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Upcoming 2009 Annual Shoots

John Wayne Shootout
September 10 - 13

Gunfight at Adobe Walls
September 25 - 27

Western Regional
October 8 - 11

End of Track High Sierra
October 22-25

Summer's Here



Photo by Double Shot Darlin

Well pards, here it is another summer on the range.

As the weather gets warmer and shooting gets faster, remember to keep hydrated.

The Kings River Regulators always provide free bottled drinking water, at the least, at every other stage and when required, every stage.

Not only drink plenty of water, but add some electrolyte replacements to that

water. Remember, water can be toxic if you drink too much.

Be sure to seek protection from the nasty rays of the sun. UV can and does cause heat stroke and cancer. Use your sun screen and stay in the shade as much as you can.

As the sun shines down it causes the cold blooded creatures, snakes, to seek the dark cool areas where

us warm blooded folks like to hang out also. Always check around the throne when you go to the little pards room and watch out when picking up targets, brass and weeds.

Another concern is that the heat causes your long guns to really heat up while staged or at the loading table. Use care when handling hot guns so you don't drop them.

AS THE ROOSTER CROWS - SLICK ROCK ROOSTER

What a great Father's Day match. **Hawkeye O'Riley** wrote a very fun match and Mother Nature provided one of the best Sundays in June that I can remember.

The turnout required four Posse Leaders to lead the great turnout of shooters - **Snakebite**, **Slick Rock Rooster**, **Fargo** and first

timer **Sierra Rider**. I heard many good comments about **Sierra Rider's** great abilities as a posse leader.

Congratulations to first time shooters **Soft Paw** and her father **Wrong Way Wrangler**. It was great to see the whole family on the range. **Ruthless Ray** shot another clean match; the only shooter to do so. **Leadville**

Clyde smoked all of the stages and was first overall by over 26 seconds

It was great to see club members that we hadn't seen for a while—**Nine Lives** was visiting from Montana—and several visitors from the Bakersfield and SLO areas.

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STRANGERS NO MORE

Hello, all! I was asked to write a few words about an experience I had on March 14th of this year. I had gotten up extra early that morning to come up to the range to help with our work day. As always, I stopped at the local "do-not" shop (that's donut for those trying to lose a few pounds), and as I was standing in line I noticed three seasoned citizens staring at me. I immediately looked down to see if my zipper was down (it wasn't). Then, I thought maybe I only waxed one side of my moustache. That's when one of them came over and said if I would come and sit down with them they would buy my coffee and donut. I said sure I would, but I'd buy by own. That's when I got "the look". You all know the one: "I'll take you out behind the wood shed if you don't do as I told you."

Sooo...I moseyed on over and sat down. The older looking lady asked me my name, and then introduced themselves. Her name was Mae, her younger sister's name was Lilly and as she put it, her baby brother's name was Earl. Now, Earl got a little tight-jawed and said "I wish you would stop calling me your baby brother, I'm 87 years old!" So, I'm thinking this lady must be mid to late 90s. (Come to find out, she was doing all the driving, as Earl couldn't see any more and Lilly lost her license some time ago.) They said that when they seen me and my hat I reminded them of the cowboys that came to town on Friday and Saturday nights. They then told me they were from Texas,

around Palatino County. I was a little surprised, you see my mother and uncles were born in Palatino. When I told my new friends that, they said "we just knew you were a Texas boy".

I then told them about my grandparents, my grandfather who was born in Brownsville and my grandmother born around the Fort Worth-Dallas area. I told them about my grandfather's life, starting at 13 working on one of the last big cattle ranches along the Brazos River, how he had met an old Texas Ranger when he was about 17, and then at 18 the old Ranger took him to a small outpost there in the Palatino area and signed him up. They told me they remembered that old fort and how some of the old Rangers who had retired from there would build a home close by, because they just couldn't leave.

As we talked, I noticed the gleam in their eyes and the excitement in their voices that wasn't there in the beginning, and to be honest it was in mine, too. I learned a lot that morning about times gone by, and in listening, I was reminded about the stories I heard my grandparents tell. So, if any of you know of seasoned citizens who still have memories of days gone by, talk to them, ask questions and learn a little, for one day someone may be asking you "what was it like in the olden days"?

Happy Trails,

Two Fingers Slim

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

REGULATOR ROUNDUP

Lots of good shooting has been done so far this year.

The members of the Kings River Regulators have done well at Winter Range, the Shootout at Fort Miller, the California State Match, High Sierra, Western States Championships and monthly matches at 5 Dogs, Chorro Valley, Two Rivers Posse and Adobe Walls.

