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Hot Match on the Old Range This Month!

by Talon Hawke, Mayoral Substitute for July

This month's match is now a memory, but what a memory. It started with the "set-up" Saturday morning. By 7:45 a.m. the usual cast of characters was busy exchanging lies about the newest and greatest shooting aid. I heard Hawkeye O'Riley telling Sierra Rider and Smokum Joe about this hermit in North Dakota who has developed a synthetic bullet which has a 15:1 compression ratio, anti-gravity scoop, non-recoil left-handed bob-tail. Sounds like something every shooter needs. About that time Tucson Smith comes sailing up to the HQ and announces he is the Match Director. He's got the scenarios written on a wad of paper he must have gotten from a recycle bin. Anyway, he pulls out this piece of paper and declares: "On stage one, we need two rifle, one pistol and one shotgun target." What a way to start the day.

Based on Tucson's first stage, everyone started asking: "Where's Ramrod. He's the Sheriff. Has he seen this stuff?" After a little looking around, Ramrod was found at Bay 7 with Michigan Bob, "modifying" the ore cart. Seems that the track was changed from straight to an 'S' curve. Small problem, the cart still went straight. No problem, just add flanges onto the side of the wheels to hold the cart on the track. Both Ramrod and Michigan Bob had their own opinions on how the job should be done. Listening and watching these two "discuss" the "best solution" was more fun than a Laurel and Hardy movie. Before long the whole set-up crew was gathering around the cart to catch the action. It was confirmed by mid-day Sunday that the ore cart was capable of running up and down the track. Thanks to Ramrod and Michigan Bob for all the hard work and great entertainment.

Sunday started a little less eventful. Tucson's wad of paper had been translated into English and printed out by our wonderful office staff of Ruthless Ruth and Swanee Rivers. Then the questions started. "Where is the Mayor?" "It's the third Sunday of the month. We always get chicken, even if it is a Rooster." At last the truth was revealed. There would be feathers alright, but no chicken, just a fat old Hawke. Seems the Mayor was cooling his feet in Santa Barbara.

At the Shooters' meeting, Ramrod and Sierra announced two work parties to spruce the range up before our annual Fort Miller Shootout. Please plan to attend and lend a hand. The August 21 work day will be devoted to sprucing up the bays - if you "own" one, figure on spending some time on it - if you don't, I'm sure someone who does will appreciate some help. Lunch will be provided on the September 11 work day. Bring your weedeaters, rakes, hoes, flat shovels, etc. etc. etc.

Wildcat John is again heading up collecting and organizing the shooters prizes for the annual and would appreciate any and all assistance. Call him at 689-3000 or Ruthless Ruth at 251-9507 before the August match - we need to know by then what's being donated in order to figure what needs to be bought.



Many thanks to Match Director, Tucson Smith, along with posse leaders Terrible Ted and Fargo. Good job!

Stay tuned for the results of the inquiry resulting from Tucson's winning his own match. . . .

WORK PARTIES!!!
August 21 and September 11, 8 a.m.
BE THERE!

Welcome to new KRR members Shoshone Jack and Joe Three Rivers and to new shooter Arch Stanton.

Surprise! Surprise! This month's match was really fast and fun. Tucson did a great job, offering some challenges, coupled with some easy "dump" situations. We were able to beat the heat and get in a cool space before the afternoon sun. Tucson, you did a great job!

Some of the old guard was missing this month. Deadly Tedley, Snakebite and Sudden, just to name a few, were among those absent, so there were some new top shooters. Notable was Rogan Steele, winner of the Junior class in his last Junior match. Tucson Smith, Sierra Rider and Longbranch were the top three. Mariposa Slim and Orosi Kid shot clean matches. Terrible Ted just keeps getting better, finishing in fourth place overall. This was a great match and Judge Jeremiah Steele promises more of the same with his version of "Land of the Midnight Gun" in August. And we'll go back to having chicken on the third Sunday of nearly every month.

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SHOOTING TIME
(SUMMER HOURS)
SHOOTERS' MEETING
8:30 A.M.
SHOOTING STARTS
9:00 A.M.

JUST ONE MORE SHOOT BEFORE FORT MILLER '04

That's right, only one more monthly shoot before the big one. Things seem to be coming together pretty good. We could always use a few club members shooting in the annual. This is the one chance a year we all get to shoot a big match without leaving the comfort of our own home range. I hear Ramrod has some pretty fun stuff for the stages, and Cole Chance and Joaquin Rivers always do a bang up job on the Cowboy Silhouette and the Buffalo Long Range side matches. If you like black powder shooting, Snakebite always has something interesting up his sleeve.

