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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 8/2/13** – Saratoga First Friday Artwalk (see article below)
- 8/4/13** – CKR Work Day
- 8/14/13** – Monthly CKR Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 8/17/13** – Setup for Monthly CAS Match, 9 AM, followed by Rough Riders Match, 11:30 AM
- 8/18/13** – Monthly CAS Match – Final cutoff for Heluva Rukus registration & category changes
- 8/28/13** – Last CKR Practice Night of the year, 5-7 PM
- 9/4/13** – HR Shooters Packet Stuffing, 7 PM

NOTES FROM THE TRAIL BOSS

There will be no article from Smokehouse Dan this month. With the majority of his time being spent at Albany Medical Center with his wife, Doe Dancer, following her recent motorcycle accident, he is a bit pre-occupied of late. He and Doe Dancer do want to thank everyone for their concern, support, and well wishes.

I'm sure that everyone realizes just how much Doe Dancer does for our club and our sport. She may not be a CAS shooter, but she has been one of the most active members of the Circle K from the "get-go". From working registration to

taking care of the 50-50, handling the orders and money for lunch, providing the shooters with water and Gatorade, and heading up the HR costume contest, she has been a constant presence at the CKR shoots. We all miss her and wish her the best on her long road to recovery. Meanwhile, thanks to all of you who have pitched in to take up the slack created by her absence. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Annabelle Bransford

JULY CKR ROUGH RIDERS MATCH

Well, by the time the Rough Riders match started on 7/20/13, it was hot and sticky, but after a week of 90+ degree temps and high humidity, what else did we expect? Thankfully, no thunderstorms materialized, and the 8 shooters were able to complete the RR match with the only moisture being from sweat. (Yukk!) The 5 stages had plenty of lead slinging and a good bit of movement, along with some knockdowns, several clay birds, and a moving target. As predicted by Rowdy, there were no clean shooters. There's something about having to shoot the 1911 pistol at rifle

distances that just lends itself to misses. Hmmm...

At any rate, when all was said and done, the following folks came out on top this month:

Rowdy Bill – Top Gun and 1st Modern

Whiskey Brooks – 1st Open

The Dude Bandit – 1st Traditional

JULY CKR CAS MATCH

What is it with rain this year? We just can't seem to get through a monthly CAS match without it. The weatherman lied to us again this month! A 0% chance of precipitation was predicted for 7/21/13. But I think the deluge, albeit a brief one, on everyone's 5th stage proved that prediction to be a wee bit off. Generally speaking, though, it was a nice day – certainly cooler and less humid than the preceding week, thank heavens.

Many thanks to the Boy Scouts who were there to help with brass pickup again and to Eric and his kitchen crew who once again provided a tasty and very reasonably priced lunch for the cowpokes.

For some reason, attendance was down this month, with only

47 shooters joining in the fun. Was it vacations, lack of ammo, or the cost of gas that kept folks away? Who knows? But what I do know is that they missed an interesting shoot.

This month Rowdy Bill based four of the six stages on stages from this year's End of Trail World Championship. Shooters were treated to some different target acquisitions (including a specific order for the 6 shotgun targets on one stage) and some finicky knockdowns (with no makeups). There seemed to be more misses and "Ps" than usual. Could it be that those New Mexico scenarios don't sit well with us folks in the Northeast, or were there other issues wrecking havoc on the cowpokes' scores this month?

Whatever the case, when the day was done, the following gunslingers came out on top. Congrats to:

TOP GUN – James Samuel

Pike (surprise, surprise)

Duelist – Sixgun Schwaby

Elder Statesman – Rowdy Bill

FC Duelist – Whiskey Brooks

Frontier Cart. – Willie Misfire

Gunfighter – The Dude Bandit

49r – Yukon Mike

Senior – Lefty Cooper

Silver Senior – Irascible Curmudgeon

Senior Duelist – Peddler Jack

Wrangler – James S. Pike

Young Gun – Spaghetti Gunslinger

Cowgirl – Kate Cartwright (switching to smokeless this month!)

Ladies 49r – Annabelle Bransford

Ladies Senior – Violet Cassidy

Ladies Wrangler – Renegade Roper

Grand Dame – May Rein

Clean Shooters – Deathwish Kid, John S. Books, Pot Shot Bob, Wheels Cartwright, and Willie Misfire.

