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DATES TO REMEMBER

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

12/16/18 – CKR Winter Get-Together (see separate article)

HELUVA RUKUS 2018

Well, Heluva Rukus 2018 is now in the history books. The Circle K Regulators' 18th annual SASS New York State CAS Championship was once again 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. 14-16, 2018.



Approximately 130 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/derringer/pocket pistol events, three CAS warmup stages, long-range rifle and pistol events, and multiple .22 caliber events. Ruger even had a special area set up where shooters could try out various Ruger firearms for free!



Although the number of vendors was down a bit this year, the 12 vendors on site still proved to be the most at any CAS event north of the Mason-Dixon. Our three main match sponsors, Klassic Laser Works, Cowboy Gunworks, and Sturm, Ruger & Co., were with us throughout the weekend. Other vendors included a leather maker, photographer, bullet makers/ distributors, a custom knifemaker, and vendors selling cowboy clothing and other accessories. A special thanks to Tazz and Rose of Klassic Laser Works for the great CKR / HR 2018 customized first aid kits they donated for every shooter

this year – very nice and useful mementos.



The popular Consignment Shop was back again this year, providing shooters with somewhere to display – and hopefully 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.



As in 2017, we had unseasonably warm weather for Rukus's main match this year. With temps in the low-mid '80s and a good bit of humidity, it felt more like the June Heluva Rukuses of old. Thank heavens for the cold water the club

provided (and constantly replenished!) on each stage! Although both the shooters and the hard-working Boy Scout brass pickers were pooping out from the heat by the end of the day, we didn't have any casualties due to the weather this year.



As usual, Rowdy Bill did a terrific job with the stages – plenty of movement, “shooter’s choices”, and leadslinging fun. You can never accuse Rowdy of writing boring, stand-and-deliver stages, that’s for sure. This year, along with the usual steel targets, shooters were confronted with a mover, several different knock-down and knock-up targets, and, of course, the beloved kick-down door. There was also a nifty new three-tiered target rack made by club member, Sixgun Schwaby. Target sizes, shapes, and distances varied, as did the acquisitions, some of which were relatively simple, while others required a little more thought.



The props were once again some of the best to be found at any CAS match, thanks to the talented CKR building and decorating crews, headed up by Whiskey Brooks and Suggs, Jr. Over the course of the year, the entire Treasure Trove Mine Stage had gotten a major sprucing up/rebuild, and a new “Dynamite Shack” and signage had been added. The Homestead Stage had a new prop as well - a life-size wooden horse built by Yukon Mike. The Train Stage was a favorite among the shooters with its crumbling adobe building front, water tower, “wrecked” engine and dynamite-blasted train tracks. The totally new Army Regiment Stage was very impressive with its numerous canvas pup tents, ammo crates, rifle racks, wagons, canon and limber. Old West scenes and props (including a cattle corral and an Indian village) were set up elsewhere on the club property just to add to the ambiance. All-in-all, there were plenty of great looking props and great shooting stages for everyone to enjoy.



Although attendance was down a bit this year, we still had an impressive number of shooters participate in our main match – a grand total of 220, representing 19 states, Canada AND NEW ZEALAND! Yup, we were thrilled to have Powder Burns and Miss D'Meanour, from Tauranga, New Zealand, choose to shoot their first CAS match in the USA with us! Hopefully, they felt it was worth the trip!



Trophies for this year's category winners, both overall and NYS, were certainly unique – metal cowboy silhouettes and engraved leather belt buckles. Pretty cool! Thanks to Lone Star Jake for the ideas and Klassic Laser Works for the execution.



In the end, for the 2nd year in a row, we were pleased to “crown” James Samuel Pike and Spinning Sally as the Overall Top Male and Female and Cartwheel and Spinning Sally as the 2018 New York State Men’s and Ladies’ Champions, respectively. Awesome shooting, folks!



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, and caterers who kept our shooters’ bellies’ full of good cowboy 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), Cook County Kate (in charge of the Info Desk and Consignment Tables), 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 2018, thanks for coming, and we look forward to having you all with us again in 2019.

Keep an eye out for my article on HR ’18 in an upcoming issue of *The Cowboy Chronicle*. Also, we hope to have lots of photos up on our CKR’s Heluva Rukus webpage shortly. If you have other pics to share, feel free to email them to me at: annabelle69@juno.com.

