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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 4/28/12** – SASS RO I and RO II Training (see below)
- 5/5/12** – SASS Wild Bunch Training (see below)
- 5/13/12** – Cowboy Klays (tentative – see below)
- 5/16/12** – CKR Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 5/19/12** – CKR Setup for Monthly Match, 9 AM
- 5/19/12** – CKR Wild Bunch Match, 1 PM (see below)
- 5/20/12** – CKR Monthly CAS Match

NOTES FROM THE TRAIL BOSS

Off we go into the 2012 season. If the weather we had on April 15th is an indication of the season, it should be a good one. Rowdy started us off with some great stages. He put those damn poppers in there, though. Really showed how rusty some of us were after the winter. I heard there were gun problems on most of the posses. I myself had a couple. But, in all, it's still better to have a rough day at Cowboy Shooting than to have to rake the lawn or mow the grass or even go to work.

We announced that HR 2012 was ready to go. Mailings were going out Monday, the 16th.

More than likely by the time I finish this newsletter and you get it, we will have most of the Rukus filled. We are accepting up to 350 shooters this year.

Dude has started working on props early. The weather has helped a lot. He continues to have Work Days just about every other weekend. If you would like to help, just contact him. Most of the riverboat is done. His next job will be to work on the rebuild of the fort. We also have work on the long range that needs to be done, mostly cutting trees and brush. After the fort is done, we have the mineshaft to move. So as you can see, we still have lots to do for HR 2012 in Sept.

The Vermont folks were over to shoot this month, and they say there is still room in their Mayhem (VT State Championship) on Memorial Day weekend in May. We also want to thank the other out-of-town people that showed up for our shoot. It is good to see you all.

Don't forget our RO I and RO II training on Sat., April 28th, and a new Wild Bunch RO training course which will be held on Sat., May 5th.

Smokehouse Dan

APRIL MONTHLY SHOOT

Spring has sprung, the annual March Cabin Fever Shoot/Pot Luck Dinner is in the history books, and the real CAS season at the Circle K has begun.

Thanks to all those who came up to the club to help out on Sat., 4/14. The group was large enough to allow us to split into two parts – one setting up for the Sun. shoot and another working on our awesome new riverboat.

Our first regular monthly CAS match of the year was held on Sun., 4/15, with 61 shooters from 5 states joining us in a day of lead-slinging fun. We welcomed back several pards we hadn't seen in eons, along with many of our "regulars" and one brand new CAS shooter. The weather was quite nice with unseasonably warm temps (mid-70s). Although there were some clouds, the rain showers held off until just after the shoot was over. Such a deal!

The shooters were treated to some fairly challenging stages this month. Guess Rowdy Bill wanted to get everyone broken in quickly this year! The "Shooter's Choices" on some stages forced everyone to use their heads, as well as their

hands, if they wanted to shoot the scenarios fast and efficiently. There were some tricky target acquisitions, along with a couple of poppers/clay birds to contend with. The end result was that there were more misses and “Ps” than normal (and only 3 clean shooters!). But fear not, the season has just begun, and there’ll be plenty of opportunities to throw lead and hone those CAS skills over the next several months.

Meanwhile, congrats to the following cowpokes who remained standing when the smoke cleared this month:

TOP GUN – ROWDY BILL

B-Western/Ladies B-W – Tucson Tess

Classic Cowboy – Travis Spencer

Duelist – Sixgun Schwaby

Elder Statesman – Buck Bozeman

FC Duelist – Whiskey Brooks

49rs – Yukon Mike

Frontier Cartridge/Ladies FC – Kate Cartwright

Frontiersman – Doc McCoy

Gunfighter – Gun E Bear

Senior – Dealin Justice

Senior Duelist – Peddler Jack

Silver Senior – Rowdy Bill

Wrangler – Splinter Jack

Ladies 49r – Annabelle Bransford

Grande Dame – May Rein

Ladies Gunfighter – Emma Goodcook

Ladies Senior – Savvy Cindy

Ladies Wrangler – Three Barrel Chris

Clean Shooters – Buck Bozeman, Doc McCoy, and John S. Books

Annabelle Bransford

CKR WILD BUNCH MATCHES

After setup on 4/14, several folks stayed to shoot a 5-stage Wild Bunch match. Many thanks to Dude Bandit for tweaking Rowdy’s scenarios and organizing this event. Rumor has it that there were a number of “crash and burn” stages, lots of misses, and a multitude of gun issues. But apparently, none of that kept folks from having fun, and hopefully with experience, everyone will work out all the kinks. Congrats to **Whiskey Brooks**, who took Top Gun Overall and 1st in the Modern Category, and to **Jess Lucky**, who finished 1st in the Traditional Category.

We will continue holding Wild Bunch matches after setup each month. However, beginning in May (5/19), there will be a fee for shooting these matches. Those who help with setup and/or participate in a CKR work project on Sat. morning prior to the WB match will be charged \$5. Cost for non-workers will be \$10.

