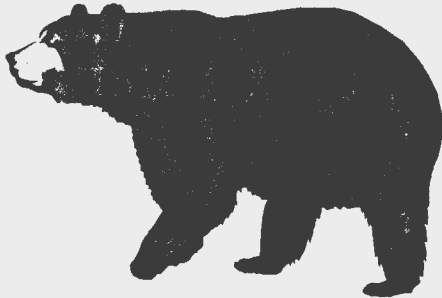


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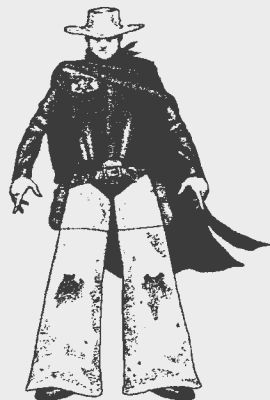


Night of the Grizzly

Sunday's match by Buckskin and Longbranch was indeed a dandy. The sight of that bear was enough to make yer hair stand on end. I think we might see that one again! There was lots of action with the bank robbery and all. A lot of thought and work went into the making of this match and props. Buckskin tells me that the card table is available to anyone who needs it for future set-ups. This match was different in that there was a lot of action taking place before the shooting started. I saw quite a few folks who saddled up "ole paint" backwards but I didn't see anyone take their ear off with the bullwhip. How big was that Griz? It took four shots to bring him down. Man alive guys, I think Sunday's adventure was an "E" ticket! Those of you who go to other matches around the country know how special ours is. Many of the other matches, including EOT, are shooting at simple squares, circles, triangles etc. It's much more fun to shoot a target with some style to it. The props are a big part of a shoot too. This is a fantasy game. We dress the part and it makes all the sense in the world to dress the stage for the part too! Well, Buckskin and Longbranch you did a grand job. There's a great big THANKS to Cole Chance too for the water. It sure was a welcome refresher in that heat.

JOHN WAYNE

The KRR were well represented in the winner's circle at the annual John Wayne shoot in Los Osos. This was one of the most enjoyable matches that I have attended. The weather was great and the people were a pleasure to be with. Shooting the match was just plain fun. It was like the EOT match in that the targets were BIG and CLOSE. Speed-speed-speed. There were, however, some cases where marksmanship applied. (like shooting cockroaches). Jessie Montana bested Silver Dollar Sue in the one-on-one contest. (Sue is one of the best!). Bounty Hunter, Clint Westwood, Midway, and Judge Roy Bean were just a few of the big names to show up. There was a fine BBQ, side matches, awards ceremony, prizes for all and a raffle. The Chorro Valley Regulators shoot on the 2nd Sunday of the month, plan to join them for a fun time.



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End of Trail 97

A whole passel of us KRR shooters hitched up the wagons and headed off to the big EOT gunfight. Mayor Snakebite, Fannie Oakley, Sheriff Hank, Shorty, Hoss, Lil' Hoss, Cole Chance and Jessie Montana hitched up with Chorro Valley Regulators, Sam Luis, Fred Burnham, and No Name. (Fred and Sam are also KRR members) Our own, Sierra, was hobnobbin with the big boys over in the VIP tent! There were over 500 cowboys, saloon girls, soldiers, Indians, and city ladies all packin iron. Teddy Roosevelt got us all goin with his stirrin speech to open the ceremonies on Friday. That man talked right purty and made a lot of sense to boot.

Shootin a match in a 30 MPH wind was interestin. And the DIRT! There was enough dirt blown into every orifice of both people and guns that Sheriff Hank said he would be able to plant 5 more acres with what he cleaned off when he got home! We shot 6 stages on Friday and 5 on Saturday. Those of us who hadn't shot EOT before were amazed at the targets. They were really big and close. They were meant to be hosed down as fast as you could fire, no aimin required. I prefer our style cause it's a challenge and not just a speed contest. see EOT page 2



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The wind blew and the dust flew and we all coughed and wiped our eyes and tried to see the targets thru the dirt. By Friday afternoon, we were all so tired we barely had strength to go shoppin down at sutlers row. But we managed! Friday night was the Junior's costume contest. Lil' Hoss got all duded up and was lookin real fine. He had him a line t--h--I--s long, but didn't get the chance to use it because they moved things along so fast. I just know he would have hooked em with it. All his practice was for naught; besides, they put the little kids in with the Junior shooters. And we all know little kids always steal the show! Rumor has it Lil' Hoss and Sam Luis got quite an eyeful at the Trashy Lady Contest later Friday night.

