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A Writ for a Rat

By: Cole Chance

If you are good at tongue twisters, you definitely had an advantage on Stage 1 of the May match. Our Match Director, SnakeBite, had us serving writs on rats, taking careful aim on knockdowns, and using a brand new rolling shotgun target. What a blast that was. This target is a brand new addition to our KRR inventory of targets, built by the old writ rat himself, SnakeBite. It definitely was one of the most fun targets I've ever shot. This type of moving target is the kind to use - no electricity, no motors, no parts to break. Just plain old mechanical energy. Without a doubt, this is one of the best new targets we've seen in a long time. For his fine work building this target and his great job of being Match Director, a great big thank you to SnakeBite. Good job Cowboy!

It was great to see Ruthless Ruth and Terrible Ted back from their sick beds, shooting up a storm. Nobody does anymore for this club than these two fine members, and when they aren't there, they are definitely missed. A match at KRR is just not the same without them.

Our hot season is about to start, so I want to remind everyone to drink lots of water during the match. Don't overdo it, take it easy, and stay hydrated and as cool as you can. Don't let those heat attacks sneak up on you. Come prepared for hot weather. Another important thing is to keep an eye on your fellow shooter. If you see someone who looks like they might need water or a cool place to sit, help them out. We're all in this together and want to have a fun, safe shoot every month.

A bunch of us hitched up the wagons and headed up to Railroad Flats for the High Sierra match. Our KRR folks did well in the match. Sudden was 1st place Senior, Deadly Tedley was 1st place Duelist, Jessie Montana was 2nd place La-

dies Traditional, Sutter Lawman was 3rd place 49er, SnakeBite was 3rd place Black Powder, your beloved mayor was 5th place Black Powder, Leadfoot was 6th place Duelist, Ramrod was 6th place Black Powder, and Fannie Mostly, the ONLY woman in the class, was 8th in Black Powder (just a note - if she had been in the Ladies Traditional class, even shooting black powder, she would have been 11th - this lady is a shooter!). If you have never been to High Sierra, it is a really fun, challenging shoot, the likes of which you won't often see. But I admit, the highlight of the event for me, is always the KRR camp potluck. Those ladies put on a spread!

38-55

By Snakebite 4767

Upon the death of my father-in-law my brother-in-law inherited his collection of guns. Among them were three old 1894 Winchesters. All were 30 WCF's with

26" Oct barrels, Crescent butt stocks, and Ideal tang sights.

Grandpa Onis bought the guns for himself and his two sons Billy and Bud. Onis ran a pack station in the Sierra at Mineral King out of Three Rivers and was a government trapper so the rifles got plenty of use. Back in the 50's Onis was the "Mountain Man" on the Mickey Mouse show that took Spin and Marty and the Triple R gang on the pack trips into the Sierra. I'm pretty sure I can spot one of the rifles in the video of the pack trip.



About a year ago I was talking to Sutter Lawman, SASS # 24333 and he told me about an old Winchester 30-30 that he had re-bored and chambered to 38-55. He said it was a tack driver. With this tantalizing information fresh on my mind I gave my brother-in-law a call. After a good ol' Snake-oil sales pitch I talked him into coughing up two of the old Winchesters for re-boring. Upon completion of the job one gun would be returned to his safe and

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SHOOTING TIME

SHOOTERS MEETING

8:30

SHOOTING STARTS

9:00

the other would reside in my safe under the auspices of by better half, Fannie Oakley SASS #6719. Such a deal!

After searching the Internet and making a number of telephone calls I decided to send the barrels to Al Siegreist in MI. Al said it would be 4-5 months before he would set-up to make another run of 38-55s. I pulled the barrels and sent them off. Four months latter I had them back and they looked untouched, except the hole was bigger! I put the guns back together making sure not to disturb the 100-year-old dirt and grime that was on the outside. Al did such a great job of re-stamping the barrels to 38-55 that they look original.

The bores slugged out at .377 with a 1 in 18 twist. I was now ready to start working up a load. My first try was an out of the book load of 16.9 grn of XMP 5744 under a 245 grn LFN bullet. I got into position on the bench rest and squeezed off 5 shots. WOW! The first 5 shots to come out of this new bore were within 1" on the 100 yd paper target. They weren't centered, but what a group! I just couldn't believe it. After scooting the group to the middle of the target I tried 35 grn of FF 777. Unbelievable, the results were the same. Next I tried some Ultramax factory ammo and again they grouped up. I could hardly wait to get in touch with by brother-in-law to hear his results. A week later his results were in. Same thing, he said it was the best shooting gun he'd pulled a trigger on. I now know why many Schuetzen-type target shooters choose this old 1884 Ballard round. It is accurate, easy to load and very easy to shoot.

