

# ❖Kings River Gazette❖

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**DON'T  
FORGET THE  
SHOOTING TIME  
CHANGE  
Starting in  
March  
SHOOTERS  
MEETING  
AT 8:30  
SHOOTING STARTS  
AT  
9:00 am**

## **Rain, what rain?**

By: Cole Chance

That's right folks, no rain at Fort Miller this weekend. At least during our shoot on Sunday it was dry. Old man weather allowed us to get another day of shooting in. Lots of folks seemed to be afraid of a little bad weather, but 35 brave souls showed up and had a great shoot. This month's match directors were Marshal Harden Steele and Cody Zamora. I was sure glad to see that all their hard work didn't get rained out and the KRR got to shoot one really good match. If you missed this match, you missed a good one. This match was designed for shooting – over 40 shotgun rounds, and lots of rifle and pistol. Plenty of choices for the shooters in how to shoot the stages. I know every month I say it's a good match, but they just seem to keep getting better. Good job cowboy and lady.

For all you shooters who haven't put on a match yet, you should take note of this one. This was the first time these two fine folks had put on a match, and they did a great job. I think too many of our shooters think putting on a match is some kind of impossible, terribly frightening job. In reality, it isn't that hard, and it really is a fun experience. It makes you appreciate the work that does go into a match. This type of experience, along with going to other club's shoots just expands your knowledge and interest in our sport.

Four more new shooters took our course on Saturday. Every month we see more new faces and most are joining the club. I was glad to get a report from the posse leaders that the 3 new shooters who took the course on Saturday and shot on Sunday did an excellent job.

After our day of shooting, we were pleasantly surprised with a nice hot meal of chili and jalapeno cornbread

(I told you it was HOT!) brought to us by 3 Fingers Red and his wife Suzie. Red also brought up a wonderful little border collie that he rescued from the pound. He was trying to give it to a good home. It was touch and go there for awhile that it might end up at my house, but finally that fine young buckaroo Buckshot stepped up to claim her. They looked mighty fine together. Nothing touches your heart like a young cowboy and his cowdog. Speaking of Buckshot, if you ever have his Dad, Justice Loving, on your posse, you can count on a lot of work out of Buckshot. And speaking of Justice Loving, we had 3 generations of the Loving family there this weekend. There was the family patriarch, Deuce Nails, sons Justice Loving and Eye Pinkerton, and grandson Buckshot! Now that's what Cowboy Action Shooting is all about. A real family sport.

Remember Ft. Miller 2001 is September 28-30. Get your entries in now before it's too late. Some of you might laugh at that statement, but I won't be a bit surprised to see this shoot full up by the first of July. We have several entries already, just in the first day the forms were available. Rot Gut Charlie was waiting for the entry forms to come off the copy machine so he could be the first to sign up! This is what I call KRR spirit!



## **Officers**

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



February Match Director  
U. S. Marshall Harden Steele and  
his assistant Cody Zamora

The match director's for February were U. S. Marshall Harden Steele, alias Mike Russell, and his very helpful and prettier assistant Cody Zamora, alias Noreen Lawson.

Mike was born in Taft, California, but he wouldn't tell me how long ago, and Cody is a native of Victoria British Columbia, Canada. Presently Marshall Steele lives in the foothills just up the road, a little ways past the Exxon Station. He's lived there for 11 years and says he'd live nowhere else. He has a 22 year old daughter, 2 grandkids and one more on the way. He has worked as a machinist in Fowler for 30 years.

Cody just sold her house and moved to Clovis with her 17 year old son. She has worked for an insurance agent for 15 years.

When asked what their favorite guns were, Cody said she likes her Ruger pistols. Marshall Steele likes his Colts for looks, but thinks his 58 Remington conversions will shoot a lot better. Least favorite gun for Cody is the shotgun, Marshall Steele likes them all. He did say he had traded in most of his modern guns for old ones, more fun to shoot.

Away from shooting they enjoy camping and horseback riding. Cody says she rides the ground a little more than the horse, seems she has a little trouble staying onboard.

Designing and running the match was a little confusing, but not as hard as they expected it to be, they enjoyed the experience. Marshall Steele says they got a lot of help from Madera Dave.

Good job, it was a really fun match to shoot.

## From the Blacksmith By: Terrible Ted

Thanks to Deadly Tedley for adopting Bay 3 and Fargo for adopting Bay 6.

The Coarsegold Kid has drawn up plans for a fort to be built on Bay 8 and also a swinging bridge that Deadly Tedley has taken on to build.