HELVA RUKUS ‘18 WINNERS

Congratulations to all the following cowpokes:

NYS Men’s Champion – Cartwheel

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. Quaker Hill Bill
3. Cartwheel
4. Smokey Sue
5. Spinning Sally
6. El Muerto Negro
7. Shamrock Sadie
8. Illustrated Man
9. Dapper Dan
10. Zeke

First Place Category Winners / NY State Resident Category Champions:

- **B-Western:** Wyatt Hurts / Wyatt Hurts
- **Classic Cowboy:** Travis Spencer / Travis Spencer

Thanks to all those who donated items for this year’s special raffle and to all those who purchased tickets. With the proceeds from the ticket sales, we were able to make sizeable donations not only to the SASS Scholarship Fund and 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.



- **Duelist:** El Muerto Negro / El Muerto Negro
- **Frontiersman:** Patchogue Mike / Patchogue Mike
- **Frontier Cartridge:** Harry ThreeFingers / Harry ThreeFingers
- **FC Duelist:** Hawkeye Kid / Doctor Bill
- **FC Gunfighter:** Wheat Lightnin' / Wheat Lightnin'
- **Gunfighter:** Hawkeye Harry / Hawkeye Harry
- **Cowboy:** Cartwheel / Cartwheel
- **Wrangler:** James Samuel Pike / Illustrated Man
- **49er:** Quaker Hill Bill / Yukon Mike
- **Senior:** Zeke / Dusty Drifter
- **Senior Duelist:** Red Cavanaugh / Peddler Jack
- **Senior Gunfighter:** Grazer / Dutch Cassidy
- **Silver Senior:** Tulsa Jack / Deuces
- **Elder Statesman:** Knot Hardly Dunn / Black Jack Ed
- **Cattle Baron:** Rowdy Bill / Rowdy Bill
- **Gran Patron:** Kohl Elder / Kohl Elder
- **Ladies B-Western:** Jewels Cartwright / Jewels Cartwright
- **Ladies Frontier Cartridge:** Boston Lady / -
- **Ladies Gunfighter:** Nanny Oakley / -
- **Cowgirl:** Snazzy McGee / Luna Tick
- **Ladies Wrangler:** Appaloosa Amy / Renegade Roper
- **Ladies 49er:** Spinning Sally / Spinning Sally
- **Ladies Senior:** Hawley McCoy / Annabelle Bransford

- **Ladies Senior Duelist:** Nantucket Dawn / -
- **Ladies Senior Gunfighter:** Emma Goodcook / -
- **Ladies Silver Senior:** Hazel Pepper / Jessie Saint Ann
- **Grande Dame:** Yukon Deb / -
- **Cattle Baroness:** Miss Tate / -
- **Gran Patroness:** Bonnie Dee / -

Stage Winners:

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

Clean Shooters (28):

Black Jack Titus, Boston Lady, Capt. Thomas Griz, Feany Valentine, Fiddler Jack, Four Feathers, Hawkeye Kid, Heavy Bear, I. C. Moose, Jaundice Joe, Kate Cartwright, Kid from Brooklyn, Knot Hardly Dunn, Kohl Elder, Lefty Lacota, Lone Star Jake, Mayor of Dubois, Nantucket Dawn, Peddler Jack, Quaker Hill Bill, Rowdy Rube, Roy Cassidy, Shatagee Trapper, Sleepy Pete, Spirit Warrior, Tommy Two Spurs, Windjammer, Ziggady Zag

Side Event Winners (Men's / Ladies):

- **Long Range Rifle (Single Shot - Smokeless)** – Beaver Trapper / Scarlett Darlin'
- **Long Range Rifle (Single Shot – Black Powder)** – El Diablo Gringo / -

