

# ❖Kings River Gazette❖

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**DON'T  
FORGET THE**

**CHANGE IN  
SHOOTING TIME**

**DECEMBER—MAY  
SHOOTERS  
MEETING  
AT 9:30  
SHOOTING  
STARTS  
AT  
10:00 am**

**THIS SHOULD GIVE US A  
BREAK ON THE FOG  
SITUATION AND THE  
COLD.**

## **Terrible Ted Does It!**

Yes cowboys and cowgirls, our very own Blacksmith, Terrible Ted was this month's Match Director. We had beautiful weather and one fine day of shooting. Terrible Ted put on an excellent match with lots of shooting and even a nice boat ride to enjoy. It was very obvious to me that Ted and his assistant (Ruthless Ruth) put a lot of hard work into this match. Those of you who know Ted well know this is how he does everything. Good job cowboy!

Starting now, KRR is looking for a few good people to participate in an "Adopt a Bay" program. This program will allow one person or a group of people to adopt a shooting

bay on our range and build props, decorate with lots of garnish, and the like. If you decide you want to adopt a bay, contact myself or Terrible Ted. The Adopt-a-Bay committee will review your plan. If approved, this bay will be yours to build, decorate, and maintain. It will show your commitment to the club and you can be proud of your efforts.

We also need help in our office for sign-up and such on our shooting day. Anyone having a spouse or friend who might be willing to help out, let me know. This club needs more than just shooters to keep it going. Non-shooters are a valuable part of any shooting club. If you know of anyone that might want to take on this duty, let me know.

KRR needs your help. To continue to grow and improve, we need folks to get involved, stay involved, and to keep this club moving forward. Remember shooters, once we stop going forward, there's only one direction to go – and that's backwards! Nothing stands still in this world! January 27, 2001 is the

annual meeting for FRPC, our host range. This day, officers for the FRPC Board of Directors will be elected. It is extremely important to keep FRPC moving in the right direction and to never return to the old ways. If you an FRPC member, and you can only be there one day this year, be there that day. It's that important. The KRR, our friends in the Silhouette Club, and the rest of the good people at FRPC need your support.

One last thing – don't forget, all new shooters planning to shoot at KRR monthly matches must take a safety orientation prior to shooting their first match. This will be done on the Saturday set up day before the match unless otherwise arranged ahead of time. There will be no exceptions.

**Cole Chance**



## **From the Blacksmith**

By: Terrible Ted

Well her it is, another year has almost gone by. We had a successful annual shoot, we've picked up some new shooters, had very little disparity, but here's my overall outlook of the situation.

We have over a hundred club members and we usually average between 50 and 60 shooters per shoot. I realize that some have commitments that curtail them from shooting every month or that their travel time to the range makes it very difficult to participate in all the functions, but let's be honest-seven members at a set up

## **Officers**

Mayor: Cole Chance (Leon Chism)  
673-7416  
SASS #8243 KRR #26  
Sheriff: Madera Dave (Dave Kroeger)  
645-5084  
SASS #5929 KRR #102  
Blacksmith: Terrible Ted (Ted Polman)  
251-9507  
SASS #9014 KRR #36  
Banker: Jessie Montana (Barbara Chism)  
673-7416  
SASS # 8244 KRR #27  
Sec/Editor: Ruthless Ruth (Ruth Polman)  
251-9507  
SASS #9015 KRR #37  
Territorial Governor: Snakebite (Doug Gilmore)  
787-2943  
SASS #4767L KRR #01

We've accomplished a lot this year, such as the roof for the range house, organizing the corral, finishing the cook shack, relocating the port-a-potty, overhead light in the picnic area, Shorty's plaque, fixing up the inside of the registration building, the new target holder rack, mine shaft, two covered shades and new targets built. This isn't a full list of things done, I know there were others.

The problems I would like to see more help, in the field, especially with ideas.

We will be working in Bay 1, 7 and 8 real shortly and we would like some input. Maybe we could do what our neighbors at 5-Dog Creek did. They promoted the idea of small groups adopting a bay. If this could happen it would take a load off of the few that chip in and go out of their way to make this a 1st class cowboy range.

Well that's about enough of my opinion. If you're still reading this, my special thanks to all of you that helped in the past, and those of you that can in the future.

And last but not least, I hope everyone will acknowledge two cowboys who have done more than their share. They are Fargo and Michigan Bob. Without their help I'd be a whole lot more worn out than I am now.