CKR WINNERS AT OTHER MAJOR MATCHES

SASS MD State Championship

On June 20-22, the SASS Maryland State Championship, Thunder Valley Days, was held in Damascus, MD. A total of 111 shooters participated in the event, down from their usual 150 – a trend which has been seen at every major CAS match this year. The weather was undoubtedly the best they've had in years – sunny and quite warm, but not unbearably hot and humid like normal. Thurs. side events consisted of long range, the regular speed events, and a 3-stage blast. The ten main match stages, shot Fri. and Sat., were straightforward and fast with decent, although not abundant, props. There were a handful of good vendors on site throughout the event. The Fri. night BBQ, included in the registration fee, was held in their nice air-conditioned clubhouse this year, and the food was plentiful and yummy! Unfortunately, the CKRers attending had to skip the Sat. night formal banquet and awards ceremony in order to get home in time to unpack, do laundry, and repack to head to EOT early Mon. morning. But they WERE winners.

Congrats to **Rowdy Bill** who took 1st in Elder Statesman and **Annabelle Bransford** who finished 2nd in Ladies 49r.



SASS World Championship (End of Trail)

The 32nd Annual End of Trail, SASS World Championship, was held at Founders Ranch in Edgewood, NM, June 24-30. Just over 500 CAS shooters from around the world competed in this year's main match, celebrating "Memoirs of a Cowboy". Prior to the start of the main match, there were 2 days of warm-up stages, a Wild Bunch match, and a side event day to give folks plenty of opportunity to burn ammo while getting used to the dry heat, dust, and lack of oxygen (altitude approx. 7000'). The 12 main match stages were shot over 3 days in early, mid-day, and afternoon flights, with 4 stages shot per day.



This year's props included an awesome new permanent structure, Hot Tamale's Cantina, as well as new fences/gun rests, wagons, and several other buildings and building facades. It's taken a while, but they have finally gotten some fine looking props worthy of a World Championship.



The stages were designed by T.A. Chance, who also writes the scenarios for the popular up-close-and-personal Bordertown match in Tombstone, AZ. The stages were the best – and the fastest (Ex. 11.76 seconds for Badlands Bud to shoot 10 rifle, 10 pistol, 2 shotgun) – we've seen in years, with much closer targets than in the past. Target acquisitions were varied but uncomplicated, without “P” traps (109 clean shooters!). The usual moving targets were back this year, along with a number of both pistol and rifle knockdown targets.



The official Cowboy Memorial Chapel dedication took place during EOT 2013 with CKR's own Mo Lasses there to assist with the ceremonies. The

Circle K can be proud that our club name, as well as Smokehouse Dan's and Mo Lasses', are prominently displayed on both the Patron and the Gold Cowboy Legacy Donor plaques located in the chapel.



There were a fair number of things to keep shooters occupied at the ranch even when not actually slinging lead. Many vendors were on site, although their number seemed to have dwindled this year. There were various shows (including a Wild West Medicine Show and a Rhinestone Roper show), stagecoach rides, and longhorn cattle rides to check out during the day, as well as the opportunity to shoot a Gatling gun, watch the mounted shooters, or attend various training seminars. At night, the range hosted various costume contests, poker and blackjack tournaments, and parties replete with music and dancing.

As for shooting awards, New York/New England participants made an impressive showing at EOT this year.

Congrats to CKR members:
Rowdy Bill – 4th Elder Statesman (and clean!) and
Annabelle Bransford – 10th L49r,

as well as to other CAS parads from the Northeast:

James Samuel Pike – 5th Overall!!, 1st Wrangler, and in the Top Gun Shootoff
Jersey Town Kid (PA) – 2nd Junior Boy
Grazer (MA) – 2nd Duelist
Spinning Sally (NY) – 7th Ladies Wrangler
Hawley McCoy (MA) – 9th L. 49r

The Quick & the Dead

While EOT was happening far, far away, a nearby SASS club, the Crumhorn Mountain Regulators, was hosting its first 3-day CAS event in Maryland, NY. Unfortunately only 36 cowpokes attended the event, but those who did enjoyed the challenging stages and the awesome food. Thankfully, the rains stayed away – at least while the shooting itself was going on.

