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World Champions Vow To Win Range War For KRR

After intense negotiations, The Kings River Regulators have signed new members ***Badlands Bud*** and ***Lead Dispencer*** to aid ***Little Fawn*** in the pursuit of the coveted Central California Range War trophy.

The CC Range War, to be held at the annual 5 Dogs Creek match May 4 thru 7, is a chance to see which of the three Central California clubs has the fastest shooters.

Before the match, shooters from each club will be drawn from a hat for each stage and the times will be recorded with the fastest overall club time winning the title of Top Gun Club for 2006, and hosting the 2007 CC Range War. Adding these new Young Gun members to the KRR arsenal, looks like Range War 2007 will be at KRR!

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As the Rooster Crows

Slick Rock Rooster

Forty-nine shooters showed up to enjoy a six stage match directed by ***Nine Lives***. It was a very challenging match with many funny lines from the Three Amigos. A little singing and a little dancing was required by all of the shooters to start the stages. It was very different to shoot everything from one position at Helltown, with some long range pistol shots that tested our skills. Two rolling steel plates were a challenge on Bay 2. Rosa's Cantina had a couple of flyers that tested the shotgun skills on moving targets. Great job, ***Nine Lives***!

The posse leaders, ***Ramrod, Slick Rock Rooster and Hawkeye O'Riley***, guided the shooters through the six stages. Bright sunshine blessed us through most of the match with a little shower and chilling breeze that showed up near the end. ***Sudden*** was top shooter overall and the only shooter with a clean match. Great job, ***Sudden***! He was making up for playing in the mud at Winter Range.

It was great to see many faces that we have not seen for some time. ***Judge Jeremiah Steele, Rogan Steele, Yancy Derringer and Junebug McCaffrey***, (page 5)

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C. C. Range War

The Central California Range War is coming May 4 thru 7, 2006.

This is a friendly rivalry between the **Rowdy Wranglers** of 5 Dogs Creek, the **Chorro Valley Regulators** and the **Kings River Regulators**.

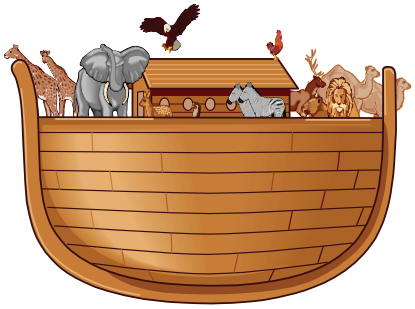
More details on page 4.

Be there to help your club show these dime store cowboys how cham-

Regulators Roundup

A Wet Winter Range

"Atta Cowboys" go to the KRR shooters who braved the Arizona weather at **Winter Range** this year. For those who don't know, **Winter Range** is the SASS National Championships. For details on how the KRR shooters fared in the mud, see the *As The Rooster Crows* article in this issue.



Who is This?

This picture was submitted anonymously. Guess who this is. Answer on page 5.

Sick Call

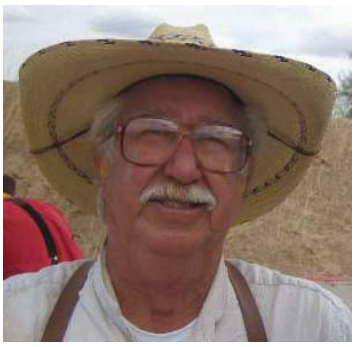
Some of you may not have heard, Blacksmith ***Sierra*** and Banker ***Talon Hawke*** were both in the hospital.

Both cowboys had heart surgery. ***Sierra*** received a stint and ***Talon Hawke*** had a quintuple bypass.

Snakebite said of ***Talon Hawke***, "The gamer! First he gets action jobs on his guns then he gets an action job on himself". Get well soon cowboys!

Clean Match

Showing all the young pups how it's supposed to be done, ***Sudden*** posted the day's only Clean Match. Not bad for six stages with lots of interesting target layouts and stage designs. Good shooting ***Sudden***!



From the Territorial Governor Snakebite

Howdy all;

Here is a "Heads-up" on what was discussed at the TG meeting at Winter Range. There were quite a few TGs present, and a good bit of discussion took place. Coyote Calhoun is carrying an agenda around to all the major matches to get a feel for what should be on the agenda for next year's TG Summit.

