

KINGS RIVER GAZETTE

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DOUBLE ISSUE!

A Note from the Editor

Well, last month's issue didn't happen. It was the end of the crappiest school year ever (Coyote Carson & Dutch Longhorn know what I'm talking about...) and the day after school was out, I hit the road for Cody Wyoming & Livingston Montana – great cowboy country! So I apologize, but to make it up to you this is a double issue 😊. Stay cool out there.

-Stogie Johnson

A Great Wrap-Up After the 2021 Fort Miller Annual

OUT ON THE RANGE

By Sheriff Dusty Devil Dale

When company is coming over, it's always an eye-opener how much clutter and mess you suddenly notice, that you've been living with every day. Our annual Fort Miller event always seems to be the impetus for us noticing, cleaning up and fixing things

that become damaged or scattered throughout the year. It's also a time for constructing new props, targets and doing all the major preparations for the event.

Each year, KRR members pitch in to help us get our range and facilities spiffed up and ready to be showcased to our visitors. They also do the major work involved in writing, setting up and taking down the match itself, running side-events, preparing for raffles, assembling shooter packets, ordering prizes, procuring water and ice, doing landscape care and watering, and all of the other things that we might not otherwise timely get around to doing. The good part is that we have a good deal of fun and camaraderie working together in those get-ready efforts.

We sincerely thank everyone who participated this year. We all enjoy the Fort Miller event, and we see visitors from all over California and from other states who come to compete, camp and visit. And they take home with them their memories and impressions of our range, our match, our club and our hospitality.

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Fort Miller is and always has been a major part of our KRR's reputation as a premier Cowboy Action Shooting Club. Our Fort Miller Event this year was a great success and a lot of fun, due to KRR members' efforts. Getting personally involved in Fort Miller can be as easy as letting folks know you want to volunteer, by signing up for the various committees and tasks, as the event draws near each year. So, mark your calendars for next March and April, and reserve some time to pitch in and join the "other half" of the fun we have annually with our Fort Miller match and event.

THANKS EVERYONE !

Thank you Dusty! You headed up all of the work that was done, and we appreciate it!

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The KRR would like to thank Two Fingers Slim for all of the sprinkler work that he did on the range, thus saving a lot of trees. Thanks to workers like him our range is looking better everyday!

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And speaking of Two Fingers, Bull Calahan asked him if he was a proctologist -- Lord I hope not!



May saw a new shooter at the KRR, and we'd like to welcome Tequila Sunrise to the sport of Cowboy Action Shooting!



And he's got some pretty fancy shootin' irons already! Great to meet you Tequila and we hope to see you at the next match!



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In the Noose

Let's meet Snapshot Dualin this month and put him In the Noose.



Snapshot got his start in Cowboy Action Shooting about 17 years ago when he saw something about it on TV

and went to the 2 Rivers Posse (up north) to check it out. He knew that participants dressed up, so he stopped at a thrift shop to pick up some duds, but was ridiculed because his vest wasn't period correct! (it had snaps instead of buttons). Well, that intimidated him a bit, so he retreated to the club in Jamestown where he shot for 6 months or so, and then he began shooting at the club in Manteca (He no doubt had his signature double-breasted vest by then!). At some point he visited the KRR. Snapshot told the Gazette that, "The KRR stood out above the rest. The camaraderie, the excitement, the feeling of realism. I've been here ever since." His outfit is based on and reflects his career in law enforcement – he is a retired police officer – and he has recently switched shooting categories to Senior Duelist.

Snapshot has been shooting his entire life. As a matter of fact his favorite toys as a child were guns, and always had his "Fanner Fifty" by his side. Snapshot says, "I just like the Cowboy Way!". Well we're glad about that Snapshot Dualin! Thanks for letting us get to know you better.

So Tall Tale Todd had his sweetie Nurse Becky come to watch the match in May, which was great, but

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I thought that when he got a good luck smooch everyone on the posse should have got a smooch... 😊

It was great to see Bad Blaine shooting again after an absence while he got bionic hips installed. Will that put you in a new category?

New Targets!

June saw the introduction of a whole new set of "Tic-Tac-Toe" targets created by our own Two Fingers Slim. What a hoot they are, and they are very versatile, so I expect that we will be seeing lots of different shooting combinations in the months and years to come. Thank you Two Fingers Slim!!



