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DATES TO REMEMBER

11/1/17 – Monthly Meeting,

7:30 PM

11/3/17 – Setup for Monthly

Matches, 9:00 AM

11/4/17–Rough Riders Match,

10:00 AM

11/5/17 – Monthly CAS Match

Sorry for the delay in getting this newsletter out. Just too many things going on this time of year!

HELUVA RUKUS 2017

Well, Heluva Rukus 2017 is now in the history books. The Circle K Regulators' 17th annual SASS New York State Championship was once again a monumental success, thanks to the efforts of many dedicated club members who worked tirelessly to see to it that the shooters were given fun-filled, action-packed stages, awesome props, numerous vendors, beautiful trophies, and an overall memorable experience on Sept. 15-17, 2017. And a special thanks as well to all the shooters for their kind words regarding the match which made all that work worth it!

The unseasonable weather was unlike any fall Rukus we had ever had. In fact, it was more like the old days when we shot

the match in mid-June – hot and humid! With temps way above normal (mid-80s!!), the cold water the club provided throughout the match was a god-send! Even with that, there were still some issues with the heat. The hard-working Boy Scouts did an admirable job picking brass during the main match, but we even lost a couple of them due to heat exhaustion! At least the rain stayed at bay. Heaven knows, there was enough moisture from sweat without adding any “liquid sunshine” to the equation!

Approximately 160 cowpokes participated in the numerous side matches and wandered along sutlers' row on Friday. The side events this year included the usual speed shotgun/rifle/pistol/derringer/pocket pistol events, three CAS mini-stages, three Rough Rider/WB mini-stages, the long-range event, and multiple .22 caliber events. Ruger even had a special area set up where shooters could try out any of a number of Ruger pistols free! It was a great opportunity to shoot some awesome firearms!

The 16 vendors on site (by far the most at any CAS event north of the Mason-Dixon) made it easy for cowpokes to

part with their hard-earned cash. Our three main match sponsors, Klassic Laser Works, Cowboy Gunworks, and Sturm, Ruger & Co., were with us throughout the weekend. Other vendors included a leather maker, a target maker, photographers, bullet makers/ distributors, a custom knifemaker, and vendors selling cowboy clothing and other accessories. We were especially happy to have new vendors, Calamity Jane's Firearms and Fine Shoes (from Hudson Falls, NY) and Frederick's of Deadwood (from PA) join us. A special thanks to Tazz and Rose of Klassic Laser Works for the great CKR / HR 2017 customized LED mini-flashlights they donated for every shooter this year - nice mementos and useful as well!

New this year was a Consignment Shop. Shooters were lined up early Fri. morning to put their gently used or no longer needed cowboy clothing and accessories up for sale at great prices. Sales were brisk, and by the end of the weekend, the tables and clothing racks were nearly empty. Apparently, this was a big hit and something we will undoubtedly do again in the future.



The theme for this year's event was "Law and Order: From Guns to Gavels" with the main match stages dedicated to some of the lawmen responsible for the taming of the West, including Judge Roy Bean and Bat Masterson, among others. As usual, Rowdy Bill did a terrific job with the stages – plenty of movement, "shooter's choices", and leadslinging fun. With the new SASS requirement for major matches to be scored by overall time, many shoots are changing to less difficult scenarios with big, up-close-and-personal targets. Not so at Rukus. You can never accuse Rowdy of writing boring, stand-and-deliver stages for sure. A lot of thought and creativity go into the stages at Rukus each year. This year there were activators, movers, pistol and rifle knock-downs, shotgun knock-ups, plate racks, and the beloved kick-down door to contend with. Target sizes, shapes, and distances varied, as did the acquisitions. Although some shooters swore it was the most challenging Rukus ever, they were all wearing big smiles at the end and promising to come back next year.



The props were once again some of the best to be found at any CAS match, thanks to the talented CKR building and decorating crews. Bad Bob, the lifesize mannequin pushdown activator, reappeared on The Mine stage, having been retired for some years. There was a nice new farmhouse building front added to The Homestead stage, while a new crumbling adobe building front and cemetery gate/ entrance spruced up The Mission stage. Meanwhile, the jail cell, sheriff's office interior with new rifle racks, and the new gallows looked great on Stage 6. Shooters seemed to really get a kick out of wandering through the herd of cattle on Stage 9 in search of shotgun targets. All-in-all, some great looking – and great shooting – stages!



