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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**7/12/17**– CKR Monthly

Meeting, 7:30 PM

**7/14/17** – CKR RR/CAS Setup,  
9:30 AM

**7/15/17**–CKR Monthly Rough  
Riders Match, 10:00 AM

**7/16/17**– CKR Monthly CAS  
Match

## JUNE CKR ROUGH RIDERS MATCH

Despite the fact that several of our regular RR shooters were in New Mexico for End of Trail, we still had a good turnout for the June 17<sup>th</sup> monthly RR match with a total of 15 shooters joining in the fun. Not having seen the stages, I have no clue what the deal was with Stage 1, but by looking at the number of misses accrued, it must've been one heluva stage. Yikes!

When all was said and done, the following folks came out on top. Congrats to:

**TOP GUN – Spinning Sally  
(aka Lazy River)**

**Men's Modern** – Suggs Jr.

**Men's Traditional** – Wheels  
Cartwright

**Men's Open** – Whiskey Brooks

**Ladies Modern** – Spinning  
Sally

Needless to say, the elusive clean match remained as elusive as ever.

## JUNE CKR CAS MATCH

With a handful of our “regulars” at EOT and others away on vacation, attending weddings or graduations, or enjoying Father's Day with family, attendance at our June 18<sup>th</sup> CAS match was somewhat lacking. Only 34 shooters turned out to sling lead, but I'm sure those who did enjoyed the action-packed stages provided by Lone Star Jake. Eight shotgun anyone?!

Congrats to the following cowpokes who get to claim braggin' rights for the next month:

## **TOP GUN – SPINNING SALLY**

**Cattle Baron** – John S. Books

**Cowgirl** – Kate Cartwright

**Duelist** – Smilin' Pete

**Elder Statesman** – Sky Ryder

**Frontier Cartridge** – Wheat  
Lightnin'

**Frontiersman** – Stickman Tom

**FC Duelist** – Doctor Bill

**Gunfighter** – Whiskey Brooks

**49r/Ladies 49r** – Spinning  
Sally

**Senior** – Sheriff Mickey

**Sr Duelist** – Peddler Jack

**Silver Senior** – Buck Wilder  
**Ladies Silver Senior** – Violet  
Cassidy

**Wrangler/Ladies Wrangler** –  
Renegade Roper

**Clean Shooters** – Hardcase  
Bob, Peddler Jack, Sky Ryder,  
and Wheels Cartwright

It should be noted that the top two CAS shooters AND RR shooters this month were LADIES!! Yeehaa! You go, girls!

## HELUVA RUKUS 2017

Plans continue to move along slowly but surely for this year's 17<sup>th</sup> annual SASS New York State Championship.

Registrations are very slowly trickling in. As of this writing, we only have 160 registered shooters, down about 30 from this same time last year. Remember...the final cutoff date for registration is Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't already sent in your form, get it in right away!

And if you can help us out by obtaining sponsors, vendors, or door prize contributors, go for it. We are behind in this aspect as well this year. It seems that CAS is in somewhat of a decline of late, with a marked

decrease in the number of shooters and sponsors/vendors at all of the bigger matches this year. Let's all do what we can to keep the enthusiasm for our sport going!

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### **CKR WINNERS AT OTHER MAJOR MATCHES**

#### **SASS Pennsylvania State Championship**

North Mountain Shootout XVIII, the SASS Pennsylvania State Championship, was held on Memorial Day weekend and hosted once again by El Posse Grande in Muncy Valley, PA. A total of 131 shooters completed the match. The theme this year was "My Heroes Have Always Been Cowboys – A Salute to the USO" with stages dedicated to various USO entertainers from Bob Hope to Gary Sinise and Ann-Margret to Raquel Welch.

There were several speed and long range side events, as well as a 3-stage mini-match, to keep shooters occupied on Fri. Six main stages were shot on Sat. and four on Sun., followed by an optional team event. A handful of vendors were on site as well.

When the leadslinging was done, the following CKR members went home winners. Congrats to:

**Rowdy Bill** – 1<sup>st</sup> Elder

Statesman (& clean)

**Annabelle Bransford** – 1<sup>st</sup>

Ladies Senior

Special congrats to the 2017 Men's and Ladies' PA State Champs, Jerseytown Kid and Alamo, respectively.

