

# KINGS RIVER GAZETTE

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## Upcoming Annuals

Winter Range SASS National Championships

March 7 thru 11, 2007

Shootout at Fort Miller  
April 12 thru 15, 2007

California State Championships  
May 3 thru 6, 2007

5 Dogs Creek, Bakersfield

## FOUR MONTHS 'TIL THE SHOOTOUT AT FORT MILLER



As of Monday, December 18, we have over 25 signups for the 2007 Shootout at Fort Miller.

Since we can only handle 125 shooters, don't be left out. Download the application, call, write or send an email if you want us to mail you one.

New this year for the long range, "Second Shooter"

category. This is for families who only have one long range rifle and want to share. More info to follow as soon as the long range director, **Cole Chance**, forwards it.

This year the side matches will be held on Thursday. See the flyer on the website for more info.

Sunday will see the re-

turn of the Mother of All Plainsman competition and the popular Tres Amigos Shootout. This year's Tres Amigos plans on raising the bar on shooting fun and excitement.

Don't forget the Saturday night potluck and talent show. **Junebug McCaffrey** is looking for singers for her Lone Star Chorale.

## AS THE ROOSTER CROWS SLICK ROCK ROOSTER

With the threat of rain and gloom in the forecast, it looks like a few people missed a great shoot with beautiful sunshine and blue sky. No fog, no rain - just a few puffy clouds moving by - made for a great day of shooting. **Mariposa Slim** did it again with another fun match. Everything was pretty straightforward, even with a two shot reload on Hell

Town.

Three shooters were able to shoot the match clean - **Jessie's Brother Frank**, **Smokey Joe**, and **Hawkeye O'Riley**. Salutes to each of them. **Tucson Smith** was first in the Mens B Western Category. **Coal Train** was able to finish one second ahead of **Wobblin' Bob** for first overall.

It was good to see some shooters that had been missing for some time. A big howdy to **Hellfire Hank** and **Major Gregor**, and a Happy Birthday and welcome back to **Judge Jeremiah Steele**. We even had a little birthday cake to celebrate. Along with the Judge came **Ma Steele** and **Rogan Steele**. **Pocket Change** came charging (cont pg 3)

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**Monthly Matches**

1st Weekend  
 FRPC Silhouette and Long  
 Range

5 Dogs Creek

2nd Weekend  
 Chorro Valley

3rd Weekend  
 Kings River Regulators

4th Weekend  
 Two Rivers Posse  
 Manteca  
 Faultline Shootists  
 Gonzales

5th Weekend  
 Chorro Valley

## REGULATORS ROUNDUP

### Parts is Parts

Just how many pards are getting new parts or old parts fixed?

Well so far, **Pocket Change** had some work under the hood. **Papa Willie** is recouping. **Shiloh** has a new knee and has bonded with his walker. **Cole Chance** is waiting for his new knee. **Lefty Vaquero** is having a short stroke kit put in his shoulder. And **Stitches** is getting a new knee.

Looks like the orthopedic surgeons are going to have a very good Christmas and New Year.

The **Gazette** wishes all our pards and their new and repaired parts a speedy recovery.

Once your back at the range, be sure you check in with **Snakebite** to make sure your mods are approved.

### Pink at the Rink

Join **Ramrod and Fannie Mostly** Saturday, February 3, 2007, at the Save-Mart Center for Fresno Falcons ice hockey.

This special event supports the Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation for Cancer Research and Stopping Domestic Violence.

There will be special seating near center ice, a limited edition pink mini hockey stick, entry into a drawing for a pink hockey jersey.

The players will wear special Pink jerseys which will be auctioned off after the game.

Tickets are \$25.00 and may be ordered from John Tull at 559 347 3601 or mail to John Tull, Save-Mart Center, 2650 E. Shaw, Fresno CA, 92710 — be sure to mention PINK AT THE RINK when ordering. See you on the ice.

## UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

**Alias:** Coal Train

**Category:** 49'er

**Name:** Jim Ruch

**KRR Number:** 81

**How Long CAS:** 10 years

**What got you started:** Watched Tombstone late in 1993, went to End of Trail in April 1994, got hooked, started gathering the clothes first, then the guns; found the Fresno & Bakersfield gun clubs.