Father's Day Shoot

It was warm, but any day Cowboy Action Shooting is better than a day doing, well,

just about anything else! 20 shooters came out on Father's Day and braved the heat.

Snakebite came out as top shooter – Congrats! And those new Tic Tac Toe targets must have been tough, because no one shot a clean match. There were some unlucky siblings on one of the stages also... Thank you High Cotton for a great match!

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As alluded to above, there were some hostages that you weren't supposed to shoot – your brother and sister no less! Rusty wasn't too judicious with his shooting though, commenting, "I got plenty of sisters..."

After the stage the comment turned to, "with my score I shoulda just shot my sister in the face!" Wow, feel the love..."

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After a particularly rough stage Kaweah Kid summed up the experience, "I got a P, a miss, and a bunch of dammits..."

And speaking of Kaweah Kid, apparently, he moved to Montana, so it was great to see him and another face from the past, Nine Lives (Also now from Montana)

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coming to shoot with us. Great to see the two of you!



Welcome Back Nine Lives!

**What we have here, is a
failure to communicate...**

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When you're on Snakebite's
posse, you just never know what's

going to happen. When he told me that he "P'd" on a stage I assumed that he got a procedural, but then to my surprise I turn around and it sure looks like he's peeing on the stage! Okay, he was using a water bottle, but for a second there I thought...



Snakebite! It's not basketball! Quit dribbling!!

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Freedom Rider and that awesome
gun cart he made

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Rusty Shotgun told Snakebite that
he was embarrassed because
Snakebite beat him by 4/100 of a
second on stage 3. Dang you
embarrass easily Rusty! 🤔🤔🤔

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Friendly Advice

Remember, when you're a
spotter and you "think" you saw
something, **you didn't**. Tie goes to
the runner, as it were, and the
only thing that counts is what you
know you saw – not what you
think you saw. If you "think" it
was a miss, then it wasn't. Them's
the rules!

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**Thanks Manny's Granny for
the wonderful treats for all of
the father's on Father's Day!
Popsicles to cool off on a hot
day was appreciated!**

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Fanny Oakley sitting pretty

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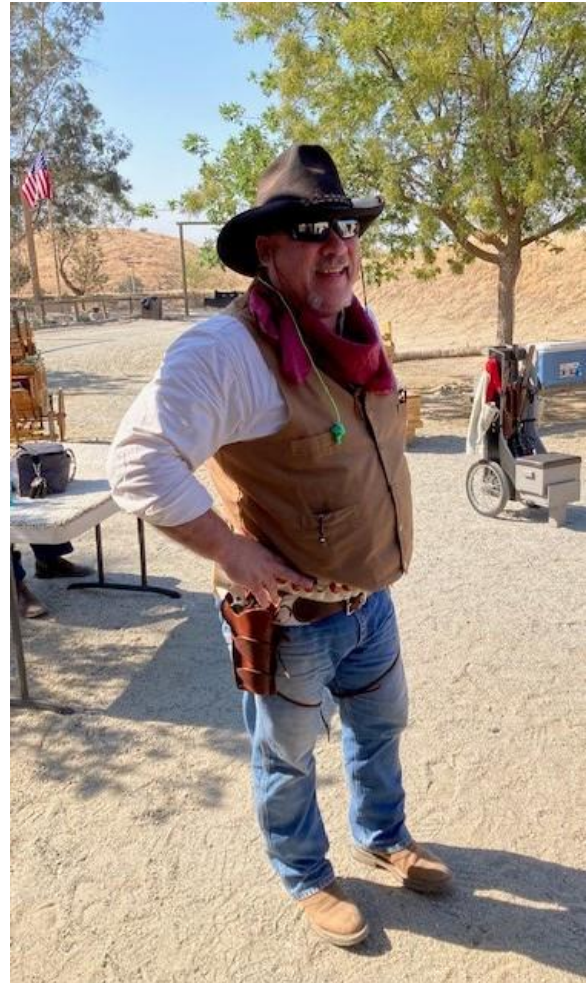
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And if you have Fanny Oakley,
then Snakebite is nearby!



Rusty having a go at the new
targets



Liberty Outrider Ready to Shoot!