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KRR Says Farewell to One of it's Finest



On a warm summer day in September, family, friends and fellow shooters gathered to bid farewell to one of our clubs founders and without a doubt our hardest and most willing worker.

3 Fingers Red LaBel lead us in prayer and remembrances of Shorty. Those present, who could, spoke fondly of Shorty and almost to the man or woman, they told of his hard work, of being able to always count on him to do whatever needed to be done and how his word was always good as gold. Shorty was all of these things and more. He played the game the way it was written, with no complaints.

The service was ended with a somewhat tearful version of Happy Trails to You, lead by Jessie Montana.

Our deepest sympathy goes to his wife Ma Kettle (Wanda), his children and grand-children, and as the song goes "Happy trails to you, till we meet again."

Mayor Speaks

As you all know, KRR suffered the tragic loss of our shooting partner and good friend Shorty, KRR #4 last month. I would like to thank all those that were able to attend the funeral and especially 3 Fingers Red LaBel for conducting a fine cowboy service. KRR members made sure that when Shorty got to his next shoot, he would have plenty of ammo. At this month's shoot, as most of you know, we voted to dedicate Fort Miller "99" to the memory of Shorty. Also, the club voted that Shorty's alias, club number and membership will always be active as long as the KRR exists. Shorty, KRR #4 will be a part of the KRR forever.

Fort Miller "99" is coming up fast. I would like to ask all club members to try to make the workday on September 26 to prepare our range and facilities for this event. If you haven't volunteered to help at the annual match, whether you are shooting or not, please do so. We need everyone to help all they can so this match will be a success and KRR can continue to be a growing successful Cowboy Action Shooting club.

Thursday 10/21 will be set up for the main match, side matches, and long range. Lots of labor will be required for this, so please help if you can. Friday afternoon 10/22 teardown of side matches and long range has to be done. Again, please help if you can. Monday 10/25 teardown of the main stages and cleanup will need to be done. If you can help with any or all of these things, please be there.

I know it seems like we are always asking for your help, but without that help, the club cannot continue to exist. Once we get past For Miller "99", we can all take a breather for a while. I promise I won't be asking for anything until after the holidays! Well, except for set up on the Saturday before monthly matches, which is badly needed.

See you ALL out at the workday on Sunday 9/26. Everyone come out and enjoy a fine burger at the Beanpot Cafe'. Rumor has it the famous (or is that infamous) Beanpot himself will be there to do the cooking. You don't want to miss that!

Cole Chance



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SHOOTING TIME
APR - NOV
SHOOTERS MEETING
AT 8:30
SHOOTING STARTS
AT
9:00 am

WORK PARTY
SUNDAY
SEPT 26TH
START AT
8:00 AM
GET READY FOR
FORT MILLER
"99"
BEANPOT IS
COOKING LUNCH

FROM THE BLACKSMITH

There is a man among us who has shown time and time again that he cares, not only for our sport, but for all of us who are around him. He has loaned, to others in need, anything he owned and generously donated some of his belongings to our club for the enjoyment of his fellow shooters. In short, he is a **BIG BIG MAN**, not just because of his size, 200 lbs. plus, but because he shows us all that he cares. His recent gesture came straight from the heart, and demonstrated so aptly what all of us felt: respect for Shorty.

Hoss, your idea of the granite marker really shows what we all feel. It is so typical of you, **A BIG MAN**. Thank you.

Buckskin

P.S. Let's all remember the work party on Sunday the 26th. We will start at 8:00 A.M.

Beanpot is cooking lunch for all you hard working KRR members



Places to Shoot & Things to do

Monthly Matches

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

Annual Matches

Fort Miller "99"
F.R.P.C. Range
Fresno, CA
October 22nd - 24th
8 Main Stages
Side Matches/Long Range
Shooter prizes

\$60/Spouse \$40

Lunch & cold drinks available Fri,
Sat & Sun. provided by
Auberry Vol. Fire Dept.

Potluck/Entertainment Sat. night
The Auberry Vol. Fire Dept. is also
providing target setters for long
range and gate attendants at the
long range gate.

5 Dogs Wild West Extravaganza Nov, 12, 13 & 14th

Pot shoots/side matches Friday
Main Match Sat. & Sun.