- **Long Range Rifle (Lever Action, Rifle Caliber)** – Pete Gabriel / Scout Wrangler
- **Long Range Rifle (Pistol Caliber)** – Dutch Cassidy / Scarlett Darlin'
- **Long Range Pistol** – Shatagee Trapper / Calamitee
- **.22 Caliber Rifle (Gallery Shoot)** – Shotgun Ron / Gunne Sax
- **.22 Caliber Rifle (Long Range)** – Shatagee Trapper / Gunne Sax
- **.22 Caliber Pistol** – Gator Dunn / Emmie Oakley
- **Speed Pocket Pistol** - Evil Jack Spade / Kate Cartwright
- **Speed Derringer** – Yukon Mike / Emmie Oakley
- **Speed Rifle** – Cartwheel / Spinning Sally
- **Speed Shotgun (2 barrels)** – Mista Spike / Shamrock Sadie
- **Speed Shotgun (1 barrel)** – Cartwheel / Appaloosa Amy
- **Speed Pistol - 1 Handed** – El Muerto Negro / Renegade Roper
- **Speed Pistol - 2 Handed** – Cartwheel / Shamrock Sadie
- **Speed Pistol - Gunfighter** – Hawkeye Harry / Nanny Oakley
- **Speed Rough Rider Pistol** – Gator Dunn / -
- **Mini-Stage #1 (on Stage 6 - 1 Handed)** – Sixgun Schwaby / Nantucket Dawn
- **Mini-Stage #1 (on Stage 6 - 2 Handed)** - James Samuel Pike / Spinning Sally
- **Mini-Stage #1 (on Stage 6 - Gunfighter)** – Grazer / Nanny Oakley

- **Mini-Stage #2 (on Stage 8 - 1 Handed)** – El Muerto Negro / Nantucket Dawn
- **Mini-Stage #2 (on Stage 8 - 2 Handed)** - James Samuel Pike / Appaloosa Amy
- **Mini-Stage #2 (on Stage 8 - Gunfighter)** – Grazer / Nanny Oakley
- **Mini-Stage #3 (on Stage 10 - 1 Handed)** – El Muerto Negro / Nantucket Dawn
- **Mini-Stage #3 (on Stage 10 - 2 Handed)** - James Samuel Pike / Snazzy McGee
- **Mini-Stage #3 (on Stage 10 - Gunfighter)** - Grazer / Nanny Oakley

Costume Contest Winners:

- **Best Young'un** – Cody
- **Best Working Cowgirl** - Calamitee
- **Best Townie Male** – Sgt. F.L. Cracker
- **Best Townie Female** – Reno Browne

Special Raffle Winners:

- **Ruger 10-22 Deluxe Rifle (donated by Sturm, Ruger & Co.)** – Six-Gun Arm Fire
- **Ruger Vaquero .357 Magnum Single Action Bisley Revolver (donated by Sturm, Ruger & Co.)** – Shotgun Ron
- **EMF 1851 Navy .36 Caliber Brass Frame Revolver** – Windjammer
- **Two Full Race Revolver Action Jobs (donated by Cowboy Gunworks)** – Wyatt Hurts and Michael Rhodes

- **Custom Knife & Sheath (donated by Page Custom Knives)** – Angie Scriptor
- **Handmade Quilt (by Calico Sue)** – Quarter Horse Kim
- **Free Entry to NJ State CAS Championship (2)** – Ziggady Zag and Sgt. F.L. Cracker
- **Free Entry to MA/CT/RI State CAS Championship** – Ziggady Zag
- **Free Entry to VT State CAS Championship** – Roy Cassidy
- **Free Entry to NY Wild Bunch State Championship** – Nawlins Kid

RO “Thank You” Raffle (Free Entry to Heluva Rukus 2019)
– Smokey Sue

Gunpowder Creek Trading Post “Middle of the Pack” Award – Willie Misfire

Long Distance Award – Powder Burns & Miss D'Meanour from Tauranga, New Zealand (a mere 8,849 miles from Ballston Spa, NY!)

5-Year Sponsor Plaques:

- H.J. & R.A. Railroad (Homer Suggs/Lone Star Jake/Rowdy Bill/Annabelle Bransford)
- Reaction Targets
- Frank's Gun and Tackle Shop

15-Year Sponsor Plaque:

- The Dude Bandit

Contributions:

\$1300 - Milton Eagles Fire Dept. (EMTs on site during the match)

\$1300 – Jack Falvo III Foundation (aka Jack's Place)

\$200 – SASS Scholarship Foundation

\$455 – To Crackshot Bev's family in her memory

Boy Scout Troops 54 and 56 made \$2,751 by picking brass and selling snacks.