Things have been a little bit put on hold until we get the excavation done on Bay 1 and 8, but it looks like we may start soon. We're all hoping really soon.

Right now we have 80 plus members that are signed up in our club, let's hope we can get a few of you to give the cowboys mentioned above a hand.

Nothing too much has been done in the last few months, but I hope and think things are about to change. We have some great ideas, and if all that can will chip in, this will be one great cowboy shooting range.

Remember that this range is for all of us, and you will only get out of it what you put in.

## The Marshal and the Outlaw By Jessie Montana

The day was dark and cloudy  
and the rain was pouring down  
When on a coal black stallion, the  
Marshal rode into town.  
The townfolk watched out their  
windows as he rode slowly by.  
He was Marshal Harden Steele and  
his name matched the look in his  
eyes.

His reputation with a gun was known  
across the land.  
No outlaw had ever lived who had  
challenged the Marshal's hand.  
Folks knew why he had come here to  
quiet Fort Miller town.  
An outlaw made her home here and  
he'd come to take her down.

Her name was Cody Zamora and she  
was as tough as nails.

She'd sworn no lawman would take  
her and she'd spend no time in jail.  
She had become an outlaw through  
no fault of her own.  
But a girl had to make a living and it  
was tough when she was all alone.

The Marshal tied up his stallion and  
walked into the saloon.  
The folks all started to scatter till  
only two were left in the room.  
Cody stood silent at the bar, a glass  
of whiskey in her hand.  
She watched him in the mirror, and  
knew this would be the final stand.

At first he didn't see her as his eyes  
adjusted to the gloom.  
Then their eyes met in the mirror  
and it seemed time stood still in the  
room.  
In a voice as hard as thunder he said  
"Cody, turn around".  
Their eyes locked for an eternity and  
she set her whiskey down.

She slowly turned to face him, her  
hand rested on her gun.  
She said, "Marshal, I really hoped  
that this day would never come".  
They stood there without moving,  
their eyes remaining locked.  
When suddenly he smiled, and  
through her ran a shock.

He said, "Cody, it's been a long time  
that you've been on your own.  
But now your outlaw days are over,  
and it's time you came back home".  
Then he took the badge off his vest  
and tossed it in the air.  
With the grace of a cat she caught it  
never dropping her deadly stare.

He smiled again and his voice grew  
soft as he said "Cody, don't you see?  
You weren't meant to be an outlaw,  
now please come home with me".  
She stood there for a moment  
thinking of all the things she'd done.  
Then she knew her running was over  
and her hand finally left her gun.  
She said, "I'm tired of running but  
I'm not the girl you knew.  
If you'll take me as I am right now,  
then I'll leave this town with you".  
He held his hand out to her and she  
walked across the floor.  
And together lawman and outlaw  
walked smiling out the door.

## THE AMERICAN COWBOY

By: Flatiron

The Cowboy was not born in Mexico nor did he move to Canada. He was not a peasant nor a subject of any King. He was conceived in the dust of the American Frontier and his legacy is greater than that of medieval knights or Roman legions. There were eight Crusades that lasted over 200 years and the medieval knights lasted another 300 years. The Roman Republic and Empire spanned a thousand years, yet the American Cowboy eclipsed all of history in just under 40 years.

Some make the mistake of defining the Cowboy by task. He was not

someone who just took care of cattle on someone else's land. He was a match to the Frontier. His blood came from many lands but his soul was uniquely American. He was African black, and Mexican brown, Irish red and English blue, but mostly American born. His soul was forged at Lexington Green, tempered at the Alamo, honed at San Juan Hill and finally polished at the Chosin Reservoir 90 years later. It is true that he adopted Mexican leather but also German steel, English gunpowder, and Carolina cotton. He did push cattle up the Chisholm, Western, and the Goodnight-Loving trails but he also carried the badge, hunted buffalo, built the railroads, rode stage for Wells Fargo, dug out silver in the Comstock, and joined the Cavalry.

The legend of the American Cowboy was based on sound fact and not myth as most revisionists would have us believe. To prove this we just have to look at events that took place at the close of the nineteenth century. When the United States declared war on Spain in 1898 great weight was placed on recruiting cowboys and other western types for the volunteer cavalry regiments, to the extent that easterners had great difficulty getting into these units. This is best exemplified by the Rough Riders. The contemporary reputation of the Cowboy overshadowed all others and to go back a hundred years later and say this was not so lacks intellectual integrity.