They had some interestin stages. One was a building you went thru, shootin from one side, then the other, tryin to remember not to cock your pistol while you were movin. They had a horse with a 2 cowboy -powered motor - you fired at targets on each side all the way down the range as you were movin. There was a town you went thru, shootin at targets on both sides thru the windows. Most of the stages were OK, and some were really good, but one was really bad. It was a stagecoach that faced towards the crowd; you laid your pistol, rifle, and shotgun on the top, then turned and fired downrange to the left and right of the coach. It was really hard to shoot while impersonatin a pretzel! There were a lot of bruised biceps and twisted backs after shooting the shotgun from that position. I speak from personal experience.

One high point of the event was when we all went to draw for our shooter's prize. They were givin away over 100 guns - the Mayor, the Sheriff, and Lil' Hoss all won guns!! The rest of us gotta go back next year so we can win guns too!

You should all think about doing EOT next year. It was a real experience just seeing that many cowboys in one place, and knowing you were shooting with the best in the world. If you aren't ready to put down that much money, you should at least try to get out and attend some matches outside our own. It will make you a better shooter and sometimes it can be a real eye opener.

Jessie Montana



HIGH SIERRA

Railroad Flats was jumpin again this year. The KRR made a good showing with about 20 folks making the trip. We had some in the winners circle too! Buckskin and Jessie Montana were both in the money. On Friday, it rained like pouring water out of a boot, so after three stages, things were put on hold until Saturday. We were soaked to the bone! Saturday was a beautiful day, and we were able to finish the last 7 stages. If you have never shot at High Sierra, you have missed a real experience. It is not your typical Cowboy match. There are a lot of mind games and compared to some, a lot of hard targets. The shootin area is right out in the woods with a tight trail windin from stage to stage. There's always the unexpected at High Sierra and it was no different this year. One stage had you eatin a plate of beans, and another had a case of NITRO you had to move. The slightest tilt would set off a smoke bomb that you had to shoot through!! All misses at this match are 10 seconds, so you need to make every shot count. It's a hoot and I'm looking forward to next year and more surprises.

Quote of the Month

Where else but Cowboy Action Shooting can you wear the clothes of your grandfather and the smile of your grandson at play?

- Teddy Roosevelt
EOT 1997



Cowboy Chatter

1. Congratulations to Rusty and JL Hank "Goat ropers". Rusty is an up and comer, and JL is doing fine, especially considering his arm is in a cast!

2. Town Council meeting:

A: The annual match will be Oct 25-26 which is the fourth weekend. There will not be a regular monthly match in Oct.

B: The Match director is Sheriff Hank. He will appoint posse leaders.

C: We will accept scenarios from everyone and pick out eight.

D: Posse leaders/ROs will shoot with group. No pre-shoot.

E: We need help Friday, Oct. 24, so plan to take the day off and help.

F: Pot luck on Sat night, Oct 25.

G: 6 stages Saturday, and 2 stages plus a team shoot on Sunday.

H: Long range and side matches will be ready to go, time permitting.

I: All shooters will get a prize. Prizes will be drawn for and picked up when the shooters package is picked up at the sign-in table.

J: Plaques will be awarded through third place. The categories are Traditional, Modern, Duelist, Women and Juniors.

K: Limit of 150 entries. These are first come first serve, so if you want to shoot, get signed up early. entries have started coming in already!

L: Match fees are \$50 SASS, \$60 Non SASS.

M: We will have a raffle and \$5 tickets will be sold up to the last minute! The winner need not be present to win. We already have one prize, a SPRINGFIELD TRAPDOOR SADDLE RING CARBINE, 45-70 by Navy Arms. Boy is it sweet!!

N: Doc James will handle the vendors again this year. They will set up to the west of the range house.