CKR PRACTICE NIGHTS

The CAS practice nights are now back in full swing. They are once again on **WEDNESDAYS** this year. All CKR members and new CAS shooters / prospective CKR members are invited to join us from 5-7 PM each Weds. This is a great opportunity to ask questions, improve your CAS skills, get familiar with new firearms, or

test your ammo. These sessions may occasionally be combined with CKR work nights or meetings if there are things that need to be done or discussed, props that need to be repaired, etc.

SASS RO I & II TRAINING

Annabelle Bransford and Rowdy Bill will be conducting their annual SASS RO I and II training at the CKR in the KF&G clubhouse on Sat., April 28th. RO I will run from 9AM – 12:30 PM and is STRONGLY encouraged for ALL SASS members/new CAS shooters. RO II will run from 1 – 4:30 PM and is for SASS members who have taken/passed RO I and have participated in CAS matches for a minimum of 6 months. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Annabelle immediately (email: annabelle69@juno.com; phone: 518-877-7834). All CKR members are eligible to attend this training for FREE, as are non-members who have passed the course previously and are just taking this as a refresher. The cost for new students who are not CKR members is \$10 for RO I, \$25 for RO II, payable at time of training.

SASS WILD BUNCH TRAINING

Nawlins Kid and Loco Poco Lobo will be conducting SASS Wild Bunch training at the KF&G clubhouse on Sat., May 5th, at 9 AM. This is a 6-hr course. If you are interested in shooting Wild Bunch, you are

strongly encouraged to attend this class. The cost is \$30, payable in cash at time of training. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Nawlins Kid by no later than April 28th (email: mandolin@rochester.rr.com).

COWBOY KLAYS

Tentatively scheduled Cowboy Klays Shoots for 2012 are:

- May 13th (Sun.)
- June 9th (Sat.)
- July 4th (Weds.) - Followed by a cookout at Dude Bandit's house for the shooters and their families (pre-registration required)
- August 11th (Sat.)
- October 6th (Sat.)

All dates are dependent on interest, so if you plan on attending any of these shoots, please email Dude at theodb1897@hotmail.com.

Dude will also be sending out a reminder about a week before each shoot.

The shoots will be held at the Philmont Rod and Gun Club's upper club property (contact Dude for directions) and will begin at 9:30 AM. There are 50 birds per round shot from 13 different locations. The cost is \$12.50 per round. Cowboy shotguns and cowboy attire are preferred. Generally, 2 rounds are shot. Facilities at the property are primitive. For additional information, contact Dude Bandit at the above email address.

CKR WINNERS AT OTHER MAJOR SHOOTS

Needless to say, there haven't been many big shoots in the past few months – at least not around these parts. BUT there was one major competition, The Last Stand, **SASS Florida State Championship**, in early January that was attended by a whopping 343 shooters, including a handful of CKR members. This year the event was held in beautiful St. Augustine. The new venue was great, with some super props and creative stages. The weather was wonderful, and there were plenty of good restaurants and interesting and historic places to visit nearby. Congratulations to **Rowdy Bill** who made it into the highly contested Top Gun Shootoff and took 4th place in Silver Senior. **Annabelle Bransford** finished 4th in Ladies 49r. Way to go, folks!

There are lots of “big shoots” coming up over the next several months. If you have never participated in a major shoot (other than our own Heluva Rukus), why not pick at least one other to attend this year and see how they do things at other CAS clubs in the New England area? Some of the larger upcoming matches include:

- VT State Championship, St. Johnsbury, VT (5/25-27)
- PA State Championship, Muncy Valley, PA (5/25-27)
- Tri-State (MA-CT-RI) Championship, Harvard, MA (6/1-3)
- The Reckoning, Orefield, PA (6/8-10)

- NH State Championship, Candia, NY (6/29-7/1)
 - The Great Nor'easter, New England Regional, Pelham, NH (7/26-29)
 - The Showdown, Tioga, NY (8/24-26)
 - NJ State Championship, Jackson Hole, NJ (10/19-21)
- For more info on any of these events, click on Shooting Events on the SASS website's home page (www.sassnet.com).

HELUVA RUKUS 2012

Even before the official mailing went out on 4/16, Annabelle was busy processing HR '12 registrations, having received 52 entries at the April CKR meeting and monthly shoot. Registrations continue to steadily pour in, and although there are still plenty of shooting spots open as of this writing, the camping limit is VERY close to being reached. Sooo, if you want to camp and haven't sent your registration form in, you'd best do so QUICKLY!

With so many registered shooters expected, we'll need a lotta help, so please do your part. First, sign up for a committee (or 2 or 3). Committees include:

- Main Stage ROs
- Side Event ROs
- Setup (Thurs)
- Tear-down (Mon)
- Registration Table
- Door Prize Table
- Range Maintenance
- Props
- Scoring (non-shooters).

You may sign up at a CKR meeting or shoot or by contacting Annabelle (via

phone: 518-877-7834 or email: annabelle69@juno.com). Then do what you can to help us obtain stage/side event sponsors, vendors and door prize contributors. Feel free to contact Big Sky Di via email (rpalmer@nycap.rr.com) or phone (518-580-0283) if you need sponsor/vendor registration forms or sample letters soliciting for door prizes. These documents may also be printed out from our CKR website's Heluva Rukus page (www.circlekregulators.com/helugarukus.html).

Happy

Trails!