Although at one point 260 shooters were registered for the event, at match time only 230 (representing 18 States and Canada) actually participated. Unfortunately, there were several last minute cancellations due to shooters whose jobs sent them to either Texas or Florida to help out with issues arising in the aftermath of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. We thank all

those individuals for their commitment and hope they can make it to Rukus next year. One shooter who did manage to make it to the match, Lazy Ace Bob, took it upon himself to load up his personal SUV with food and necessities and drive all the way to Texas to help the victims of Hurricane Harvey. That's the true Cowboy Spirit!

Trophies for this year's category winners, both overall and NYS, were certainly creative -- bobble head cowboys and engraved leather belt buckles. Pretty cool! Thanks to Lone Star Jake for the ideas and Klassic Laser Works for the execution.



In the end, we were pleased to "crown" James Samuel Pike and Spinning Sally as the Overall Top Male and Female and Cartwheel and Spinning Sally as the 2017 New York State Men's and Ladies' Champions, respectively. Awesome shooting, folks!





Thanks to all those who donated items for this year's special raffle and to all those who purchased tickets. With the proceeds from the ticket sales, we were able to make sizeable donations not only to the SASS Scholarship Fund and the local EMTs who were on-site all weekend, but to a new local not-for-profit / charitable organization, Military Mom In Action. MMA's mission is to reach out and touch the lives of U.S. soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines with support and encouragement. They do this by sending them boxes of goodies and letters monthly wherever they are around the world.

Again, thank you to all the Circle K members who worked so hard all year and throughout this shoot to make it another great one. And an especially big "thanks" to all of the shooters from outside our club who volunteered to help us out with ROing duties, both on side event day and in the main match. We couldn't have done it without you! Many thanks to the "brass rats" of Boy Scout Troup #54 and to the cooks and caterers who kept our shooters' bellies full of good cowboy grub throughout the weekend. Special thanks to Barry Hayes for providing us with musical entertainment on Sat. evening. Thanks as well to 'Mo' Lassies

(our Match Director and SASS liaison), Kay T. Ryder (in charge of data entry), Cook County Kate (in charge of the Info Desk and Consignment Tables), Tequila Rob and Running Nanna (our scoresheet runners), L.T. Cool One (our "go-to" guy), the Costume Contest judges, and all the others who pitched in to help out with the multitude of jobs which an event of this size requires. Also, thanks to all the vendors whose presence adds so much to the event. To all who came to Rukus 2017, thanks for coming, and we look forward to having you all with us again in 2018.

Keep an eye out for my article on HR '17 in an upcoming issue of *The Cowboy Chronicle*. Also, we hope to have lots of photos up on our CKR's Heluva Rukus webpage shortly. If you have other pics to share, feel free to email them to me at: annabelle69@juno.com.

Annabelle Bransford

HELUVA RUKUS '17 WINNERS

Congratulations to all the following cowpokes:

NYS Men's Champion –
Cartwheel

NYS Ladies' Champion –
Spinning Sally

Overall Top Gun Male –
James Samuel Pike

Overall Top Gun Female –
Spinning Sally

TOP TEN OVERALL:

1. James Samuel Pike
2. Cartwheel
3. El Muerto Negro
4. Zeke
5. Illustrated Man
6. Quaker Hill Bill
7. Sixgun Schwaby
8. Rootin' Tootin' Tim
9. Yukon Mike
10. Mista Spike

FIRST PLACE CATEGORY WINNERS / NY STATE RESIDENT CATEGORY CHAMPIONS:

- **B-Western:** Taquila Tab / Wyatt Hurts
- **Classic Cowboy:** Travis Spencer / Travis Spencer
- **Duelist:** El Muerto Negro / El Muerto Negro
- **Frontiersman:** Patchogue Mike / Patchogue Mike
- **Frontier Cartridge:** Wheat Lightnin' / Wheat Lightnin'
- **FC Duelist:** Hawkeye Kid / Deputy Short Stack
- **FC Gunfighter:** Gun E Bear / Whiskey Brooks
- **Gunfighter:** Spades Hanlin / Spades Hanlin
- **Young Gun:** Tommy Two Spurs / -
- **Cowboy:** Cartwheel / Cartwheel
- **Wrangler:** James Samuel Pike / Illustrated Man
- **49er:** Zeke / Yukon Mike
- **Senior:** Abe the Crippler / Dusty Drifter
- **Senior Duelist:** Peddler Jack / Peddler Jack
- **Senior Gunfighter:** Grazer / Dutch Cassidy
- **Silver Senior:** Vaquero Dan / Kerry Blue Kid

