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Blue Skies - Fast Lead

Sunday morning didn't look too promising, weather wise, but the 45 posse members and 6 Goat Ropers strapped on leather, loaded the ammo wagon and headed for Fort Miller. After the one black cloud hanging over the range passed, the skies cleared to a beautiful blue and with a brisk wind to their backs the posse attacked the range.

Not sure what bit ol' Cole Chance and Jessie Montana, but what ever it was left an idea for a mighty challenging fun shoot.

Now this is just my own reckonins' of how it went but I don't recall havin' to shoot at targets you can barely see, cause they was hid behind trees and such before, shucks I can have a real hard time hitin' the ones I can see, but it was fun tryin'. I did notice that some of the Goat Ropers got that tin can across the line quicker than some of us more experienced shooters did.

Now that everything goes down stage was fun, unless you turned one of your targets sideways. Tequila Joe shot till his went down. I shot till I ran out of shells and that target was still standin' there grinnin' at me.

What was that bout a bonus shot, I led our posse off on that one and showed them how important it was to get the bonus shots by shooting the whole stage from the first stop. Just about everyone else decided that was too hard and hit the bonus targets.

The make believe barroom was good cept for them buzzards hangin' round at the end of the hall.

Don't know bout you, but I enjoyed myself. Specially enjoyed my new pistols. If I get as good as they can shoot, look

Ruthless Ruth





Sun Shines of KRR

The February shoot was favored with some nice sunny weather. Somebody up there

must like us cowboy shooters.

How about that new building in bay 2, that Terrible Ted and Ruthless Ruth are sure doing a fine job. I want to thank Ted and Ruth and all those that are helping with this project, this is an outstanding new addition to our range.

Sure hope this spirit catches on and we see lots more new props built! If you have any ideas or want to build something, contact Buckskin, Flatiron or myself and lets get started. The main reason we want you to tell us is to keep from having 5 of the same thing built. Remember no project is to large or small to be used to improve our shooting range.

KRR needs everyone to be involved to keep our club the best in cowboy shooting.

I would also like to thank Shorty for all his hard work on our new target stands

and modifying existing targets to improve our safety and scoring. Seems like every time I talk to Shorty he's got a great new idea to improve our shooting. This is the type of club involvement that makes KRR the best

I believe the more our membership is involved, the more they will enjoy the sport.

Long Range shooters come join us March 7 for another raid on the other side of the hill. Let's all meet at 8:30 in the range house, wear your cowboy gear, bring lots of ammunition, I just might need to borrow some.

Rumor going around is those mean old women are putting on the shootout in March, so boys be prepared for anything.

Cole Chance

WORK DAY **SUNDAY - MARCH 28**

We are fast approaching the time of vear when we need to schedule work days. Weather permitting we have scheduled a work day for Sunday, March 28, and will plan to start at

Officers

Mayor: Cole Chance (Leon Chism) 673-7416 SASS #8243 KRR #26

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SASS #9015 KRR #37

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NEW SHOOTING TIME JAN - FEB - MAR SHOOTERS MEETING AT 9:30 SHOOTING STARTS AT 10:00 am Club voted at December shoot to set start time back I hour in winter months to allow out of town shooters a little extra time to get here in bad weather conditions.

9:00 am. We will be working on three areas. They are:

- 1. Clean up and re-organization of the corral.
 - 2. Installation of the flag pole.
 - 3. General cleanup of the grounds.

Thanks to Miss Kitty, our club now has their own post hole digger, and thanks to the Mayor, Cole Chance, the club has a nice heavy duty 50' extension cord. Any other members that can donate tools of any kind please contact Buckskin. They will be marked with KRR and placed in our tool box.

DON'T FORGET! WORK DAY SUNDAY MARCH 28. BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH.

Buckskin



Let's Go Shootin'

Long Range Silhouette Sunday March 7th F.R.P.C. Meet at KRR Range 8:00 am

If you plan to go let Cole Chance know ahead of time, so he can let the Silhouette Club know how many of us to expect.

