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Father's Day Shootout – what a way to celebrate!

by Slick Rock Rooster

Deadly Tedley finishes first again. What a surprise? This was a match that had all of the marks of End of Trail in its design. It was fun, it required some movement on every stage, and forty two shooters shot the match in just over three hours. Nobody was even talking about hanging the match director. Congratulations to match director Deadly Tedley, well done cowboy! The weather was a beautiful Kalifornia klassic with warm breezes to aid those who chose to shoot the holy black. Just a little warm. The posse leaders, Judge Jeremiah Steele with Rogan Steele, Major Gregor with Hellfire Hank, and Slick Rock Rooster moved the shooters through the course of five stages very expeditiously. The shotgun knock downs proved frustrating to some of us who could not hit the target hard enough to make them fall. I think some of us need to pattern our shotguns with the loads we are using.

The mayor thinks we should set up each match to shoot five stages - if the weather should become unbearable, we could adjust the stages on the day of the shoot. We come to shoot. Let's plan to shoot.

We welcomed three new shooters this month. A big KRR welcome to Preacher John, Artemis Finch and Raymond T. Also visiting was Shoshone Jack who shoots with the Fault line group over on the coast near Gonzales. It was great to see Miss Kitty and Longbranch back with us. We have been missing them for a few months.

It is time for those members who have responsibility for each bay and store front to do some general repair work. Every bay is in need of some repair or maintenance, from painting, to general landscape and replacing of rock borders. A big thank you to Ramrod, who spent all day Saturday moving dirt to rebuild the railroad grade in Bay Seven. Great job, Cowboy. And thank you to Terrible Ted for moving the door on the jail on Bay Five. The door now opens down range instead of into the cell. Another group that needs to be applauded is the wonderful crew that keeps the bookwork and scoring straight. Thank you Ma Steele, Ruthless Ruth and Swanee Rivers.

Sign up for Fort Miller!

- SRR



This month's match director sure looks pleased with himself! Thanks to Deadly Tedley and also to Posse Leaders, Slick Rock Rooster, Major Gregor, Hellfire Hank, Rogan Steele, and Judge Jeremiah Steele.

P.S. I did hear someone ask when Tedley was moving to Florida so that someone else would have a chance at first place!

Mayor's Thoughts on High Sierra

What a great place for a cowboy shoot. Up in the mountains and big trees at an elevation of about 2500 feet, this is a beautiful spot just to go and stay for a couple of days. KRR was represented by Michigan Bob and his wife Diane, Snakebite and his wife Connie, Terrible Ted and his wife Ruthless Ruth, Sudden and his wife Marilyn, Sutter Lawman and his wife, Sheriff Ramrod and wife Fanny Mostly, Tippecanoe Slew, Leadfoot, and Slick Rooster. We were well rained on, there was no dust... I had to cut a hole in the bottom of the tent to drain out a few inches of water. A herd of about seventy buffalo were grazing in a pasture across the road from the campsite. This was a great place to think about being a cowboy, and a good time was enjoyed by all. Snakebite placed first in Frontier cartridge, Sudden was first in the senior class. Sutter Lawman was second in the 49er class. Snakebite and Powder Bern were 1st Deadly Duo. Way to go Regulators. The KRR pot luck dinner was far better than the \$25 dinner supplied by our hosts. Next year I will know better.



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

High Sierra 2004

- by Ruthless Ruth

There were 160 shooters, plenty of sunshine, a little rain, some challenging targets and 21 new buffalo calves at High Sierra this year. And a good time was had by all. Usual great potluck on Saturday night. Fannie Mostly shot her way into the top 10 (Deadly Duo) shoot-off, and got paired with Bad Bud. Sutter Lawman got paired with Montana Maggie Hunter and they came in 2nd, just one second behind Snakebite and Powder Bern.

High Sierra Quiz (Just match the shooter to the question)

1. Who moved their trailer by hooking the bumper onto the generator rack on the back of the trailer, with their wife in the trailer making lunch?
2. Which shooter tried shooting a rifle round made up with no powder and a silicone primer?
3. Who left their boots out in the rain on Thursday night so they got filled up with rain water?
4. Who was seen shaving in the water that collected in his chair Thursday night?