Annabelle

OCT. CKR ROUGH RIDERS MATCH

Unfortunately, Rowdy and I had to miss both of CKR's Oct. shoots, so I can't give you too many details. In fact, many of our regular RR and CAS shooters were out of town for that weekend competing in the SASS NJ State CAS Championship. It is my understanding that the less-than-lovely weather that weekend didn't help attendance at *either* of our Oct. events. (What the heck happened to the beautiful Fall weather we used to have?) In the end, ten shooters did come out to participate in the Oct. 20th Rough Riders match. Thanks to The Dude Bandit for providing five action-packed stages.

When the scores were tallied, the following shooters came out on top. Congrats to:

Renegade Roper – Top Gun & 1st Ladies Modern
Lone Star Jake – 1st Men's Modern
The Dude Bandit – 1st Men's Traditional

It goes without saying that there were no clean shooters. LOL

Annabelle

OCT. CKR CAS MATCH

We had a rather pathetic showing for our Oct. 21st CAS match as well, with only 16 shooters competing in the cold and windy event. Those who did attend got an opportunity to shoot (or in many cases, re-shoot) several stages from this year's Heluva Rukus. The big question is whether those who were shooting these for the second time improved or not. Anyone do a comparison??

When the smoke cleared at the end of the day, the following gunslingers came out victorious:

TOP GUN – Renegade Roper (Wow! Top Gun for both Oct. CKR matches! Not bad for “a girl”! LOL)
Cattle Baron – John S. Books
Elder Statesman – Buck Wilder
Gunfighter – The Dude Bandit
49r – Backshot Dave
Senior – Lone Star Jake
Senior Duelist – Peddler Jack
Silver Senior – Whistlin' Micah
Ladies Wrangler – Renegade Roper
Ladies Silver Senior – Violet Cassidy

Clean Shooters – Jess Lucky & Peddler Jack

Annabelle

NOV. CKR ROUGH RIDERS MATCH

Brief synopsis of the Nov. 3rd Rough Riders match – rain (heavy at times), wind (gusts of 40+ mph), shoot (not happening). Although six potential shooters showed up, none REALLY wanted to brave the elements, so that was that. Such a bummer to end the 2018 RR season on this note. Oh well, c'est la vie! Hopefully, next year's weather will be more cooperative.

Annabelle

NOV. CKR CAS MATCH

Wow! How could the weather on Nov. 3rd have been so horrendous when the weather on the 4th turned out to be so nice?! No one was quite certain what to make of the big bright light in the sky, but someone said it was called “the sun”. So wonderful to actually see it again! Anyway, 26 cowpokes decided to take advantage of the lovely Fall day and join us for our last lead-slinging event of the CKR season. Lone Star Jake gave us five fun stages which were shot straight through with no break for lunch. The two posses were finished shooting and the stages were cleaned up by 1:30 PM or so. Such a deal!

The gang was pleased to welcome a new shooter into our midst this month – Nevada Shaft. He shot well and seemed to have fun, so we expect we'll see him back again next Spring.

This was a somewhat unusual month in that several of our regular shooters switched categories either to or from black powder. What was that all about? Also, it should be noted that three of this month's top four shooters were women! I believe that is a first. Way to go, ladies!

When all was said and done, the following shooters were left with CAS bragging rights 'til next Spring:

TOP GUN – Renegade Roper (beating out Rowdy Bill by a mere .13 second! Soooo close!)
Cattle Baron – Rowdy Bill
Cowboy – Our newest shooter, Nevada Shaft
Elder Statesman – Buck Wilder
FC Duelist – Smilin' Pete
49r/Ladies 49r – Big Sky Di
Gunfighter – Whiskey Brooks
Senior/Ladies Senior – Annabelle Bransford
Silver Senior/Ladies Silver Senior – Violet Cassidy
Senior Duelist – Peddler Jack
Wrangler/Ladies Wrangler – Renegade Roper
Clean Shooters – Annabelle Bransford, Dirty Bill, Peddler Jack, and Roy Cassidy

Annabelle

CKR WINTER GET-TOGETHER

On Sunday, **Dec. 16th**, the Circle K Regulators will have a **winter get-together at The Factory**, 20 Prospect St., Ballston Spa. The event will be held in the Creekside Banquet Room from 1-4 PM. Cost will be \$20 per person and will include hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic beverages. Club members are encouraged to bring a dessert to share. Checks should be made payable to Dan Scriptor and mailed to him at 225 W. Milton Rd., Ballston Spa, NY 12020, for receipt no later than Dec. 10th. Seating is limited, so don't delay! You won't want to miss out on this last chance to get together and enjoy great food and drink with all your CAS pards before the holidays and winter hibernation!