> 1 st Sunday of Month 5 Dogs Creek Bakersfield

2nd Sunday of Month Chorro Valley Regulators San Luis Obispo Need directions? Call Sam Luis at 805-543-7245

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ANNUAL MATCHES

Stampede
Mar. 11 - 14 th
Las Vegas, Nevada
Jessie Montana has entry forms

High Sierra Shootout

May 28-30, 1999 Railroad Flats, CA Tom Anderson 916-624-5510

John Wayne Shoot

Chorro Valley Regulators
July 1999
San Luis Obispo
Talk to Sam Luis for more info

Shootin' in other people's back yards can be a lot of fun - try it - you'll like it!!

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Practical Cowboy Action Shoot
March 27 & 28
Angeles Shooting Range
San Fernando, CA
Sponsored by
Int'l Tactical Training Sem. Inc.
Instruction by
Ray Coffman - Thunder Ranch
Larry Mudgett - LAPD Firearms Unit
Scott Reitz of LAPD Metro Unit
Brett McQueen of LT.T.S.
\$200 Shoot & BBQ
Resv. (310) 471-2029

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THE FANDANGO IS COMING

The Sons of the San Joaquin have again invited the Regulators to participate in their second annual Fandango. This a historical and educational celebration of the music and culture of the West. It will be held at the Clovis Rodeo Grounds May 21, 22, 23, 1999.

Several of us participated last year, we were in full dress and wearing our iron. I think everyone would agree that we could not have been treated better. This year will be bigger, better publicized, and a helluva lot of fun.

If you would like to go or want more details, call

Flatiron (432-3264)

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GOAT ROPERS

For our first time out shooting with the adults, it wasn't too bad. The kids had a good shoot and learned a little more about competition. We have some improvements to make to keep things moving however, and they are as follows:

- 1. We need to get the loading situation more streamlined. It took too long assuring that each one loaded safely and correctly. We will work on that.
- Crowding around the loading bench and talking will be prohibited from now on. In the future we will ask that everyone stay back and wait to be called to load.
- 3. There is a problem with single shot rifles. By their very nature they are slow. We will have to work on that one, too. Kids, don't forget you are being timed and when you shoot single shots you are naturally going to be slower.
- 4. Parents, 22 ammunition will be provided by the KRR. We do ask that you bring 1 box of 410 shotgun shells. This needs to be new ammunition, not reloads

All in all, it was a good shoot, but we need to improve those areas mentioned above. I am not sure, but I got the distinct feeling that some of the kids were overwhelmed by all of this. I would like all the Goat Ropers and their parents to meet at 9:00 am before the next shoot to discuss some of the problems we encountered.

Ruckskin

Thanks!!

Just about the time I was getting ready to print this here paper, I realized my printer wasn't working. Something about my computer not talking to my printer?? I want to thank Snakebite for his help in re-establishing the lines of communication.

Ruthless Ruth

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Minutes **General Meeting** Feb. 3, 1999

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m., at Old Fresno Hofbrau. Approximately 40 club members present, along with Tracy and Diane from FRPC.

Treasurers Report: Balance in checking account \$6,664.73. Report on annual meet - income \$8,915, expenses \$3,805.64, net profit \$5,109.36.

Raffle Prize for Fort Miller 99 - Mayor showed those present a 1885 Winchester High Wall - C Sharps mfg. by Montana Armory, 45-70 Cal. This gun was donated to KRR by a very generous club member, who wishes to remain anonymous, to use as the main raffle prize. Second place raffle prize is to be a belt and holster set built by Jax Leather. 3rd prize, suggested by Joaquin Rivers, was a gift certificate from Tonto Rim for either a pair of boots or a hat. The club had to make a choice of either the hat or boots to be printed on raffle tickets. Voted on hat.