If you really can't shoot, we can always use volunteers to help with the side matches, lunches, setting up and tearing down the shooting bays, and lots of other little jobs that need to be done. Get in touch with Slick Rock Rooster if you can help.

We also need to know if you plan on donating anything for a shooters prize. It doesn't have to be anything expensive, just something you would like to receive as a shooters prize, (movies, books, shotgun shells, cowboy decorating stuff) use your imagination, but keep it family oriented. I need to know about, and have, any donations by the August shoot, so they can be numbered and catalogued for the shooters drawing.

This is really the best shoot we have all year. Come on out and join the fun.

- Ruthless Ruth (559) 251-9507

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Judge Steele's Court Docket - July 1884

CRUSTY JIM - FINED \$5.00 FER HAVIN' THREE (COUNT 'EM, THREE) PROCEDURALS IN ONE MATCH.

MAJOR GREGOR - FINED \$15.00 AN' THREE DAYS IN THE HOOSEGOW FER SELF-INFLICTIN' WOUNDS AT HELLTOWN, RESULTIN' IN DERELICTION OF DUTY. THE COURT RECOMMENDS USE OF ASBESTOS GLOVES SO TH' MAJOR KIN STAY IN ACTION NEXT TIME.

MARIPOSA SLIM & OROSI KID - FINED \$5.00 EACH FER CONSPIRIN' TA NOT MISS ANY TARGETS. FINES VACATED FER GOOD BEHAVIOR.

SIERRA - FINED \$10 FER SHOOTIN' FROM THE HIP AND WASTIN' AMMO...LOTS O' BOOMS...NO DINGS...NUF SAID.

JUDGE JEREMIAH STEELE HISSELF - FINED \$20 FER A RULES VIOLATION AT HELLTOWN THAT GOT HIM SO RATTLED THAT HE MISSED HIS CLEAN MATCH BY ONE SHOT. THANKS TA THE SHERIFF FER GIVIN' HIM A BREAK!

ALSO JUDGE JEREMIAH STEELE HISSELF - LET OFF WIT' A WARNIN' FER GETTING' THE SHERIFF MIXED UP WIT' THE BLACKSMITH. BAD MONTH FER DA JUDGE!

PLACES TO SHOOT

1st Saturday-Sunday of Month FRPC

Silhouette Range
Long Range

Shooting starts around 9:00 a.m. and goes all day.

1st Sunday of Month 5 Dogs Creek Bakersfield

Contact: Ten Bears
(661) 589-6838

3rd Saturday of Month Kings River Regulators Setup day for Sunday match

Start time 8:00 a.m.

New shooters orientation starts around 8:30 a.m.

3rd Sunday of Month Kings River Regulators FRPC Range

15687 Auberry Road, Clovis, CA

Shooters Meeting 8:30 a.m.

Shooting starts at 9:00 a.m.

Contact: Mayor Slick Rock Rooster
(559) 299-8669

4th Sunday of Month Two Rivers Posse Manteca, CA

Contact: Cherokee Knight
(209) 477-8883

September 30-October 3, 2004

Shootout at 5 Dogs Creek
Bakersfield, CA

Call: (661) 323-5737 *cbllc@etcrier.net

Don't miss the fun - sign up now!

Fort Miller Shootout '04
September 17-19, 2004

Contact: Slick Rock Rooster
(559) 299-8669

or

Ruthless Ruth
(559) 251-9507

SHERIFF RAMROD ASKS FOR VOLUNTEER WORKERS

Who could turn down a request from a cowboy like this?



From the Pokey

Well it's almost time for the annual Fort Miller Shootout. And that means it's time to get the range in top shape.

Everyone who has adopted a bay, it's time to paint, pull weeds and generally take care of your bay.

If you haven't adopted a bay, the main street sure could use some help.

We're having a Bay work party Saturday, August 21 to spruce up the bays. Come one, come all. Bring paint, brushes, hammers, screw guns and a willingness to work. See you at 0800.

Our Blacksmith, Sierra, also has a workday planned for September 11. This one will concentrate on the grounds themselves. Picking up brass, shotgun hulls and putting the finishing touches on the dirt and hills. We will also be setting up the match that weekend. If you can't make August, come to this one. If you can make August, come to this one also.

We're going to need lots of volunteers to help make the shoot a great one. This shoot is for all our members so let's make them proud of the Kings River Regulators of today.

See you at the work parties.