\$70 - includes dinner Saturday

Check payable to

Five Dogs Creek

Mail entry to

Shady Lanie

9017 Thurber Lane

Bakersfield, CA 93311

(661)663-8933

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Fun Stuff To Do

Butterfield Stage Days

Oct 2nd and 3rd

Porterville, CA

2 Day Wagon Train

Cowboy mounted Action Shooting

Buffalo Soldiers/Chorro Riders

Mountain Men

Living History Exhibits & Demos

Old-Fashioned Kids Carnival

for more info call

Rick (Hoss) or Gail Inman

(559)781-1886

Civil War Reenactment Society

Civil War-Kearney Park

Fresno, CA

Oct 1-3

Fresno Veteran's Day Parade

Nov. 11 th

Squaw's Leap

(near Auberry)

Nov 13 - 14

For more info call

Blackie 299-1811

Longbranch 855-4113

Letter to Shorty

Cole Chance called today to tell me that you saddled up yesterday for a ride into the High Country. I'm sorry to see you go but I understand that there is a place up there just for cowboys. After you climb to the crest and cross the river you will come to a fork in the trail that few ever see. You'll follow this dim track, I know, cause you've earned the right. It's different there for its Heaven's frontier.

This is wild country, a part of God's vast ranch; it's only for those who possess the soul God gave to the Cowboy. No sleeping on clouds or eating lamb here. This is a country where the air has a cold bite and smells of wood smoke and pine. You sleep wrapped in canvas and wool, eat fresh trout, and drink strong coffee. You don't check your guns at God's door because he knows what they mean to free men.

Shorty, you're in this fine place because you passed the test. Others there may not know who you are and where you came from. So sit down, build a fire, and put on one of your famous tri-tips. In due course they will come to your camp for not too many make it up this trail anymore. Listen to the stories of the old ways and the days that were part of the making of America and the cowboy. Remember to tell Cody, Hickok, Masterson, T.R., and the rest that you're a Kings River Regulator and that you understand, and are glad to be made welcome.

Vaya con Dios.

FLATIRON

Due to insurance Company guidelines the following policy will go into effect August 1, 1999

All Shooters must sign up before 8:30 am. Every shooter must attend the shooters meeting, this is mandatory, no exceptions.

Shooters this rule will be enforced
Cole Chance

Chorro Valley Regulators pay Tribute to John Wayne

Over the weekend of Sept. 11th and 12th, the Chorro Valley Regulators put on one heck of a good match. The whole thing was based on 9 of the Dukes movies. And stage 8, Hondo, was dedicated to the memory of our own Dean "Shorty" Rowan. Thanks a lot guys Shorty would have liked that.

One thing those Chorro Valley boys have plenty of is imagination. All nine stages were well thought out, with lots of props and lots of shots.

Stage 6 was based on the movie "The Three Godfathers (1948)" and was a pretty physical stage. You started at the bank, hopped on your pony, rode out into the dessert to a wagon, rescued a dying woman's newborn baby, headed to the nearest water hole for a cool drink, then proceeded on foot to a gun battle with ten desperadoes, ran further down the canyon and took on nine more. There was a lot of running on this one and our posse leaders decided to let Bearpaw run through this one on his motorized scooter. Best of all he had a champion shooter, Bounty Hunter, as his gun bearer. Everyone got a real kick out of their first ever drive by shooting, and I don't think Bearpaw missed a target.



Bearpaw's not really chasing Bounty Hunter, he's just heading to the next shooting position.

Now on this same stage, the last nine shoots were taken from a laying position, on a dirt mound (it was covered by a big rug), Jessie Montana had a slight problem staying put on that hill. Seems she slid down the darn thing and couldn't even see over the top by the time the last shot was fired.

Halfbreed Hanna was our posse

leader, and she did a fine job of getting us through the stages.

There were lots of vendors and a real good feed Saturday night. A couple of our guys got real lucky in the door prize drawings. Beanpot won a single shot derringer, and Shiloh won a Colt blackpowder pocket pistol.