Planning Committee: Flatiron stated that all club members can advance ideas for targets, props or any other project they want to see done. The planing committee is clearing house so to speak to coordinate club funds, supplies and workers to get projects completed. Anyone who has any ideas, materials to donate etc. should get in touch with Flatiron, Madera Dave, KRR Shorty, Rot Gut Charlie, Terrible Ted, Sierra or Buckskin. Don't need detailed plans. someone on the committee can help you with that.

Blacksmith: Buckskin reported the roof is on corral. No current plans for any work parties.

Goat Ropers: Joaquin Rivers and Buckskin working on plans to have Goat Ropers shoot scenarios during the shoot mixed in with the adult shooters. This will get them use to loading, shooting, unloading and working in an actual shooting scenario. They may use different targets than adult shooters. Discussed using staged pistol, shot only under direct supervision. Hawkeye O'Riley has access to 22 ammo. Leadfoot and Buckskin will have final say on the Goat Ropers, no outside interference allowed form parents, etc. Long Range: Buckskin has someone

working on a proto-type of an electronic scoring system for long range. Would work off a 12 volt battery. A sensor would trip red light if target is hit. Anyone with electronic expertise that has any ideas please contact Buckskin. Wants to build some new long range targets, a buffalo or bear. All ideas welcome.

Tools: Club is trying to get a supply of tools in the corral, so that workers can come up and not have to haul all their tools with them. If you have anything you'd like to donate, (shovels, hoes, hammers, rakes, etc.) contact Buckskin.

Monthly Matches: Joaquin Rivers has match directors lined up through August, they will be contacting club members to work as RO's and help on setup day.

Annual Match: Discussed the need for scenarios, people to work side matches, ideas for side matches and long range, and who can come out and help setup on Thursday. It's not to early to put in for vacation so you can help the club on Thursday & Friday. Needa Tailor volunteered to get things going for the kids at the annual, (games, pumpkin carving, etc.). Get in touch with her if you have any ideas, material to donate or want to help out. General Discussion: Roughout suggested we run ad in classified section of paper on Thu, Fri., Sat an Sunday of match, might get more people out.

Hawkeye O'Riley stated he has seen club steadily grow, feels we are doing things the right way, just keep it safe and sane.

Riverdale questioned purpose of Town Council. Discussed question that each member of club should have voting rights. Doc James said Town Council was set up to get everyone involved in club activities and voting. Club bylaws vague on this issue. Riverdale requested that copies of current club by-laws be handed out. Jessie Montana said she would have some printed and passed out at next shoot. Motion by 3 Fingers Red to give Board Ok to look into making changes to by-laws. Hawkeye seconded, motion voted on and passed.

Motion by Needa Tailor-for annual match have two categories for

Women shooters, Modern and Traditional. Second by Riverdale, motion voted on and passed. Discussed shooting with Long Range Silhouette Club. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at KRR range.

Doc James mentioned that Caion Cowboys are planning an invitational shoot in May. It will be a club team event, 15 shooters per team, must include 1 Junior and 2 Woman shooters.

No further discussion. Meeting adjourned.

Ruthless Ruth

Welcome New Members

Signed up two new members at the February match. Be sure to say Howdy and make them feel welcome on the KRR posse.

> Bernard Molloy Alias Tuolumne Lawman

> > Chris Madill Alias **Quick Whip**

Welcome to the KRR

A Plea to Cole

I'm here today to tell ya'll that I've hung up my guns forever and taken up the Good Book in my search for truth.

No longer will I ride with desperados like Terrible Ted and Ruthless Ruth.

No more hangin' with gunmen like Big and Little Hoss.

Hell either one would smoke ya just to prove which ones the boss.

There all a bunch of killers with reputations to maintain.

They shoot with and at each other, to prove the best will reign.

Ole Cole has fallen in with the regulators, with handles like Shilo, Snakebite and Hank.

All them would plug ya for a nickel just to move up one step in rank.

Desperados, Apaches and Mexicans too Ex lawmen, and trainrobbers and some straight shootin women to name just a few.

To say this is a dangerous group of outlaws, would surely be no lie.

But to call them killers to their face would be a certin way to die.

