

♦Kings River Gazette♦

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Hot-Hot-Hot



Forty-four of the hottest shooters around shot one of the coolest matches yet at the KRR range. The July heat didn't stop these cowboys and cowgirls from doing their thing last Sunday. It was a fun match to shoot, the stages were quick and had plenty of action. It was one of them-thar boys from the coast that took top honors this time, Sam Luis. I think he was just in a hurry to get back to the 65 degree weather they have been having over there. Folks are doing a good job of getting the targets in after the last stage. This sure helps. After the match the Sheriff called for an all hands meeting. It was decided that the November match would be moved to the fourth Sunday so as not to conflict with the Bakersfield annual match. So don't forget now, mark your calendars. **The November match in Fresno will be on the 22nd, that is the forth Sunday.**

LAST ISSUE

This will be my last issue as Editor of the Gazette. It has been a challenge to get it out in a timely manner, but I think the effort was worth it. Folks like their news fresh. There is nothing worse than getting last months news and results, next month! I hope you have enjoyed it. I'm sure that new and fresh ideas will be welcomed by all.

SnakeBite KRR #1, SASS #4767L

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Mayor/Sheriff: Cole Chance (Leon Chism)
673-7416

SASS #8243 KRR #26

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Blacksmith: Buckskin (John Dotts)
855-2713

Mayor runs off with Secretary!

That's right folks, Connie and I have turned in our resignations. It wasn't an easy decision, but it was a necessary one. Back in December of 1994 Hank and I talked about starting a CAS club. We got together with Hawkeye O'Riley, Shorty, Beanpot, Bearpaw, Hardpan, Doc James, and after some discussion the Kings River Regulators was formed. We presented our proposal to the FRPC, and they decided to give us a chance. We decided early on that we wouldn't do anything that wasn't first class. It took us darn near a years worth of evenings and weekends before we were ready to begin. Our first match at FRPC was December 17, 1995. Almost a year to the day after conception. I use to go everywhere in full costume just to get folks to ask me why. It worked, our first match had almost 60 shooters. I remember gassing up the car, while in full regatta. A little girl in the next car ask her mother "what is that man mommy". Her mother looked over at me, then turned to her daughter and said "He's a clown". It's been a lot of work, but it's also been fun. The club has grown to the point that my style of leadership just isn't effective anymore. It's time for someone else to try it their way. Connie and I want to thank you for your support. I certainly plan to keep shooting at the best Cowboy Action Shooting club in the world.

THE KINGS RIVER REGULATORS

SnakeBite, KRR #1, SASS #4767L
Fannie Oakley, KRR #10, SASS #6719

Success

The work day was very successful. We saw the same familiar faces, working as hard as they always do. There is a good feeling that comes from really being a part of it all. We got paint on the signup and food shacks and got electricity wired into them, no more extension cords needed. We pulled weeds and cleaned up the picnic area. Much thanks to Buckskin's grandkids for the hard work they did in the picnic area. The leak in the water system was repaired. After the work day was finished, some of us worked on our boomtown buildings. We really need to finish up the boomtown, or at least get it ready for October, so keep at it! I think the boomtown will be an ongoing thing, with changes being made as folks come up with new ideas. It's exciting to think of all the possibilities that our range has. The boomtown, a fort, mine shaft with ore cart, boot hill, stage props, maybe a plaza in the vending area complete with well, benches, and trees. There is no end to what we can accomplish if we are of a mind to. We will be picking up power poles next week to use for the main gate. I think getting the main gate up, with the Fort Miller sign hanging from it will be the crowning touch. Some shade would also be nice. (Boy would it!) FRPC will be renting a backhoe and front-end loader, along with an operator to do some work at the range. We can get in on their use if we have our ducks in a row, and know what we want done. This is coming up next month, so we gotta think fast. All help is appreciated, no matter how small. The props need repainting and the bar needs work. We need to cut the tops out of the plastic barrels and label them for our trash...etc...etc.