## Be on the lookout!

Be on the lookout for the infamous squib load. Watching for squib loads is one of the major jobs of the person doing the timing. But what if the timer, the shooter, and all the spotters all miss a squib load? They are not always easily detected, and can slip by the most alert RO.

At our last match, there were two incidents of a bullet stuck in the barrel of a rifle. Both of theses went undetected until it came time to chamber another round. Fortunately both of the stuck bullets were at the very beginning of the bore, which would not allow another round to be chambered.

I don't know of any foolproof way to completely eliminate the possibility of sticking a round in the barrel, or guaranteeing that it will be detected.

The obvious thing that will help is to take care when you reload your ammunition. Automatic loading presses are the biggest culprits, but it can happen when using a single stage press too. The lack of powder can be just as dangerous as a double charge when it leaves an undetected bullet stuck in the barrel. Watch your crimp too. One of the bullets is believed to have been stuck when an unfired round was ejected from the rifle. It appears that when the cartridge was placed into the chamber, the bullet was extended beyond the crimp groove. This allowed the bullet to engage the rifling when the action was closed. But the cartridge, being too long, would not chamber properly and was ejected. The bullet pulled out of the cartridge, and remained in the barrel. The next round would not chamber because it was being pushed up against the stuck bullet. LUCKY! This is only a guess as to what happened, but a empty case with an unfired primer was found in the shooters empty brass, and the bullet had no powder fowling on it.

Maybe a wooden rod at the unloading table dropped into the barrel is a good idea.



**SNAKEBITE,**  
 Territorial Governor

## Ladies Practice Day

It was great to see 9 ladies shooting this month. For so long there were just a few of us. The number just keeps growing. I'm telling you girls, we can take over this outfit! Seriously, several of you have expressed interest in a ladies practice day. We had one a long time ago and everyone really seemed to enjoy it. So I'm proposing another one. All of you will be welcome, whether you've been shooting for a while, have just started, or are just thinking about it. We can all learn from each other, no matter how long we've been doing this. If you don't have your guns yet, don't worry about it. We can share guns and ammo so everyone gets to try everything. Maybe you're shooting a double and

would like to try a '97. Or maybe you're shooting 45s and would like to try 38s. We will just make it a fun day with maybe some good tips coming out of it that will make us all better shooters.

The tentative date is Sunday December 10. If you are interested and can make that day, or can't make it but could make another day, let me know. After I get everyone's input, I'll call everyone back who's called me and let them know whether it's a go for that date. So don't just show up expecting there to be a practice if you haven't called me. It totally hinges on whether there is enough interest and whether that is a good day. Give me a call next week at 673-7416 and let me know if you can make that date or if another date is good for you.

## Jessie Montana

## HELP WANTED

**Position—Office Help**

**Duties**—Shooter registration and scoring one Sunday per month for the KRR.

**Hours**—4 hours (give or take) on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

**Job Skills**—Friendly smile, ability to handle cash (*and ornery gunfighters*), some basic computer skills and a willingness to learn.

If you're a non-shooter  
and would like to help out  
or know of someone who  
would like to, contact the  
Mayor (Cole Chance) or  
the Treasurer (Jessie  
Montana) @ 673-7416



Hope you all had a  
"Happy Thanksgiving"

## THE PASSING OF A TRUE GIANT

Today we mourn the passing of an old friend by the name of Common Sense. Common Sense lived a long life but died from heart failure at the brink of the millennium. No one really knows how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He selflessly devoted his life to service in schools, hospitals, homes, factories and offices, helping folks get jobs done without fanfare and foolishness.

For decades, petty rules, silly laws and frivolous lawsuits held no power over Common Sense. He was credited with cultivating such valued lessons as to know when to come in out of the rain, the early bird gets the worm, and life isn't always fair.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn), reliable parenting strategies (the adults are in charge, not the kids), and it's okay to come in second.

A veteran of the Industrial Revolution, the Great Depression, and the Technological Revolution, Common sense survived cultural and educational trends including feminism, body piercing, whole language and "new math".

But his health declined when he became infected with the "If-it-only-helps-one-person-it's-worth-it" virus. In recent decades his waning strength proved no match for the ravages of

overbearing federal regulation.

He watched in pain as good people became ruled by self-seeking lawyers and enlightened auditors. His health rapidly deteriorated when schools endlessly implemented zero tolerance policies, reports of six-year-old boys charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate, a teen suspended for taking a swig of mouthwash after lunch, and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student. It declined even further when schools had to get parental consent to administer aspirin to a student but cannot inform the parent when the female student is pregnant or wants an abortion.