- **Elder Statesman:** Ziggady Zag / Black Jack Ed
- **Cattle Baron:** Rowdy Bill / Rowdy Bill
- **Gran Patron:** R. L. Trooper / R. L. Trooper
- **Ladies B-Western:** Jewels Cartwright / Jewels Cartwright
- **Ladies Duelist:** Hawley McCoy / Bootsie Hill
- **Ladies Frontier Cartridge:** Boston Lady / -
- **Ladies Gunfighter:** Scarlett Darlin' / -
- **Ladies Young Gun:** Abi Oakley / Abi Oakley
- **Cowgirl:** Penny Candy / Luna Tick
- **Ladies Wrangler:** Shamrock Shelly / Shamrock Shelly
- **Ladies 49er:** Spinning Sally / Spinning Sally
- **Ladies Senior:** Annabelle Bransford / Annabelle Bransford
- **Ladies Senior Duelist:** Nantucket Dawn / -
- **Ladies Senior Gunfighter:** Emma Goodcook / -
- **Ladies Silver Senior:** Bronco Joan / Quarter Horse Kim
- **Cattle Baroness:** Crackshot Bev / -
- **Gran Patroness:** Bonnie Dee / -

STAGE WINNERS:

Stages 1, 6, 7: James Samuel Pike (Wrangler)

Stages 2, 5, 9: Cartwheel (Cowboy)

Stages 8, 10: Quaker Hill Bill (Fortyniner)

Stage 3: Grazer (Sr. Gunfighter)

Stage 4: Illustrated Man (Wrangler)

CLEAN SHOOTERS (22):

Annabelle Bransford, Black Jack Titus, Black Mike, Carver Kid, Colesville Bob, Deathwish Kid, Doc Savage, Fiddler Jack, I. C. Moose, James Harvey, John S. Books, Lefty Lacota, Marshall Calem Ware, Mayor of Dubois, Peddler Jack, Rootin' Tootin' Tim, Shot Gun Ron, Spinning Sally, Taquila Tab, Wheat Lightnin', Wheels Cartwright, Ziggady Zag

SIDE EVENT WINNERS (Men's / Ladies):

Long Range Rifle (Single Shot) – Shot Gun Ron / Scarlet Darlin'