San Luis and SLO Hank ride from the California Coast to join us in the freigh just to prove who's top gun on any given day.

So Cole I hope you'll follow my lead and abandon the hoot owl trail. Avoid the hangman's noose or maybe life in jail.

Please Cole my friend from this motley crew you surely must run.

Cause he who lives by it shall surely perish by the gun.

With respect & Affection for the KRR Wichita Willie, KRR #108

Editors note: As this paper was going to print Willie was laid up in Community Hospital with a little ticker problem. Hope he's OK now.

For Sale

Harrington & Wesson Model 1871

45-70 cal, w/sites, cases, bullets & dies Longfeather 559-784-8463

> H & R Trapdoor Carbine 45-70 \$400.00

2 Hartford 357 revolvers stag grips, 71/2" barrels \$500.00

2 Hartford 44-40 revolvers stag grips 71/2" barrels \$500.00 Cole Chance 559-673-7416

36 cal. Navy Revolver
Includes powder flask, lead balls
and patches.
For Sale or Trade
Terrible Ted
559-251-9507

C Sharps 1875 Business Rifle 40-65 calb w/deluxe tang site and globe Tom Doodley Squat 831-657-9002

KRR Cowboys Go Long

Sunday morning, Feb. 7th, broke with black rain clouds blanketing the horizon. Heavy rains hit Madera and Auberry, but like the Postman, KRR shooters aren't easily put off.

Cole Chance Terrible Ted, Joaquin Rivers, Mad Dawg, Madera Dave, Hawkeye O'Riley, Roughcut, Lightfoot, Riverdale, Butch, two friends of Mad Dawg's and an interested observer possied up at the FRPC range house and headed to the far side of the hill to test their long guns on the silhouette range.

Now you know a cowboy never makes excuses, but there was a lot of talk about the effect of rain drop deflection, light refraction and rust bore on a long range gun. Seems one of our shooters really did have a legit excuse. His hand loaded rounds grew overnight and no longer fit his gun. He got donations from other shooters though, and got to shoot anyway.

Madera Dave brought everything he had in the gun safe and shot it all. Said he was trying to get rid of all his old rounds, but he was really just having fun.

Seems every one had a real good time and there were a lot of "I'll be backs" heard.

Lightfoot and Riverdale tied with 21 out of 40 targets hit, Terrible Ted hit 19. Riverdale got 7 out of 10 Turkeys (their hard to hit).

Try it the 1ST Sunday of March You shoot at 40 targets and get practice rounds (not bad for \$11) and help support another club at the range.

A Cowboy's Guide to Life

Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back.

Don't worry about bitin' off more'n you can chew; your mouth is probably a whole lot bigger'n you think.

Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.

