

❖Kings River Gazette❖

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10 yr Old Little Lady Whoops Em All!

Many thanks to 3 Fingers Red for the idea and for running our pistol accuracy - Goat Ropers event. It was a real hit, having the Goat Ropers compete against the much older and taller kids.

Jessica James won this event and the turkey. Congratulations to this straight-shooting little lady.

It was really nice to see all the shooters stay for the side matches. Six lucky shooters took home turkeys. Great idea Red.

Joaquin Rivers put on one heck of a good match. Well designed, well run - good job!!

I don't remember when I have heard so many good comments about a match. I really enjoyed the main match and the great side events, don't remember enjoying a Sunday shooting and visiting with friends any more than I did at this one. Great atmosphere, nice relaxing day.

Election time is here, we will be voting at the December shoot. Three positions are open for election, they are Mayor, Sheriff and Secretary. Please send me your nominations before December 15, so ballots can be made up. Remember no one loses at this election, only the club wins.

Heads up shooters, start volunteering to put on a monthly match in 1999, the new Sheriff will need all club members to be involved and help out. Thanks.

Cole Chance



From the Blacksmith

The big annual Fort Miller shoot is over, and as far as I am concerned it was a big success. Thanks to Joaquin Rivers, our November shoot proved to be a fun time for all those that attended.

We need to be looking ahead to 1999 and what you as members would like to see accomplished. If you have any ideas for stage props or stages themselves, please let me know. Ideas are what make our club grow and our shoots interesting.

Hope you all had a good Thanksgiving.

Buckskin

New Members

We had three new Regulators sign up at the November shoot. They were:

Steve Angelich - Whiskey River

Mike Bills - Nota Peso

Dusty Baker - Undertaker

Welcome to the group, hope your shots are true, your speed blazing and most of all hope you have a real good time shooting with the Kings River Regulators.

Shooting & Thinking

Man alive Joaquin Rivers made us do both at the same time. And for some of us ol cowpokes that's not easy to do, but

Officers:

Mayor: Cole Chance(Leon Chism)
673-7416

SASS #8243 KRR #26

Sheriff: Longbranch(Carl Dotts)
855-4113

SASS #12433 KRR #48

Banker/Secretary Jessie Montana(Barbara Chism)
673-7416

SASS #8244 KRR #27

Blacksmith: Buckskin(John Dotts)
855-2713

SASS #12434 KRR #47

Territorial Governor: Doc James(Eldon James)
675-1230

SASS #5061L KRR #08

it sure was fun.

I don't know what was worse on stage 1, hittin the targets or hittin that darn building with the dynamite.

Speaking of hittin, what about those long range pistol targets on stage 2, not the same as blasting away at targets where they usually are. Nice touch.

Now I know on stage three the object was to hang those three badguys, but I just didn't have the stomach for it. Hope they ain't still hanging around waiting for supper. And I'm almost sure the large cowboy shotgun target was nailed down, thought it was going to take a box of shells to get him down.

Stage 4 with that little bitty bottle between those two big old gongs made you think again, was it worth trying to take out the bottle for the bonus? Well you just had to try, at least once, it's the cowboy way!!

Way to go Joaquin, great shoot.

Ruthless Ruth



Coming in December

Elections will be held to fill three vacant positions in December. They are:

Mayor, Sheriff and Secretary

Nominations for these positions need to be made in writing to Mayor Pro-Tem, Cole Chance by December 15th. Nominees will be notified and their willingness to serve verified prior to the December shoot. Elections will be at the December shoot. Contact Cole Chance at 29399 Ave. 16, Madera, CA 93638.

Membership renewal: Members need to renew their membership in December for 1999. Dues are \$20 for single member, \$40 for family.