Finally, Common Sense lost his will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband, churches became businesses, criminals received better treatment than victims, and federal judges stuck their noses in everything from Boy Scouts to professional sports.

As the end neared, Common Sense drifted in and out of logic but was kept informed of developments, regarding questionable regulations for asbestos, low flow toilets, "smart" guns, the nurturing of Prohibition Laws and mandatory air bags.

Finally when told that the homeowners association restricted exterior furniture only to that which enhanced property values, he breathed his last.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents Truth and Trust; his wife, Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility; and his son, Reason. He is survived by three stepbrothers: Rights, Tolerance and Whiner.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone.

*(I received this in an e-mail from an old KRR member and shooting buddy of ours, Latigo Slim. I don't know who the original author is, but there is a lot of truth in these few sentences...the Editor)*

## Unsafe Gun Handling Can Even Happen to "Experts"

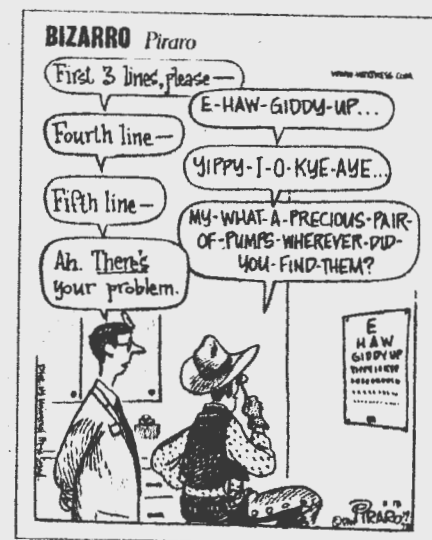
On January 9, 1875, Wyatt Earp, then a policeman on the Wichita force,

was sitting in on a card game with some cronies when, according to the Beacon of January 12th, an unusual event occurred:

*Last Sunday night, while policeman Erp was sitting with two or three others in the back room of the Custom House Saloon, his revolver slipped from it's holster and in falling to the floor the hammer which was resting on the cap, is supposed to have struck the chair, causing a discharge of one of the barrels (chambers). The ball passed through his coat, stuck the north wall then glanced off and passed out through the ceiling. It was a narrow escape and the occurrence got up a lively stampede from the room. One of the demoralized was under the impression that someone had fired through the window from the outside.*

Mr. Earp evidently failed to heed his own alleged comments to his biographer Stuart N. Lake who reported that he only loaded five shoots in a six-shooter to 'ensure against accidental discharge'.

Longbranch sent this in. The text was taken from Age of the Gunfighter by Joseph G. Rosa, University of Oklahoma Press: 1993, pg. 152



Tucson Smith sent this to me. A little eye doctor humor



## ROUND THE CORRAL

By: Ruthless Ruth

**OK** so that darn door on stage one didn't want to fall down. At least it made us all look like fools, no one had much of an advantage. Next time we won't nail down the front end, that made the darn thing lean forward.

Had another lady shooter join us Sunday, Slewfoot Sue. Sounds like she enjoyed herself, see ya next month.

There were 9 Lady shooters this month that makes us the second biggest class. Look out guys we're right behind you and packing lead too!!

Did I hear Tucson had a few senior moments Sunday. Sorry bout that, but you certainly looked good.

How about Buckskin finishing first n Seniors after having shoulder surgery right after the annual meet. Now that's one tuff cowboy.

Tuolumne Lawman was shooting under harsh conditions this weekend. Seems he went smokeless and just couldn't handle seeing all those targets out in front of him. The timer could sure breathe a lot easier though.

Kodiak Sue reported she had a personal best, only missed 2 targets on one stage: Good goin' Sue!!

Good to see Wind Dancer and Long-feather back shootin' with us. Missed you guys the past couple of months.

Those were some mighty good looking chaps Ten Bears had on Sunday. And it was real nice of him to give Little Elk the one shotgun shell he had in his bag that could take down that door on stage one. There's a real gentlemen.

Everyone was worried about getting their guns wet on stage 2 for nothing. That water fall sure did increase the echo in that mine shaft didn't it.