A. Michigan Bob
B. Tippecanoe Slew

C. Terrible Ted
D. Slick Rock Rooster



Judge Steele's Court Docket -- June 1884

SHILOH -- FINED \$5 FER ABUSIN' HIS PORE OL '97 TA THE POINT OF STRIPPIN' IT'S FOREND CLEAN OFF. OFFENSE OCCURRED IN HELLTOWN.

ARTEMIS FINCH -- FINED \$20 AN 3 DAYS IN THE HOOSEGOW. FER HAVIN' TOO DANG MUCH FUN IN HIS FIRST MATCH. PENALTY IS FER EXCESSIVE CELEBRATION WHEN HE AIN'T EVEN A 49ER AND TWARN'T EVEN IN NO END ZONE.

MICHIGAN BOB -- FINED \$5 FER LOADIN' WAY TOO LIGHT AT HIGH SIERRA. SUMTIN' 'BOUT HIS NOT HAVIN ANY LEAD IN SUMTIN' ER OTHER.

JUDGE JEREMIAH STEELE HISSELF - \$10 FER PULLIN' SOME DUMB STUNT LIKE FERGETTIN' TA BRING SHOTGUN SHELLS TA STAGE 1. IT PLEEZES THE COURT THAT THIS FINE IS VACATED. DOCKIT TA READ "SENIOR MOMINT."

DEADLY TEDLEY -- FINED \$15 AN 5 DAYS IN THE HOOSEGOW FER SETTIN' UP HIZ OWN MATCH 3 OR 4 DAYS AHEAD AN' THEN SHOOTING ON IT FER PRACTICE. CONVIKSHUN BY CIRCUMSTANSHUL EVYDENCE AN' WORD A' MOUTH.



Ma's Musings

I hear tell that some of our KRR shooters did right well in the police games at Manteca earlier in June -- the team of Levi Longneck, Cathouse Clark, Rattlesnake Rip and his son scored a bronze!

Anyone have a good story about how they got their cowboy alias? Send it on in (cmoll@comcast.net) and we'll publish it (if it's fit to print of course!)

P.S. I believe the Judge left something off the court docket -- he carried home a scorer's flag that was hangin' on his gun cart -- him that was accusin' poor Ruthless Ruth of just carryin' one around at a match!!

- Ma Steele, Secretary & Editor

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

June 24-27, 2004

Ambush at Durham Ferry
Manteca, CA

Contact: David Barnes (209) 477-8883

September 30-October 3, 2004

Shootout at 5 Dogs Creek
Bakersfield, CA

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

President Reagan knew value of gun ownership

By Alan Gottlieb and Joe Waldron

Submitted by Hondo Smokin' Up

History will remember Ronald Wilson Reagan as one of America's greatest presidents, but long before he was recognized as the man who won the Cold War, or was the hero of countless "B" movies, he was a genuine hero to a woman named Melba King. According to recently-surfaced reports, when Reagan was a radio sportscaster in Des Moines, Iowa back in the fall of 1933, he came to the rescue - gun in hand - of King, who was then a 22-year-old nursing student. King recently recalled the incident to a Des Moines television station, noting that a mugger had come up from behind to rob her, outside the rooming house where Reagan was living. The robbery was thwarted when Reagan appeared in a second-floor window, gripping a .45-caliber pistol, and telling the mugger to "leave her alone or I'll shoot you right between the shoulders."

Small wonder, then, that the man who would later become president understood the value of gun ownership. During his time in office, President Reagan signed the Firearm Owners Protection Act, which was written to protect law-abiding gun owners from harassment for merely exercising their constitutional right to own firearms.

President Reagan most assuredly understood that honest gun owners are not a threat to anyone, and neither are they a threat to national security or their own neighborhoods. After all, the man took a bullet less than three months into his first term, yet he never used that as an excuse to make his office a bully pulpit for gun bans or repeal of the Second Amendment. He clearly separated the act of madman John Hinckley from the everyday actions of millions of legally-armed citizens.