The Klondike gold rush also took place in 1898 and it was the American miners, who were mostly from the West, who first rushed in and opened up this last frontier. Again, it was the American spirit as defined by the Cowboy of the past generation that sought this challenge. The Canadians waited for the Mounties to establish order and government structure before com-

ing into the territory, which was true to their culture.

The American Cowboy was unique and his legend still lives throughout the world. The further we drift from his legacy the less direction and purpose we have. The world has grown complicated and crowded but there is still reason to believe in some cowboy standbys: Christ, cash money, and Colt revolvers. It is great to again have a cowboy President.



### SAMANTHA FINDS A HOME

Seems 3 Fingers Red saved a beautiful little Border Collie from the pound. The problem was to find her a good home, so he brought her to the shoot Sunday. She was looking her finest with her blue eyes shining and was on her best behavior and it didn't take too long to steal a heart.

With no real work at all Red found her a home with Buckshot (Colton Loving). Both dog and boy look real pleased with their new best friend.

### Welcome New Members

**John Crippen**  
Alias - Wildcat John

**Joe A Heaton**  
Alias - Wolf Angel

**Troy Miller**  
Alias - Nine Lives

**Joe Gasperetti**  
Alias - Mustang Butch

**Richard Stark**  
Alias - Preacher Stark  
*Richard is also the Range Manager  
for FRPC*

**Welcome to the KRR**  
**Hope you enjoy the shootin'**  
**and the good people.**

## A Word from The T G

By: Snakebite

Howdy KRR folks. I thought I would give you all an update on the aftermath of the TG summit that took place in Las Vegas last December. As I reported earlier, there were many items discussed and voted on at the summit. These items have been sent out to the TGs that were NOT in attendance for ratification. As to when the new rules will take place, I just don't know. They must be tabulated and published in the Chronicle before being put into play.

As you know, I was the chair of the Long Range Committee. The new rules have been completed and submitted to the SASS office. I don't know when they will come up for a vote, but I would guess that it would be soon. I have received very good reviews from my posting of them on the TG wire, so at this time I expect them to be ratified. Though the KRR voted to NOT support metric calibers in the Long Range, it became apparent after a short time of working with the committee that they were going to be included, at least in some fashion. I am pleased with overall outcome of the committee, and think it is a very good compromise.

The Buffalo category is the closest thing we have to a "Purist" category. Though it is encouraged to stick closely to the SASS rules, we must remember that each club can do what ever they want at their monthly matches, and even at their annual match, as long as it is not a regional or above. Attending the summit is a very worthwhile thing for the TG and those they represent. It gives a voice to the rank and file of SASS. Here is a copy of the new rules as presented. REMEMBER, these are NOT in effect yet.

### LONG RANGE OR PRECISION RIFLE

**SASS** long range or precision rifle competition is different than main match rifle competition with more emphasis placed on precision shooting at longer ranges, with time being a

secondary scoring factor. Scoring for these matches is determined by the number of hits, with either of two methods used to break ties. At the match director's option, either total time used to shoot the required number of shots or a shoot-off may be used to break ties.

There are **four categories** in long range or precision rifle competition, plus one optional category:

- I. Lever action, pistol caliber
- II. Lever action, rifle caliber
- III. Single Shot
- IV. Buffalo Single Shot
- V. Open class (may be used at the match directors option to include those firearms not covered by the four **official** Long Range Categories)

Black powder categories can be added to any or all of the basic categories at the option of the match director. The Buffalo Single Shot is black powder or black powder substitutes only. Each category should compete within itself.

### Basic rules for the long-range competitions are as follows:

- **Front barrel sights** may vary from simple blades to period hooded wind gauge designs using interchangeable sight inserts and having a spirit level mounted integral with the sight or sight base.
- **Rear sights** must either be open iron sights mounted on the barrel or original style, tang or stock wrist mounted peep sights. Long range rear barrel mounted sights of the flip-up ladder type may use a peep hole drilled through the sliding sight leaf. An example of this would be the various ladder type sights used on the Springfield trapdoors.
- **Optical and receiver** mounted sights are not allowed.
- **"Rifle Caliber"** competition rifles must use traditional, period, rimmed cartridges. No cartridge that is chambered for use in any SASS approved main match pistol or rifle may be used in the "Rifle Caliber" competition. Thus, .30-30 WCF, .38-55 Marlin & Ballard, .43 Spanish or .45-70 Government

cartridges would be legal while a .375

Winchester, .444 Marlin, .32-20 WCF or .44-40 WCF would not be legal.

- **Any SASS approved propellant**, whether smokeless, Pyrodex, black powder, etc. may be used (with the exception that smokeless powder is not allowed in the Buffalo Single Shot competition).