Places to Shoot

5 Dogs Creek

1 ST Sunday of the month
Bakersfield

Chorro Valley Regulators

2 ND Sunday of the month
San Luis Obispo

Kings River Regulators

3RD Sunday of the month
Fresno Rifle & Pistol Club

Annual Matches

Stampede

Mar 11-14, 1999
Las Vegas, Nevada
Mike Fitzpatrick
702-565-4868

High Sierra Shoot Out

May 1999
Railroad Flats, California
Herb Stone
530-677-6686

John Wayne Shoot

Chorro Valley Regulators
July 1999
San Luis Obispo
Sam Cotton
805-481-4100

We usually have a good size group of Kings River Regulators at these shoots. All three have been really good fun shoots in the past and there's no reason to think they won't get anything but better. Give some thought to attending some of the out of town shoots. It really gives you a new perspective on the sport and promotes new ideas for our own club shoots.

**Remember it can be fun
playing in someone else's back
yard!!**



He's Coming

Jesse James Was My Neighbor...

(At least I always wished he was)

Submitted by: Beanpot

Seeing as to how I as raised right smack dab in the middle of Jesse James country in Missouri, I remember as a kid my Great Grand Dad and my Dad telling stories and showing me places where the James boys robbed trains or held up hiding from the posse. As a boy, I went around yelling at the top of my voice, "It was a dirty little coward that shot Mr. Howard and layed poor Jesse in his grave", and I meant it.

Now as to some of the stories I grew up with and have read about, I'd like to share them with you regulators.

The Carmichael Farm as told by John Carmichael. About dusk two men rode up, their horses showing signs of having been pressed. We didn't know it then, but they were Frank and Jesse James. Even if we had of known it, they'd of been mighty welcomed to food and shelter. They said they were officers of the law, chasing horse thieves. That was perfectly reasonable for the county was overrun with horse thieves. They asked if my mother could set them a bite. We were always glad to have visitors and after supper sat around and visited with the travelers. They were as pleasant men as you'd want to house. They asked about prices here about, how the roads were and where streams were fordable. My father gave out the information as best he could. This was the year 1871. Roads have changed, you could bear across the country then, any way you saw fit. Finally bedtime came and my mother was assigning beds when the tall one cast a look at the short one and said he thought he'd patrol the yard and let his fellow officer get in what sleep he could. He said the horse thieves might pass and they'd want to pursue them in the morning. Sometime in the middle of the night, the tall one came to the window and tapped and the two exchanged places. The next morning after breakfast, the short one asked my father if he cared if he engaged in some pistol practice. Said some of the horse thieves were good shots and that it didn't pay to exchange shots with them unless you were in practice. My father said that was

understandable. Well, they went out to a spot behind the smokehouse. There was a shellbark hickory about ninety yards off. Every time he fired, the bark flew. Finally he put his pistol up, saying, "It don't pay for an officer of the law to get rusty on his pistol work." Then he went to the house and offered to pay for their lodgement. Finally they rode off, us standing there watching and hating to see them leave. They didn't ever cause farmers any trouble. Mostly they robbed banks and railroads and express companies that had plenty of money

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Heard Round The Corral

Did you boys get a looksee at that pretty new shooter we had Sunday? The Reverend (Padre) was looking mighty sharp in his new vaquero getup, complete with gold braid on that big sombrero.

Our very own cowboy rappers, 3 Fingers Red, Beanpot and Riverdale did Old Tom a proud tribute. Hope all of you enjoyed the visit Tom's relatives paid you on Thanksgiving Day.

Kodiak Sue shot that little black bottle off the stand and got her bonus. Not bad for a new shooter.

Yosemite Ma'am Breaks Out of Cook Shack

As of January 1, 1999, I will not be making lunches in the chuck wagon.

After 14 months, I would like to turn it over to someone else. If you would like to try your hand at it, please see me.

It is not hard! It only takes one day a month for shopping and the third Sunday of each month at the shoot.

I have really enjoyed doing it, but, I want some time to be able to watch my guys and granddaughter do their thing.

Hopefully, someone will pick up the reins and do a great job.