Marlin chambered it's 1893 lever action in 38-55 as did Savage in their model 99. Both, along with the 94 Winchester in this chambering have long since been discontinued. Over the years Winchester has come out with a couple commemoratives in 38-55, and Marlin now chambers it's 336 action in 38-55. Browning just recently dropped production of their 1885 High-wall in it, but Uberti still produces their High-wall in 38-55. H &

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R (Marlin) and a number of custom shops here in the US also have offerings in this caliber.

In the late 70's Winchester introduced a "Souped-up" version of the old tack driver. It was the 375 Winchester in the Model 94 XTR Big Bore. Marlin, Savage and Ruger soon followed but by 1994 there were no rifles offered with this chambering. 375 Winchester ammunition will chamber and fire in a 38-55 with possible disastrous results. Pressures of the 375 cartridges can approach twice that of the 38-55. So be careful not to make a mistake.

A number of cowboy ammunition makers produce ammo for the 38-55. Most are LFP bullets in the 245-255 grn range with a velocity in the neighborhood of 1200 fps. The only mainline ammo that I found was a Winchester JSP. Buffalo Bore makes a hopped-up load using heat-treated 270 grn LFNGC bullets that zip out at 1900 fps with a whooping 2044 ft lbs of energy. At least whooping when compared to the normal 1400 ft lbs. I would be mighty careful what I shot them in.

If you are looking for a rifle caliber that is a pleasure to shoot I can certainly recommend the 38-55. This cartridge is well over 100 years old but will still do a good job on short to med range targets in the field. It is also a natural for the Cowboy Silhouette Matches and will be the "Belle of the Ball" at the Precision Rifle Match. This caliber can even be used in the Buffalo shoot though consistency past 400 yards gets pretty iffy. Check with your brother-in-law, and see what he has to offer. Enjoy!

We're on the Internet

The Kings River Regulators are now on the internet. You can check the monthly scores, upcoming events and there are even pictures.

Fresno Rifle and Pistol Club has their Web page up and running and have given us a space for our club. Check it out. It's still a new baby so many changes need to be made, but it's not bad.

Web site is:

www.shootfrpc.com

Then just click on club and our logo

Welcome New Members

Ida Mistum
Alias: Debbie Jones

Doc Jones
Alias: Donovan Jones

Tahoe Frank
Alias: Frank Floyd

Welcome to the KRR
Hope you'all have fun,
we sure do

**Welcome back after a long
absence to
Howdy and
Prairie Flower**

**Good to have you back with the
KRR**



Places To Shoot

**1st Sat. Sun. of Month
FRPC**

**Silhouette Range
Long Range**

Shooting starts around 9:00 am
And goes all day.

**1st Sunday of Month
5 Dogs Creek
Bakersfield**

Contact: Ten Bears
(661) 589-6838

**2nd Sunday of Month
Chorro Valley Regulators**

San Luis Obispo

Contact: Riley
(805) 489-4989

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

Start time 8:00 am
New shooters orientation
Starts around 8:30 am

**3rd Sunday of Month
Kings River Regulators
FRPC Range**

15687 Auberry Rd.

Clovis, CA

Shooters Meeting 8:30

Shooting starts at 9:00

Contact

Mayor, Cole Chance
(559) 673-7416

4th Sunday of Month

Two Rivers Posse

Manteca, CA

Contact

Cherokee Knight
(209) 477-8883

Annual Matches

Durham Ferry Crossing

Two Rivers Posse

July 3-6, 2003

Manteca Sportsmen Club

Entry forms etc. available at KRR
range house

Or contact

Cherokee Knight
(209) 477-8883

Fort Miller "2003"

Kings River Regulators

Sept. 18-21

Long Range-Buffalo shoot

Cowboy silhouette shoot

Cowboy trap shoot

8 stage main match

Side matches

Start thinking about what you can
do to help make it a success, and
contact Cole Chance to volunteer
in some way.

Cole Chance

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Shoot-out at 5 Dogs Creek SASS Calif. State Championship

Oct. 9-12, 2003

At 5 Dogs Range-Bakersfield

Entry forms at KRR Range

\$100/main match includes meals

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ROUND THE CORRAL

By: Ruthless Ruth

Good to be back shooting. What a month to start again, rolling targets, 10 second penalties and way to many rats on bay 1. Good job Snakebite, really a fun shoot.

