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DATES TO REMEMBER

10/28/15 – CKR Monthly

Meeting, 7:30 PM

10/31/15 – Happy Halloween!!

CKR Setup, 9 AM, followed by

CKR Monthly Rough Riders

Match, 11:30 AM

11/1/15 – CKR Monthly CAS

Match (5 stages straight thru)

11/8/15 – CKR Winter Cleanup

Work Day, 9 AM

OCT. CKR ROUGH RIDERS MATCH

Unfortunately, Rowdy and I had to miss both of this month's shoots, so I can't give you too many details other than the fact that the weather was less than perfect (can you say "COLD"?) and attendance was way down.

The 10 shooters who participated in the Oct. 17th Rough Riders match enjoyed five action-packed, challenging stages, thanks to The Dude Bandit. At least, I am assuming they were challenging based on the high raw times and the abundant misses (total of 212) that I noticed when entering the scores. I understand yet another new moving target – a rabbit – was introduced this month. I also understand that not a single shooter managed to hit it! I

reckon that one will take a bit of practice to master.

At any rate, when the scores were tallied, the following shooters came out on top. Congrats to:

Whiskey Brooks – Top Gun & 1st Open

Sky Ryder – 1st Men's Modern

The Dude Bandit – 1st Men's Traditional

Renegade Roper – 1st Ladies Traditional

It goes without saying that there were no clean shooters this month.

Hopefully, the weather will cooperate and we'll have a better turnout for our final RR shoot of the season on Halloween. There may be a special pumpkin shoot in the match if we are able to obtain everything necessary to make that happen.

Annabelle



The Dude Bandit & Lone Star Jake

OCT. CKR CAS MATCH

Snow flurries in mid-October? Seriously!? A total of 30 shooters participated in our Oct. 18th CAS match, not a great showing, but not terrible considering the weather and the conflict with the SASS NJ State Championship. Those who did attend got an opportunity to shoot (or in many cases, re-shoot) six stages from this year's Heluva Rukus. The big question is whether those who were shooting these for the second time improved or not. If I have time someday, I'll sit down and do a comparison.

When the smoke cleared at the end of the day, the following gunslingers came out victorious:

TOP GUN – RENEGADE

ROPER (You go, girl! Show those cowboys how it's done!)

Duelist – Black Jack Titus

Cattle Baron – John S. Books
Elder Statesman – Hardcase Bob

FC Duelist – Doctor Bill

Frontier Cartridge – Willie Misfire

Frontiersman – Stick-Man Tom

Gunfighter – The Dude Bandit
49r – Lone Star Jake

Silver Senior – Always Willin'

Wrangler/Ladies Wrangler – Renegade Roper
Cowgirl – Kate Cartwright
Ladies Silver Senior – Violet Cassidy
Clean Shooters – Lone Star Jake (making up for Rukus??!), Renegade Roper, and Shatagee Trapper

Annabelle



Whiskey Brooks

CKR WINTER DINNER

Unfortunately, there will be NO CKR winter dinner unless someone steps up and offers to take charge of the event. If you are interested in doing this, please contact Smokehouse Dan ASAP.

CKR WINNERS AT OTHER MAJOR MATCHES

SASS Eastern Divisional Championship

The Thurmont Rangers hosted the SASS Inaugural Eastern Divisional Championship, the Mason-Dixon Stampede, in Thurmont, MD, Oct. 1-4, 2015. (As you may recall, in previous

years, this venue had been the home of the SASS Northeast Regional.) Unfortunately, Mother Nature was in a nasty mood this year, and a Nor'easter rain event put a major damper (pun intended) on the match. Although nearly 275 shooters originally registered to compete, only 181 stuck it out to finish the match. It was indeed unpleasant weather, with highs in the low 50s, occasional heavy rain, and an otherwise constant drizzle. Tex, SASS #4, and his better half, Cat Ballou, were there to witness what could have been a great event, but alas, ended up with most shooters having the attitude of "let's get this done and get outta here." What a shame!

Regardless of the weather, the host club made sure there were plenty of activities available over the 4-day event. On Thurs. folks had the chance to shoot numerous side matches, a Wild Bunch Mini-Match, and a CAS 3-Stage Blast, or to attend RO I and II classes, a Doily Gang Ladies Only Clinic, or a Shotgun Reloading Clinic. The main match was shot Fri. and Sat. (5 stages each day), followed by dinner and entertainment at the range each evening (Cat Ballou's birthday party Fri. and games of chance on Sat.). The theme of the main match was "The Best of John Wayne" with stages celebrating such classic John Wayne Westerns as "Rio Bravo", "The Shootist", and "True Grit". On Sun., those still wanting to throw more lead had an opportunity to participate in more side events prior to the awards ceremony, which was

then followed by the Top 16 Men's/Ladies Shootoff.

There were several good vendors on site throughout the event, although due to the weather they got very little business, I'm afraid.

Congrats to the two CKR members who slopped through the rain and returned home with winner buckles:

Annabelle Bransford – 1st Ladies Senior (and clean)
Rowdy Bill – 2nd Elder Statesman

Congrats, as well, to the first ever Eastern Divisional Champions, James Samuel Pike (who was also Top Gun) and NY's own, Spinning Sally.

Hopefully, next year's Eastern Divisional will be blessed with considerably better weather and everyone will get to truly enjoy the event.

SASS New Jersey State Championship

The 12th annual SASS NJ State Championship, Purgatory in the Pines, was held in Jackson, NJ, on Oct. 16-18th. A total of 139 shooters (one more than last year) participated in the match, including a few CKR members.

In keeping with the Halloween season, the Jackson Hole Gang decided to make the theme of this year's shoot "The Haunting at Purgatory". The stages were based on old, mostly really bad, western horror movies, like "Billy the Kid vs Dracula", "Jesse James Meets

Frankenstein's Daughter", and "Riders of the Whistling Skull". There were some very creative props used to carry out the theme, and the stages were fun and varied – with a knockdown plate rack (for pistol), Texas Star (for rifle), swinger (like the one at the CKR mine), and shotgun poppers which threw soda cans rather than clay birds. The weather was perfect for Fri.'s numerous side events and CAS and WB 3-stage blasts. Shooters were also given the option of wearing Halloween costumes that day, and there were a few really great outfits, including NY newlyweds Cold Brook Kid and Spinning Sally as a sailor and his "catch" (a lovely, fast-shootin' mermaid). Clever! Costuming went back to normal for the 10 main match stages shot on Sat. and Sun. And it was a good thing because the rather chilly weather meant multiple layers were needed. Thankfully, it was sunny and dry with minimal breeze, making the colder temps much more bearable. There were a handful of vendors on site throughout the weekend, and several nice prizes were raffled off at the awards ceremony on Sun. Trophies were very nice as well. All-in-all, a great shoot, and a good time was had by all!

Congrats to CKR category winners:

Rowdy Bill – 1st Elder

Statesman (and 5th overall)

Annabelle Bransford – 1st

Ladies Senior (and clean)

Peddler Jack – 2nd Sr. Duelist

Big Sky Di – 3rd Ladies 49r

Big Sky Di's name was drawn to participate in Sunday

afternoon's Luck of the Draw Team Shootoff (shooting with partner Rootin Tootin Tim from Maine). And when all was said and done, she and Tim were the last cowpokes standing! Yeehaa!

A special congrats to the 2015 SASS NJ State Champions, Blazin' Gunn and Alamo, and to Overall Men's and Ladies' Top Guns, James Samuel Pike and Spinning Sally!

Annabelle

**HAPPY
HALLOWEEN,
EVERYONE!**