Yosemite Ma'am

<<<< 5 Dogs Creek Wild West Extravaganza >>>>

And **Extravaganza** was a real good definition of what 5 Dogs Creek Range put on during the second weekend in November.

Terrible Ted and I hitched up the wagon (in this case a real thirsty Ford motorhome) and headed for 5 Dogs. The trip started out real well on a Friday morning, we had a little fog in the valley so we started out around 10:00 a.m.. Roads were clear and travel was pretty easy. A little east of Fomosa we started seeing signs along the road, didn't need to be too good at tracking to find the place.

Pulled the wagon into the home stretch a little past noon. Rounded the last bend coming on to the range and were really surprised at the site before us.

There was a row of vendors stretching as far as we could see. A real big tent with lots of hay bales for a tired cowpoke to rest on, a really nice Indian and mountain man encampment, and eight cowboy bays all set up and ready for shooting. With a little guidance we found the campground area back around a bend in the road at the far end of the range. Never knew there was that much back there.

Set up camp, along with Snakebite, Long Feather, Wind Dancer, Hoss, KRR Shorty, Leadfoot and Tequila Joe. Later we found Toeless Joe down the road a piece. Late that evening Hank and Beanpot showed up in their usual cloud of smoke and confusion and bunked in with Long Feather and Wind Dancer. Sunday morning Cole Chance, Jessie Montana, Shiloh and Joaquin Rivers joined us.

Spent Friday afternoon checking out the place and getting registered. There were some really good food vendors, including some good Indian Tacos. Everyone gathered round Leadfoot and Tequila Joe's campfire Friday evening for good talk, (lots of talk about Shadow hitting a Buffalo you could hardly see with his pocket pistol - not sure but I think Snakebite lost money on that one) good drinks and cookies. We're a rowdy bunch. Hoss and Gail had their team and wagon there and

made getting from the campground to the shooting area a lot easier on all of us.

Saturday gathered for the shooters meeting around 9:30 a.m.. This was 5 Dogs first big annual shoot. And all in all things seemed to be going pretty well. Had some nice shooters prizes. Jessie Montana won a pocket pistol, Toeless Joe and I won blackpowder pistols.

Each posse shot five bays on Saturday and three on Sunday. You had to shoot from a moving rail car, break your way out of jail, shoot a bunch of bad guys hanging out around the outhouse, defend Fort Apache (wearing a bonnet and carrying a baby in a basket), fight off claim jumpers and that was the easy part. On Bay 5 you had to shoot a hole in a paper door and then shoot your pistol and rifle through that hole. There was some pretty unusual shooting positions on that one. On bay 6 everyone had to hit all the targets, took some of us a lot of ammo to kill all the bad guys on this one. And then there was bay 8, what can you say about a kick the can shoot. Lots was said, and some of it wasn't pretty. Terrible Ted got a 60 second penalty on his first shot, cause his can fell off the stand and rolled back under the hay bale making another shot out of the question. Cole Chance rolled his can up on the bank and got 60 seconds added to his time. Poor ole Toeless Joe got his can stuck behind the legs of a metal stand and finally gave up and took a 60 seconds penalty. There were a lot of members of the 60 second club born on that stage.

There was plenty of entertainment during the day, some real good cowboy music, magic acts and a wandering minstrel show. Speaking of music, I watched Horse Dancer and his mount enjoying the cowboy band. That horse can dance better than Terrible Ted, what a treat to just sit back and watch them. There was a dinner Saturday night and a real nice cowboy church service on Sunday morning.

We had several from Fresno finish pretty good in their classes. And

Shadow seemed real happy with the new rifle he won.

Everyone seemed to have a real good time. The first annual is always a learning experience for any club and 5 Dogs defiantly had more hits than misses.

Like Arnold says "I'll be back!!"

