

The CirKulator



Kayaderosseras Fish and Game Club

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DATES TO REMEMBER

6/9/12 – Cowboy Klays
(tentative – see below)
6/13/12 – CKR Monthly
Meeting, 7:30 PM
6/16/12 – CKR Setup for
Monthly Match, 9 AM
6/16/12 – CKR Roughriders
Match, 1 PM
6/17/12 – CKR Monthly CAS
Match

NOTES FROM THE TRAIL BOSS

Well, 61 shooters saw the trial run of our new paddlewheeler. Things went well with many new ideas and some adjustments. By the time the Rukus comes around, we should be ready for a maiden voyage.

We are still getting new shooters each month to join this sport, which is a great thing for this club. We still have a great bunch working to ensure that we continue to have great monthly shoots, as well as the best Rukus possible.

Now to all you shooters, we need lots of help getting ready for the Rukus. The Dude still has many work days planned for things to get ready for Rukus. We need to build a new fort and take down the mine and

rebuild it on another stage. Plus we need side event ROs for the Rukus. You only need to work one hour on side event day (Friday, Sept. 14th). This would be a great help. Check with Dude. You could work more than an hour if you so desire.

I know I am always asking for help for this event. But if you come out to help, you will see why this is the best Cowboy Action Shooting event anywhere.

Smokehouse Dan

MAY CKR CAS MATCH

Ok, 86 degrees is just way too hot for May! But I guess sunshine beats raindrops, right? At any rate, the summer-like weather on May 20th brought out 61 CAS shooters from 5 different states to throw some lead and chew some fat with their pards at the Circle K. We were pleased to welcome 4 brand new shooters to the game of CAS this month. It's great to get some new blood in the sport. Hopefully they all had fun and will join us again. We also welcomed our latest and greatest new prop – an awesome riverboat, complete with paddlewheel, smokestack, clock, and whistle. Again, we

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have raised the bar for CAS props, not only in the Northeast but nationwide. The talent and dedication of our building crew (led by Always Willin) never ceases to amaze! Thanks to all those who have worked so hard this spring to make this boat a reality. We'll be selling tickets for its maiden voyage on the Kayaderosseras Creek soon. LOL!



Thanks again to Rowdy Bill for coming up with 6 interesting scenarios to tax our brain cells and our shooting skills. Either we have gotten rid of the winter rust or the stages were a bit easier this month as the number of procedurals and misses was down considerably from the April shoot. Needless to say, the highlight of the day was getting to shoot from the new riverboat (and to blow the whistle).

Congrats to the following cowpokes who came out winners in this month's gunfight:

TOP GUN – QUAKER HILL BILL

B-Western/Ladies B-W –

Violet Cassidy

Classic Cowboy – Ol Scratch

Duelist – Sixgun Schwaby

Elder Statesman – Buck

Bozeman

FC Duelist – Wheels

Cartwright

49rs – Yukon Mike

Frontier Cartridge/Ladies FC

– Kate Cartwright

Frontiersman – Stick Man

Tom

Gunfighter – Ivory Thunder

Senior – Always Willin

Senior Duelist – Peddler Jack

Silver Senior – Rowdy Bill

Wrangler – Quaker Hill Bill

Ladies 49r – Annabelle

Bransford

Grande Dame – May Rein

Ladies Senior – J. T.

Longfeather

Ladies Wrangler – Appaloosa

Amy

Clean Shooters – Deathwish

Kid, Feany Valentine, Flat Nose

Drifter, Hardcase Bob, John S.

Books, May Rein, & Peddler

Jack

Annabelle Bransford

MAY CKR ROUGHRIDERS MATCH

After setup on May 19th, 9 folks gathered to shoot a 5-stage Roughriders (previously called Wild Bunch) match. We were happy to have 2 shooters from Western NY join in the fun this month. Dude Bandit (with a little help) managed to again tweak 5 of Rowdy's scenarios to come up with a lotta lead-slinging fun requiring 3 1911

magazines (5 rounds each) and 6 shotgun rounds, along with 8-10 rifle rounds, on every stage. Unfortunately, there was a bit of a problem with the knockdown plate rack (just ask poor Lone Star Jake who went through a mere 8 mags trying to make it work as intended!), but all worked out in the end. Congrats to **Jess Lucky**, who took **Top Gun** Overall and 1st in the Traditional Category, and to **Rowdy Bill**, who finished 1st in the Modern Category.

CKR PRACTICE NIGHTS

The CAS practice nights (held from 5-7 pm each Wednesday) have been fairly well attended lately with a number of new shooters taking advantage of the opportunity to get a little one-on-one training from Rowdy Bill and to familiarize themselves with their new firearms and the rules of the sport. These sessions are open to all CKR members and new shooters, so come on out and join us. We'll be holding these weekly practice nights 'til sometime in Aug.

SASS RO I & II TRAINING

Annabelle Bransford and Rowdy Bill conducted their annual SASS RO I and II training at the CKR on Sat., April 28th.

Congrats to the following CKR members who successfully completed the courses as noted:

- Gunny Smith (RO I)
- Stick Man Tom (RO I)
- Violet Cassidy (RO II)

- Buck Dancer (RO II)

And thanks to the other folks who attended the classes as a refresher. It really is a good idea to do this every few years as the rules are constantly changing.

SASS WILD BUNCH TRAINING

Nawlins Kid and Loco Poco Lobo were kind enough to come from Rochester, NY to conduct a 6-hour SASS Wild Bunch training course at the KF&G clubhouse on Sat., May 5th. Congrats to the 12 CKR members who passed the course – Annabelle Bransford, Rowdy Bill, Lightning Lee, Violet Cassidy, Roy Cassidy, Smokehouse Dan, Lone Star Jake, Oklahoma Fork, Gunny Smith, Rattlesnake, Homer Suggs, and Suggs Jr. There are a LOT of differences between CAS and WB, so it's nice to know that we have so many members familiar with the rules of this offshoot of our sport.

