

# The CirKulator

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

10/12/11 – CKR Monthly

Meeting, 7:30 PM

10/15/11 – Setup for Monthly

Shoot, 9 AM

10/16/11 – CKR Monthly Shoot

## NOTES FROM THE TRAIL BOSS

Heluva Rukus 2011 is in the books with the new N.Y. State Men's Champion, Illustrated Man, and four-time Female Champion, Southpaw Slingshot Sally, doing some fine shooting over two days. Congratulations to you both.



This year the Rukus took on a new venue with over 300 registered shooters. We went to a two-flight system so that we could handle all the shooters. When all was said and done, only 274 shooters actually shot the match. Many cancellations came in the last couple of days due to family emergencies and

the storms, such as Irene and Lee, that wrecked most of the East Coast. One of our cowboys lost his home to Irene, so we collected money to help his family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Porcupine Kid.

It was another great weekend for shooting. Setup day was damp, but it all managed to come together fine.

I wish to thank all the Circle K members that did such a great job making this shoot another successful event. Thanks to those that served as side event and/or main match ROs. Without your help, we could not host such a quality shoot. Thank you to all the other cowpokes that came over early or stayed late to help with setup and tear-down. That shows true cowboy spirit. I would like to thank all the shooters and State Champions from other states that came to this shoot knowing and expecting a great event that pushes their talents as shooters to the limits. As some of the best CAS shooters on the East Coast, you folks put on great shooting that others want to come to see. We had shooters from Alaska, Florida, and all over. Thank you all for coming to our event. I hope you had a great time.

Rowdy Bill did another great job with the scenarios, making them challenging, and yet equally fair to all, whether left handed or right handed, slow or fast, with many options to shoot this way or that way. Lone Star Jake did another great job on our raffle, which, with your help, raised \$2,700 for the local V.F.D. as well as the SASS Cowboy Memorial Chapel. Prizes included a S&W 500 revolver, a Marlin 336 rifle in 30/30 cal., an EMF Stallion in 22 cal., two Cobra derringers, a custom knife donated by Lupare Chenz, two entries to the "Melee on the Bay" shoot, a steel target by Reaction Targets, a custom-made hat by Brims & Trims, and a custom-made gun rig donated by our own Peddler Jack of J.K. Leather. These were all great prizes. Thank you to all that supported our raffle.

We must thank our sponsors and vendors who are a big help in getting prizes for the raffle as well as door prizes for each shooter. We had 22 vendors on site this year. It is the most we have had since the start of Heluva Rukus. Thank you all for coming. You make our shoot complete when so many of you are here.

Thank you all that attended HR 2011. Thank you Circle K

Regulators for all your great work and the time you put into this event before, during, and after it is complete. It is a great thing to be associated with you all and Heluva Rukas as one of SASS's premier shoots.

Thank you again.

Smokehouse Dan

P.S. Watch for Annabelle's article on Heluva Rukas in an upcoming issue of *The Cowboy Chronicle*.

### **HELUVA RUKUS '11 WINNERS**

Congratulations to all the following cowpokes:

**NYS Men's Champion –  
Illustrated Man**

**NYS Ladies' Champion –  
Southpaw Slingin' Sally**

**Overall Top Gun Male –  
James Samuel Pike**

**Overall Top Gun Female –  
Appaloosa Amy**

### **Top Ten Overall:**

1. James Samuel Pike
2. Timberland Renegade
3. Geronimo Jim
4. Dirty Dale
5. No One
6. Appaloosa Amy
7. Quaker Hill Bill
8. Splinter Jack
9. Rootin' Tootin' Tim
10. Illustrated Man

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners by Category  
/ NYS Champions by  
Category:**