Only had one shooter, Wildcat John, clean the match, . Sudden, Rattlesnake Rip and Charlie One Horse only had 1 miss. Darn good shootin' boys.

Welcome back to Howdy and Prairie Flower. Haven't seen them in quite some time, good to have you back. Hope it's not as long between shoots this time.

Had another Junior shooter sign up this month. Welcome aboard to Doc Jones. He's part of that 5 Dog Creek crowd, which means he'll probably be a heck of a good shooter. Welcome to the KRR. Always good to see new Juniors sign up, they are the future of our sport.

We're already getting sign-ups for Fort Miller. Don't wait till the last minute. There are some really fun things planned for this year. Come out and shoot or just volunteer to work. The club needs everybody's help to make the event a success.

Don't forget, if you have something you think would be of interest to other club members, send it in for consideration for publication in the Gazette. I might run out of words someday, you never can tell, and new ideas are always welcome.

**Shoot straight
Be safe!!**

KINGS RIVER REGULATORS OVERALL MATCH RESULTS May 18, 2003

MATCH			STAGE 1		STAGE 2		STAGE 3		STAGE 4		STAGE 5		MATCH TOTALS		
FINAL	ALIAS		CLASS	TIME	RNK	TIME	RNK	TIME	RNK	TIME	RNK	TIME	RNK	TIME	PNTS
1	SUDDEN	#12166	OT	39.97	2	35.56	2	24.74	1	34.06	2	44.01	4	178.34	11
2	CHARLIE ONE HORSE	#12527	T	49.53	4	37.68	3	31.11	2	36.74	3	37.95	1	193.01	13
3	DEADLY TEDLEY	#29403	D	47.87	3	31.87	1	33.45	3	31.62	1	65.29	23	210.10	31
4	PIZMO PETE	#33198	T	52.48	7	38.28	4	40.37	9	51.89	10	41.75	3	224.77	33
5	EL MAESTRO	#37731	T	53.39	9	38.54	5	42.16	13	49.11	5	38.71	2	221.91	34
6	SNAKEBITE	# 4767	BP	36.85	1	39.72	6	41.66	12	57.24	14	47.63	5	223.10	38
7	RATTLESNAKE RIP	# 2547	49	57.86	13	46.30	8	50.82	25	49.53	8	49.95	7	254.46	61
8	SIERRA RIDER	# 3101	T	50.21	5	50.64	13	38.92	7	69.27	28	62.87	21	271.91	74
9	COARSEGOLD KID	#29263	49	69.20	28	53.22	18	34.97	5	49.37	7	60.39	17	267.15	75
10	WILDCAT JOHN	#37182	BP	65.96	24	50.33	12	45.13	15	57.14	13	57.24	12	275.80	76
11	SLO HANK DAVIDSON	#**026	T	57.55	12	53.67	20	47.25	20	64.38	20	52.89	9	275.74	81
12	SMOKUM JOE	#41866	OT	53.91	10	45.95	7	49.89	23	74.82	31	56.83	11	281.40	82
13	KAWEAH KID	#12024	49	62.54	20	59.60	26	38.43	6	59.01	16	61.01	18	280.59	86
14	JESSIE MONTANA	# 8244	W	61.72	19	53.04	17	55.26	36	51.49	9	56.81	10	278.32	91
15	TINHORN TUCK	#**009	49	53.38	8	64.27	32	50.91	26	49.32	6	62.78	20	280.66	92
16	COLE CHANCE	# 8243	49	62.68	21	53.30	19	51.41	27	43.74	4	66.24	24	277.37	95
17	CATHOUSE CLARK	#12316	T	56.67	11	48.50	11	59.12	39	65.83	21	59.12	14	289.24	96
18	LEADFOOT	# 5535	D	68.13	27	62.10	30	40.88	11	63.33	18	57.81	13	292.25	99
19	FARGO	#18631	49	60.07	17	52.02	16	34.45	4	61.46	17	104.32	47	312.32	101
20	TEN BEARS	#18407	D	51.48	6	107.40	50	43.62	14	84.22	36	49.28	6	336.00	112
21	MAJOR GREGOR	#42582	T	92.09	43	48.24	10	45.88	17	71.53	30	61.34	19	319.08	119
22	MICHIGAN BOB	#40417	T	80.10	34	61.05	27	40.08	8	63.34	19	76.62	31	321.19	119
23	HAWKEYE O'RILEY	# 6443	OT	72.14	29	51.28	15	47.02	19	95.96	42	64.47	22	330.87	127
24	TERRIBLE TED	# 9014	OT	85.58	39	58.90	25	40.48	10	66.85	25	81.07	34	332.88	133
25	RUTHLESS RUTH	# 9015	W	58.53	14	51.25	14	53.42	29	70.58	29	111.06	48	344.84	134
26	TALON HAWKE	#41641	OT	61.65	18	62.66	31	69.67	46	53.36	11	69.65	30	316.99	136
27	SHORT THUMB	#45730	T	58.61	15	55.87	23	53.66	31	68.62	27	97.21	40	333.97	136
28	RAMROD	#40599	BP	67.41	25	53.68	21	50.74	24	83.02	34	80.90	33	335.75	137
29	ROOSTER JR	#41876	J	73.92	32	46.47	9	53.61	30	66.64	24	100.02	43	340.66	138
30	MUSTANG BUTCH	#36647	T	63.24	22	61.84	28	63.44	41	89.55	39	59.20	15	337.27	145
31	TWO-TOE BILL QUICKSHOT	#25358	D	72.15	30	69.33	34	45.86	16	93.29	41	69.51	29	350.14	150
32	PORTUGEE PHILLIPS	#17510	49	89.96	41	54.89	22	67.99	44	90.04	40	52.20	8	355.08	155
33	POPPA WILLIE	#47161	M	93.14	44	66.30	33	47.59	21	67.74	26	87.13	35	361.90	159
34	CHOCTAW WILLIE	#43063	T	59.11	16	62.06	29	51.45	28	77.87	32	133.89	54	384.38	159
35	GEO KID	#27051	OT	67.53	26	82.24	38	81.67	51	56.37	12	87.93	36	375.74	163