Long Range Rifle (Single Shot - Open) – Montague Kid / -

Long Range Rifle (Lever Action, Rifle Caliber) – Cholula Mike / Scout Wrangler

.22 Caliber Rifle (Gallery Shoot) – Montague Kid / Gunne Sax

.22 Caliber Rifle (Long Range) – Smoky Scot / Gunne Sax

.22 Caliber Pistol – Slim Chance Chris / Gunne Sax

Speed Pocket Pistol - Evil Jack Spade / Dancin' Angel

Speed Derringer – Ziggady Zag / Dancin' Angel

Speed Rifle – Cartwheel / Renegade Roper

Speed Shotgun (2 barrels) – El Muerto Negro / Renegade Roper

Speed Shotgun (1 barrel) – Cartwheel / Crystal Creek Chris

Speed Pistol (1 Handed) – Sixgun Schwaby / Renegade Roper

Speed Pistol (2 Handed) – Cartwheel / Renegade Roper

Speed Pistol (Gunfighter) - Spades Hanlin / Renegade Roper

Speed Rough Rider Pistol – Gator Dunn / -

Mini-Stage #1 (CAS Guns - 1 Handed) - El Muerto Negro / Hawley McCoy

Mini-Stage #1 (CAS Guns - 2 Handed) - James Samuel Pike / Spinning Sally

Mini-Stage #1 (CAS Guns - Gunfighter) - Hawkeye Harry / Emma Goodcook

Mini-Stage #2 (CAS Guns - 1 Handed) – El Muerto Negro / Hawley McCoy

Mini-Stage #2 (CAS Guns - 2 Handed) - James Samuel Pike / Spinning Sally

Mini-Stage #2 (CAS Guns - Gunfighter) – Hawkeye Harry / Emma Goodcook

Mini-Stage #3 (CAS Guns - 1 Handed) – El Muerto Negro / Hawley McCoy

Mini-Stage #3 (CAS Guns - 2 Handed) - James Samuel Pike / Renegade Roper

Mini-Stage #3 (CAS Guns - Gunfighter) - Grazer / Emma Goodcook

Mini-Stage #1 (Rough Rider Guns) – Rowdy Bill / -

Mini-Stage #2 (Rough Rider Guns) - Rowdy Bill / Loco Poco Lobo

Mini-Stage #3 (Rough Rider Guns) – Doc Savage / Loco Poco Lobo

COSTUME CONTEST WINNERS:

Best Young'un – TStar Kid

Best Working Cowgirl - Big Sky Di

Best Working Cowboy – Travis Spencer

Best Townie Male – Doc McCoy

Best Townie Female – Gunne Sax

SPECIAL RAFFLE WINNERS:

Ruger American Compact 9mm Semi-Auto Pistol (donated by Sturm, Ruger & Co.) – Tulsa Jack

Ruger Vaquero .357 Mag Single Action Revolver (donated by Sturm, Ruger & Co.) – Marshal Jacobey John

Smoke Wagon .357 Mag, 5 1/2", Case-hardened, & Tuned Single Action Revolver (donated by Taylor's & Co.) – John Stranger

Uberti 1873 Cattleman New Model, 5 1/2", .45 LC, Stainless Single Action Revolver (donated by Calamity Jane's Firearms & Fine Shoes & Uberti) – Smokin Joe Suggs

EMF 1851 Navy Brass Frame Revolver – Abe the Crippler

Three Full Race Revolver Action Jobs (donated by Cowboy Gunworks) – Smilin' Pete (2!) & Lew Morris

Custom Knife & Sheath (donated by Lupare Chenz) – Ben Cooley

Handmade Quilt (by Calico Sue) – Stickman Tom

Free Entry to NJ State CAS Championship (2) – Tom Payne & Lefty Bob

Free Entry to MA/CT/RI State CAS Championship – Grumpy Jer

Free Entry to VT State CAS Championship – Theodore Puckett

Free Entry to NY Wild Bunch State Championship (2) – Cold Brook Kid & Montague Kid

Free Entry to Buzzard Boil – Gunne Sax

10-YEAR SPONSOR PLAQUE:

Lupare Chenz

15-YEAR SPONSOR PLAQUE:

Starline Brass

CONTRIBUTIONS:

- \$1375 - Milton Eagles Fire Dept. (EMTs on site during the match)
- \$1375 – Military Mom in Action
- \$500 – SASS Scholarship Fund

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. (In fact, many of our regular RR and CAS shooters were out of town for the weekend competing in the SASS NJ State CAS Championship.)

Thirteen shooters participated in the Oct. 14th Rough Riders match – all male! Thanks to The Dude Bandit for providing five action-packed stages utilizing the new SASS requirement for 7-rounds per magazine for the pistol sequences. It appears that most folks were able to handle the change without too much trouble. Good deal!

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

Whiskey Brooks – Top Gun & 1st Open

Lone Star Jake – 1st Modern

Marshal Cartwright – 1st Traditional

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

Hopefully, the weather will cooperate and we'll have a good turnout for our final RR shoot of the season on Nov. 4th.

Annabelle

OCT. CKR CAS MATCH

We had a rather pathetic showing for our Oct. 15th CAS match with only 22 shooters competing in the event. I know a lot of the regulars were in NJ as noted above, but 22?! That has to be our lowest turnout in many a year! Yikes! 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. Anyone do a comparison??

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

TOP GUN – **Thirty Thirty Cattle Baron** – John S. Books
Elder Statesman – Hardcase Bob
Duelist – Major E. A. Sterner

FC Duelist – Wheels

Cartwright

Gunfighter – Whiskey Brooks

49r – Thirty Thirty

Senior – Willie Misfire

Senior Duelist – Jess Lucky

Silver Senior – Roy Cassidy

Classic Cowboy – Wild Horse Willy

Ladies Silver Senior (and the ONLY Female Shooter!) –

Violet Cassidy

Clean Shooters – Feany

Valentine, Hardcase Bob, John S. Books, Marshal Cartwright, and Wheels Cartwright