When he was in office, his detractors repeatedly alluded to him sneeringly as a "cowboy." Not coincidentally, the so-called sophisticates and intellectuals of another era said that same thing about another great president, Theodore Roosevelt. President Roosevelt, of course, was the genuine article, having worked a ranch in Montana and once bringing in some outlaws at gunpoint. Roosevelt was a hunter, shooter and a pretty courageous soldier, so being called a cowboy did not seem to bother him, and neither did it bother Ronald Reagan.

Cowboys, you see, are widely known in both legend and fact for their ability to face a problem and just deal with it. Confronted by a stampede, cowboys don't call for a public opinion poll or gather around the campfire to confer with one another, they jump in the saddle and stop the stampede.

Ronald Reagan came from America's heartland, where they still understand the difference between talking and doing. Not too many years before Reagan's birth, the good citizens of Coffeyville, Kansas did it "the cowboy way" when the infamous Dalton Gang showed up to attempt the nation's first dual bank

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robbery, on Oct. 5, 1892. It turned into a disaster because the armed townsfolk literally shot the Daltons to pieces. Sixteen years prior to that, the residents of Northfield, Minnesota reacted swiftly when the James-Younger gang robbed their bank and killed a teller. Northfield residents didn't call a town council meeting to "find a solution." History documents what happened to the James-Younger gang that day.

Perhaps that "cowboy" philosophy is what separates great men from those of lesser accomplishment. Who else but Ronald Reagan could have challenged Mikhail Gorbachev to "tear down this wall," and see it happen? Mr. Reagan was later to acknowledge that the .45 in his hand that night in Des Moines wasn't loaded. But Reagan understood the deterrent value of firearms in the hands of common citizens, and obviously so did the robber. And so do millions of legally-armed Americans today who live rather peaceful lives due in no small part to the fear criminals have that their next intended victim might just terminate their career. President Reagan was a man of common values with the uncommon good sense not to compromise them. He learned from personal experience that good people could, and should, be trusted with firearms, and that their civil rights - including the right of self-defense - are not negotiable. That's as true today as it was that night in 1933.

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Answers to Quiz 1. C, 2. A, 3. B, 4. D

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**KINGS RIVER REGULATORS
OVERALL MATCH RESULTS
Sunday, June 20, 2004**