- Ramrod



Match Results		
Western States		
Class	Shooter	Place
BP	Snakebite	2
Jr Girls	Little Fawn	1
Ladies Sr	Lady Gunner	3
Men 49	Sutter Lawman	4
Men Sr	Sudden	1
	Tucson Smith	10
	Geo Kid	13
	Tippecanoe Slew	28

Hell On Wheels		
Class	Shooter	Place
BP	Snakebite	1
Men Sr	Sudden	3
Men 49	Sutter Lawman	14

Northwest Regional		
Class	Shooter	Place
Frontier Cartridge	Snakebite	1
Mens Sr	Sudden	3

Congratulations to all these fine folks who did us proud!

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Two Mexican detectives were investigating the murder of Juan Gonzalez. "How was he killed?" asked one detective. "With a golf gun," the other detective replied. "A golf gun?! What is a golf gun?"

"I don't know But it sure made a hole in Juan."

OFFICERS

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(559) 299-8669

SASS #41875 KRR #195

Sheriff: Ramrod (Wayne Edgin)
(831) 637-8872

SASS #40599 KRR #221

Blacksmith: Sierra (Tom Ford)
(559) 255-7865

SASS #3229 KRR #16

Banker: Ruthless Ruth (Ruth Polman)
(559) 251-9507

SASS #9015 KRR #37

Secretary/Editor: Ma Steele (Carol Moll)
(559) 439-6889

SASS # 48200 KRR #214

Territorial Governor: Snakebite (Doug Gilmore)
(559) 787-2943

SASS #4767L KRR #01

KINGS RIVER REGULATORS OVERALL MATCH RESULTS SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2004

MATCH FINAL	ALIAS	CLASS	Stage 1		Stage 2		Stage 3		Stage 4		Stage 5		Totals		
			TIME	RNK	TIME	RNK	TIME	RNK	TIME	RNK	TIME	RNK	TIME	PNTS	
1	TUCSON SMITH	#21461	S	27.83	1	43.48	6	31.89	2	32.30	1	29.74	2	165.24	12
2	SIERRA RIDER	# 3101	T	35.43	5	39.93	2	30.65	1	37.51	3	36.63	3	180.15	14
3	LONGBRANCH	#12433	T	29.89	2	49.35	12	35.16	4	35.30	2	29.61	1	179.31	21
4	TERRIBLE TED	# 9014	ES	33.79	3	42.71	5	37.18	5	46.06	5	48.08	13	207.82	31
5	WILDCAT JOHN	#37182	BP	43.14	16	43.67	7	39.23	6	49.01	13	40.04	6	215.09	48
6	FLYING W RAMROD	#40599	BP	38.82	11	40.95	3	40.69	8	53.61	22	42.25	7	216.32	51
7	MICHIGAN BOB	#40417	D	49.88	23	55.22	18	39.43	7	46.12	6	38.35	4	229.00	58
8	JUDGE JEREMIAH STEELE	#42753	49	41.31	13	47.16	10	42.79	11	49.11	14	49.28	16	229.65	64
9	SMOKUM JOE	#41866	S	50.46	24	52.16	15	41.47	10	46.32	7	42.51	8	232.92	64
10	FARGO	#18631	49	42.31	15	55.72	20	34.76	3	44.77	4	57.10	24	234.66	66
11	COARSEGOLD KID	#29263	49	38.39	10	39.38	1	54.86	26	56.29	26	39.23	5	228.15	68
12	TALON HAWKE	#41641	S	36.63	6	62.26	27	41.02	9	50.93	18	44.02	9	234.86	69
13	TINHORN TUCK	#46540	49	36.67	7	45.17	9	55.40	27	47.35	10	54.91	22	239.50	75
14	HELLFIRE HANK	#42583	T	51.94	26	41.99	4	44.93	15	52.49	21	46.01	10	237.36	76
15	RUTHLESS RUTH	# 9015	W	50.66	25	50.86	14	52.60	22	46.86	8	47.91	12	248.89	81
16	HANK	# 7369	D	40.19	12	56.76	21	46.17	17	49.59	16	49.34	17	242.05	83
17	LEADFOOT	# 5535	D	46.17	20	60.15	24	45.34	16	47.17	9	52.85	19	251.68	88
18	QUICK WHIP	#23419	T	41.70	14	49.81	13	43.01	12	50.32	17	62.34	33	247.18	89
19	CRUSTY JIM	***003	S	35.27	4	47.67	11	64.31	36	55.13	23	54.46	21	256.84	95
20	HAWKEYE O'RILEY	# 6443	S	37.28	8	57.93	22	53.51	24	55.34	24	51.50	18	255.56	96
21	ROGAN STEELE	#42754	J	37.79	9	61.98	25	56.74	29	55.74	25	47.09	11	259.34	99
22	HAWKEYE 496	***034	T	48.27	22	55.23	19	57.90	30	51.78	19	49.13	15	262.31	105
23	FANNIE MOSTLY	#41799	W	44.11	18	64.54	29	52.19	21	52.16	20	52.96	20	265.96	108
24	JOAQUIN RIVERS	#11912	D	56.70	32	54.67	16	63.49	35	48.47	12	48.93	14	272.26	109
25	PAPA WILLIE	#47161	S	45.88	19	55.07	17	44.14	13	69.15	34	58.83	28	273.07	111
26	I L B DRIFTIN	#57888	T	60.43	33	75.72	34	44.84	14	49.45	15	58.21	25	288.65	121
27	MAJOR GREGOR	#42582	BP	43.25	17	72.06	33	59.45	32	47.51	11	60.33	30	282.60	123
28	MARIPOSA SLIM	#45708	ES	54.30	28	44.89	8	55.94	28	63.34	31	62.30	32	280.77	127
29	OROSI KID	#56199	T	47.30	21	64.73	31	54.53	25	57.42	27	59.32	29	283.30	133
30	JOE THREE RIVERS	#48011	T	54.73	29	59.88	23	52.11	20	62.75	29	75.23	35	304.70	136
31	SHOSHONE JACK	***037	BP	60.50	34	65.75	32	46.95	18	63.14	30	56.68	23	293.02	137
32	VENTURA	***044	T	70.27	36	64.59	30	49.12	19	62.37	28	58.56	26	304.91	139
33	TEXAS JACK	***046	T	55.82	30	63.62	28	52.84	23	68.63	33	58.59	27	299.50	141