Here's how some of our guys finished:

Black Powder:

1st Cole Chance

3rd Shiloh

Modern:

5th Beanpot

Ladies Traditional:

2nd Jessie Montana

Seniors:

1st Toeless Joe

3rd Terrible Ted

5th Long Feather

Traditional:

4th Sudden

Duelist:

2nd Tom Dudley Squat

If I missed anyone I apologize, it's real hard to write stuff down while you clapping and shouting, and my memory's not what it used to be.

Ol' Beanpot was working real hard all weekend to clean a stage, and finally on the last stage on Sunday he did it. That's sticking to business.

We also had a few members on the winning group for the team shoot, Coal Train, T-Bone, Good Hands, Portuguese Phillip and the Geo Kid.

I'm not the "I told you so" type, but I've been telling you not to miss this one for months. Those who stayed home missed one heck of a good time. They play the game real good over on the coast.



Polish Clarence
Match Director
John Wayne Shoot
Thanks for a good time!



HEARD ROUND THE CORRAL

Well you can't complain because there wasn't enough shooting Sunday. I thought my arms would fall off before the match was finished. Way to go Hoss, don't know about anyone else but I had a real good time and Ted's got a lot of reloading to do, (that will keep him out of my hair for a while).

I heard a rumor that Tuolomne Lawman was shooting tracer bullets or some such thing. He was getting two feet of flame out of his barrels. Got a little concerned he'd set the hay bales on stage one on fire, and tried to get someone to go get a bucket of water. Tom Dudley Squat said never fear he'd had plenty of coffee to drink that morning.

Saw quite a few old KRR members who haven't been out in a while. Nice to see Deputy Dog, Coalinga Kid and Dutch Pepper out again. The layoff didn't seem to hurt Deputy Dog, and it sure helped the Coalinga Kid, he finished 5th overall, just one place behind dad.

Good to see Needa Tailor out again too. We had a pretty good size woman's class this time, we finally had as many shooters in our class as the Goat Ropers had.

Longbranch says he thought he saw Sierra practicing the Toeless Joe two-step, turns out he was only waiting for someone to unlock the outhouse.

Seems Kentucky Gambler had a run-in with a real nasty peach, broke some bones in his foot and ankle this summer. Glad to see you all healed up and shooting again.

Now we all know why Whiskey River Steve came out, he wanted everyone to get a good look at the guy that won that pretty Colt pistol we gave away last month.

Thanks to Rondo, we now have a windmill for our little town, he also threw in a wagon wheel. We're getting the place fixed up real good.

No one cleaned all the stages, but Lightfoot only missed one shot all day. Good shooting.