COWBOY KLAYS

I'd like to thank Roy Cassidy, Jess Lucky, Yukon Mike, Russ, and Willie Misfire for turning out for the May 13th Cowboy Klays shoot. We had great weather and a great time. **Jess Lucky** was the top shooter, and everyone else was a close second within a few birds each.

Our next shoot will be Sunday, June 10th. The shoot will be held at the Philmont Rod and Gun Club's upper club property 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 or directions, contact Dude Bandit at theodb1897@hotmail.com.

Dude Bandit

HELUVA RUKUS 2012

Things are coming together for this year's Rukus. With registration currently at 285, the applications continue to dribble in. We continue to add more vendors and sponsors to our list as well, but with so many shooters, we are still in need of door prizes, so if you know of a local business that might be able to help us out, please approach them regarding donating to our shoot. And if you have new, unused items you would like to donate, please bring them to a meeting or shoot to give to one of the folks on the Sponsor/Vendor/Door Prize Committee (Big Sky Di or Kate Cartwright).

And if you haven't already done so, make sure you 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).

Hopefully, you are all aware of the changes in our Fri. and Sat. dinners this year. Fri.'s meal will be catered by Moe's Southwest Grill and will consist of a fajita bar with soft taco shells, ground beef, shredded chicken, grilled onions and peppers, queso cheese, salsa and chips. Cost is \$10/person, payable in advance. The Sat. dinner will be catered by Shane's Rib Shack as in the past, BUT this year their signature BBQ ribs will be added to our regular buffet menu. All shooters are eligible for a free Sat. dinner, but ONLY if we know you are coming in advance. Soooo, if you originally marked your registration form indicating that you would not be attending the Sat. dinner and have now decided that you would like to attend, you must notify Annabelle prior to 9/1/12.

CKR WINNERS AT OTHER MAJOR MATCHES

CAS in the Great Northeast is back into full swing. The first big match in our neck of the woods – North Mountain Shoot Out, the SASS Pennsylvania State Championship – was held in Muncy Valley, PA, on Memorial Day weekend. There were 165 shooters in attendance, down about 30 from last year. On Fri. afternoon, there were numerous side events, as well as 3-stage mini-matches for both regular CAS

guns and Wild Bunch firearms. A handful of sutlers on site provided folks with a chance to throw down some cash and head home with everything from handmade soaps to cowboy clothing to guns and ammo. The theme this year was "It Should've Been a Western", and the scenario story lines and stage props were quite clever and creative. (Picture "Home Alone," "Top Gun", "Indiana Jones" and the "Wizard of Oz" as Westerns!) The ten main stages (6 on Sat. and 4 on Sun.) were fun and challenging, with some interesting target acquisitions. (Can you say "gunfighter friendly"?) While scores were tallied on Sun. afternoon, they held a charity auction, followed by their first ever Top Gun Team Shootoff (top 16 men and top 8 women matched up in 3-person teams consisting of 2 men and 1 woman). The weather was a bit hot and sticky, but thankfully there was no liquid sunshine to deal with. Everything ran smoothly, and a good time was had by all.

Congrats to CKR members, **Rowdy Bill**, who took 1st in Silver Senior and came in 5th overall, and **Annabelle Bransford**, who took 1st in Ladies 49r. Trophies were nice wooden plaques with pictures of movie posters from various REAL Westerns. Annabelle was thrilled to get one picturing her namesake, along with Mel Gibson, from the movie "Maverick". Both Rowdy and Annabelle found themselves in the exciting new Top Gun Team Shootoff, where Rowdy's team ended up taking top honors,

beating out a team in the final run that included the #2 and #3 overall shooters in the match! Way to go!

(Mustang Megs and Biloxi Bob were the repeat PA State Champs this year, with James S. Pike taking Top Gun overall.)

Annabelle Bransford

The **SASS Vermont State Championship**, a/k/a Green Mountain Mayhem, had some repeat offenders as top VT State overall ladies', **Three Barrel Chris**, and men's, Island Pond Paul, champions. But fortunately there was no repeat of the torrential downpours and flooding of 2011, which was a good thing as they are still rebuilding in some places a year later – amazing! (Brett Cantrell and Crystal Creek Chris were top overall male and female.) **Blackhands** stole top VT Senior category as well as some pinwheels, but that's a story for another day. **Renegade Roper** and **Three Barrel Chris** shot it out for 1st and 2nd Ladies Wrangler, respectively. **The Dude Bandit**, dressed to kill as usual, ran away with 2nd place Gunfighter, while **Violet Cassidy** knocked 'em dead with 2nd place Ladies B-Western. **Sixgun Schwaby** dueled it out for 3rd place Duelist, followed by **Buck Dancer** in 4th. **J.T. Longfeather** placed 2nd in Ladies Senior. One of the really neat things was that there were 3 ladies in the top 10 overall out of 105 shooters! Way to go Crystal Creek Chris, Half-a-Hand Henri, and

Renegade Roper! But the SWEETEST thing, hands down, had to be the maple syrup bottles in each shooter's packet with maple syrup fresh off the trees from Buck Dancer and J.T. Longfeather's farm!! Mmmmm, mmmmm!!!

Renegade Roper

GUNS FOR SALE

Remington Rolling Block in 40-65 with long range sights. By Pedersoli from Dixie Gun Works. \$650. Contact Malta Single Shot at 518-584-4899.

Happy Trails!