Please help!



Cowboy Chatter

Red Hall, aka Jerry Noblett, is looking for cowboys and girls to add garnish at the Madera Fair. This would be a great time to spread the word about the Kings River Regulators and have a great time to boot! If you think you might be interested, contact him at 674-6540.

Hey, is anyone interested in getting up a volume purchase from Hodgdon Powder Co.? I was talking to Bird Shot last week and he said he could drop ship us powder in cases. The minimum order is 100#. It can be different types of powder, but they must be whole cases. we could also do this with bullets. I bet Bear Creek would cut us a deal.

Badges! Do you need some stinking Badges? I had an inquiry about badges the other day so I thought I would pursue it some. I talked to one of the guys in the Cowboy Chronicle and he is sending me some info. It doesn't cost anything to look.

Don't forget the Cliff Unruh benefit at the Kingsburg Gun Club on Aug 9. There will be lots of shooting and food too. Come early for a great day at a premier spot on the Kings River. \$30

For Sale

Navy Arms Rolling Block 45-70
Credmoor Site, half round 26" barrel
Call Buckskin 855-2713

Ruger Vaquero, CCH, 45 Colt, 4 3/4",
with genuine stag grips, \$325, with
rosewood grips, \$275.
Call Square Shooter 225-1759

WHAT TEDDY ROOSEVELT TOOK WEST

In his book, Hunting Trips of a Ranchman, Teddy Roosevelt gives us a pretty good idea what the top gun choices were for the Dakota plains in the late 1870's. He started for the West with a Sharps .45-120 and a .50-caliber double-barreled English express rifle. He found them both to be heavy and clumsy. Teddy soon put them aside for a Sharps .40-90 for "very long range work."

The rifle he preferred to all others was a Winchester 1876 in .45-75. This rifle would account for over 100 head of game and be sent back to Winchester four times. TR states that he killed all sizes of American game "from a grisly bear to a big-horn". He found it to be handy, accurate, fast to fire and load, and able to stand rough use. His grouse gun appears to have been a Winchester 1873 in .32-20 with which he was deadly accurate.

Teddy carried an engraved Colt .44-40 with a 7 1/2" barrel and had it at the ready in more than one frontier encounter. Charles Edward Chapel tells us in his Guns of the Old West that Teddy also favored the Colt model 1878 double-action Army in .45 Colt.

Shotguns were also a part of his equipage that he took out to the Dakota ranch. These were custom double-barreled guns. One was a 10 gauge for ducks and geese the other was a 16 gauge which may have had a third barrel underneath in .45-70. Teddy used these shotguns but really didn't care much for shotgunning. He called a rifle a "freeman's weapon".

Teddy Roosevelt wrote several books about hunting and ranching in the West. We do know a lot about how he felt about his guns and his time, but damn, wouldn't it be fun to have a campfire, a bottle of sipping whiskey, and the time to listen to him tell us about it.

Flatiron KRR #25, SASS #7983



Do you hear the rumble?

It's the Fort Miller express, and it's rollin on toward October. Our annual match will be here before you know it. With the large number of CAS clubs around nowadays, it is not uncommon to have two or three annual matches going on at the same time. Annual matches are just not as rare as they used to be. This fact has brought me back to the reality of why we have an annual match in the first place. It is a special event that our club members put on for themselves with an open invitation for others to join in. If we get a large scale participation from our own membership, it is a success. If we do not, it is a failure. It is very easy to forget that the reason we do this is to have fun! Let's all remember that. Sign up today.

Quote of the month:

Be careful what you ask for, you just might get it!



Goodbye Roy

By now everyone knows that Roy Rogers, "King of the Cowboys", died on July 6, 1998. Whether he was your personal favorite cowboy or not, he was certainly one of the best known and loved. He lives on in his movies, our hearts, and our minds. Roy is once again playing cowboy with his old pals. Happy trails to you, Roy. Lets all remember Dale, his Queen and ours, in our prayers.