MATCH				STAGE 1		STAGE 2		STAGE 3		STAGE 4		STAGE 5		TOTALS	
FINAL	ALIAS		CLASS	TIME	RNK	TIME	RNK	TIME	RNK	TIME	RNK	TIME	RNK	TIME	PNTS
1	DEADLY TEDLEY	#29403	D	37.75	1	29.44	1	28.98	1	40.86	1	38.33	1	175.36	5
2	NINE LIVES	#38211	T	39.25	2	42.00	4	41.82	5	43.44	2	53.00	4	219.51	17
3	TWO-TOE BILL QUICK	#25358	D	45.15	3	51.75	11	42.56	6	52.67	4	57.01	10	249.14	34
4	COAL TRAIN	# 8146	49	58.35	21	30.98	2	41.54	4	55.26	7	39.21	2	225.34	36
5	HELLFIRE HANK	#42583	T	50.89	10	51.91	12	38.16	3	56.76	8	52.88	3	250.60	36
6	SMOKUM JOE	#41866	S	54.20	16	46.39	7	45.72	10	60.28	9	53.68	5	260.27	47
7	COARSEGOLD KID	#29263	49	50.69	8	55.10	16	33.29	2	72.90	24	54.28	6	266.26	56
8	SIERRA RIDER	# 3101	T	45.88	4	49.16	9	55.85	20	61.91	10	65.49	17	278.29	60
9	KAWEAH KID	#12024	49	61.73	25	41.69	3	62.28	24	44.84	3	56.16	7	266.70	62
10	FLYING W RAMROD	#40599	BP	47.20	7	56.95	18	62.02	23	54.76	5	59.50	11	280.43	64
11	HANK	# 7369	D	58.82	22	47.35	8	45.15	9	64.11	11	75.98	24	291.41	74
12	TERRIBLE TED	# 9014	ES	47.08	6	53.29	14	44.34	7	72.22	23	79.00	27	295.93	77
13	SHILOH	#17515	T	65.27	30	44.51	5	53.63	18	67.53	17	56.18	8	287.12	78
14	TALON HAWKE	#41641	S	55.43	18	61.15	21	50.01	13	65.69	14	59.84	13	292.12	79
15	LONGBRANCH	#12433	BP	68.03	32	55.48	17	53.21	17	55.03	6	56.38	9	288.13	81
16	HAWKEYE O'RILEY	# 6443	S	52.48	14	63.63	24	47.64	12	81.63	26	65.72	18	311.10	94
17	JUDGE JEREMIAH STEELE	#42753	49	64.56	29	46.15	6	52.01	15	90.43	32	60.15	14	313.30	96
18	ROGAN STEELE	#42754	J	63.48	27	50.87	10	45.80	11	81.67	27	77.35	26	319.17	101
19	CRUSTY JIM	***003	S	45.94	5	61.19	22	54.27	19	73.23	25	85.51	30	320.14	101
20	MICHIGAN BOB	#40417	T	71.08	33	61.75	23	52.84	16	66.17	15	61.98	16	313.82	103
21	LEADFOOT	# 5535	M	57.28	19	81.32	32	71.88	32	64.36	12	59.64	12	334.48	107
22	RUTHLESS RUTH	# 9015	W	64.20	28	54.95	15	59.30	22	69.58	20	71.75	23	319.78	108
23	I L B DRIFTIN	#57888	T	52.32	13	85.99	34	57.09	21	68.77	18	71.64	22	335.81	108
24	SLICK ROCK ROOSTER	#41875	BP	51.80	12	71.24	29	45.09	8	84.95	28	91.01	32	344.09	109
25	TINHORN TUCK	#46540	49	54.94	17	63.76	25	70.05	31	66.64	16	67.99	21	323.38	110
26	LEVI LONGNECK	#29531	T	57.83	20	87.83	35	50.78	14	70.36	21	67.00	20	333.80	110
27	MAJOR GREGOR	#42582	BP	52.81	15	53.27	13	66.13	28	70.87	22	94.12	34	337.20	112
28	WILDCAT JOHN	#37182	BP	50.77	9	57.80	19	88.41	35	93.95	34	66.47	19	357.40	116
29	HAWKEYE 496	***034	T	62.35	26	65.14	27	63.59	26	65.35	13	76.76	25	333.19	117
30	SUGAR	***038	T	73.81	34	71.93	30	64.40	27	69.12	19	60.55	15	339.81	125

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FINAL	ALIAS		CLASS	TIME	RNK	TIME	RNK	TIME	RNK	TIME	RNK	TIME	RNK	TIME	PNTS
31	PAPA WILLIE	#47161	S	60.97	23	60.83	20	69.30	30	90.40	31	83.15	28	364.65	132
32	SHOSHONE JACK	#**037	T	51.35	11	98.85	41	100.56	36	87.71	29	93.12	33	431.59	150
33	OROSI KID	#56199	T	61.02	24	66.24	28	67.33	29	109.85	39	85.67	31	390.11	151
34	BUCKSHOT BOWDRY	#**033	D	90.18	37	77.37	31	62.36	25	89.62	30	84.43	29	403.96	152
35	MARIPOSA SLIM	#45708	ES	65.97	31	64.57	26	77.31	33	101.87	36	105.52	37	415.24	163
36	STUBBY 9 FINGERS	#54059	49	105.52	41	92.27	36	79.94	34	101.86	35	95.35	35	474.94	181
37	MISS KITTY	#32140	W	91.71	38	92.36	37	101.14	37	103.59	37	101.39	36	490.19	185
38	PREACHER JOHN	#**035	S	89.55	36	96.12	40	124.72	39	93.75	33	117.84	38	521.98	186
39	SIERRA	# 3229	D	85.39	35	85.88	33	128.04	40	104.01	38	128.51	40	531.83	186
40	TOMBSTONE BUBBA	#47162	J	102.87	40	94.75	38	112.51	38	176.04	41	152.39	42	638.56	199
41	ARTEMIS FINCH	#**032	T	98.76	39	95.12	39	139.49	42	196.75	42	143.26	41	673.38	203
42	RAYMOND T	#**036	S	114.61	42	123.43	42	136.27	41	131.14	40	125.21	39	630.66	204