Ruthless
Ruth



Kings River Regulators
MATCH FINAL OVERALL STANDINGS
STAGES 1 thru 4

| MATCH FINAL | ALIAS | # | CLASS | < STAGE 1 > | | < STAGE 2 > | | < STAGE 3 > | | < STAGE 4 > | | <-- TOTALS --> | |
|----------------|--------------------|--------|-------|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|----------------|------|
| | | | | TIME | RNK | TIME | RNK | TIME | RNK | TIME | RNK | TIME | PNTS |
| 1. | TOM DOODLEY SQUAT | # 5035 | D | 46.66 | 2 | 66.51 | 3 | 46.73 | 1 | 61.48 | 2 | 221.38 | 8 |
| 2. | LONGBRANCH | #12433 | T | 52.95 | 4 | 67.04 | 4 | 51.63 | 2 | 59.11 | 1 | 230.73 | 11 |
| 3. | POWDER BAGS | ***110 | T | 42.89 | 1 | 62.92 | 1 | 63.44 | 12 | 69.81 | 4 | 239.06 | 18 |
| 4. | DEPUTY DOG | # 6716 | T | 51.19 | 3 | 80.03 | 7 | 55.23 | 4 | 90.24 | 10 | 276.69 | 24 |
| 5. | COALINGA KID | #13954 | M | 61.80 | 9 | 92.17 | 16 | 58.07 | 7 | 69.12 | 3 | 281.16 | 35 |
| 6. | JESSIE MONTANA | # 8244 | W | 55.55 | 5 | 95.45 | 18 | 61.23 | 9 | 75.44 | 5 | 287.67 | 37 |
| 7. | LEADFOOT | # 5535 | T | 57.77 | 6 | 87.26 | 10 | 68.07 | 15 | 78.10 | 7 | 291.20 | 38 |
| 8. | SHILOH | #17515 | T | 64.64 | 12 | 88.47 | 11 | 61.53 | 10 | 90.97 | 11 | 305.61 | 44 |
| 9. | COLE CHANCE | # 8243 | T | 69.21 | 17 | 81.53 | 9 | 57.85 | 6 | 92.17 | 13 | 300.76 | 45 |
| 10. | JOAQUIN RIVERS | #11912 | T | 70.64 | 21 | 65.75 | 2 | 79.74 | 21 | 75.51 | 6 | 291.64 | 50 |
| 11. | COAL TRAIN | # 8146 | T | 72.40 | 23 | 75.98 | 5 | 55.37 | 5 | 98.12 | 18 | 301.87 | 51 |
| 12. | T-BONE | ***070 | T | 67.71 | 16 | 78.41 | 6 | 71.80 | 17 | 93.58 | 14 | 311.50 | 53 |
| 13. | HANK | # 7369 | D | 63.52 | 10 | 89.18 | 12 | 80.33 | 23 | 87.75 | 9 | 320.78 | 54 |
| 14. | TEN BEARS | ***071 | D | 76.03 | 27 | 89.76 | 15 | 63.36 | 11 | 81.67 | 8 | 310.82 | 61 |
| 15. | HOSS | # 9565 | D | 64.63 | 11 | 104.39 | 25 | 66.48 | 14 | 91.40 | 12 | 326.90 | 62 |
| 16. | TERRIBLE TED | # 9014 | OT | 70.28 | 20 | 89.53 | 14 | 65.02 | 13 | 104.49 | 23 | 329.32 | 70 |
| 17. | TOELESS JOE | # 8608 | OT | 78.59 | 28 | 96.31 | 19 | 54.31 | 3 | 100.88 | 20 | 330.09 | 70 |
| 18. | HAWKEYE O'RILEY | # 6443 | T | 58.77 | 7 | 101.80 | 21 | 80.75 | 25 | 108.01 | 24 | 349.33 | 77 |
| 19. | HAWKEYE | # 594 | T | 69.54 | 18 | 102.72 | 22 | 81.25 | 26 | 97.79 | 17 | 351.30 | 83 |
| 20. | TWO-TOE BILL QUICK | #25358 | D | 67.43 | 15 | 95.06 | 17 | 73.95 | 18 | 132.50 | 36 | 368.94 | 86 |
| 21. | GEO KID | ***082 | T | 61.17 | 8 | 119.41 | 35 | 80.60 | 24 | 102.82 | 21 | 364.00 | 88 |
| 22. | RIVERDALE | ***111 | M | 72.09 | 22 | 80.11 | 8 | 92.86 | 32 | 112.71 | 27 | 357.77 | 89 |
| 23. | TUCSON SMITH | ***064 | OT | 78.85 | 30 | 89.30 | 13 | 96.03 | 33 | 95.29 | 15 | 359.47 | 91 |
| 24. | RUTHLESS RUTH | # 9015 | W | 83.73 | 32 | 105.52 | 26 | 60.67 | 8 | 112.64 | 26 | 362.56 | 92 |
| 25. | LIGHTFOOT | ***100 | M | 69.88 | 19 | 103.07 | 23 | 92.76 | 30 | 103.23 | 22 | 368.94 | 94 |