Kings River Regulators MATCH FINAL OVERALL STANDINGS STAGES 1 thru 4

| MATCH | | | | < STAGE | 1) | (STAGE 2) | | <pre>< STAGE 3></pre> | | (STAGE 4) | | ⟨ TOTALS⟩ | | |
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| | | ====== | ===== | *===== | | ====== | === | ====== | === | ===== | === | ======= | ==== | |
| 1. | TOM DOODLEY SQUAT | # 5035 | D | 44.93 | 1 | 50.89 | 4 | 52.81 | 7 | 62.47 | 2 | 211.01 | 14 | |
| | SNAKEBITE | # 4767 | T | 46.53 | 3 | 48.44 | 3 | 48.78 | 3 | 69.67 | 8 | 213.34 | 17 | |
| | COLE CHANCE | # 8243 | BP | 45.51 | 2 | 65.96 | 11 | 41.51 | 1. | 63.94 | 4 | 217.02 | 18 | |
| | SAM LUIS | #12788 | T | 50.53 | 4 | 44.21 | 1 | 62.44 | 15 | 66.74 | 5 | 223.92 | 25 | |
| | HANK | # 7369 | BP | 57.24 | 5 | 57.97 | 6 | 5 8.32 | 10 | 72.29 | 18 | 244.92 | 31 | |
| | HAWKEYE O'RILEY | # 6443 | T | 72.31 | 12 | 65.07 | 19 | 56.43 | 8 | 63.86 | 3 | 257.47 | 33 | |
| | COAL TRAIN | #**884 | T | 93.53 | 23 | 63.40 | 9 | 48.85 | 4 | 72.94 | 11 | 278.77 | 47 | |
| | RIVERDALE | #**015 | Ħ | 101.25 | 31 | 54.54 | 5 | 48.21 | 2 | 73.12 | 13 | 277.22 | 51 | |
| | SUDDEN | #12166 | T | 73.34 | 13 | 46.97 | 2 | 73.51 | 21 | 78.78 | 17 | 272.68 | 5 3 | |
| | SQUARE SHOOTER | # 3417 | 0 | 66.78 | 3 | 75.67 | 18 | 74.12 | 22 | 68.13 | 6 | 284.62 | 55 | |
| | LEADFOOT | # 5535 | T | 92.65 | 21 | 88.30 | 25 | 56.68 | 9 | 54.76 | 1 | 284.89 | 56 | |
| | BAD BOB | #**902 | Ť | 79.39 | 15 | 72.59 | 16 | 69.79 | 12 | 74.49 | 15 | 287.17 | 58 | |
| | SHILOH | #17515 | D | 59.46 | 6 | 60.92 | 8 | 52.11 | 6 | 129.49 | 39 | 292.89 | 59 | |
| | HOSS | # 9565 | D | 64.74 | 8 | 60.78 | 7 | 77.44 | 24 | 87.71 | 21 | 290.67 | 60 | |
| | TOELESS JOE | # 8698 | 0 | 79.47 | 16 | 74.35 | 17 | 62.74 | 16 | 72.97 | 12 | 289.53 | 61 | |
| | GEEZER SEEZER | #11911 | T | 64.71 | 7 | 72.59 | 16 | 61.37 | 13 | 97.95 | 27 | 297.22 | 63 | |
| | BEAN POT | # 5964 | H. | 101.53 | 32 | 67.28 | 12 | 62.21 | 14 | 74.17 | 14 | 325.29 | 72 | |
| | FLATIRON | # 7983 | T | 96.95 | 26 | 75.37 | 19 | 68.54 | 19 | 71.75 | 9 | 313.11 | 73 | |
| | TERRIBLE TED | # 9214 | 0 | 68.71 | 10 | 82.98 | 27 | 59.21 | 11 | 102.25 | 29 | 310.26 | 77 | .I |
| | PORTUCUESE PHILIP | | T | 80.12 | 17 | 71.59 | 15 | 88.17 | 29 | 75.92 | 16 | 315.80 | 77 | |
| | JOAQUIN RIVERS | #11912 | D | 71.19 | 11 | 79.24 | 24 | 85.03 | 27 | 91.29 | 23 | 327.75 | 85 | I |
| | LONG FEATHER | # 8574 | 0 | 98.13 | 29 | 76.19 | 29 | | 18 | 87.53 | 58 | 326.28 | 87 | 1 |
| | EUCKSKIN | #12434 | 0 | 75.66 | 14 | 84.75 | 28 | | 23 | 92.23 | 24 | 328.86 | 89 | 3 |