**Who was your mentor:** Most of the club members helped. Snakebite was the first to come over, shake my hand and say welcome. His wife helped me sign up and offered words of encouragement. It meant a lot to a nervous beginner. Joaquin Rivers & Leadfoot were always there for moral support Tucson Smith has always been enter-



Coal Train

bigger when teased about it from other KRR members on the posse.

**Current Occupation:** Zone manager for Valero Oil Company.

**Past Occupations:** Male Stripper

**Current Hobbies:** Playing Faro & Chuck-A-Luck. Being a home brew beer taste tester for Ramrod, playing guitar, traveling and trying to get my brother (Good Hands) back shooting.

**Past Hobbies:** Bird hunting, dog training, traveling softball league.

**Family:** Wife Mary (yes I have a wife), daughters Megan & Courtney & son Cody; dog Katie.

**Favorite Food:** Anything I don't have to cook. Tri Tip/steak, corn on the cob, beans, everything people bring to potlucks, it's all good.

taining.

**Favorite Shooting Memory:** Watching my son clean his first stage & watching the grin get

## RAMROD'S MUSINGS

### From the Pokey

Acting on the vote of the Territorial Governors and the voice of those involved, the Kings River Regulators have split the Senior division to Senior (60-64) and Silver Senior (65-69).

The split took effect at the December match and will be offered at the 2007 Shootout at Fort Miller.

After humiliating the competition last year, it's KRR's turn to host the Central California Range War. Information regarding the Range War will be in next month's Gazette.

### From the range...

With the Shootout at Fort Miller only four months away, it's time to plan work parties to spruce up the range, bays and cowboy town.

Saturday March 17, 2007, after set up will be a general work party, weather permitting.

We'll do weeds, clean up and some painting. Bring your hand tools, weed eaters and willing spirits. We need to get the range ready for the crown jewel of cowboy shooting, the Shootout at Fort Miller.

### Cowboy Logic

Four months until the Great Rib Roundup, Potluck and Talent Show.

Get your act ready. If you can tell stories, sing, play an instrument, tell poetry or do a comedy routine, brush off the trail dust and show us what you have.

If you would like to help at the annual, contact **Ramrod** or **Fannie Mostly**. We'll need help setting steel and props on Wednesday, setting up the speed matches pot luck and Tres Amigos. General help is always appreciated.

Shootout at Fort Miller 2007 info and entry forms are on the website and available at the Headquarters building at Fort Miller.

If you need them snail mailed, call or send us a note: (831) 637-8872  
Ramrod & Fannie Mostly  
6340 San Felipe Rd  
Hollister, CA 95023

### NEXT MONTH'S MATCH DIRECTOR



Ramrod and Fannie

## FANNIE'S SHARPSHOOTIN' AWARD

This month **Fannie** decided to feature the shooter that has consistently placed in the top 10 at the monthly matches for 2007.

After leading the pack at the 6 month mark, it's no surprise that **Crusty Jim** tops the list being in the Top 10, ten times in 2007. Great shooting Old Timer!

Rounding out the top 10 placers were: **Wildcat John** (8); **Coal Train** (8); **Little Fawn** (7); **Snakebite** (7); **Sierra Rider** (7); **Kaweah Kid** (6); **Flying W Ramrod** (6); **Geo Kid** (5); **Sudden** (5); **Lefty Vaquero** (5); **Wobblin' Bob** (5); **Bo Bean** (4) and **Pocket Change** (4).

Good shooting pard.



Top Shooter for 2007

### PAPA SAYS



## AS THE ROOSTER CROWS (CONT. FROM PAGE 1)

back and shooting as good as ever after her bout with tummy troubles last month. The Posse Leaders were **Slick Rock Rooster**, **Mariposa Slim** and **Ramrod**.

**Sawdust Kid** and his cabinet shop, **Willems Custom Cabinets**, made a great donation of Starbucks gift cards that were awarded by place of finish on each stage. First on stage one was **Wobblin' Bob**. Second on stage two was **Wildcat John**. Third on stage three was

**Fannie Mostly**. Fourth on stage four was **Kaweah Kid**. Fifth on stage five was **Slick Rock Rooster**. Thank you **Sawdust Kid**.

Many thanks to **Fannie Mostly** and **Swanee Rivers** for making the office run so smoothly all year.

We have adopted the new split Senior categories, as approved by the Territorial Governors Convention - age 60-64 Senior, and age 65-69 Silver

Senior.

It is that time of the year to renew your KRR membership - save the cost of a stamp and mail in your entry for the 2007 Shootout at Fort Miller in April at the same time.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!