**B-Western** – Capt. Morgan

Rum / Lone Star Jake

**Classic Cowboy** – Travis

Spencer / Travis Spencer

**Cowboy** – Cartwheel /

Cartwheel

**Duelist** – Sixgun Schwaby /

Sixgun Schwaby

**Elder Statesman** – Latonka /

Geriatric Kid

**49er** – Dirty Dale / Dusty

Drifter

**Frontiersman** – Patchogue

Mike / Patchogue Mike

**Frontier Cartridge** –

Windjammer / Tommy Sharps

**FC Duelist** – Callous Clyde /

Just Plain Easy Mark

**Gunfighter** – Grazer / Dutch

Cassidy

**Senior** – Brett Cantrell / Lefty

Cooper

**Senior Duelist** – Bear Lee

Tallable / Peddler Jack

**Silver Senior** – Geronimo Jim /

Rowdy Bill

**Wrangler** – James Samuel Pike

/ Illustrated Man

**Young Gun** – Not So

Lonesome Mike / Not So

Lonesome Mike

**Cowgirl** – Mustang Megs /

Indepenny

**Grande Dame** – Bonnie Dee / --

**Ladies B-Western** – Shoulda

Married Money/ --

**Ladies Duelist** – Wild Sage/ --

**Ladies 49er** – Annabelle

Bransford / Annabelle

Bransford

**Ladies Frontier Cartridge** –

Miss Delaney Bell / Kate

Cartwright

**Ladies Frontier Cartridge**

**Duelist** – Gemstone Janet / --

**Ladies Gunfighter** – Emma

Goodcook / --

**Ladies Senior** – Calico Jan /

Miss Vivian

**Ladies Silver Senior** – Sassy

Gaye / --

**Ladies Wrangler** – Appaloosa

Amy / Southpaw Slingin' Sally

**Ladies Young Gun** – Snazzy

McGee / --

### **Stage Winners:**

**Stages 2,3,5,7,9** – James

Samuel Pike

**Stages 1,8,10** – Cartwheel

**Stage 4** – No One

**Stage 6** – Quaker Hill Bill

### **Clean Shooters:**

Annabelle Bransford,

Appaloosa Amy, Buck

Bozeman, Dealin Justice, Dirty

Dale, Dude, Geronimo Jim,

Grizzly, James Samuel Pike,

Just Plain Larry, Latonka,

Major E. A. Sterner, Marshal T

J Buckshot, May Rein,

Oklahoma Fork, Roddy Wyler,

Santa Ana, Sasshay, Tommy

Sharps

### **Side Event Winners (Men's / Ladies):**

**Long Range Rifle (Single Shot**

**– Standing Cross-Sticks -**

**Black Powder)** - Blackhands /

Three Barrel Chris

**Long Range Rifle (Single Shot**

**– Standing Cross-Sticks -**

**Smokeless)** – Just Plain Larry /

Renegade Roper

**Long Range Rifle (Single Shot**

**– Standing Cross-Sticks -**

**Open)** – Deathwish Kid / --

**Long Range Rifle (Single Shot**

**- Quigley – Black Powder )** –

Deathwish Kid / --

**Long Range Rifle (Single Shot**

**- Quigley – Smokeless)** –

Blackhands / Three Barrel Chris

**Long Range Rifle (Lever**

**Action, Rifle Caliber – Black**

**Powder)** – Lazy Ace Bob /

Three Barrel Chris

**Long Range Rifle (Lever**

**Action, Rifle Caliber –**

*Smokeless*) - Blackhands / Three Barrel Chris  
*.22 Caliber Rifle (Gallery Shoot)* – Teton Fox / Doom’s Darlin  
*.22 Caliber Rifle (Aspirin Shoot)* – I. C. Moose / --  
*.22 Caliber Pistol* – Shatagee Trapper / Kate Cartwright  
*Speed Pocket Pistol (Single Action)* – Roy Cassidy / Violet Cassidy  
*Speed Pocket Pistol (Double Action)* – Tommy Behind the Deuce / Bonnie Dee  
*Speed Derringer* – Doc McCoy / Bonnie Dee  
*Speed Rifle* – Cartwheel / Snazzy McGee  
*Speed Shotgun (Double Barrel)* – Dirty Dale / Snazzy McGee  
*Speed Shotgun (Lever or Hammer)* – Dusty Levi’s / --  
*Speed Shotgun (Pump)* – Quaker Hill Bill / Mustang Megs  
*Speed Pistol (Gunfighter)* – Grazer / Emma Goodcook  
*Speed Pistol (Black Powder)* – Irascible Curmudgeon / Ruby Rose Longshot  
*Speed Pistol (Duelist)* – Grazer / Wild Sage  
*Speed Pistol (2-Handed)* – Cartwheel / Appaloosa Amy  
*Iron Man Stage* – James Samuel Pike / Appaloosa Amy  
*Mini-Stage #1 (Gunfighter)* – Grazer / Emma Goodcook  
*Mini-Stage #1 (Black Powder)* – Patchogue Mike / Ruby Rose Longshot  
*Mini-Stage #1 (Duelist)* – Hawkeye Kid / Wild Sage  
*Mini-Stage #1 (2-Handed)* – James Samuel Pike / Mustang Megs  
*Mini-Stage #2 (Gunfighter)* – Grazer / Emma Goodcook

*Mini-Stage #2 (Black Powder)* - Patchogue Mike / Ruby Rose Longshot  
*Mini-Stage #2 (Duelist)* – Smilin’ Pete / Nantucket Dawn  
*Mini-Stage #2 (2-Handed)* – James Samuel Pike / Appaloosa Amy  
*Wild Bunch Mini-Stage #1* – Cartwheel / Dancin’ Angel  
*Wild Bunch Mini-Stage #2* – Black Jack Ed / Dancin’ Angel

**Costume Contest Winners:**  
*Best Young’un (s)*– Dusty Levi’s 3 adorable sons!  
*Best Classic Cowboy* – Travis Spencer  
*Best B-Western* – Lone Star Jake  
*Best Working Cowgirl* – Big Sky Di  
*Best Working Cowboy* – Jesamy Kid  
*Best Townie Male* – Always Willin’  
*Best Townie Female* – Spinning Sally

