegade Roper – TOP

LADY, 1st Ladies Wrangler, and 3rd place overall!!!

Sixgun Schwaby – 1st Duelist and 4th place overall!

Annabelle Bransford – 1st Ladies Silver Senior

Peddler Jack – 2nd Silver

Senior Duelist and clean

Big Sky Di – 3rd Ladies 49r
Congrats to all!