| | SHORTY | #12812 | 7 | 102.60 | 33 | 70.88 | 14 | 85.91 | 26 | 94.51 | 25 | 353.02 | 98 | |
| | REV. BUSTER DOORSD | | ď | 130.75 | 45 | 91.42 | 34 | 50.99 | 5 | | 18 | 352.55 | 93 | I |
| | MARSHALL KNOTA PES | | M | 94.13 | 25 | 67.53 | 13 | 94.29 | 33 | 183.34 | 31 | 362.00 | 192 | 2 |
| | TUCSON SMITH | #**621 | T | 91.33 | 20 | 87.36 | 31 | 182.34 | 38 | 83.76 | 19 | 364.79 | 198 | 3 |
| | LONGERANCH | #**618 | £b. | 196.27 | 35 | 78.33 | 22 | 87.47 | 28 | 99.89 | 28 | 371.96 | 113 | |
| | | | T | 86.33 | 19 | 88.16 | 32 | 79.54 | 25 | 116.63 | 38 | 371.21 | 114 | 5 |
| | ROT GUT CHARLIE | #13303 #21727 | Ť | 117.59 | 39 | 77.18 | 21 | 71.50 | 28 | 109.79 | 34 | 375.97 | 114 | 1 2 |
| | | # 8244 | i M | 932.20 | 44 | 81.09 | 26 | 63.96 | 17 | 104.30 | 35 | 1239.34 | 119 | 3 |
| | JESSIE MONTANA JUSTICE LOVING | | Ť | 129.21 | 40 | 85.67 | 23 | 92.52 | 31 | 95.69 | 26 | 394.89 | 126 | |
| | | #**808 | Li | 86.29 | 18 | 95.43 | 37 | 93.64 | 32 | 123.03 | 40 | 398.39 | 127 | <u>(</u> |
| | RUTHLESS RUTH | # 9815 | | 102.78 | 34 | 93.80 | | 98.17 | | | | 384.29 | 128 | 2 |
| | LICHTFOOT | #**@23 | M | | | 96.51 | 38 | 90.18 | 38 | 110.64 | 36 | 391.21 | 128 | 3 |
| | WIDSWMAKER | # 8972 | M | 93.36 | 24 22 | 86.39 | 30 | 104.97 | | 111.32 | 37 | 396.49 | 128 | 4 |
| | TEQUILLA JOE | 858×## | X | 93.01 | | 94.59 | 35 | 97.30 | 36 | 103.58 | 38 | 392.66 | 130 | 5 |
| | LONESOME JOE | # 3175 | Ţ | 97.89 | 28 | | | 144.13 | 43 | 135.10 | 42 | 454.72 | 135 | 6 |
| | STOCKTON SLIM | #**013 | Ħ | 96.98 | 27 | 78.51 | 23 | 998.38 | 44 | 68.93 | 7 | 3038.93 | 139 | |
| | HARDPAN CURMUDGEON | | Ħ | 998.39 | 44 | 390.00 | 44 39 | 95.11 | 34 | 195.41 | 33 | 414.55 | 143 | |
| | TUOLUMNE LAWMAN | # 5127 | D | 115.32 | 37 | 98.71 | | | 41 | 110.41 | 35 | 454.87 | 146 | |
| | GUICK WHIP | #**025 | Ţ - | 99.36 | 30 | 195.94 | 40 | 138.36 | | 126.19 | 41 | 459.82 | 155 | |
| | UNDERTAKER | #**655 | T | 121.58 | 41 | 98.71 | 33 | 111.63 | 48 | 201.37 | | 519.23 | 157 | |
| | BEARPAN | #**883 | 0 | 112.70 | 36 | 108.39 | 41 | 96.27 143.12 | 35 42 | 173.40 | 44 | 552.81 | 167 | |
| | MICHIGAN BOR | #**924 | T | 117.46 | 38 | 112.03 | 43 | 998.20 | 44 | 173.88 | 43 | 1438.01 | 172 | |
| 45. | WIND DANCER | # 8576 | ¥ | 161.53 | 43 | 118.60 | 42 | 770.00 | 77 | 113.00 | 73 | 1420.81 | 1/2 | |

LONG RANGE RESULT

PC/LEVER ACTION
1st Rev. Buster Doorsdown
2nd Joaquin Rivers
3rd Longbranch

RC/LEVER ACTION 1st Riverdale 2nd Rev. Buster Doorsdown 3rd Tuscon Smith

SINGLE SHOT 1st Terrible Ted 2nd Beanpot 3rd Lightfoot

GOAT ROPERS
1st JL Hank
2nd Lil Annie
3rd James
4th Cody Coyote
5th Hanky
6th Raven