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36	LITTLE ELK	#18408	W	85.11	38	89.13	42	46.43	18	81.07	33	76.64	32	378.38	163
37	FANNIE MOSTLY	#41799	BP	117.75	53	83.06	39	54.12	33	57.79	15	68.93	28	381.65	168
38	JUDGE JEREMIAH STEELE	#42753	49	102.30	48	56.88	24	53.92	32	100.01	45	67.90	26	381.01	175
39	RED RIVER ROAD AGENT	***025	T	73.61	31	91.61	44	55.83	37	87.29	38	68.77	27	377.11	177
40	JIMMY CANTOO	#48180	49	84.25	35	79.05	36	48.88	22	115.65	53	91.39	37	419.22	183
41	HELLFIRE HANK	#42583	J	102.20	47	86.39	41	54.37	35	86.66	37	67.55	25	397.17	185
42	CACTUS CAT	#38730	W	98.29	45	99.63	48	54.29	34	105.11	50	59.53	16	416.85	193
43	REMEDY JACK	#29729	D	84.55	36	93.48	45	77.55	50	65.96	22	98.22	42	419.76	195
44	LITTLE FAWN	#41497	J	91.05	42	97.22	46	67.71	43	66.49	23	97.67	41	420.14	195
45	TIPPECANOE SLEW	***019	OT	78.45	33	78.22	35	61.84	40	102.14	47	100.86	44	421.51	199
46	DOC JONES	***016	J	85.02	37	79.38	37	67.14	42	100.00	44	101.07	45	432.61	205
47	ROGAN STEELE	#42754	J	65.33	23	130.16	54	82.06	52	100.33	46	96.12	39	474.00	214
48	COTTONWOOD CURLY	***020	OT	138.75	57	85.55	40	58.44	38	83.78	35	118.58	50	485.10	220
49	IDA MISTUM	***023	W	116.58	52	107.74	51	69.31	45	99.79	43	127.96	52	521.38	243
50	TOMBSTONE BUBBA	#47162	J	87.67	40	145.38	56	83.22	54	104.92	49	113.40	49	534.59	248
51	DOUBLE DEALIN DILL	#37635	M	101.96	46	98.55	47	76.96	48	113.72	52	146.91	55	538.10	248
52	MARIPOSA SLIM	#45708	OT	119.63	54	108.08	52	77.16	49	103.67	48	101.63	46	510.17	249
53	T O SLOW	***010	D	109.87	50	103.06	49	146.64	57	140.51	56	91.76	38	591.84	250
54	GUNSIGHTS	#33764	T	115.19	51	89.17	43	82.99	53	120.06	54	131.21	53	538.62	254
55	HOWDY	***022	T	136.88	56	123.79	53	73.58	47	191.22	57	126.12	51	651.59	264
56	TAHOE FRANK	***027	OT	108.79	49	166.04	57	95.56	55	136.96	55	154.27	56	661.62	272
57	DEVIL DOG	***021	M	130.74	55	130.20	55	133.27	56	113.50	51	168.71	57	676.42	274