## Shoot Straight

Ruthless Ruth



## Places to Shoot

<<<<<Monthly Matches>>>>>

### 1 ST Sunday of Month

FRPC

Silhouette Range

Long Range

Shooting starts around 9:00 am  
and goes all day. Let's support  
these people, they really helped us  
on our Long Range at the Annual

### 1st Sunday of Month

5 Dogs Creek

Bakersfield

### 2nd Sunday of Month Chorro Valley Regulators

San Luis Obispo

Need Directions? Call  
Riley @ 805-489-4989

### 2 nd Saturday of Month California Rangers

Sign up 8:30-9:00

Shooting starts at 9:30  
for more info call

Harry Love  
209-223-0316

### 3 rd Sunday of the Month Kings River Regulators

FRPC Range

15687 Auberry Rd  
Clovis, CA

Shooters Meeting 9:30  
Shooting starts at 10:00

Contact  
Mayor Cole Chance  
559-673-7416

## Annual Meeting FRPC Members January 27, 2001

All Members of the FRPC are urged to attend this meeting. We have two members of the KRR who are presently board members of the FRPC and are up for reelection.

Leon Chism—Range Master

Ted Polman—1st V. President

We need all of the members of the KRR who are also members of FRPC to attend the meeting, and help reelect Leon and Ted and ensure the continued representation of the KRR on the FRPC Board of Directors.

As with the KRR, the FRPC Board of Directors direct the work and spending of funds, as well as plan and direct the future growth and policies of the Fresno Rifle and Pistol Club.

Come on out and voice your opinion by casting your vote.

We promise there won't be 15 re-counts and every vote will count.

### ADOPT-A-BAY

Get a group together.  
Come up with an idea for a design  
for one of the bays.

Get your idea to  
Terrible Ted  
Or Cole Chance

You can take over an already established bay and add to it, (sidewalks, corrals, small side buildings etc.) or take one of the bays that are empty and come up with your own plan. You and your group will be responsible for maintenance and up keep, weeding etc., but you get all the praise too!!

**Kings River Regulators  
Overall Match Results  
November 19, 2000**

FIN	NUM	ALIAS	CLASS	STAGE 1		STAGE 2		STAGE 3		STAGE 4		STAGE 5		TOTAL MATCH	
				TIME	RANK	TIME	RANK	TIME	RANK	TIME	RANK	TIME	RANK	TIME	RANK
1	12433	LONGBRANCH	T	55.06	1	44.75	1	54.27	3	50.31	2	57.50	4	261.89	11
2	4767	SNAKEBITE	T	68.57	4	54.63	4	62.65	7	56.91	3	58.91	6	301.67	24
3	8243	COLE CHANCE	T	66.46	3	60.85	10	62.48	6	57.96	4	62.06	11	309.81	34
4	23708	T-BONE	T	70.69	6	57.47	7	53.60	2	69.34	19	48.35	1	299.45	35
5	34258	BAD BOYCE	M	72.20	8	65.36	14	54.99	5	63.46	12	61.60	9	317.61	48
6	29403	DEADLEY TEDLEY	D	85.79	18	74.82	25	54.36	4	59.32	6	51.13	2	325.42	55
7	8244	JESSIE MONTANA	W	101.05	24	49.13	2	51.93	1	72.07	22	59.70	7	333.88	56
8	17505	SHILOH	T	69.54	5	65.00	12	69.50	12	87.06	35	56.59	3	347.69	67
9	29531	LEVI LONGNECK	T	79.64	12	81.78	28	63.30	8	59.84	7	66.20	16	350.76	71
10	9565	HOSS	D	73.82	11	59.90	9	78.24	28	62.05	9	65.54	15	339.55	72
11	18631	FARGO	T	84.83	17	73.16	21	70.59	16	58.53	5	64.03	13	351.14	72
12	12434	BUCKSKIN	OT	72.23	9	54.35	3	75.85	24	71.49	20	69.18	17	343.10	73
13	17510	PORTUGEE PHILLIPS	T	94.59	22	57.58	8	74.03	22	48.20	1	78.59	27	352.99	80
14	5929	MADERA DAVE	D	108.02	31	68.76	17	72.11	18	63.03	11	57.71	5	369.63	82
15	12997	MARSHAL SAM MCCLOUD	T	61.88	2	68.21	15	77.48	27	66.86	16	72.54	23	346.97	83
16	5061	DOC JAMES	T	87.30	19	74.00	23	69.81	14	68.35	17	61.98	10	361.44	83
17	7983	FLATIRON	T	83.80	15	73.44	22	75.38	23	62.29	10	70.64	19	365.55	89
18	27051	GEO KID	OT	126.49	37	56.40	5	63.45	9	64.67	13	75.22	25	386.23	89
19	5535	LEADFOOT	T	81.78	13	65.33	13	72.29	20	76.60	27	70.81	20	366.81	93
20	6443	HAWKEYE O'RILEY	T	73.74	10	101.66	36	67.88	10	66.59	15	86.55	29	396.42	100
21	8464	ROUGH CUT	T	90.60	21	86.79	32	73.26	21	61.03	8	71.56	22	383.24	104
22	18407	TEN BEARS	D	128.05	39	81.87	29	69.06	11	69.22	18	60.44	8	408.64	105
23	**020	NASTY NATE	J	71.81	7	77.58	26	81.95	33	64.87	14	87.16	30	383.37	110
24	9014	TERRIBLE TED	OT	84.21	16	71.59	19	76.48	26	72.90	24	87.18	31	392.36	116
25	25358	TWO-TOE BILL QUICKSHOT	D	89.29	20	72.02	20	76.05	25	77.95	28	75.20	24	390.51	117
26	16560	KODIAK PETE	T	103.95	26	63.82	11	89.90	34	84.51	34	69.45	18	411.63	123
27	8574	LONG FEATHER	OT	105.71	27	81.49	27	71.69	17	71.94	21	91.92	33	422.75	125
28	29263	COARSEGOLD KID	T	102.05	25	88.46	34	79.02	32	73.69	25	62.07	12	405.29	128
29	8608	TOELESS JOE	OT	112.46	34	83.65	30	69.58	13	94.73	37	64.89	14	425.31	128
30	9015	RUTHLESS RUTH	W	107.36	29	69.72	18	69.84	15	82.23	31	108.09	38	437.24	131
31	21461	TUCSON SMITH	OT	118.50	35	56.79	6	72.19	19	83.66	33	116.69	43	447.83	136
32	28301	U S MARSHALL HARDEN STEEL	T	109.32	32	68.64	16	100.65	38	72.77	23	91.10	32	442.48	141
33	9417	SQUARE SHOOTER	OT	98.38	23	74.45	24	114.68	42	76.10	26	81.09	28	444.70	143

