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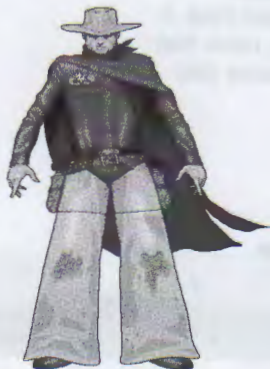
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Joaquin Rivers is Walking Tall

And well he should. Sunday's match was just about as good of a Father's Day gift that any cowboy action shooter could ask for. It had all the makings of a deluxe, top notch shoot. Sixty-three of the finest people in the world all agree that this was a match to remember. Plenty of action, a fine mix of easy and medium hard targets (just enough to keep you on your toes). The role-playing was fine too. One minute you were a Indian, the next you were a settler. He had you working both sides of the bar in the same stage! A super job Richard, I mean Joaquin. A big thanks to the posse leaders and those who helped set up on Saturday too.

A WORK OF NECESSITY

One Sunday, a minister, on his way to church, saw a number of boys busily engaged in digging in the ground. He stopped to reprove them for working on the Sabbath. "Boys," he said, "don't you know you must never work on the Lord's Day save in the case of great necessity?" "This is a case of great necessity, Minister," said one, "We can't go fishing without worms"



WAGONS HO!

Have ya ever rode in a real wagon? Well, if yer real fast you might get the chance. Hoss, ya know that woolly feller from Porterpatch, will be driving a team of Haflingers (draft horses) in the "Butterfield Stage Run". This is a recreation of the portion of the stage run that went from Terra Bella to Bartlet Park. It will be held on October 4.

Hoss says he can tote about 10 folks, and outriders are welcome. There will be a participation fee of around \$10 which includes lunch. The five-hour ride will leave Terra Bella around 8 am on October 4 and arrive at Bartlet Park around 2 pm. The trip will be real slow paced and will include lunch stops, etc. You will need to be in costume if you are in the wagon train. There will be a shindig and mountain man encampment at the park, so be prepared fer a good time. Space on the wagon is

VERY limited so if you want to ride, you better get-a-holt of Hoss right away! He says the deadline is Sept 15, but I doubt if openings will last until the end of this message.

Even if you don't make it on the wagon, put on yer fer real cowboy duds and meet them at the park.

What fun!

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Fort Miller 97

The word is out, Fort Miller 97 is coming October 25-26. We have already started receiving entries for our second annual match. The match fees are \$50 for SASS members and \$60 for non-SASS members. We obviously support SASS and will continue to as long as they support us! Get your entry in NOW to make sure that you have a spot. The limit is 150 shooters. It seems that everywhere I go, there is someone talking about last year's match. And, the talk is GOOD! This year's match will be even better. We plan to have an enlarged vendors area. We have two days to shoot eight stages. If we finish early, we will have side matches and a team shoot. Jessie Montana is coming along with the prize pool. She has already received promise of some dandy prize donations. If you are of a mind to donate a gift to the prize pool, don't hesitate. Every prize that is donated will allow us to build our bank account. Even though we are a non-profit club, we still need money to build new props, targets and general expansion. Make sure and turn in your ideas for a scenario to Sheriff Hank, so it can be considered.

We will be having a raffle and tickets will be on sale as soon as they are back from the printer. If you want a book of tickets to sell, get in touch with the Mayor. The raffle prizes are a 45-70 Springfield Trapdoor Carbine by Navy Arms; a custom holster/gunbelt rig by Eldon's Leather; a custom holster/gunbelt rig by JAX Leather; and a progressive reloader. Tickets are \$5 each and you need not be present to win. Help your club, buy & sell tickets!



Women were scarce on the prairie.
Some men did double duty.

SAFETY

We all forget about safety at one time or another. Usually, we get away with it, but sometimes it bites us in the butt! At this last match, I loaded nine rounds in my rifle at one of the stages. The person at the loading bench asked me about it, and made me remove them. He was right! I would have shot the six rounds, and left a loaded gun on the stage. Most likely nothing would have happen, but something could have happened. The person watching you load has a responsibility to the club and to you. He or she is part of the chain, and I'm glad their



CAS?

Never Heard of it.

The biggest thing to hit the board in years is Cowboy Action Shooting. It is a fact. Most every gun magazine, even the NRA publications can't get enough to satisfy the hunger of the cowboy shooter. Just about every gun manufacturer around has geared up or is thinking about gearing up to remake old favorites or new copies. The ammo industry is racing each other to supply the CAS ranks and the number of folks making authentic type clothing is increasing at an unbelievable rate. There are Cowboy Action Shooting groups starting up everywhere. You can now shoot any weekend of the year at any number of locations. I've been approached by reenactment groups, rendezvousers, new and established gun clubs, and service clubs all asking for information about us. This is the biggest boon to gun owners that I have ever seen. Everyone interested in any shooting sport SHOULD support CAS to the max. This just might be one of the things that saves shooter's and gunowner's rights. There's nothing else on the horizon that appeals to the non traditional gun lover like CAS. The sports channels are starting to show CAS and I heard it mentioned on a national talk show the other day.

So, why is it that when I walked into a local gun store with my for real cowboy duds on, a guy asked me what I was dressed up for. When I told him about CAS, he was amazed that something like that was going on. Well, let's get the word out locally. Wear your CAS cloths whenever and wherever you can. There's no doubt that it will open the door for you to tell someone about our sport. Let's get all the mileage out of this that we can.



Cowboy Chatter

Is there any interest in having a club picnic? Let's find someplace in the shade!

Our friends to the south, Five Dogs, have expanded their cowboy shooting area. They now are shooting six stages at their monthly match. They have a very nice shooting area with a rail fence that runs the entire length of the six stages, nice big sun shades, and some beautiful stage props. If you haven't been there you should give them a try. They shoot on the first Sunday of the month.

FR & PC memberships are due. If you are already a member, it's time to renew and if you aren't a member, it's a good time to think about joining.

Goat Ropers, don't forget to bring yer 410 shells for the "Goat Ropers" match. Hang in there, it takes time for things to grow!

Jim Appleton, aka Shadow, underwent a triple bypass last Thursday. Those of you who shoot at Five Dogs know Jim very well. He is one of the main movers and shakers around there. We wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

Chorro Valley will be competing in "The Pony Express" shoot on July 13. Let's join them!

The results of the "Goat Ropers" match:

1. Wrong Way John
2. Butch
3. Lead Foot Jr
4. JL Hank (tie)
4. Hanky (tie)