- **Regardless of category or caliber, bullets** used in long range and precision rifle matches must be made of pure lead or lead alloy having a plain base, gas checked, or paper patched configuration. Muzzle velocities are restricted only by safety considerations. Extremely high velocities tend to work to the shooter's disadvantage.

**Lever Action Rifles** used in long-range matches, whether pistol or rifle calibers, must be originals or replicas of rifles manufactured during the period from approximately 1860 until 1899. Lever or slide action, tubular feed, exposed hammer rifles or carbines are allowed, whether original or replicas, providing they are in safe working condition. Note: The rifles must have an exposed hammer and a tubular magazine, thus eliminating the use of a Winchester Model 95 and a Savage Model 1899 or other similar rifles having a box or rotary magazine.

**Single shot** and Buffalo Single Shot firearms must be original or replicas of single shot rifles manufactured during the period from approximately 1860 until 1899. All rifles **MUST** have exposed hammers. The caliber and cartridge rules for the "Rifle Caliber" firearms noted above under basic rules also apply to Single Shot and Buffalo Single Shot rifles with the exception that Buffalo Single Shot rifles must be .375" caliber or larger.

**Buffalo Single Shot** competition has further restrictions requiring rifles to be of a pre 1899 design of U.S. manufacture with exposed hammer or replica thereof. Spring-loaded ejectors are also prohibited, except for Springfield Trapdoor Rifles.





## ROUND THE CORRAL

Rain, rain go away, oh what the heck, let's shoot anyway. Glad to see a little rain didn't keep everyone from having fun Sunday.

I even cleaned a stage for the first time in quit a while, and yes that was one stage in addition to the shotgun stage that we all cleaned.

We owe a big thank you to 3 Fingers Red and Sioux Sue for the good beans and cornbread they cooked up and supplied to all the shooters. After standing in the cool weather for the better part of the day, it really tasted good.

No-one cleaned the match, but Levi Longneck and Longbranch only had 1 miss each, and Cole Chance missed 3. That's pretty clean shooting.

Got to shoot with one the new shooters, Nine Lives, he looked like he was enjoying himself and he's a real willing worker. He'll be back, he joined the KRR.

We've already had our first signups for "Fort Miller 2001". Rot Gut Charlie signed up about 8:30 Sunday morning. Good to see eager shooters like that. He was followed shortly by, Coarsegold Kid, Finegold Floozy and Sutter Lawman. It's gonna' be a good one, don't wait too long to sign up.

## Ruthless Ruth



### Cowboy Wisdom

If it don't seem like it's worth the effort, it probably ain't.

Generally speakin', fancy titles and nightshirts are a waste of time.

Trust everybody in the game, but always cut the cards.



## 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

#### 3rd Saturday of Month Kings River Regulators

Setup day for Sunday match

Start time 8:00 a.m.

New Shooters Orientation starts  
around 9:00 a.m.

#### 3 rd Sunday of the 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

### Annual Matches

#### Plainfield Raid

Mar -April 1, 2001

Yolo Sportsmen's Association

24189 Aviation Ave.

Davis, CA

10 stages-lots of side matches, long range and 2 stage Plainsman event.

\$70 first shooter

\$50 Sig. Other

For info contact

Diamond Dick AKA Dick Price

(916) 483-9198

Or

Max Sand AKA Tom Anderson

Email maxand@aol.com

#### High Sierra

May 2001

I don't have any info on this one, but I'll pass any info I get on as soon as it becomes available.

*Sure hope they have this one this year, it's always been a real good shoot.*

#### John Wayne Shoot

September 2001

Chorro Valley Regulators

For info call

Sam Cotton

805-481-4100

#### Fort Miller "2001"

Sept. 28 -30, 2001

Kings River Regulators

FRPC Range

\$65 First Shooter

\$45 Spouse or S/O

Juniors Free

Fee includes all long range and side match events and Saturday lunch.

