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Whoa Mule!

That's what Lucas McCain and 62 of the best cowboys to ever break wind said on stage 3 of our latest adventure at the "K double R". Bean Pot did a fine job of laying out the stages for our last shoot. He had us out hunting meat for the dinner table, plowing the bean field only to be interrupted by truly bad varmits, takin a little target practice and fightin it out in ROSA'S CANTINA. I think it was "Out in the west Texas town of El Paso", or some place like that. Anyway, we all had a really good time. Sheriff Hank, deputies Bear Paw and Bean Pot are doing a great job keeping the peace and seeing to it that safety remains the number one and foremost issue. Our Blacksmith, Shorty, and his chuckwagon crew did an outstanding job of providing the vittles. We all owe him and Wanda a great deal of thanks. It looks like things just keep gettin better all the time. With the large number of cowboys, and growing all the time, we are fortunate to have a good group of Regulators. We picked up a few more hands at the last shootout and they all seem to have "The Sprit of the Game". Working together will insure us a long and happy "Play Time" together.

NEW START TIME OF A 1797

At the last general meeting of the KRR, there was discussion about getting started earlier. We decided to try something I've never seen done before, but it sounds like it's worth a try. Since there are always many shooters that arrive early, we will form a posse when we have 10-15 signed up. They will start on stage 4 and will be briefed by one of the RO's, who will stay with the posse. As more cowboys arrive, other posses will be formed and so on. We hope this will speed things up. If it doesn't work, we'll try something else! Hey, are we flexible or what?

Get that gun sighted!

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you, that's the time to start adjusting the sights for offhand shooting. Move the front sight the opposite direction you want the bullet impact point to move, or move the rear sight the same direction you want the impact point to move. HUH? Well if it shoots to the left, either move the front sight to the left or the rear sight to the right. If it shoots high, lower the rear sight or raise the front sight. Is that clear as mud? Ever have someone tell you to take a fine bead at some given range, or a coarse bead at another? You say "OK", but never knew what the hell he was talking about. Well here goes. This is normally meant for a "bead" type front sight, but can be used with a blade type. A "fine bead" means to put the top of the front sight bead level with the top of the rear sight. The bullseye goes on top of the bead. A "coarse bead" means to put the bottom of the front sight bead at the top of the rear sight. The bullseye still goes on top of the bead. This is an easy way to make a longer shot without adjusting the sights. Did you know that it is preferable to shoot with both eyes open when using open sights?

Buzzard

Snake

GOOD ADVICE?

In 1914 COLT put out a little booklet by Alfred P. Lane, World's Champion Pistol Shot. It was titled HOW TO SHOOT. Mr Lane was the man appointed to teach New York's Police how to shoot. The booklet has a wealth of good advice, but one statement in particular jumped out at me.

"MOST OF THE BEST SHOOTERS I KNOW ARE SMOKERS AND SOME OF THEM TAKE A DRINK NOW AND THEN"

Do we have any cowboys that fall into this catagory? This is a good time to remind everyone the ETOH is forbidden at the FRPC.

Some things never change, some do. I have the letters to and from the Winchester Repeating Arms Co. addressing the work that was done on my model 1886 rifle. The owner sent the rifle to the factory to have it made into a take-down model. It was also fitted with a new half magazine, and a sporting front sight. He enclosed \$3.33, which you might have guessed was not enough to cover the work plus shipping. When the gun arrived back at his home in Arizona, he found that he owed an additional 77 cents! Boy, what a deal. He could have purchased a new model 1886 for \$19.0 r.a.

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