SRR

☀ All sunshine, without a little rain, makes a desert.

☀ Happiness is not the absence of trouble, but your ability to cope with it.



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## SHOOTERS CLASSIFIEDS

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Contact: **Flying W Ramrod** at fwranch@garlic.com or (831) 637-8872.

**Baikal** 12 gauge double barrel shotgun, hammered, 20 inch barrel with chokes - \$275.00  
Contact **Wildcat John** (aka, John Crippen)  
(559) 689-3000

**Ruger Vaquero**, .45LC with a 5-1/2 inch barrel, brand new in box, never fired - \$450.00  
Contact **Badmann Bob** (aka, Bob Mann)  
(559) 936-3067 – cell

**Uberti** Colt clone, .45LC with a 7-1/2 inch barrel, with holster and original grip - \$475.00  
Contact **Hawkeye O'Riley** (aka, Jim Riley)  
(559) 638-6169

## *From the Territorial Governor*

Another TG summit has come and gone. As was reported earlier, the agenda this year was not as hot as last years. I want to thank all of you that gave me input, and hope that things went the way you wanted them. Here are the results:

1. The Uberti 1873 percussion revolver will not be allowed in the Frontiersman category.
2. The Senior category will be split. Senior will be age 60-64, and Silver Senior will be age 65-69. This was changed back to the original split by a large majority.
3. The Stage Conventions passed. Part 3 was changed to allow the long guns to hang over the end of the horizontal staging table, with the only requirement being that they must be flat, and be staged on the table to at least the back of the trigger guard (not the back of the lever). These are ONLY in effect when the stage scenario does not state otherwise.
4. All short and long sleeve tee shirt and tank tops are outlawed in all categories. This does not affect short sleeve blouses in the Women's categories.
5. Shooting out of category will award the shooter a 10 second penalty the first time. The shooter must subsequently comply with the category or be changed to a different category. The second offense is a stage DQ, and the third is a MDQ.
6. If a shooter receives a MDQ, their scores will be eliminated from the main match, so they do not affect others. A shooter that receives a stage DQ can still win in his category if he can overcome the DQ and still beat everyone else.

After the agenda items were voted on and completed, there were a number of items that were discussed, and a straw poll was taken.

Should the Gunfighter style be allowed in all categories? The straw poll was NO.

Should we reinstate the required "Minimum Velocity" rule. The straw poll was NO...however, it was overwhelmingly agreed that the issue of "Wimp" loads must be addressed. This will be looked at in the coming year in an attempt to find some acceptable way to put an end to the extremely light loads. This issue was brought up by the WB, and it is expected to be addressed in the CC.

Should we allow 410 and 28 ga in the Elder Statesman category. The straw poll was NO.

There were a number of items that were discussed by the RO committee. Most of these will be thrown up for discussion at the Regional matches in the coming year.

Just how much authority does a Berm Marshal have? The general consensus was that they could not overrule the Posse RO or the Spotters.

Does the de-cocking rule apply to all firearms?

When does the stage really start? We were told that it starts with the BEEP! That is contrary to the current rule of "first round down range". It is expected to be made the new rule. The reasoning was twofold. First, it is "luck" if the first round is a squib rather than the second round, and...it appears that more and more shooters are getting restarts when they fail to get a good "grab" at the shotgun shells, or some other event that is the shooter's fault. If this rule is enacted, it will apply when the shooter starts doing whatever is required...such as getting his shotgun shells or whatever. It will also not be applied if the RO starts the shooter before he is ready.

There is also a major movement to revamp the minor safety rule by putting a maximum of one minor safety per gun. This would eliminate the double jeopardy that results when an extra round is loaded in the rifle, and shows up at the loading table, i.e., the shooter loads 10 on a stage that requires only 9 rounds. Then, after shooting his 9 he shows up with a round on the carrier. He NOW gets a 10 second for loading too many rounds, and also a 10 second for a round on the carrier.

Next, any rules that are not being universally enforced, should be removed.

SASS wire answers. Who answers the questions for the various committees? San Quinton and myself are the spokespersons for the Mods committee, and Pale Wolf is the spokesperson for the RO committee. I am the spokesperson for the Long Range, and the Black Powder. BUT....other members are answering questions, and that sometimes leads to a problem. There will be a forum setup which will contain numerous OFFICIAL Q&A. Everyone thought that this would be a great idea.

Snakebite