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The road from Egypt

And I don't mean mummies. Our December adventure featured a story line based loosely on some real history. These stories came out of the Great Depression era and the migration that followed. In many ways this migration was similar to the westward migration that took place 100 years earlier. Hoss was the storyteller and Match Director. His Father and SnakeBite's Father grew up in Egypt, Arkansas (Arnold Statler had the only store in town). They were part of this migration. The stages were hot and full of action and if you didn't bring plenty of ammo. you were looking to borrow some. It was a cold morning at Fort Miller and the fog kept some of the would-be Arkies away. We had the smallest turnout in our history, 38 shooters. This was certainly one of the best matches to date. After lunch, we all pitched in and took down the fence so we can start the tractor work on Dec 29. We will bring a D-9 CAT across the creek and up the hill. At 200.000 lbs., it won't cross the bridge! It will take 3-4 days to complete the tractor work. so be ready for the work day on Saturday, January 3. PS. Watermelon tastes best when it's fresh stole.

ELECTIONS



Elections are over and phase II of the Kings River Regulators saga has begun. After a visit from the KRR steering committee, (see above) Mayor SnakeBite decided to run and was reelected. The sheriff's position went to Deputy Cole Chance, who will take over for our original Sheriff Hank. Jessie Montana, elected to finish out Hawkeye O'Riley's term, was reelected to the Banker's position. The same goes for Schoolmarm, Fannie Oakley. Buckskin will be doing the duties of Blacksmith. Congratulations to all newly elected officers and our heartfelt thanks to the out-going. The job ahead is formidable and it will require the support of the ENTIRE club. Thanks for your support. We'll see you on Saturday, January 3 for a work day. Lunch will be provided. We'll need paint brushes, a couple of step ladders, shovels and rakes. Start about 9. We will need plenty of supervisors, so come on out even if you can't work.

Quote of the Month

"Don't worry about me, I can shoot straight.....if I don't have to shoot too far."

Scarlet O'Hara

MORE TO COME!

You couldn't help but notice the new sign-up and food area. These fantastic additions were built by Buckskin and Longbranch. The roofing was supplied by Sierra. Give these guys a slap on the back and a hearty thank you. As funds become available, we will finish the inside. Expanding the shooting area is the number one priority. The plans have been approved and work begins Dec 29. When the new bays are finished and funds are available we can start building props. All props, however, must be coordinated with the Blacksmith. Part of the new shooting area will be made available to police and military units on a request basis. Our targets will be off limits to them.

Thanks to Long Feather and Wind Dancer for the micro-wave and to 3-Fingers for the coffee pot.

OFFICERS:

Mayor: SnakeBite (Doug Gilmore) 787-2943 SASS #4767L KRR #1 Sheriff: Cole Chance (Leon Chism) 673-7416 SASS #8243 KRR #26 Banker: Jessie Montana (Barbara Chism) 673-7416 SASS #8244 KRR #27 Blacksmith: Buckskin (John Dotts) 855-2713 SASS #12434 KRR #47 Schoolmarm:Fannie Oakley(Connie Gilmore) 787-2943 SASS #6719 KRR #10



Cowboy Chatter

There will be a Sports show at the Fresno County Fair grounds Jan 15-18. KRR will have a booth set up in the shooting sports pavilion which will be staffed by some of our members in full costume. SASS has donated some non current Chronicles and we will have KRR flyers to hand out. We need someone to make a sign that says SASS and KINGS RIVER REGULATORS. Maybe on butcher paper. Someone please, please help us out on this. They expect 175,000 people. If you are willing to make a sign, contact SnakeBite. ASAP!

The Coto Cowboys will be hosting the First Annual California State Championship from Oct 8-11 at the EOT site in Norco. They have invited KRR to sponsor a stage. We provide the scenario and staff, they will provide the props and targets. We must let them know by the end of Jan.

Congratulations to Rot Gut Charlie who was elected to the Town Council. By the way, he will be the Match Director for the Jan adventure.

