

# KINGS RIVER GAZETTE

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The Monthly Rag of the Kings River Regulators

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## *Thankful for the Thanksgiving Shoot*

Unfortunately, your favorite Gazette editor was out of town and couldn't attend this month's shoot, and boy am I sorry I missed it!! Although shooting pilgrims is a little sketchy, the turkey raffle sounded like a lot of fun. It looked like a great time was had by all. Big Bad Blaine was top turkey this month, and he followed that up with providing burgers for lunch for everyone – Thank you sir!! There's much to be thankful for at the Kings River Regulators!

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Brave Pilgrims defending the clays!

## Happy Trails Friend

We are sad to report the passing of Kings River Regulator Fortunato "Mariposa Slim" Parrino on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Those of you who knew him know that he was quite the fixture at the KRR, and I know I personally appreciated his help welcoming my son to our sport. Mariposa was a tough old bird who thoroughly enjoyed Cowboy Action Shooting. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Emely and daughter Anna. Happy Trails friend.



Mariposa Slim



Our fearless leader is eyeing those desserts!

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## Out On The Range

by Sheriff, Dusty Devil Dale

Every year, we have a good deal of fun working together to put on an exceptional Annual Fort Miller match. We attract players from other venues, show off our club and nice range facility and generate a bit of extra club revenue. Small in size, as big matches go, Fort Miller's quality has put it on a the screen nationally. Just mention Fort Miller in any cowboy forum, and just about all Cowboy Shooters know immediately which club you are talking about. They know that KRR does matches differently and traditionally. Our hard-won positive reputation is important to our club. It arose out of very hard work of our past and present time-generous members.

But of equal importance to our local KRR members are the other 11 monthly matches that represent an almost continuous planning and logistics process. Those matches and events are the thread that holds our club together by bringing us together every month. Making them happen is the Sheriff's principal job. The aim is for them to be run dependably, smoothly, on schedule, and be directed toward our members' shooting preferences. To get there, we listen carefully to shooters' feedback about our matches and we pay attention to the many ideas our shooters bring back from shooting at other venues. Without that input, match planning is a daunting trial-and-error, crystal ball process. So your comments are very important.

Stages can run all the way from very *fast* -- things like one four-foot target set at 5 yards, to very challenging and much slower stages where careful marksmanship and transition

technique is needed. Shooter preferences vary widely. Shooters are pretty understanding of our balancing act and needed trade-offs, but we often still hear comments that the stages were either boring, redundant, too busy, too easy, too slow, too difficult, too confusing, or just too plain. So the hard task is to creatively compromise toward some undefined and often changing middle ground. We try to include fun and variety every month, or at least across months by designing stages and matches that can be enjoyed by Gunfighters and Duelists as well as Age-Based categories, Classic Cowboys, Frontier Cartridge folks, and all other shooters. It is a conscious and difficult process each month and an important one, affecting our members' overall experience.

So how can we cover all those varied bases with only ten stages over two days? One way is by having most of our matches written by members themselves. In doing that, we hope, over time, to provide variety, with something for everybody (and selfishly get somebody else's neck in the noose for a month). The aim is for everyone to write and enjoy stages and matches that give them a chance to use their favorite techniques and skills as often as possible, and to expose shooters to the whole array that is Cowboy Action Shooting. So step up and write a match, or team together to write one. Just let me know so I can get you on the schedule. It doesn't have to be fancy-- hand scribbled stages are fine.

Hopefully our matches are meeting members' expectations. If not, SOUND OFF and give me your feedback. At night, I sleep very lightly, with one eye half-open watching for moving torch lights, and sniffing for the smell of tar-n-feathers. But seriously, all critiques, ideas and new match writers are always welcome and invited.



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Wilsa Rogers taking care of the clays on Saturday