| 26. | KENTUCKY GAMBLER | # 8010 | M | 67.23 | 14 | 118.12 | 33 | 69.66 | 16 | 124.35 | 33 | 379.36 | 96 |
| 27. | BUCKSKIN | #12434 | OT | 83.68 | 31 | 113.92 | 31 | 76.60 | 19 | 96.71 | 16 | 370.91 | 97 |
| 28. | BEAN POT | ***089 | M | 74.49 | 24 | 109.74 | 29 | 88.91 | 28 | 98.84 | 19 | 371.98 | 100 |
| 29. | NEEDA TAILOR | # 8141 | W | 75.41 | 25 | 101.73 | 20 | 88.02 | 27 | 117.25 | 28 | 382.41 | 100 |
| 30. | MADERA DAVE | # 5929 | D | 75.43 | 26 | 105.84 | 27 | 80.23 | 22 | 122.10 | 29 | 383.60 | 104 |
| 31. | RONDO | #21726 | M | 78.64 | 29 | 103.87 | 24 | 92.77 | 31 | 125.06 | 34 | 400.34 | 118 |
| 32. | JUSTICE LOVING | #22874 | T | 67.08 | 13 | 106.40 | 28 | 138.75 | 45 | 124.34 | 32 | 436.57 | 118 |
| 33. | PALE RIDER | ***109 | M | 110.12 | 42 | 114.21 | 32 | 89.35 | 29 | 123.65 | 31 | 437.33 | 134 |
| 34. | DUTCH PEPPER | ***108 | J | 94.20 | 36 | 148.32 | 38 | 99.87 | 35 | 123.54 | 30 | 465.93 | 139 |
| 35. | WHISKEY RIVER STEV | #21727 | T | 84.46 | 33 | 179.68 | 45 | 78.27 | 20 | 158.81 | 41 | 501.22 | 139 |
| 36. | SIERRA | # 3229 | T | 110.15 | 43 | 113.90 | 30 | 120.61 | 42 | 108.72 | 25 | 453.38 | 140 |
| 37. | PLAINS DRIFTER | ***102 | T | 96.25 | 38 | 118.56 | 34 | 96.35 | 34 | 131.19 | 35 | 442.35 | 141 |
| 38. | LITTLE ELK | ***091 | W | 90.06 | 34 | 123.00 | 36 | 112.92 | 38 | 137.07 | 39 | 463.05 | 147 |
| 39. | ROUGH CUT | # 8446 | BP | 96.07 | 37 | 129.50 | 37 | 114.50 | 39 | 134.97 | 38 | 475.04 | 151 |
| 40. | 3 FINGERS RED LABE | # 9219 | D | 96.93 | 40 | 153.90 | 40 | 106.78 | 36 | 155.02 | 40 | 512.63 | 156 |
| 41. | KEEBLER KID | ***099 | J | 91.85 | 35 | 150.85 | 39 | 118.82 | 41 | 161.90 | 42 | 523.42 | 157 |
| 42. | TUOLOMNE LAWMAN | ***074 | BP | 109.89 | 41 | 158.44 | 41 | 114.65 | 40 | 133.56 | 37 | 516.54 | 159 |
| 43. | BEARPAW | # 7559 | OT | 96.67 | 39 | 162.62 | 42 | 126.23 | 44 | 180.59 | 44 | 566.11 | 169 |
| 44. | WIND DANCER | # 8576 | W | 126.40 | 44 | 163.29 | 43 | 109.12 | 37 | 183.31 | 45 | 582.12 | 169 |
| 45. | SOAPY DEAL | ***104 | OT | 137.99 | 45 | 176.94 | 44 | 125.97 | 43 | 169.22 | 43 | 610.12 | 175 |
| 46. | CAT BALLOU | ***107 | W | 205.28 | 46 | 220.70 | 46 | 148.98 | 46 | 191.20 | 46 | 766.16 | 184 |

LONG RANGE

Single Shot

| | |
|------|--------------|
| 1 st | Terrible Ted |
| 2 nd | Deputy Dog |
| 3 rd | Longbranch |
| 4 th | Lightfoot |
| 5 th | Sierra |
| 6 th | Madera Dave |
| 7 th | Roughcut |

Ladies-Single Shot

| | |
|------|---------------|
| 1 st | Miss Kitty |
| 2 nd | Ruthless Ruth |

Lever Action

| | |
|------|------------------|
| 1 st | Madera Dave |
| 2 nd | Riverdale |
| 3 rd | Hawkeye O'Riley |
| 4 th | Kentucky Gambler |
| 5 th | Pale Rider |

GOAT ROPERS

| | |
|------|--------------|
| 1 st | J L Hank |
| 2 nd | Lil' Annie |
| 3 rd | Kid Sheleen |
| 4 th | Codt Coyote |
| 5 th | Hankie |
| 6 th | Lil' Stiches |