CKR WINNERS AT OTHER MAJOR SHOOTS

Comin' at Cha

A couple of CKR members attended this year's **Comin' at Cha** match, hosted by the world-famous Dooley Gang at the Badlands Bar 3 Ranch in English, TX, on Sept. 25-29. This is one of those SASS matches that needs to be on every shooter's bucket list. It is a blast! 2 ½ hrs. from Dallas, it is definitely out in the middle of nowhere, but the Dooley Gang knows how to put on a match – AND how to party! A whopping total of 396 shooters were in attendance this year,

making it one of the largest CAS matches in the country.



It would take pages to list and fully describe the numerous activities that went on throughout the multi-day event, but here they are in a nutshell... In addition to a 12-stage main match (4 stages per day in flights over a 3-day period), there were 4 CAS warmup stages, a 4-stage Wild Bunch mini-match, regular CAS long range and speed side events, a pro-steel side event (using ARs), gun giveaways every hour throughout the main match (total of 24 given away!), motorized mounted shooting (where you shot blanks at balloons as you were driven around an arena in a 4x4), a shoot-n-scoot event (where you shot 20 different rifles, pistols and shotguns as you ran down a 180 ft. boardwalk), a costume contest (this year's categories were based on the 1970's disco era), a treasure hunt (for buried gold and silver Proof coins), and evening dinners and live bands for dancing in the "big barn". Whee! There were a few vendors on site throughout the event as well.



The layout of the range was super, and the props and buildings were great (including a "town" with multiple building fronts, a scaled-down Alamo, and a HUGE wagon). The stages themselves were really fun to shoot with lots of options, gun transition, and interesting targets (including an 8-legged chicken!). Four stages this year were ALL knockdowns!



Congrats to CKR members:
Rowdy Bill – 2nd Cattle Baron
Annabelle Bransford – 4th Ladies Senior

SASS Eastern Divisional

The Thurmont Rangers hosted the **Mason-Dixon Stampede, the 4th SASS Eastern Divisional Championship**, in Thurmont, MD on Oct. 4-6. The theme this year was "Off the Rails...", celebrating the importance of the railroad in the

Old West with stages based on scenes from the TV series “Hell on Wheels”. Unfortunately, attendance was again down this year, with only 105 shooters participating in the event, including just 2 CKR members. It’s a shame more people didn’t go as this was one of the best CAS matches ever held at this facility. The weather was great, there were some awesome new props, and the stages were interesting and diverse. Hopefully word will get out and more people will participate next year.



There was plenty to keep cowpokes occupied throughout the event. There were several speed side events, 3 CAS warmup stages and a Wild Bunch mini-match on Thurs., followed by 10 main match stages Fri. and Sat. The targets were generally big, close, and easily hittable. Acquisitions, however, were oftentimes unusual and sometimes downright mentally challenging (not that that is a bad thing!). There was a fair bit of movement and a lot of gun transition as well. In general, shooters needed to keep both their brains and their bodies fully engaged in each scenario, which is as it should be for a major match in my estimation! Unfortunately, as at most CAS events nowadays, vendors were

a bit lacking, with a mere handful on site. Cowpokes had an opportunity to try their luck at various games of chance at the main clubhouse on Friday night. The awards banquet was held at the nearby American Legion on Saturday night. The food there was tasty and plentiful, drinks were cheap, raffles were abundant, and the awards presentation ran smoothly. The one thing lacking from previous years was a Top Gun Shootoff on Sunday, but this would have been difficult with the low attendance anyway.

Congrats to CKRers:

Rowdy Bill – 2nd Cattle Baron
Annabelle Bransford – 2nd Ladies Senior

A great big congrats to the 2018 Eastern Divisional Champions and Overall Male and Female Top Guns, Walker Colt and New York’s own Spinning Sally (who was also 3rd overall!)

SASS New Jersey State CAS Championship

The 15th annual **SASS NJ State Championship, Purgatory in the Pines**, was held in Jackson, NJ, on Oct. 19-21. A total of 151 shooters completed the match, including two CKR members.