Annabelle

CKR WINNERS AT OTHER MAJOR SHOOT

The Thurmont Rangers hosted the **Mason-Dixon Stampede, the 3rd SASS Eastern Divisional Championship**, in Thurmont, MD on Sept. 28-Oct. 1. The theme this year was "A Day in the Life...", celebrating the everyday life of a cowboy in the Old West - from branding cattle to mining for gold and from dealing with stampedes to fending off Indian attacks. Unfortunately, attendance was again down this year, with only 114 shooters participating in the event, including just 2 CKR members. It's a shame more people didn't go as this was possibly the best CAS match ever held at this facility. Thanks to a new match director with some fresh ideas, the best weather they've ever had, some great new props, and interesting stages, this turned out to be one of the better CAS events of the season. Hopefully word will

get out and more people will participate next year.

There was plenty to keep cowpokes occupied for the 4-day event. There were several speed side events, 3 CAS warmup stages and a Wild Bunch mini-match on Thurs., followed by 10 main match stages Fri. and Sat. The targets were generally big and close, and the acquisitions were varied (not the usual run-of-the-mill sweeps, but not P traps either). There was a good bit of movement and gun transition required, and plate racks, movers, and knockdowns added to the overall fun factor. Unfortunately, vendors were a bit lacking, with a mere handful on site. Cowpokes had an opportunity to try their luck at various games of chance at the main clubhouse on Friday night. The awards banquet was held at the nearby American Legion on Saturday night. The food there was tasty and plentiful, drinks were cheap, raffles were abundant, and the awards presentation ran smoothly. Sunday activities included cowboy church, a man-on-man challenge, and the Top 16 / Sweet 16 Shootoff.

Congrats to CKRers:

Rowdy Bill – 1st Cattle Baron
Annabelle Bransford – 1st Ladies Senior (clean & one of the Sweet 16 Ladies)

A great big congrats to the 2017 Eastern Divisional Champions and Overall Male and Female Top Guns, Walker Colt and New York's own Spinning Sally.

SASS New Jersey State CAS Championship

The 14th annual SASS NJ State Championship, Purgatory in the Pines, was held in Jackson, NJ, on Oct. 13-15. A total of 141 shooters completed the match, including a few CKR members.

The theme of this year's shoot was "The Ridiculous 10" celebrating 10 of the most ridiculous comedy westerns, including "Support Your Local Sheriff", "Son of Pale Face", and "Shanghai Noon". As always, there were some very creative props used to carry out the theme, and the stages were fun and varied – with plenty of movement, some new and different target acquisitions, several bonuses, a knockdown plate rack, a Texas Star, a swinger, and a soda can shotgun popper. The weather was nice temperature-wise for the entire weekend, although there was some misty rain on occasion, but not enough to dampen anyone's spirits. There were numerous side events and three CAS/WB mini-stages to keep the lead flying on Fri. Ten main match stages were shot on Sat. and Sun. (six Sat./four Sun.), followed by a Luck-of-the-Draw Shootoff just prior to the Sun. awards ceremony. There were several vendors on site throughout the weekend, along with the Easy Does It Ranch "True Grits" Chuckwagon providing authentic chuckwagon breakfasts and lunches each day. Several nice prizes were raffled off. All-in-all, a

great shoot, and a good time was had by all!

Congrats to CKR winners:

Rowdy Bill – 1st Cattle Baron
(and clean)

Annabelle Bransford – 1st
Ladies Senior

Peddler Jack – 2nd Sr. Duelist
(and clean)

Big Sky Di – 3rd Ladies 49r

A special congrats to the 2017 SASS NJ State Champions, Cholula Mike and Stunt Girl Taj, and to Overall Men's and Ladies' Top Guns, James Samuel Pike and Spinning Sally!

SASS Tennessee State CAS Championship

During the same time frame as the NJ State Championship, the Wartrace Regulators hosted the 14th Regulators' Reckoning, **SASS Tennessee State Championship**. There were 210 shooters in attendance, including 2 CKR members. I understand it was a good shoot and a lot of fun, but if you want more info on the match, you'll have to talk to one of the winning CKR cowpokes listed below.

Congrats to:

Renegade Roper – 1st Ladies
Wrangler (and clean)

Sixgun Schwaby – 2th Duelist
(and clean)

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