There is talk of having an invitational two-day match sometime next Spring. This would help the club put some money back in the bank. The range expansion has done a good job of draining our bank account. We will need front money for next year's annual match. We would charge a nominal fee and give away a very limited number of prizes.

DON'T FORGET, shooting fees will increase in Jan. Members=\$12, Non members=\$17, SASS members=\$15. Get your 1998 dues paid, NOW! It's a bargain at only \$20. We need 20 sheets of sheetrock to finish the inside of the food shack and sign-up booth. We also need about \$1000 to put the porch on the new buildings.

We are looking into having our KRR sign repainted. The weather has really started to take a toll on it. When finished, we'll relocate it.

SASS is trying to establish the ground rules for a Gunfighter class. (shooting one gun in each hand) Right now it looks like the shooter will have to qualify and be certified to shoot in this category. For starters, you must have competed as a double duelist in at least 5 matches. There will be some pretty stiff rules that will most likely preclude anyone shooting this class from winning the match. Such as, "...any single hand gun stage must be shot with both guns, one in each hand." Nothing has been set as of yet. Things are still in the planning stages.

Editorial

There is still considerable discussion about how to deal with the professional shooters coming into CAS. They are showing up in greater numbers every day. There doesn't seem to be total agreement as to what constitutes a professional, but most agree that anyone paid or sponsored, is one. A professional shooter is a professional shooter. PERIOD! It doesn't matter whether it's a double action or a single action. If this problem is not solved it will destroy the sport as we know it. I think part of the holdup is the fact that some of the insiders are concerned that

they might be considered a pro. It seems to me that an open class category encompassing both pros and top dog amateurs would solve the problem. Give points to top place finishers in sanctioned matches. Once

you get X number of points, you MUST shoot in the open class category. Provisions could be made for moving back down in class if needed. Most folks like competition and the

improvement it brings. I enjoy shooting against the top guns but many folks don't. We have been giving some thought to putting in a pit, for pit BBQing. Not sure where to put it.

Sheriff Cole Chance invites each and every one of you to the range for a work day on Saturday, Jan 3, 1998.

A special note of thanks to Frisco Frankie for putting out the fire. What fire? Well it seems that Miss Kitty's dress caught on fire while standing by the warming fire. Quick action by Frankie brought a halt to what could have been a very bad situation.

RAFFLE. The FRPC is having a fund raising raffle. They have a dandy Ruger 22 match rifle as a main prize. Tickets are available in the club house. Jan 31 is the annual FRPC meeting and swap meet. Reserve your tables now. While you are buying tickets, join the FRPC. (if you're not already a member). We are here to stay!!



Now look here, when we say we're gonna watch you load, we mean it!

Work Day

Our Blacksmith, Buckskin, asked me to remind you about the work day at the range on Saturday, Jan 3. We will be paintin, plantin, rakin, rockin and rollin. Lunch will be provided by the club, with the help of "The Weenie Women".

By the way, at our monthly match, it sure would help if you would buy your meal ticket at sign-up time. That way, the "Weenie Women" know how many of what to cook.