The hot issue is the possibility of dividing the Senior and Elder Statesman categories. The new categories would be 60-64, 65-69, 70-74 and 75-up. These recommendations were overwhelmingly supported. I only heard one TG that opposed the suggestion on the grounds that it required too many awards. That dog just didn't hunt. The general thought was that this game belongs to "US", and if we want to split the categories, then we will. END OF STORY! I asked about an 80+ category, but did not get much support. Coyote said he would ask around about it.

The possibility of a minimum velocity that would be caliber specific had very little support at the meeting. I thought this was interesting because it had a fair amount of support at the Summit. NO, I was not involved with it this time.....been there, done that. I guess once it was carried back to the clubs, it was not received well.

The Gunfighter shooting style was proposed to be allowed in ALL categories! This received a lot of discussion, and was ultimately ground into the dirt....at least at this meeting. Most everyone agreed that the Gunfighter category must have some 'DIVINE' support from above. It has received more attention than all the other categories combined. With the new B-Western category, the Gunfighter has a category he can compete in while selecting which stage he feels is best for this style of shooting. I think it is only a matter of time before the EOT winner comes from this category.

The elimination of the "Modern" category was discussed.....AGAIN! This keeps coming up, and each time it receives more and more support. The new Modification rules were quoted as a means to continue supporting the category, but it was pointed out that the Mods rules is a "living" document, and can easily be changed. The category is continuing to get smaller, and I think it is only a matter of time before it is absorbed into the other categories....allowing both fixed and adjustable sights everywhere.

The new handbook has gone out to the editor and for publication. It will contain the new modification document, and will have some material removed. The ROI and II courses have been updated and should be available online very shortly. The changes were mainly because of the mods being placed in the handbook. Of course, the latest rules passed at the Summit will be reflected, such as safety calls and procedural calls on a shooter must come from a stage official. This does not change the "everyone is a safety officer" aspect; it just says that only a stage official can make a call on the shooter at the line. (Background)....Top competitor is about to win the big match, #2 walks by and says "He swept me with his gun as he pulled it out of the holster".....ta-da.....#2 becomes...#1. Yes, it happened! As I reported after the Summit, this rule was passed by a wide margin. It was felt that if such an act were to occur, then at least one of the stage officials would see it.

That's about it for now. I will be attending the meeting at Mule Camp in Georgia, and of course EOT. Standby for a report on them when I return. 'Til then, keep your powder dry.

Snakebite
Territorial Governor

The Ambush

Solvang Shootist,
Sheriff, Chorro
Valley Regulators

When the townsfolk of Chorro Valley got wind of troubles brewing in the Territory of Central California, an emergency meeting was called at the Metropole in the center of town. ***El Lazo, Cole Younger, Sudden, Old Law Dawg, Hombre Viejo, Fillmore Coffins, Bucket of Blood, Coyote Cody, Bad Dog Nobiscut,*** and a posse of fellow Regulators led by Sheriff ***Solvang Shootist***, decided to put plans into place to **ambush** the perpetrators of the soon-to-be nasty Range Wars. This "sneak attack" will be a no holds barred assault to preserve Chorro Valley's good name, not to mention the egos of those involved. Did someone say water rights, fence lines? Nope, it is all about bragging rights and the embarrassment that is bestowed on the loser of the fight.

So beware ***5 Dogs Creek*** & ***Kings River Regulators***, we're loading our ammo, cleaning our guns and perfecting our aim to win this War. Keep your sentries alert, your powder dry and your wits about you; the ***Chorro Valley Regulators*** are coming for you and the Spirit of John Wayne is coming with us!!!

The Choice

Flying W Ramrod

A ghost of a trail disappears in the distance,
the path dim and covered by weeds.
Yet the road I'm on is well marked and well traveled,
what is it that invokes thoughts like these?

So I stop for a while tryin' to figure
what keeps calling me away.
And what there is down that main road
that wants me to travel that way.

When a voice from the distance calls to me,
c'mon cowboy, give us a chance.
You've ridden that way all your lifetime,
now it's time to give your heart a chance.

Well I sit for a while and ponder what life down that road has to offer.
A job and friends, a good woman, people and places I know.
It was these thoughts, and a few others, that passed through my mind,
and decided which way I'd go.

So I mounted my horse and put the reins over,
and muttered, oh what the hell.
I was looking for a life when I found this one,
and I rode down that dim distant trail.

