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DATES TO REMEMBER

5/10/14 – SASS RO I and II
Training (see article below)

5/14/14 – CKR Monthly
Meeting, 7:30 PM

5/17/14 – CKR Setup, 9:00
AM, followed by Monthly
Rough Riders Match, 11:30 AM

5/18/14 – CKR Monthly CAS
Match

5/23/14 – Setup for Muster at
Fort Misery

5/24-25/14 – Muster at Fort
Misery, SASS Wild Bunch
NYS Championship

APRIL CKR ROUGH RIDERS MATCH

Following setup on April 26th, a whopping 19 folks gathered to participate in our first Rough Riders match of the season – nearly twice our usual number of RR shooters. Many of these folks were first-timers to the sport, giving it a try to see if they might be interested in shooting at Muster at Fort Misery, the upcoming SASS New York State Wild Bunch Championship.

Originally there were to be five stages this month, but with so many shooters and some really tough stages, the gang was forced to cut back to only four. The stages were undeniably

action packed – not to mention physically and mentally challenging (possibly a bit TOO challenging based on the high number of misses – 155 just on one stage!). The Dude Bandit had packed the stages with all manner of interesting targets – movers, knockdowns, and clay bird throwers (including DOUBLE bird throwers). But despite the elevated level of difficulty, everyone made it thru unscathed, and I believe all of the newbies were convinced it was indeed worth giving it a go again in the future.

The new scoring by Stage Points was utilized this month in preparation for using it for The Muster. It seemed to work just fine. In the end, congrats go out to:

TOP GUN – Lone Star Jake

**Men's Modern – Lone Star
Jake**

**Men's Traditional – Jess
Lucky**

**Ladies Modern – Annabelle
Bransford**

**Ladies Traditional – Renegade
Roper**

Alas, there were no clean shooters. It has been decided that the club will buy a Mercedes for anyone who shoots The Muster clean. LOL!

APRIL CKR CAS MATCH

The Circle K's first CAS match of the 2014 season was held on April 27th with 47 shooters joining in the fun. Everyone was excited to see Doe Dancer back at the helm, taking their hard earned cash for registration and the 50-50 raffle. The weather was a bit chillier and cloudier than everyone would have preferred, but the rains held off, and the gunfighters made it through six fun-filled stages and emerged dry and smiling at the end. Of course, some of the shooters started things out a bit "iffy" – leaving guns and/or ammo at home! Guess it takes a while to get back into the routine. Or maybe we are all just getting older and need to consult a "checklist" prior to going to a shoot! LOL! And speaking of getting older, this match marked the first time the CKR recognized the Cattle Baron/Baroness category (for those age 75+). We also added a Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter category this month. New shooter, Whistlin' Micah, was added to the fold, and several spectators dropped by to learn more about the sport. Looks like things are off to a good start for CKR CAS in 2014.

When the smoke cleared and the day drew to a close, the

following folks were left with braggin' rights 'til we do it all again next month...

Congrats to:

**TOP GUN – SIXGUN
SCHWABY!**

B-Western – Wyatt Hurts

Cattle Baron – Pot Shot Bob

Cowboy – Reckless Ryan

Duelist – Sixgun Schwaby

Elder Statesman – Rowdy Bill

Frontier Cartridge – Willie

Misfire

FC Duelist – Wheels

Cartwright

FC Gunfighter – Whiskey

Brooks

Gunfighter – The Dude Bandit

49r – Lone Star Jake

Senior/Ladies Senior –

Annabelle Bransford

Sr Duelist – Peddler Jack

Silver Senior – Shatagee

Trapper

Wrangler – Milo Sierra

Ladies Wrangler – Renegade

Roper

Young Gun – Spaghetti

Gunslinger

Clean Shooters – Big Sky Di,

Buck Wilder, Feany Valentine,

Hurricane Carter, I. C. Moose,

Milo Sierra, Peddler Jack,

Shatagee Trapper, and Sixgun

Schwaby (Based on all these

clean shooters, this must've

been a little easier than the

previous day's RR match!

LOL!)

CKR PRACTICE NIGHTS

The CKR weekly CAS/WB Practice Nights are now back in full swing. These practice sessions will be held from 5-7 PM each Weds. from now until late Aug., so mark your calendars and plan to come on

out and throw some lead (or if you don't have much of that, at least chew some fat) with your fellow CAS pard. All CKR members and new/prospective CAS/WB shooters are invited to attend. This is a great opportunity to ask questions, improve your CAS/WB skills, get familiar with new firearms, or test your ammo.