Ruthless Ruth

Classic Cartridges .44 Henry

The .44 Henry was the first successful cartridge to be chambered in an effective lever action rifle. It is the forgotten fourth of the "combination cartridges". Like the .44-40, 38-40, and 32-20 WCF cartridges it was also chambered in both Winchester lever action rifle and the Colt Single Action revolver.

This was a rimfire case, approximately 7/8" long, that propelled a 200 grain bullet at 1125 fps. from a rifle for about 565 foot pounds of muzzle energy. This was not a powerful cartridge, about like a hot-loaded .44 Special in a handgun. When coupled with a fifteen shot Henry or Winchester 66 rifle it provided awesome firepower in the 1860's and 70's.

Compared to the .45 Colt or .44-40 WCF, the .44 Henry's history was short but it was distinguished. It rode with Sherman's Army in the Civil War. Civilians carrying Henry rifles are known to have accounted for several Sioux casualties at the Fetterman Massacre, The Hayfield and Wagonbox fights in Montana. Winchester discontinued the .44 Henry in 1934.

Flatiron

Cowboy Wisdom

If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.

Kings River Regulators
MATCH FINAL by CLASS
STAGES 1 thru 4

CLASS	MATCH		(STAGE 1)	(STAGE 2)	(STAGE 3)	(STAGE 4)	(-- TOTALS --)	
FINAL	FINAL ALIAS		TIME RNK	TIME RNK	TIME RNK	TIME RNK	TIME PNTS	
=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
CLASS = BP								
1.	9. COLE CHANCE	# 0243	53.94 11	74.78 13	50.94 7	62.82 12	256.38	43
CLASS = 0								
1.	2. LONGRANCH	#12435	44.42 2	55.32 1	45.18 2	51.89 4	197.83	9
2.	4. GUIDEN	#12166	57.36 5	68.39 9	55.33 9	51.13 3	232.71	26
3.	5. HANK	# 7389	58.93 6	63.87 7	58.33 13	54.93 5	236.11	34
4.	3. CHILCH	#**082	64.30 13	78.33 11	68.33 13	51.87 2	246.83	41
5.	12. BIG ROSE	# 9565	62.40 10	75.81 14	17.83 19	65.82 15	278.55	56
6.	21. TEN BEARS	#**025	64.65 15	77.49 16	57.81 11	81.36 29	301.32	79
7.	23. MADERA DAVE	# 5929	91.43 29	97.84 28	68.41 21	71.13 22	328.81	120
8.	32. THREE FINGERS RED	# 9213	118.39 36	119.36 31	95.31 32	89.14 31	413.75	139
9.	34. BLACKIE	#**618	116.37 35	122.25 35	119.12 34	136.09 35	459.13	139
