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Upcoming Annual Shoots

Shootout at Fort Miller
April 17-20

California State Match
May 1-4

High Sierra Shootout
May 22-25

Ambush at Durham Ferry
September 4-7

John Wayne Shootout
September 11-14

THIRTY DAYS AND COUNTING



With only 30 days until the Shootout at Fort Miller, the range is coming along nicely. The stages have been written and specialty props have been created.

As of today, there are almost one hundred shooters signed up and it looks like we'll have another sell out. If you haven't signed up yet, don't be left out in the cold.

Speaking of cold...we've made

special arrangements with the folks in charge of weather and have been promised nice days and cool nights. We'll have a fire pit going at the campground so folks can hang out and socialize.

That brings to mind the Great Rib Roundup and Talent Show. If you have a talent, dust it off and bring it to the party.

This year, as in the past,

camping will be tight. Please keep as close as you can and still be safe.

Returning this year will be the Mother of all Plainsman. Three stages in one go. Twenty rifle, fifteen pistol and twelve shotgun.

Also returning will be the Tres Amigos Shootout.

Bring some extra pesos for raffle tickets—we have some GREAT prizes this year!

AS THE ROOSTER CROWS SLICK ROCK ROOSTER

Badmann Bob produced a six-stage match that had a little bit of everything to shoot including a dreaded pile of snakes. Those snakes can be fun and jump right over the rope with one or two shots as **Fargo** and **Snakebite** had them tamed. Or they can be very stubborn as **Ramrod**

found and stare you down and watch you empty your belt at them.

This was a beautiful day with blue sky and a few clouds that **Little Fawn** thought looked like puppy dogs floating by.

Three cowboys were able to shoot the match clean. Clean and Smooth goes to

Papa Willie, Ruthless Ray and **Wobblin Bob**.

Thank you to posse leaders **Ramrod, Badmann Bob** and **Fargo**.

Many thanks to those that showed up for the work party on Saturday. It was a great success thanks to those that participated. I know **Ramrod** (cont pg. 3)

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REGULATOR ROUNDUP

By now most of you have read the Winter Range Blog on the website. By popular demand, we'll leave it up until the April update.

Thanks go to **Above Snakes, Fargo, Tracker, Manny's Granny, Badmann Bob, Pocket Change, Mariposa Slim, Snakebite, Slick Rock Rooster, Coal Train, Geo Kid, Hawkeye O'Riley, Gunsights, Sawdust Kid, Ramrod, Smokum Joe, Sierra Rider, Crusty Jim, Porch Dog, Bootjack Belle, Fannie Mostly, Big Bad Blaine** and **B. Haven Badly** for all the work on Saturday. The place looks great.

If you haven't seen the facelift to Etta's Place, look here. **Manny's Granny** is working on the artwork for the upstairs window.

**Monthly Matches***1st Weekend*

FRPC Silhouette and Long Range

5 Dogs Creek

2nd Weekend

Chorro Valley

3rd Weekend

Kings River Regulators

4th Weekend

Two Rivers Posse

Manteca

Faultline Shootists

Gonzales

5th Weekend

Chorro Valley

FROM THE FORGE

A cool Saturday morning at Fort Miller lay witness to a remarkable transformation on Bay 2. Etta's place has long been in need of a facelift, so after a thorough pressure washing by **Snakebite** on Thursday, a crew of top hands did themselves proud with the application of all new paint inside and out. Even the artwork in the upper window was touched up by **Manny's Granny**.

With the help of this terrific group of cowboys and cowgirls, we also got some new trees planted, roof repair done on the target corral, touch up paint on Bay 1, maintenance and

cleanup, target improvement and a hot lunch (thank you **Slim** and **Emily**).

Such a wonderful bunch of members dedicated to the improvement of our range and our sport makes me mighty proud to be allowed to be a part of it.

To those who turned out to help, you can be proud of a job well done and know that the words "thank you" aren't enough.

Fargo

Annual Dues are Due

Forms are online at www.kingsriverregulators.com or at the headquarters building.

Rates are: Single \$20.00

Family \$40.00

Add \$10.00 for hard copy of the Gazette.

RAMROD'S MUSINGS

From the Pokey

Well folks, the annual is upon us. Now it's real important for spotters to be sure of their spotting.

Remember the mantra....
If you think it's a miss, it's a hit.

If you think it's a hit, it's a hit.

If you know it's a hit, it's a hit.

If you know it's a miss, it's a miss.

If you hesitate before sticking a finger out for a miss. It probably should be a hit. Look and listen; the books says you must **SEE** a miss for it to be a miss.

Cowboy Logic

Though the cowboy is now an American archetype, the first of their kind were a far cry from the taciturn fellows portrayed in Hollywood horse operas. They were cowboys, yes, but they spoke Spanish, not English. Decked out in colorful costumes, they did their riding, roping and branding in the Mexican provinces of Upper California and Texas and called themselves vaqueros, from vaca, the Spanish word for cow. The cattle they herded and the horses they rode were the descendants of animals introduced to the New World by the Spanish conquistadors

in the 16th century.

The vaqueros crafted a legacy of skills, language and style that would live on in the cowboy — a new American character that would become famous around the world after humble beginnings on the Texas frontier. There, the Spanish cattle had mixed occasionally with the cows of the American settlers and had become identifiable over time as a rambunctious breed of wild bovine—lean, slab-sided, tough and ornery—called the Texas Longhorn.

FANNIE'S SHARPSHOOTIN' AWARD

This month's Sharpshootin' Award goes to the shooter who finds himself in the middle of the pack. Never too fast, nor too slow.

Since there were 43 shooters, we recognize two great shooters who just happen to be two of MY favorite cowboys to hang out with:

Leadfoot and **Hawkeye O'Riley**.



AS THE ROOSTER CROWS (CONT. FROM PAGE 1)

has the list of participants listed somewhere else in the gazette and I would hate to leave anyone out. This is a club of volunteers and they are what make the improvements and maintain what we have.

Sign up for Fort Miller. This is your chance to shoot with some great shooters from other clubs and you

will not have to travel too far to enjoy shooting with new friends. We have shooters coming from all over California, Nevada and Arizona!
SRR

March will be the last issue of The Gazette...for the folks who haven't renewed their memberships; also the last email notification of club doin's.

Don't be left out, renew now.

Shootout at Fort Miller

Register for the 2008 Shootout at Fort Miller by going to:

www.kingsriverregulators.com and clicking on the Fort Miller Annual button to download your registration form.

Register now for the best shoot in the state.

NEXT MONTH'S MATCH DIRECTORS



Fannie Mostly and Ramrod

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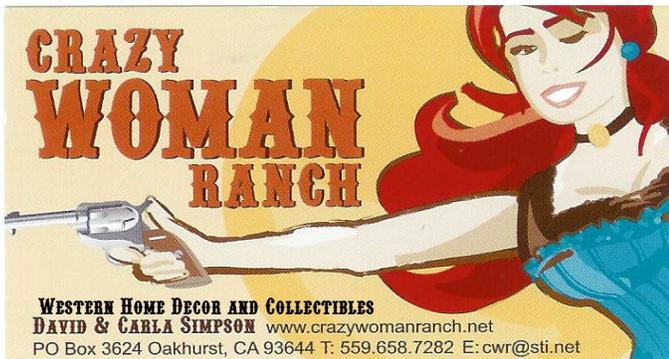
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Swing Shift
Country Kat
Sweetwater Red
Big Bad Blaine
Pocket Change
Rusty Cannon Ball
Cook's Revenge