The theme of this year’s shoot was “The Pioneers of the Jackson Hole Gang” celebrating 10 founders of the club. Being the 15th anniversary of the event, the JHG pulled out all the stops and had props galore on the stages. Each shooter was given a nice laser etched commemorative glass and had a chance to draw for a door prize. Raffle tickets were sold for some very nice prizes. The stages were fun and varied – with a fair amount of movement, interesting target acquisitions, several bonuses, two different knockdown plate racks, a swinger, and a couple of soda can shotgun poppers. Unfortunately, the weather was not the greatest, with Sat. being chilly and Sun. being VERY cold and windy. Thankfully, the rains pretty much stayed at bay. There were numerous speed and long range side events, three CAS warmup stages, and a 3-stage WB mini-match to keep the lead flying on Fri. Ten main match stages were shot on Sat. and Sun. (six Sat./four Sun.), followed by a Luck-of-the-Draw Shootoff just prior to the Sun. awards ceremony for those warm-blooded enough to brave the cold for another hour. (The heaters in the big tent during the awards were a god-send!) A handful of vendors were on site throughout the weekend.

Unfortunately, the scheduled food vendor had to cancel last minute which did lead to some issues with food on site, but the club managed to keep the cowpokes fed by getting a food truck for lunch Sat. and purchasing subs and chips which they provided free for lunch Sun. All-in-all, a great shoot, and a good time was had by all!

Congrats to CKR winners:

Rowdy Bill – 1st Cattle Baron (and clean)

Annabelle Bransford – 1st Ladies Senior (and clean)

A special congrats to the 2018 SASS NJ State Champions, Jesamy Kid and Stunt Girl Taj, and to Overall Men's and Ladies' Top Guns, Cowboy Junky and Sue Render (both from SC).

SASS Arizona State CAS Championship

The SASS AZ State Championship, Bordertown, was held in Tombstone, AZ, on Oct. 24-28. A grand total of 317 shooters participated in the sell-out event, including two CKR members.

The shoot is located just outside the Old West town of Tombstone (site of the famous "Shootout at the OK Corral"), which allows for some pretty awesome sightseeing opportunities when not actually throwing lead. And it's super cool just to walk down the streets of town dressed in appropriate period attire. This is definitely another match that

should be on every CAS shooter's bucket list just for the "ambiance" if nothing else!

As for the shoot itself, it is well known for its "up close and personal" targets. Prior to the 12-stage main match (shot in AM/PM flights on Fri. and Sat. with 6 stages a day), there was also a 4-stage Plainsman match, a 4-stage Wild Bunch match, a 4-stage Bordertown Blast (CAS warmup), a Night Raid Black Powder Shoot, and the usual long range and speed events to keep folks occupied. A "Knock Down Show Down" and a Top Gun Shootout were held before the final awards ceremony.

Congrats to CKRers:

Renegade Roper – 1st Lady Wrangler, clean, in the Top Gun Shootout, & 20th overall!

Sixgun Schwaby – 1st Duelist, clean, in the Top Gun Shootout, & 22nd overall!

An awesome showing, folks!

THANKS!

At this time of year, it is very appropriate to give thanks, so with that in mind...

Many thanks to the Boy Scouts of Troop 54 who served as brass pickers for us all season. They did a tremendous job and undoubtedly saved a lot of shooters from having to make trips to the chiropractor to fix their backs! Thanks, too, to Scout Wrangler for all her work in "rounding up" the necessary boys to help us out and keeping them organized and supplied

with whatever they needed to stay safe and get the job done. Many thanks as well to our club members who gave their all to see to it that the CKR had another successful year! We could never hold the numerous high-quality events we do without the ROs that make sure we all shoot safely and the setup and building crews that make sure all the stages are set up properly each month and that we have all the props we need to make our events stand out. A very special thanks to Lone Star Jake for continuing to provide the CAS competitors with new and different scenarios each month – great job, Jake! Thanks as well to Rowdy Bill for his outstanding Heluva Rukus stages and to The Dude Bandit for his always fun and challenging monthly RR/WB stages, including those for Muster at Ft. Misery. Thanks to Doe Dancer for helping with registration and the 50/50 raffle each month. And heck, I'm even going to thank myself for doing the boatload of CKR paperwork, emails, scores, newsletters, etc. throughout the year. Thanks as well to all those non-members who helped us out in various ways throughout the season and/or who just joined us for the fun each month. We look forward to another big year in 2019.

Annabelle Bransford

HAPPY HOLIDAYS