CLASS = 1								
1.	7. RIVERDALE	#**682	73.76 14	61.34 6	48.83 5	64.57 14	248.33	39
2.	13. BEAN POT	# 6364	64.17 12	61.44 17	74.52 33	54.51 7	274.71	59
3.	18. FAPES	#13131	74.82 16	67.39 8	77.33 26	78.59 31	308.23	71
4.	11. LEADFOOT	# 5533	88.41 26	97.26 27	52.38 6	64.25 13	302.31	72
5.	24. REV. BUSTER DOUGSD	#**821	78.47 22	95.97 25	55.89 8	79.47 27	319.63	83
CLASS = 5								
1.	14. TERRIBLE-TEP	# 0814	61.88 9	59.84 5	62.38 17	97.79 38	271.81	91
2.	16. TUCKSKIN	#12434	77.79 23	57.27 23	61.84 16	61.93 18	298.83	99
3.	17. TOOLESS TOE	# 6080	75.30 18	55.85 21	57.49 18	74.71 24	303.31	102
4.	25. SQUARE SHOOTER	# 0417	85.13 24	91.53 24	74.92 24	68.25 19	319.83	111
5.	35. LEAPFAN	# 7339	114.27 34	123.47 37	113.64 37	122.94 38	468.32	119
6.	17. PLANK KNIGHT	#18944	113.54 33	124.33 36	113.42 35	123.89 37	475.18	141
CLASS = 7								
1.	1. DAN LUIS	#12703	41.74 1	59.21 4	48.85 1	35.17 1	175.97	7
2.	2. TED BURNHAM	#16123	45.03 3	59.12 3	45.73 3	53.30 2	208.88	13
3.	5. JOAQUIN RIVERA	#11912	54.51 4	71.31 12	47.73 4	57.47 18	241.23	38
4.	18. BIG BOB	#**916	69.43 8	78.31 16	68.14 22	65.28 11	281.16	49
5.	10. PORTUGUESE PHILLIP	#17516	77.23 19	53.22 2	73.89 27	59.99 28	303.51	66
6.	28. BOB BOYCE	#**817	76.03 17	64.81 19	64.89 21	57.03 9	302.66	70
7.	22. FLO HANK DAVIDSON	#14487	120.33 38	37.26 22	18.84 22	52.05 3	329.27	79
8.	27. KIRK SHORTY	#12518	75.25 21	72.15 15	62.65 18	76.49 25	306.43	82
9.	26. COAL TRAIN	#**219	98.65 28	103.59 29	58.32 14	71.24 23	324.28	94
10.	29. KODIAK PETE	#16560	85.47 25	112.57 33	75.74 25	67.33 17	341.11	103
11.	38. BOY OUT CHARLIE	#13583	88.65 27	92.97 31	69.64 38	101.23 33	373.59	115
12.	16. TUCKER SMITH	#**825	111.07 32	110.65 34	65.17 20	68.13 23	365.12	123
13.	32. WORTHLESS CHEATIN	#12713	118.85 31	129.32 38	92.68 31	124.88 34	465.73	126
CLASS = 9								
1.	11. JOEBOE MONTANA	# 8244	68.39 7	83.84 18	53.27 12	65.72 16	268.31	53
2.	27. RUTHLESS RUTH	# 9215	77.14 16	84.32 20	102.02 32	74.93 21	338.41	91
3.	30. ALBERTA TOOE	#**815	159.12 37	111.75 32	114.33 36	117.71 33	474.11	141
4.	33. KODIAK GUY	#**820	158.17 36	133.03 38	128.89 38	162.09 39	574.34	152