Ramrod's Musings

Notes from the Pokey

What do I do now???.

Beep, pull your first revolver and bang, bang, bang, click, bang. The shooter pulls the trigger until they figure there's a dead one in the cylinder.

Now what? Does he return it to his holster? Hand it off? Ground it safely? And why?

Since no one can say where the "dead" round is, i.e. under the hammer, the revolver should be grounded pointing in a safe direction or if there is no place to ground it, hand it off.

Always think safety, as a shooter, spotter or timer.

From the Range

New Middle Initial

Seems our pard ***Tucson Smith*** has a new middle initial for his alias. "P". He racked up more procedurals in the last match than any one else.

Rumor has it that ***Tucson*** shot a clean, fast match at 5 Dogs the first of the month. He must have used up all his luck down there.

Rogan Steele says the reason he and ***Judge Steele*** haven't been out much is neither one of them can remember how to set an alarm clock. Anyone have a rooster to donate to the Steele household?

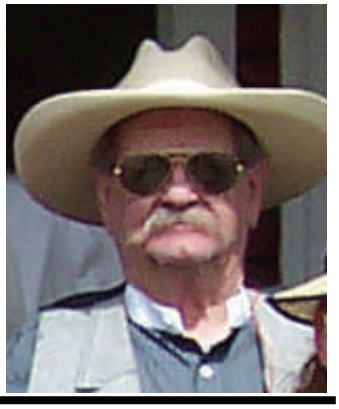
Cowboy Logic

The .44-caliber Model 1873 Winchester repeating rifle was the most popular saddle gun and shoulder arm among cowboys. The Winchester's distinctive lever-action design was patented in 1860 by B. Tyler Henry who produced the first model of the weapon as the Henry repeater. In 1867, Oliver F. Winchester founded the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., acquired Henry's patent and began manufacturing an improved model of the firearm. The 1873 Winchester was the weapon of choice in the West for more than twenty years.

Fannie's Sharpshootin' Award

We always hear about the fast, top gun shooters. But the middle-of-the-pack shooters (a LARGE contingent) seldom get recognition. You know 'em, the shooters who consistently shoot well, but not fast enough to hear their name called every month. Accurate, but not always clean. And, they usually have a big smile on their face and good stories to share with fellow posse members.

The person right in the middle of the pack, number 25 out of 49 in the scoring, number 1 in Fannie's heart for this month's Sharpshootin' award—none other than ***Hawkeye O'Riley***. Way to go cowboy!



As the Rooster Crows (cont. from Page 1)

welcome back from wherever!

A few of the KRR crew made it over to Winter Range in Phoenix last week and had a good time playing in the wind and dust, and wind and rain, and in the mud.

Congratulations to ***Little Fawn*** for winning Junior Girls and winning the Top Gun one-on-one shoot off. Way to go girl! Salutes to ***Wildcat John*** for placing second in the Frontiersman category and shooting a clean match. Congrats to ***Snakebite*** for a clean match and placing sixth in Frontier Cartridge. ***Pocket Change*** also came home with a top ten buckle for placing in the Senior Ladies Class. Salutes to ***Geo Kid*** for shooting a clean match.

Also participating in Winter Range were ***Crusty Jim, Talon Hawke, Tippecanoe Slew, Slick Rock Rooster, Sudden, El Lazo and Sutter Lawman***.

A couple of KRR faces - ***Sierra Rider and Hiram Payne*** - were seen in Arizona observing the shoot.

Wildcat John and Slick Rock Rooster participated in a warm up match at Winter Range. We were placed on Posse I which included a few good shooters like Long Hunter, Handlebar Doc, Long Swede, J T Wild, Chuckwalla Kid, Holy Terror, Wicked Felina and Evil Roy. It was a little intimidating, but fun, shooting with a great bunch of world class shooters.

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Dues

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Next Months Match Directors

Ramrod and Fannie

Guaranteed Fun!

The guitar pickin' fella in the *Who Is This* photo (pg. 2) is none other than ***Snakebite***. Along with being KRR 1, ***Snakebite*** is our Territorial Governor. He recently worked on the Mods Committee and the minimum BP load committee. In his spare time, he still plays guitar. Tune up that axe pard, the Annual is coming and you're part of the entertainment!

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