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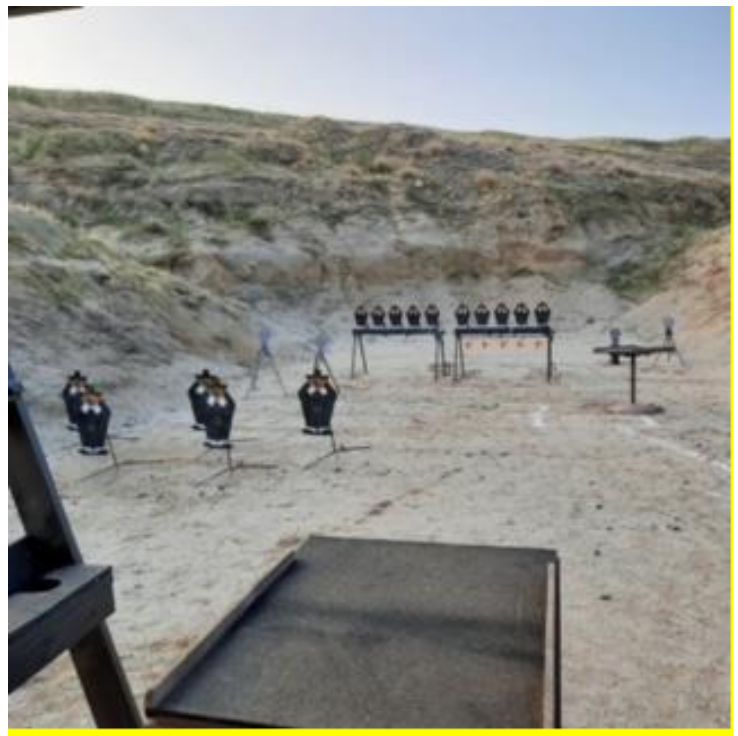
## **Town Council Elections are Coming!**

We will be holding elections for Town Council positions in **December**. Any member in good standing can run for any office, but we will be electing a new Mayor, Territorial Governor, Banker, and Blacksmith (although all positions are available). We will have the vote Sunday morning at the December shoot. You must be a current member and present to vote. Anyone interested in running for an office needs to contact Mayor High Cotton at [hammer15026@gmail.com](mailto:hammer15026@gmail.com)

Alright members, it's time to step up and walk the walk! Don't miss the December monthly shoot so that you can vote.



Snapshot Dualin takes aim



Pilgrims, Pilgrims, and more Pilgrims!



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Tuolumne Tracker and Pinebox Filler  
arent wasting any time getting lunch!

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Dusty Devil Dale and Misti Q admiring Big  
Bad Blaine's handiwork

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**Hey, do you realize that  
we are already getting  
ready for Fort Miller  
2022? Well we are! See  
the next page for details.**



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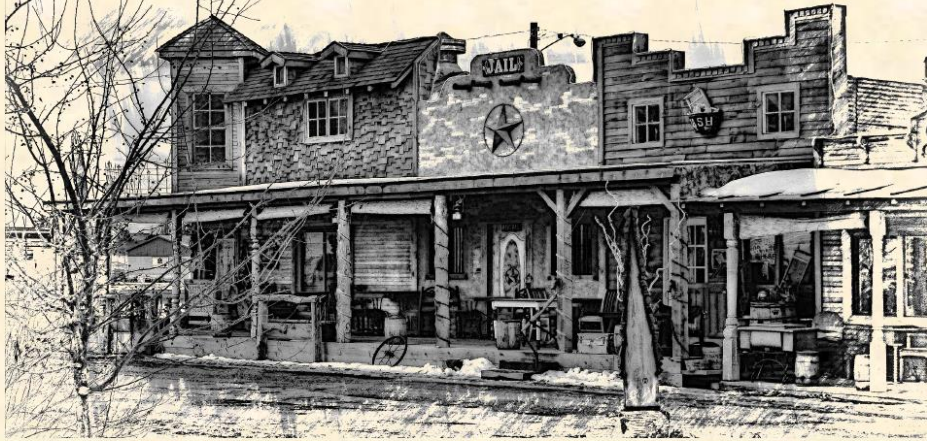
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## FORT MILLER

27th ANNIVERSARY



### This is Cowboy Shooting at its Best

- ★ **Thursday**, all your favorites will be back—a full day Side and Warm-up Matches, Long Range and much more, including a reprise of Sinful's Time-saving Transitions Class, and a one-of-a-kind chance to try out the Infamous Ore Cart before the Main Match!
- ★ **Friday** and **Saturday** will feature some of Snakebite's most unique and challenging stages yet. Prepare yourself for a real, traditional style match—with a few of his legendary surprises thrown in! Whether you're riding that Ore Cart down the canyon, shooting the Flying Buffalo, or picking off targets in the Arcade, our Match offers experiences you won't soon forget!
- ★ If that's not enough, you can enjoy a lip-smackin' Ice Cream Social on **Friday** afternoon as soon as shootin' is done. (Who doesn't like chocolate sauce and sprinkles?) We've also got some spectacular raffle prizes, and a special drawing for "Talon Hawke's" legacy Winchester '73 rifle, graciously donated by his family. You could really win big!
- ★ To top it off, there will be a full-on Banquet and Awards Ceremony on Saturday night, leaving you plenty of time to get home to greet the Easter Bunny on Sunday morning!

### THIS IS A MATCH YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!!!



Registration forms available online:  
[www.kingsriverregulators.com](http://www.kingsriverregulators.com)  
**Limited to 132 shooters**



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