Most of our travelling club members

are home for the summer hot season, and not scheduled to pack up their guns again until September.

Keep up the good work ethic and let's show the country that the Kings River Regulators are the best kept secret in SASS.

RAMROD'S MUSINGS

From the Pokey

Dropped rounds

The rules state that any round dropped/ejected by the shooter from the loading table to the unloading table is considered dead and cannot be picked up. Trying to pick up a dropped or ejected round is a Minor Safety Violation.

This also means that at the end of the stage you should not pick up any dropped rounds on the way to the unloading table. Let the RO or brass picker get them. Some clubs and RO's will call that a violation of the dropped round rule.

Now if you stage ammo in in a prop on a table and the ammo falls back in that prop, it's a no call.

Cowboy Logic

Mark Twain - 1835 - 1910

Samuel Clemens was a 25 year old steamboat pilot when the Civil War began, but the closing of the Mississippi ended his career on the river. His brother, **Orion**, was appointed secretary to the territorial governor of Nevada, and **Sam** accompanied him on the long stagecoach ride to the West in 1861. **Sam** unsuccessfully tried his hand at prospecting and then won a reporter's job with the Territorial Enterprise in Virginia City. He wrote under the byline "**Mark Twain**", a nautical term from his riverboat days.

In 1865 **Twain** published a short story, "**The Celebrated jumping Frog of Calaveras County**" in the New York Saturday Press. This typical western tall tale launched the literary career of one of America's greatest writers.

Roughing It, the delightful 1872 account of **Twain's** western adventures, related the story of his travels through the eyes of a greenhorn Easterner who is perplexed but entertained by colorful western characters and events. Artfully capturing the rough humor and courageous optimism of frontiersmen, **Roughing It** is a first-person classic about the Old West.

Posse Leaders Wanted

KRR is looking for a few good pardos to become posse leaders at the Monthly matches and the Shootout at Fort Miller.

Snakebite and **Cole Younger** are running RO and ROLL classes at Chorro Valley in July.

NEXT MONTH'S MATCH DIRECTOR



Bo Bean

PAPA SAYS



What we say is important, for in most cases, the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

FANNIE'S SHARPSHOOTIN' AWARD

This month was a blind draw "Six Shooter" team event. Eight random six man teams were drawn and the combined total time for the team decided the Sharpshootin Award winners.

The winning team is ... **Leadville Clyde, Porch Dog, Fannie Mostly, Slick Rock Rooster, Papa Willie and Meaner N Me** with a blazing time of 1141.78. They finished al-

most 300 seconds ahead of the second place team!

The team of **Jim Bean, Tucson Smith, Rusty Shotgun, Fool's Gold, B. Haven Badly and Lil Bravo** was in second place with a time of 1422.15.

Coming in a close third with a time of 1482.45 was the team of **Badmann Bob, Snakebite, Till M. Under,**

Talon Hawke, Marcus Phoenix and One Eyed Fat Man.

There was some pretty impressive shooting on stages that were not exactly straightforward.

Congratulations to all!

P.S. If you have any ideas for new future award categories, drop me a line....Fannie

As the Rooster Crows cont. from page 1

It was also nice to see some help for **Fannie** in the office. Thanks to **Meaner N Me** and **B. Haven Badly** for their efforts and help.

A special thanks to those cowboys that returned to the range on Monday to help with a general clean up to help please the Fire Marshall. Thanks to **Fargo,**



Sierra Rider, Porch Dog and Wrong Way Wrangler.

I understand that **Bo Bean** is our match director for July, and he's created six fast stages to help get us out of the July heat before noon.

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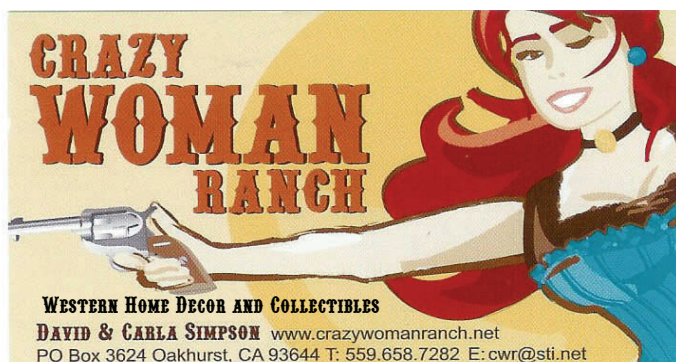
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