Kings River Regulators
MATCH FINAL OVERALL STANDINGS

MATCH FINAL ALIAS	CLASS	< STAGE 1 >		< STAGE 2 >		< STAGE 3 >		< STAGE 4 >		<-- TOTALS -->	
		TIME	RNK	TIME	RNK	TIME	RNK	TIME	RNK	TIME	PNTS
1. SAM LUIS	#12786 T	41.74	1	59.21	4	40.85	1	35.17	1	176.97	7
2. LONGBRANCH	#12433 D	44.42	2	55.82	1	45.18	2	51.69	4	197.83	9
3. FRED BURNHAM	#16128 T	49.83	3	59.12	3	45.93	3	53.98	6	208.86	15
4. SUDDEN	#12166 D	57.26	5	68.39	9	55.93	9	51.13	3	232.71	26
5. HANK	# 7369 D	58.98	6	63.87	7	58.33	13	54.93	8	236.11	34
6. JOAQUIN RIVERS	#11912 T	54.51	4	71.31	12	47.93	4	67.47	18	241.22	38
7. RIVERDALE	##*022 M	70.75	14	61.54	6	48.83	5	64.87	14	245.38	39
8. SHILOH	##*023 D	64.30	13	70.38	11	60.33	15	51.07	2	246.00	41
9. COLE CHANCE	# 8243 BP	63.94	11	74.78	13	53.84	7	63.82	12	256.38	43
10. BAD BOB	##*016 T	60.43	8	70.21	10	68.14	20	63.20	11	261.98	49
11. JESSIE MONTANA	# 8244 W	60.28	7	83.54	18	58.27	12	65.92	16	268.01	53
12. BIG BOSS	# 9565 D	62.49	10	75.81	14	67.23	19	65.82	15	270.55	58
13. BEAN POT	# 6964 M	64.17	12	81.44	17	74.59	23	54.51	7	274.71	59
14. TERRIBLE TED	# 9814 S	61.88	9	59.24	5	62.38	17	87.79	38	271.21	61
15. PORTUGUESE PHILLIP	#17518 T	77.23	19	58.25	2	79.69	27	69.99	20	285.36	68
16. BUCKSKIN	#12434 S	77.79	22	87.27	23	61.94	16	61.83	10	288.83	69
17. TOELESS JOE	# 8688 S	72.36	15	86.05	21	57.49	10	74.71	24	298.31	78
18. FARGO	#18651 M	74.82	16	67.29	8	77.33	26	70.99	21	298.23	71
19. LEADFOOT	# 5535 M	88.41	26	97.25	27	52.38	6	64.26	13	382.23	72
20. BAD BOYCE	##*017 T	76.83	17	84.81	19	84.39	28	57.63	9	383.66	73
21. TEN BEARS	##*025 D	84.85	23	77.49	16	57.81	11	81.96	29	381.92	79
22. OLD HANK DAVIDSON	#14427 T	109.52	30	87.26	22	68.84	22	52.65	5	389.27	79
23. KKK SHORTY	#12818 T	79.25	21	75.15	15	62.53	18	76.48	26	293.43	80
24. REV. BUSTER DOORSD	##*021 M	79.47	22	95.57	26	55.89	8	79.47	27	310.88	83
25. SQUARE SHOOTER	# 9417 S	85.12	24	91.28	24	74.92	24	68.26	19	319.58	91
26. COAL TRAIN	##*019 T	90.85	28	103.59	29	58.52	14	71.24	23	324.28	94
27. RUTHLESS RUTH	# 9815 W	77.14	18	84.92	20	102.25	33	74.93	25	339.24	96
28. MADERA DAVE	# 5929 D	91.43	29	97.64	28	68.41	21	71.13	22	328.61	100
29. KODIAK PETE	#16568 T	85.47	25	112.57	33	75.74	25	67.38	17	341.16	108
30. HOT BUT CHARLIE	#13383 T	88.85	27	93.67	25	89.84	30	101.83	33	373.39	115
31. TUCSON SMITH	##*025 T	111.57	32	118.85	34	85.67	29	80.15	28	395.54	123
32. WORTHLESS CHEATIN	#12713 T	110.23	31	109.32	30	92.68	31	104.88	34	416.17	126
33. THREE FINGERS RED	# 9218 D	110.39	35	118.86	31	95.36	32	89.14	31	413.75	138
34. BLACKIE	##*013 D	118.37	35	122.25	35	112.12	34	106.39	35	459.13	139
35. BEASTAW	# 7559 S	114.27	34	128.47	37	116.54	37	108.94	32	468.32	148
36. ALBERTA ROSE	##*015 W	130.12	37	111.75	32	114.53	36	117.78	36	474.18	141
37. BLACK KNIGHT	#16944 S	113.54	33	126.33	36	112.42	35	123.89	37	476.18	141
38. KODIAK GUE	##*020 W	150.17	38	133.98	38	128.88	38	162.39	38	574.54	152

TURKEY SHOTS

<u>Pistol</u>	<u>Pocket Pistol</u>	<u>Speed Shotgun</u>
Goat Roper	Fred Burnham	Cole Chance
Jessica James		
<u>L/Range Pistol Calb</u>	<u>L/R Rifle Calb</u>	<u>L/R Single Shot</u>
Joaquin Rivers	Riverdale	Shiloh

Everyone took a nice Turkey home - Congratulations
Looked like everyone was having a lot of fun!!