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MAY 2014

DATES TO REMEMBER

6/11/14 – CKR Monthly

Meeting, 7:30 PM

6/14/14 – CKR Setup, 9:00

AM, followed by Monthly

Rough Riders Match, 11:30 AM

6/15/14 – CKR Monthly CAS

Match (Happy Father's Day!)

MAY CKR ROUGH RIDERS MATCH

Following setup on May 17th, our largest number of Rough Rider shooters to date (23) gathered for a final warmup monthly match before "The Big Event" (i.e., Muster at Ft. Misery, the SASS NY State Wild Bunch Championship).

It was a beautiful day for shooting, and The Dude Bandit had once again come up with 5 challenging and action-packed stages featuring plenty of clay birds, knockdown targets, and movers – including our brand new nifty ore cart mover. By splitting the shooters up into 2 posses, the gang was able to complete all 5 stages in a timely fashion and, thankfully, without quite as many misses as last month.

Using Stage Point scoring, the following shooters came out on

top in their respective categories:

TOP GUN – Rowdy Bill

Men's Modern – Rowdy Bill

Men's Traditional – Doc

MCoy

Ladies Modern – Annabelle

Bransford

Ladies Traditional – Renegade

Roper

Alas, once again, there were no clean shooters; however, Peddler Jack came really close with just 2 misses for the match, a heluva improvement from his showing last month. Good shooting, pard!

MAY CKR CAS MATCH

A total of 50 shooters joined in the fun at the CKR's CAS match on May 18th. The weather was perfect for lead-sliding with mostly sunny skies and temps rising into the upper 60s. Rowdy's stages were good as always, and a fun time was had by all. It was a shame more folks weren't there to enjoy the day, but there were numerous conflicts with graduations and such that apparently took precedence this month. Hope to see a bigger crowd in June.

Meanwhile, the following folks have braggin' rights 'til we do it all again next month...

Congrats to:

TOP GUN – The Eastwood Kid

B-Western – Roy Cassidy

Cattle Baron – John S. Books

Classic Cowboy – Travis Spencer

Cowboy – The Eastwood Kid

Duelist – Smilin' Pete

Elder Statesman – Rowdy Bill

Frontiersman – Doc McCoy

Frontier Cartridge – Willie Misfire

FC Duelist – Wheels

Cartwright

FC Gunfighter – Whiskey

Brooks

Gunfighter – The Dude Bandit

49r – Cold Brook Kid

Senior/Ladies Senior –

Annabelle Bransford

Sr Duelist – Peddler Jack

Silver Senior – Shatagee

Trapper

Wrangler/Ladies Wrangler –

Spinning Sally

Young Gun – Spaghetti

Gunslinger

Clean Shooters – Always

Willin, Annabelle Bransford,

Big Sky Di, Four Feathers,

Hardcase Bob, John S. Books,

Peddler Jack, Rowdy Bill, and

The Eastwood Kid

CKR SASS RO TRAINING

On Sat., May 10th, Annabelle Bransford and Rowdy Bill conducted their annual SASS RO I and II training at the CKR, with assistance for RO II from RO Instructor “trainee”, Preacher Ben Pray’n from RI. This was the largest RO I course ever held at the Circle K, with 14 new students and 10 refreshers. A total of 6 students attended RO II – 5 new and 1 refresher. Everyone passed with flying colors and was given their new RO pin and 2014 dated chevron.

MUSTER AT FT MISERY

It seems like only yesterday when a meeting was held to discuss the possibility of the CKR hosting the first SASS Wild Bunch State Championship east of the Mississippi, and now suddenly it’s all over and in the record books. Where did the time go?

Muster at Fort Misery, held on Memorial Day weekend, was a resounding success, thanks to the efforts of a core group of CKR members. Special thanks go out to Roy Cassidy who served as Match Director, Violet Cassidy who handled registration, Dude Bandit who designed the stages, Lone Star Jake who obtained the shooters badges and trophies, Kay T Ryder who did all the data entry for the scoring, and all the other folks who handled the multitude of tasks required to pull off this event.

Thanks, too, go to the local volunteer fire department/EMTs who were on hand throughout the shoot (and, thankfully, were not needed!), to local Boy Scouts from Troup 54 who served as brass pickers all weekend (a particularly difficult job at any Wild Bunch shoot, much less a 10 stage championship!), and to the vendors who were there to offer their goods and services to the shooters (Lost Target Shooting Supplies, JK Leather, and official Match Sponsor Sturm, Ruger & Co.).