#### **SASS Tri-State (MA-CT-RI) Championship**

This year's Tri-State Championship was once again hosted by the Harvard Ghost Riders, but this year the name was changed from the "Shootout at Sawyer Flats" to "Hellfire at Barrister's Junction" in memory of HGR member Barrister Bill who passed away a few months ago. The event was held in Harvard, MA, on June 2-4, with a total of 114 shooters participating. The theme of this year's match was "Assassins of the Old West" with stages dedicated to the likes of John Wesley Hardin, Curly Bill Brocius, and Tom Horn.

There were numerous speed and accuracy side events on Fri., along with a 3-stage Wild Bunch match and 3 CAS/Plainsman warm-up stages. Six main match stages were shot on Sat. and four on Sun., followed by a Top Gun 3-Person Team Shootout preceding the awards ceremony. The props were good, as always, and the stages were well-written and interesting with plenty of movement and varied target sizes, shapes, and distances

Congrats to the following CKR winners who returned home with braggin' rights and nice wooden plaques:

**Rowdy Bill** – 1<sup>st</sup> Elder

Statesman (clean & 8<sup>th</sup> overall)

**Annabelle Bransford** – 1<sup>st</sup>

Ladies Senior (& 1<sup>st</sup> Ladies Modern in the WB mini-match)

A special congrats to the 2017 Tri-State Champs:

**CT** – James Samuel Pike &

Appaloosa Amy

**MA** – Grazer & Hawley

McCoy

**RI** – Nutmeg Ryder & Nanny

Oakley

#### **End of Trail, SASS World Championship**

The 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary End of Trail, CAS World Championship, took place at Founder's Ranch in Edgewood, NM, on June 15-25.

Prior to the start of the CAS match, the Wild Bunch shooters were busy with their own World Championship. CKR members, Annabelle Bransford and Rowdy Bill, along with four other "pards" from NY/CT, participated in the WB match for the first time. Temps were high (hitting the 100 degree mark), but continual hydration with bottle after bottle of Gatorade, Propel, and water kept everyone on their feet. The stages were certainly action-packed, with some featuring as many as 30 pistol and 10 shotgun! There were a multitude of knockdowns, a couple of movers, and even one thrower/clay bird. A total 79

shooters completed the 3-day, 12-stage match. Although none of our pardos managed to place in their categories (they only went 5 deep), everyone agreed it was a well-written, fun match. Overall Men's and Ladies' WB World Champions were Last Chance Morales and Texas Tiger, respectively.

When the WB folks were done with their competition, it was time for the Cowboy Action Shooters to take over the range for the next several days. There were multiple warmup stages and various side events available to help them get primed for the main event. The heat continued for most of the CAS days, but thankfully, the dust was kept to a minimum, there was a light breeze most of the time, and the little bit of rain that did fall did so outside of shooting hours. A total of 582 CAS shooters from around the world completed this year's 3-day, 12-stage CAS main match, down somewhat from last year. The stages were written by Lassiter and Deuce Stevens, and the targets were generally up close and personal, some as close as 8 feet! There were a LOT of shooter's choices, requiring the shooters to use their brains as much as their hands to complete the stages as quickly and efficiently as possible. The stages included some unusual starting positions and a good bit of movement and gun transition. There were also several rifle/pistol knockdowns, a mover, and a swinger that helped keep things interesting.

There were plenty 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 even further this year. During the day, there were free stagecoach rides available, longhorn steers to check out, the mounted shooting competition to watch, and Gatling guns to shoot. There was also daytime entertainment on some days and various nighttime events throughout the week as well. The Top Gun Shootoffs were held just prior to the final awards on Sun., with the top 8 WB men and women and the top 16 CAS men and women battling it out.

A super big congratulations goes to CKR member, **ROWDY BILL**, who was awarded a big, beautiful trophy and an awesome custom belt buckle for taking **FIRST PLACE** in the **CATTLE BARON** category. His 21 years of dedication to the sport of CAS finally paid off in a big way – the first New Yorker to ever become a World Champion! Way to go, Rowdy! Well-deserved! And he shot it clean, too, as did his other half, **Annabelle Bransford**, who didn't do too badly herself, taking home a nice pewter badge for 7<sup>th</sup> place in the Ladies Senior category. Congrats to both of you! Ya done the CKR proud!

Congrats as well to other CAS pardos from the Northeast including:

**James Samuel Pike** (CT) – 7<sup>th</sup> Wrangler

**Travis Spencer** (NY) – 6<sup>th</sup> Classic Cowboy

**Spud** (PA) – 1<sup>st</sup> Junior Boy



This year's overall CAS World Champions were Matt Black (Men's) and Sass Kicker (Ladies), two very young and very talented shooters!