Kings River Regulators MATCH FINAL OVERALL STANDINGS STAGES 1 thru 4

MATCH				< STAGE	1>	< STAGE	2>	< STAGE	3>	< STAGE	4>	< TOTAL	S>
FINAL	ALIAS		CLASS	TIME	RNK	TIME	RNK	TIME	RNK	TIME	RNK	TIME	PNTS
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1.	CHARLIE ONE HORSE	#12527	Т	51.85	1	55.45	1	56.34	1	55.27	1	218.91	4
2.	LONGBRANCH	#12433	Т	63.15	3	61.74	2	80.68	6	57.44	2	263.01	13
3.	SNAKEBITE	# 4767	Т	63.14	2	70.67	3	76.26	5	58.42	3	268.49	13
4.	COLE CHANCE	#**003	Т	64.22	4	81.55	4	75.09	4	71.18	4	292.04	16
5.	JOAQUIN RIVERS	#11912	Т	74.07	5	82.68	5	81.52	7	78.85	б	317.12	23
б.	JESSIE MONTANA	# 8244	W	86.63	11	98.89	11	74.53	3	101.67	14	361.72	39
7.	TERRIBLE TED	# 9014	S	88.59	12	87.58	7	93.75	14	83.50	8	353.42	41
8.	HAWKEYE O'RILEY	# 6443	Т	81.72	9	91.20	8	81.72	8	106.95	16	361.59	41
9.	HOSS	# 9565	D	78.00	7	113.40	19	91.81	12	94.31	10	377.52	48
10.	HAWKEYE	# 496	Т	98.78	19	108.56	17	65.21	2	97.63	11	370.18	49
11.	REV. BUSTER DOORS	#**004	D	103.06	23	96.39	10	87.32	10	92.53	9	379.30	52
12.	COAL TRAIN	#**002	Т	81.78	10	99.07	12	99.17	18	99.30	12	379.32	52
13.	LEADFOOT	# 5535	Т	93.25	15	105.03	14	84.10	9	114.78	18	397.16	56
14.	DOC JAMES	# 5061	Т	110.73	28	95.93	9	92.34	13	82.32	7	381.32	57
15.	KENTUCKY GAMBLER	# 8010	M	76.60	б	108.50	16	94.45	15	118.68	21	398.23	58
16.	SHILOH	#**005	Т	99.11	20	83.07	б	124.58	28	77.35	5	384.11	59
17.	FLATIRON	# 7983	Т	94.01	16	114.79	20	97.70	17	104.10	15	410.60	68
18.	TOELESS JOE	# 8608	S	94.38	17	107.77	15	89.52	11	130.85	27	422.52	70
19.	HANK	# 7369	D	81.33	8	122.69	24	123.27	26	117.49	20	444.78	78
20.	RUTHLESS RUTH	# 9015	W	101.62	22	122.63	23	107.53	21	101.39	13	433.17	79
21.	BUCKSKIN	#12434	S	108.31	27	103.20	13	119.44	24	117.46	19	448.41	83
22.	ROT GUT CHARLIE	#13304	Т	97.75	18	118.10	21	128.24	29	108.12	17	452.21	85
23.	HARDPAN	# 8967	M	101.05	21	110.25	18	123.61	27	122.00	22	456.91	88
24.	SQUARE SHOOTER	# 9417	Т	93.16	14	118.23	22	140.50	32	134.02	28	485.91	96
25.	GEEZER	#11911	Т	105.59	24	133.61	27	103.97	20	127.15	26	470.32	97
26.	NEEDA TAILOR	# 8141	W	118.86	30	138.54	28	96.14	16	122.92	23	476.46	97
27.	CHEROKEE	#**001	Т	93.12	13	143.20	30	119.96	25	137.23	29	493.51	97
28.	WIDOWMAKER	# 8970	M	107.25	25	140.51	29	118.10	23	126.69	25	492.55	102
29.	TEQUILA JOE	#**007	Т	113.71	29	128.75	25	114.44	22	140.61	30	497.51	106
30.	BEAN POT	# 6964	M	132.84	32	130.85	26	101.34	19	168.47	34	533.50	111
31.	SHORTY	#12810	M	127.19	31	154.12	31	135.37	31	125.67	24	542.35	117
32.	SIERRA	# 3229	Т	108.20	26	156.90	33	142.68	33	151.06	31	558.84	123
33.	BEARPAW	# 7559	S	147.25	34	160.57	34	131.32	30	161.42	33	600.56	131
	WIND DANCER	# 8576	W	135.70	33	156.25	32	143.66	35	189.79	36	625.40	136
	DAKOTA	# 8438	Т	151.47	35	160.90	35	164.19	37	156.10	32	632.66	139
	WIDOWTAKER	∦ **008	M	157.12	36	167.73	36	142.81	34	183.46	35	651.12	141
37.	SOUTHERN PLANTER	# **006	Т	194.44	37	219.38	37	153.55	36	202.06	37	769.43	147