34	TOMBSTONE BUBBA	#47162	J	52.05	27	80.62	35	58.70	31	74.92	35	81.96	37	348.25	165
35	ARCH STANTON	#**040	T	65.13	35	90.95	36	62.90	34	66.34	32	61.77	31	347.09	168
36	T.O. SLOW	#**045	M	56.67	31	62.22	26	72.54	39	79.09	38	75.32	36	345.84	170
37	STUBBY 9 FINGERS	#54059	49	81.06	37	104.50	38	67.90	37	78.83	37	72.75	34	405.04	183
38	BRICKERSTAFF	#**041	D	96.63	39	100.89	37	60.00	33	103.33	39	91.71	39	452.56	187
39	SIERRA	# 3229	D	89.46	38	108.69	39	70.82	38	78.19	36	87.65	38	434.81	189

August Match - *"In The Land Of The Midnight Gun"*

*"There are strange things done in the midnight sun
By the men who toil for gold;
The Arctic trails have their secret tales
That would make your blood run cold"*

... from *The Cremation of Sam McGee*, Robert W. Service

The August match will be a celebration of the 107th anniversary of the discovery of gold in the Far North, triggering a "rush" that rivaled, and in many ways outdid, those in California, South Dakota and Colorado years before. OK, so it's not an even anniversary, but it's worth celebrating anyway! The weather was tough, the mountains were high, the animals were mean and the men were meaner. Ne'er-do-wells the likes of the infamous Soapy Smith ruled the camps and creeks. Our August match will have a lot of those challenges...claim jumpers, marauding highwaymen, charging grizzlies, arctic storms, snow banks, and Soapy himself!

To be real authentic you'll need to show up as an 1890's miner...loose fitting rough garb that will keep you cool in the summer heat yet be tough enough to survive in the gold fields. Of course, regular cowboy clothes are always welcome, too...we're not about to break the rules! But, there will be a prize for the best-dressed miner! To get an idea what we're looking for, here's another quote from Robert Service:

*"When out of the night, which was fifty below, and into the din and the glare,
There stumbled a miner fresh from the creeks, dog-dirty, and loaded for bear.
He looked like a man with a foot in the grave and scarcely the strength of a louse,
Yet he tilted a poke of dust on the bar, and he called for drinks for the house..."*

*...There's men that somehow just grip your eyes, and hold them hard like a spell;
And such was he, and he looked to me like a man who had lived in hell;
With a face most hair, and the dreary stare of a dog whose day is done,
As he watered the green stuff in his glass, and the drops fell one by one."*

So, unlimber those dogsleds, get out the parkas and mukluks, and start practicing making snowballs...we're beatin' the heat and headin' up North!

*"This is the Law of the Yukon, that only the Strong shall thrive;
That surely the Weak shall perish, and only the Fit survive."*

...from *"The Law of the Yukon"*, R. W. Service