CKR SASS RO 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., May 10th. RO I (SASS Basic Range Operations Safety Course) will run from 9AM – 12:30 PM and is STRONGLY encouraged for ALL SASS members/new CAS shooters. RO II (SASS Range Officer Training Course) 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. The cost for new students who are not CKR members is \$10 for RO I, \$25 for RO II, payable at time of training. Non-members taking either course as a refresher will be charged \$5 (to cover the cost of a new pin and dated chevron).

MUSTER AT FT MISERY

Time goes fast! In just a few weeks, the Circle K Rough Riders will host the first annual SASS NYS Wild Bunch Championship on May 24th & 25th. As of this point, there are 31 registered shooters. Besides New York, we have shooters from four other states registered. There is still time to sign up. May 10th is the cut off. The folks who handle our monthly CAS shoot lunch will be serving breakfast and lunch both days and are doing our Saturday night dinner. Application are available on the Circle K website.

We will be having a drawing for a Ruger SR1911 pistol generously donated by Match Sponsor, Sturm, Ruger & Co. Raffle proceeds will go to the local fire department/EMTs who will be onsite throughout the shoot. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 (limited to 750 to be sold) and will be on sale at the May RR and CAS shoots and at the Muster. The drawing will be held at the Sunday awards ceremony at the Muster. You need not be present to win.

The last regular RR/WB shoot before the Muster will be on Saturday, May 17th, and it will be a good warm up for the big match. The chronograph will also be available (and working correctly!) to check your ammo.

Please direct any questions to Roy Cassidy at: roycassidy1911@yahoo.com or 518-227-5054.

CKR WINNERS AT OTHER MAJOR MATCHES

Not too many CKR folks attend major CAS matches over the winter months, but we did have a few who deserve a “Yeehaa” for their shooting prowess:

The SASS Florida State Championship, The Siege at St. Augustine, was held in (who’d have thunk!) St. Augustine, FL, on Jan. 9-12. There were a total of 295 shooters. Congrats to **Rowdy Bill** – 2nd Elder Statesman and in the Top 32 Shootoff, **Renegade Roper** – 2nd Ladies Wrangler, and **Annabelle Bransford** – 5th L49r.

The SASS National CAS Championship, Winter Range, was held in Phoenix, AZ, in late Feb. A whopping 761 shooters participated in the event this year. WOW! Congrats to **Sixgun Schwaby** who took 3rd place in the Duelist category and **Renegade Roper** who finished 4th in Ladies Wrangler. Way to go, folks!

The SASS US Open was held in Sparta, IL, on May 1-3. A total of 158 shooters from 24 different states participated in the event, and, boy, was the competition tough. SASS had agreed to give free entries to EOT 2014 to the winners of all ladies’ categories with 3 or more shooters and all men’s categories with 5 or more shooters, so the best of the best were there to compete. Warmup stages and speed side events were shot on Thurs. The main match consisted of 5 stages Sat. and 5 Sun. The

facility itself is awesome, with the match being held at the largest shooting facility in the US. The stages were very interesting and different with many, many shooter options. Although it was downright cold on Thurs., Fri. was nicer and Sat. was perfect. Fri. night they held a totally unique “Evening at the County Fair” – so much fun! Sat. night was the banquet, raffle, and awards ceremony. In the end, the two competitors from our club did the CKR proud. **Rowdy Bill** shot clean and took 1st in Elder Statesman (and gets a free EOT entry). **Annabelle Bransford** placed 2nd in Ladies Senior. Congrats to both!

UPCOMING MAJOR MATCHES

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:

- Tri-State (MA-CT-RI) Championship, Harvard, MA (5/30-6/1)
- The Quick & The Dead Shoot, Maryland, NY (6/20-22)
- The Great Nor’easter, New England Regional, Pelham, NH (7/24-27)
- VT State Championship, St. Johnsbury, VT (8/8-10)
- The Showdown, Tioga, NY (8/22-24)
- NH State Championship, Candia, NY (9/26-28)

- NJ State Championship, Jackson, NJ (10/17-19)

For more info on any of these events, click on Shooting Events on the SASS website’s home page (www.sassnet.com).

HELUVA RUKUS 2014

The annual USPS mailing of HR registration forms was done on April 24th, and the completed forms have already started coming in fast and furious. Ever since Annabelle’s 5-page article on HR ’13 appeared in the recent *Cowboy Chronicle*, folks from several different states have written requesting to be added to our mailing list. Hopefully, HR ’14 will prove to be a record-breaker, and we will be able to make it to our goal of 300 shooters.

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 (Weds/Thurs)
- Tear-down (Mon)
- Registration Table
- Door Prize Table
- Range Maintenance
- Props
- Scoring (non-shooters).

(You may sign up at a CKR meeting or CAS shoot.)

Then do whatever you can to help us obtain stage/side event sponsors, vendors and door prizes. Feel free to contact Big Sky Di at (dianecolumbine@gmail.com)

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).