The Dude Bandit provided the 39 shooters with 10 fun-filled and undeniably challenging stages, keeping everyone’s brain cells and body parts in motion every moment on the range! Each shooter threw a total of 180 rounds of 1911 pistol ammo downrange. At only 5 rounds per magazine, that’s a lotta mag changes, folks! Of course, the 1897 and Model 12 shotguns and the large caliber rifles got a good workout as well. Rifle and pistol targets ran the gamut from those nasty shaped buzzards and snakes to a huge 24” square, and from various types of movers to every possible kind of knockdown in the book. Shotgun targets varied from traditional knockdowns to double bird throwers. Whee! There were plenty of Shooters’ Choices on the stages and some new and different target acquisitions as well. The three posses shot 6 stages on Sat. with a break for lunch and 4 stages on Sun. straight through.

Food throughout the weekend was provided by KF&G club members, Eric and Donna. And a fine job they did! There were delicious breakfast sandwiches and muffins in the morning, burgers and dogs at lunch, and a Sat. night dinner to die for consisting of “cut it with a fork” beef tips, tasty shrimp gumbo, and plenty of sides and homemade desserts.

After everyone had finished their 10 main match stages on Sunday, a 4-person team event was held at Ft. Misery for those who just couldn’t get enough of the lead-slinging fun. The event was taken from the movie “The Wild Bunch”, with competitors taking on the characters of Tector, Pike, Dutch, and Lyle.

And finally it was time for awards ceremony. First, Smokehouse Dan presented the EMTs with a check for \$1200 for their help throughout the event. He then announced that the Boy Scouts had netted a total of \$295 for their brass picking services, snack sales, and bottle collection during the shoot. Next, random drawings were held for several nice door prizes, followed by the announcement of trophy winners for the main match. Congrats go to:

Top Overall Man – Hawkeye Harry

Top Overall Lady – Renegade Roper

NYS Champions:

NYS Men’s Traditional – Hawkeye Harry

NYS Men's Modern – Rowdy Bill
NYS Ladies Traditional – Renegade Roper
NYS Ladies Modern – Annabelle Bransford

Category Winners:

Men's Traditional

1st Place - Hawkeye Harry
2nd Place – Whiskey Brooks
3rd Place – Jess Lucky

Men's Modern

1st Place – Rowdy Bill
2nd Place – Black Jack Ed
3rd Place – Doc Savage

Ladies' Traditional

1st Place – Renegade Roper

Ladies' Modern

1st Place – Annabelle Bransford
2nd Place – Loco Poco Lobo

Team Event Winners:

Hawkeye Harry, Sgt. John Campbell, Sixgun Schwaby and Renegade Roper



East Coast SASS Ambassadors of Wild Bunch Action Shooting, Nawlins Kid and Loco Poco Lobo, then congratulated the CKR on the success of the shoot and encouraged people to spread the word about WB.

The event concluded with the eagerly anticipated gun raffle. The Circle K was pleased to have Ruger representative, John Dragonette, on hand to present the Ruger SR 1911 pistol to raffle winner, Shatagee Trapper. Unfortunately, Trapper was not present to receive his new firearm, but we all know he was one happy camper when he learned of his good luck! Congrats to him, and many thanks to Sturm, Ruger & Co. for their sponsorship of our event.

And thus, .Muster 2014 came to a close. As one of the largest SASS WB Championships to be held in the country to date, the CKR can be proud of themselves for a job well done. Reckon we'll have to do it again in 2015 and see if we can once again outdo ourselves!

HELUVA RUKUS 2014

Now that Muster at Fort Misery is in the history books, we can all turn our attention to the next "Big Event" at the Circle K - Heluva Rukus, our 14th SASS NY State CAS Championship.

As of 5/27/14, we have 170 shooters from 14 states and Canada registered for HR '14, including many newcomers. It seems to be our own CKR members and "regulars" who are a little tardy with their applications. Come on, folks! Get those forms sent in to Annabelle soon!

Thus far, we only have a few confirmed vendors and sponsors for this year's event, so we need

to buckle down and get to work on obtaining more of these folks, too. We are also looking for door prize contributions. Please do your part to help out with this. Sponsor/vendor registration forms or sample letters soliciting for door prizes may be obtained from Big Sky Di (email: dianecolumbine@gmail.com) or printed out from our CKR website's Heluva Rukus page (www.circlekregulators.com/helugarukus.html).