**Special Raffle Winners:**  
*EMF Stallion .22 Revolver* - Homer Suggs  
*Smith & Wesson 500 Revolver* – Greg Roberts (spectator)  
*Marlin 336 Rifle* – Jack Mulder (spectator)  
*Custom Knife w/Sheath* – Rev. Dave Clayton  
*JK Leather Custom Gun Rig* – Mo Lasses  
*Brim & Trims Custom Hat* – Whiskey Brooks  
*Custom Pistol Grips* – Smoking Joe Suggs  
*Cobra Derringers (2)* – Shatagee Trapper & Lone Star Jake  
*Reaction Targets .22 Steel Plinking Rack* – Verna Plummer (Lions Club)

*Entries to “Melee on the Bay” Shoot (2)* – Grandpa Zeb & Yankee

**Special Appreciation (Cowboy Up) Award:**  
The Dude Bandit

**Cowboy Hero Awards:**  
L. T. Cool One, Whiskey Brooks, Suggs Jr., Sixgun Schwaby

**5 Year Sponsor Plaques:**  
C.S. & C.I. Railroad  
NC Ordnance

**Contribution to Milton Eagles Volunteer Fire Dept. (EMTs)**  
- \$1,350

**Contribution to SASS Cowboy Memorial Chapel Fund** - \$1,350

**HR PHOTOS & COMMENTS NEEDED**

Numerous photos from the shoot and the awards ceremony will be placed on our website soon. Check ‘em out at [www.circlekregulators.com](http://www.circlekregulators.com). Anyone who has other good digital pics from HR which they’d like to share may email them to Annabelle Bransford at [annabelle69@juno.com](mailto:annabelle69@juno.com) (just a few at a time, please, as her mail box will only hold so much!) or snail mail a CD to her at: Debbie Myers, 8 Hidden Valley Lane, Ballston Lake, NY 12019. She will be picking 30-40 of the best photos to send to *The Cowboy Chronicle* for possible inclusion with her upcoming article. Others may be added to the website.

Also, anyone who would like to comment on Heluva Rukus is encouraged to call Smokehouse Dan (518-885-3758) or email Annabelle. Don't be shy – feel free to include both good points and bad. Include comments on registration, the new AM/PM flight system, the stages, props, door prizes, raffles, vendors, food, overall facilities, side events, ROs, awards, parking, camping, etc. We'll be discussing any comments or suggestions received at our upcoming club meetings. Our goal is to make Heluva Rukus the best shoot we possibly can, a shoot that will send everyone home with a smile on their face and looking forward to coming back next year.

### CKR WINNERS AT OTHER MAJOR SHOOTS

The Tioga County Cowboys held their 2nd multi-day shoot, **The Showdown**, in Owego, NY, on Aug. 26-28. They had 75 participants, including a few CKR members. Unfortunately, Mother Nature dealt this shoot a cruel blow with Tropical Storm Irene paying a visit on Sun. and forcing the shoot to end after only one day of main match stages. It was really a shame as the stages were good, the props were nice, and the pig pickin' was yummy. Final standings were based on the scores from the six stages shot on Sat.

Congrats to the following Circle K cowpokes who battled the elements to drive home victorious on Sun. morning:

**Rowdy Bill** – 1<sup>st</sup> Silver Senior (3<sup>rd</sup> overall)

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**Annabelle Bransford** – 1<sup>st</sup> L49r  
**Sassparilla Will** – 1<sup>st</sup> B-Western

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The **SASS Maine State Championship** was hosted by the Beaver Creek Desperadoes in Berwick, ME, on Sept. 9-11. Attendance was down this year, with only 69 shooters taking part in the event.

Congrats to CKR members Rowdy Bill and Annabelle Bransford who made it into the Top Gun Shootoff (top 16 OVERALL) and who each finished 1<sup>st</sup> in their respective categories (Rowdy – Silver Senior, Annabelle – Ladies 49r).

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The **SASS Northeast Regional**, better known as the Mason-Dixon Stampede, was held in Thurmont, MD, Sept. 29 – Oct. 2. This year was their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and nearly 400 shooters participated in the event, including several CKR members. The weather this year wasn't too hot – literally or figuratively. In fact, it was downright cold and wet on Sat. and Sun. But despite the less than perfect weather, a good time was had by all.

There was plenty to keep the shooters occupied for the four-day event. Thurs. was busy with numerous side events and a “3-Stage Blast” (warmup stages). Shooters shot five main stages each on Fri. and Sat. in AM/PM flights. Sun. was the Top Gun Shootoff and awards ceremony. There were a fair

number of vendors on site throughout the event and plenty of food available. Fri. night they held a BBQ at the range, and Sat. night there was a more formal banquet and dance at the host hotel.

Congrats to CKRers Renegade Roper and Annabelle Bransford who made it into the Sweet Sixteen Shootoff. And congrats to the following CKR members who trophied in their respective categories:

**Rowdy Bill** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Silver Senior (and clean!)

**Renegade Roper** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Ladies Wrangler

**Annabelle Bransford** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Ladies 49r

**Sixgun Schwaby** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Duelist

# HAPPY TRAILS!