Congrats to CKRers:

Renegade Roper – Top Overall Ladies Shooter (1st LW)
Sixgun Schwaby – 1st Duelist
Peddler Jack – 1st Sr. Duelist
Lone Star Jake – 1st BW

COWBOY KLAYS

On Thurs., July 4th, a Cowboy Klays match was held at the Philmont Rod & Gun Club's upper range. Ten shooters participated in the first 50-bird round, including 14 year old Spaghetti Gunslinger, shooting his first clays match and pulverizing 15 birds – a very respectable showing for a first timer! Congrats to winner of the first round, **Yukon Mike**,

with a 31. Seven cowpokes stuck it out to shoot a second round. Spaghetti Gunslinger's dad, Dan, even took the plunge and shot the round, his first time at this event. Although he shot well, hitting 16 clays, his son bested him with a 23 in round 2! Congrats to second round AND overall winner, **Suggs Jr.**, who shot an impressive 34 using a gun he borrowed (and kept trying unsuccessfully to buy!) from Whiskey Brooks. Thanks to Dude Bandit for organizing the event and to Dude, Whiskey, and Suggs Jr. for serving as trappers all day. Oh, and thanks to Annabelle for serving as scorekeeper for the day.

Following the shoot, Dude Bandit and his lovely wife, Ann, hosted a cowboy cookout at their house for the shooters and their families. With tents, tables, and fans set up in their beautiful back yard, the gang had a comfortable area to relax, chat, and enjoy the bountiful buffet of delicious BBQ ribs and brisket, baked beans, numerous side salads, watermelon, cookies, cake, and, of course, cold beverages. A fun time was had by all. Many thanks to Dude and his wife for hosting the get-together. What a great way to spend the holiday!

FIRST FRIDAY ARTWALK

On Friday, July 5th, a handful of CKR members, decked out in full cowboy attire, ignored the beastly heat and humidity and the threat of T'storms and visited Sharon Crute's Gallery on Beekman St. as part of Saratoga's First Friday Art

Walk. Sue Clark once again photographed our folks and expressed her (and Sharon's) appreciation for their support of the event.



Sue also issued an invitation to all Circle K members to attend the next First Friday Art Walk which will be held on August 2nd from 6-8 PM, when she and Sharon will host the grand opening and reception of "Rock and Bone" at Sharon's Gallery. "Rock and Bone" is a photographic tribute to Georgia O'Keefe's legendary Ghost Ranch Country property in New Mexico.



HELUVA RUKUS UPDATE

We still need volunteers to help with Heluva Rukus this year. If you (or even a non-shooter family member) could help out with the Registration Table or Door Prize Table on Fri. or run scores from the posses to the scoring shack on Sat. or Sun., that would be great. We also need lots more folks to work the side events on Fri. If we get enough, no one should have to work more than an hour.

There's a work party planned for **Aug. 4th** and will certainly be more between then and the shoot, so please lend us a hand for an hour or a day and help build the props that make Rukus one of the premiere CAS events in the country. Range cleanup is also very important and is another place your help could make a difference.

We are still in need of lots more door prizes, so if you have something to donate, that would be greatly appreciated, or if you have a local business you frequent, hit them up for a contribution. Any contribution valued at \$100 or more will get the donor a link on our website, a mention in our HR Shooter's Handbook, and an ad in *The CirKulator* and on the website.

To sign up to help out with any of the above, just contact Annabelle (phone: 518-368-3535 or email annabelle69@juno.com), and she'll make sure to get the info to the proper committee chair.

We currently have **248** shooters registered for HR 2013, and the registrations continue to trickle

in. Don't forget – final cutoff is Aug. 18th! That is also the last day for changing your shooting category for Rukus. If you would like to partake of the delectable dinners planned for either Fri. (taco/fajita bar) or Sat. (chicken/ribs BBQ buffet) but have not yet pre-paid, you need to send in your checks by no later than 9/1/13. The cost is \$12.50 for Fri. and \$28 for Sat.

engraved back straps, excellent condition.

For pricing or additional info, contact Malta Single Shot at 518-584-4899.

FOR SALE

Two Ruger Vaquero pistols. 45 LC, case hardened, birds head walnut grips, Last Cowboy editions. Mint condition. These guns are limited edition. \$1,500.00 for the pair.

Contact Blackwood Bill at 518-357-8086 or email: blackwoodbill@nycap.rr.com.

FOR SALE

Winchester Model 1907, .351 Winchester self loading, 20 inch barrel, open sights. Approximately 58,490 made from 1907 to 1957. Asking \$800.

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Contact Dan Leone at 518-860-2949 or email: dleone1@nycap.rr.com

FOR SALE

Two Ruger Vaquero pistols, .38spl, 5 1/2" barrel, blued, Jimmy Spurs action job,