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34	22874	JUSTICE LOVING	T	107.67	30	86.57	31	78.33	29	82.05	30	75.52	26	430.14	146
35	6964	BEAN POT	T	110.26	33	87.90	33	78.84	30	82.66	32	70.94	21	430.60	149
36	18408	LITTLE ELK	W	83.71	14	106.92	38	78.90	31	79.04	29	113.19	41	461.76	153
37	32926	ELDORADO COLE	T	139.27	41	90.49	35	97.76	35	103.59	38	105.52	37	536.63	186
38	19602	DAKOTA JONES	T	105.81	28	111.87	39	105.09	39	91.12	36	142.90	48	556.79	190
39	32140	MISS KITTY	W	121.21	36	112.58	40	114.59	41	123.68	46	100.79	35	572.85	198
40	6127	TUOLUMNE LAWMAN	D	138.82	40	129.68	46	141.63	48	106.97	39	92.79	34	609.89	207
41	**024	GUNSIGHTS	T	143.03	42	119.23	42	123.34	43	107.55	40	113.31	42	606.46	209
42	**022	T. COLEMAN ELDER	T	158.76	45	150.16	49	99.32	37	117.14	41	108.45	39	633.83	211
43	**007	CODY ZAMORA	W	127.32	38	122.41	44	109.54	40	127.74	47	130.99	45	618.00	214
44	8576	WIND DANCER	W	179.16	48	134.36	47	98.14	36	121.71	44	111.88	40	645.25	215
45	**023	SAGEBRUSH	M	152.87	43	119.15	41	156.23	49	141.92	48	101.58	36	671.75	217
46	**019	LADY GUNNER	W	165.20	46	123.37	45	124.41	44	119.45	42	126.30	44	658.73	221
47	**021	SLEWFOOT SUE	W	175.53	47	105.82	37	138.10	47	123.48	45	131.85	46	674.78	222
48	5779	BEAR PAW	OT	215.25	49	121.61	43	127.95	45	119.63	43	135.10	47	719.54	227
49	19618	KODIAK SUE	W	154.85	44	145.13	48	130.13	46	151.32	49	227.86	49	809.29	236

## Long Range Results

### Lever Action - Rifle Caliber

- 1 Two-Toe Bill Quickshot
- 2 Tucson Smith

### Single Shot

- 1 Two-Toe Bill Quickshot
- 2 Roughcut
- 3 Longbranch
- 4 Miss Kitty