

KINGS RIVER GAZETTE

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The Monthly Rag of the Kings River Regulators

Stogie Johnson, Editor

From The Editor

I hope that you enjoy this installment of the Gazette. Thank you to those who had suggestions for or submitted articles - it is greatly appreciated!

Stogie Johnson



It was also great to see long-time KRR member Hardpan Curmudgeon shooting at the February shoot. Good to see you pard!

GET READY FOR FORT MILLER (or is it Fort Johnson?)

Spots are filling up fast folks! If you haven't already, then sign up quick for the Fort Miller Annual Shootout (And Johnson Family Reunion)! We are all looking forward to a great time, and don't forget; it will be a good opportunity to re-connect with your Johnson family members! Don't forget that High Cotton needs all the help he can get, so be sure to sign up to volunteer - there's all kinds of things that need to be done, so there's a spot for you. And speaking of the Annual, have you seen Snakebite Johnson and High Cotton Johnson's video? Check it out! Again, this is **your** club, so let's step up and make this the best Fort Miller event ever. It's going to be a Johnson-O-Rama!! Find the registration forms on our website. See you there!

Heard Round' The Campfire...

The line to start one of the stages was, "I want Justice!" well Justice Loving was timing, and when Tex Wayland said the line, Loving replied, "I'm right here!" Tex rewarded him with a hug. (Editors Note: the rest of the posse chose to alter the line so that there was no chance of any more personal displays of affection! -SJ)

And speaking of Tex, someone needed to help him out on another stage - no Tex, the line isn't, "Hands on Table..."

So 2 counters said that Dustbowl Debbie missed 2 shots on a stage, however the 3rd counter (and Dustbowl's Hubby), Pine Box Filler said there was only 1 miss, stating, "I have to ride home with her!"

And speaking of great Annuals...

Our friends at the Pozo River Vigilance Committee (PRVC) in Santa Margarita are having their 5th Annual Lazy Arrow Shootout on Memorial Day weekend, May 22nd-24th. The match is at a beautiful location on the Camatta Ranch, and you don't want to miss this fun event. Roger Rapid and the PRVC have been making great new bays to shoot, and their hospitality is always top notch. Check out

http://www.prvcatlazyarrow.com/prvcatlazyarrow.com/Our_Annual_Match.html for more information.

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Generous Donation for Fort Miller

The family of Talon Hawk (Dick Smith) has graciously donated his slicked up 73' rifle, which will be auctioned off at the Fort Miller barbeque. The bidding will start at \$700, and all proceeds will go to the Kings River Regulators. We thank Talon Hawks' family for their very generous donation.



A Great Day For A Shoot

And I really mean it this time! High Cotton did a great job with the stages this month -- although when told about the "Rattlesnake Sweep" Tucson Smith quipped "This is a built in P!". Thanks High Cotton, for a great day of shooting.

CLEAN SHOOTERS

Coaltrain
Dusty Devil Dale
Snapshot Duelin



Buddy Love's Shooting Tip

If there are 2 shotgun targets, then hit them outside, outside...



Fort Miller (Johnsonville) Improvements.

Remember in the past, when we had KRR matches with stages situated in Bay 1 of our range? Cowboys and cowgirls running through the center alley on Johnson Street, had to negotiate an uneven downhill ramp, then sometimes jump or wade through a mud puddle, then step back up onto the rear deck.

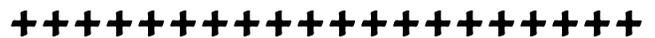
Well that is no more.

The deck behind Floozy's, Ted's Guns and Snakebite Whiskey has been extended several feet downrange and around the corner into the alley. So from now on, it is all at the same level as the front boardwalk. It'll make the stages safer and the times oughta speed up, as well.



KRR members, Snakebite, Two Fingers Slim, One Eyed Smith, and Dusty Devil Dale completed the widening and leveling (amid abundant story telling) in preparation for the upcoming Johnson Family Reunion at our Fort Miller Shootout in April. We hope to see ya all there!

---Dusty Devil Dale



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FOR YOUR AMUSEMENT...

What do you call someone who wears cowboy clothes?

Ranch Dressin'! 😊

What did the cowboy say when his dog left?

Doggone! 😊

DID YOU KNOW?

John Batterson Stetson sold his first hat to a passerby for \$5.

Born in New Jersey, he was no westerner, having never traveled west of Ohio until an adult. Stetson tried mining in 1860, to no avail, and returned to the east coast penniless in 1865.

The Stetson hat company currently has less than 10 employees.



Classic Boss of the Plains Stetson

And a couple of parting shots...



Pine Box Filler shows us how it's done



Coaltrain times Sister Sangria as she tries to outshoot Buddy Love!