Sept. 28-Buffalo Shoot, Quigley Shoot and Cowboy Silhouette

Sept. 29-8 Stage Main Match

Sept. 30-Side matches, Team Match, Plainsman Event and Awards

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## KINGS RIVER REGULATORS Overall Match Standings

MATCH	SHOOTER		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 DEADLY TEDLEY	#29403	D	48.48	5	58.19	5	50.44	6	41.77	2	35.98	1	234.86	19
2 SNAKEBITE	# 4767	BP	48.13	4	58.40	6	50.36	5	44.57	3	40.54	2	242.00	20
3 COLE CHANCE	# 8243	BP	46.60	2	62.96	8	49.61	3	52.87	11	42.28	4	254.32	28
4 COAL TRAIN	# 8146	T	45.04	1	52.01	1	69.19	15	44.87	4	50.02	8	261.13	29
5 LONGBRANCH	#12433	T	48.86	6	56.45	4	47.62	2	39.64	1	64.01	17	256.58	30
6 SHILOH	#17505	T	58.87	10	55.54	3	59.44	11	46.24	5	45.86	6	265.95	35
7 T-BONE	#23708	T	53.38	9	60.82	7	46.82	1	49.52	6	56.14	12	266.68	35
8 JESSIE MONTANA	# 8244	LT	49.14	7	66.46	11	61.66	13	49.90	7	44.67	5	271.83	43
9 LEVI LONGNECK	#29531	T	53.02	8	53.28	2	53.02	7	55.52	13	56.36	14	271.20	44
10 TERRIBLE TED	# 9014	S	60.88	11	78.01	16	50.33	4	50.78	8	51.51	10	291.51	49
11 JOAQUIN RIVERS	#11912	T	62.17	12	74.27	14	57.91	10	54.96	12	48.06	7	297.37	55
12 GEO KID	#27051	S	78.81	19	63.64	9	56.78	9	52.12	10	50.03	9	301.38	56
13 PORTUGEE PHILLIPS	#17510	T	48.05	3	78.37	17	70.47	16	88.83	26	42.25	3	327.97	65
14 MADERA DAVE	# 5929	D	66.63	15	64.04	10	61.35	12	60.43	15	56.53	15	308.98	67
15 TEN BEARS	#18407	D	81.02	21	86.31	19	53.46	8	55.96	14	56.26	13	333.01	75
16 COARSEGOLD KID	#29263	T	67.64	16	68.84	12	88.63	23	61.31	16	55.43	11	341.85	78
17 SUTTER LAWMAN	#24333	D	77.71	18	73.63	13	79.87	20	66.12	18	57.97	16	355.30	85
18 US MARSHALL HARDEN	***004	T	66.13	13	82.27	18	68.76	14	64.94	17	90.20	23	372.30	85
19 RUTHLESS RUTH	# 9015	LT	76.34	17	98.84	23	77.89	19	51.12	9	68.19	18	372.38	86
20 JUSTICE LOVING	#22874	T	66.51	14	96.25	21	85.98	22	67.88	19	84.77	20	401.39	96
21 RUSTY BUTTERFIELD	#18193	T	86.63	22	75.00	15	71.76	18	71.90	21	91.32	24	396.61	100
22 EYE PINKERTON	***008	T	87.25	23	91.17	20	70.75	17	76.30	22	96.10	26	421.57	108
23 MUSTANG BUTCH	#36647	T	80.50	20	99.80	24	92.88	24	89.25	27	80.86	19	443.29	114
24 MICHIGAN BOB	***001	T	104.58	28	108.37	27	81.88	21	71.44	20	97.21	27	463.48	123
25 ELDORADO COLE	#32926	M	92.99	26	97.75	22	95.50	26	104.22	31	87.45	21	477.91	126
26 ROT GUT CHARLIE	#13304	T	95.01	27	105.55	25	104.47	27	83.18	23	97.35	28	485.56	130
27 CODY ZAMORA	***005	LT	88.72	24	107.36	26	107.38	29	88.04	25	113.53	30	505.03	134
28 FINEGOLD FLOOZIE	***007	LT	108.96	30	152.49	32	93.54	25	96.74	28	89.63	22	541.36	137
29 WOLF ANGEL	#34307	D	111.60	31	195.31	35	104.50	28	87.20	24	95.31	25	593.92	143
30 MISS KITTY	#32140	LT	107.51	29	123.20	28	111.42	32	97.81	29	103.87	29	543.81	147

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31 GUNSIGHTS	#33764	T	116.07	33	148.03	29	110.17	30	99.60	30	115.17	31	589.04	153
32 CODY COYOTE	***003	J	92.16	25	152.68	33	110.89	31	112.97	34	133.01	33	601.71	156
33 BEARPAW	# 5779	S	114.21	32	161.22	34	124.64	33	105.61	32	142.32	34	648.00	165
34 DEUCE NAIL	***006	T	129.20	34	149.16	31	160.23	35	136.03	35	124.18	32	698.80	167
35 NINE LIVES	***002	T	161.80	35	148.99	30	130.55	34	107.63	33	999.00	35	1547.97	167