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FOUR STATE CHAMPIONS



Jessie Montana



Fannie Mostly



Snakebite



Little Fawn

When the smoke cleared and the cheers subsided at the 2006 California State Championships of Cowboy Action Shooting, four Kings River Regulators were named State Champions and another named State Top Gun.

Taking top honors for Ladies 49er class was

Jessie Montana. Leading the way in the Ladies B Western category was **Fannie Mostly.** **Snakebite** smoked his way to winning the Frontier Cartridge category and **Little Fawn** took the cake in the Ladies Young Guns.

Little Fawn was also the fastest woman

shooter and seventh overall.

Lefty Vaquero bested all comers in the Top Gun shoot off.

Congratulations to all the shooters who showed California that the top club is located in Kings River.

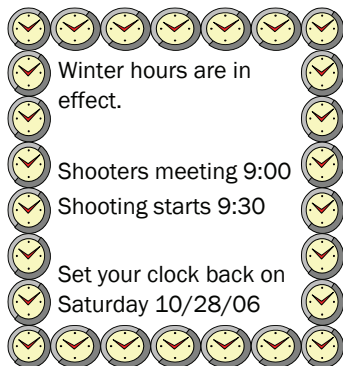
AS THE ROOSTER CROWS SLICK ROCK ROOSTER

The Halloween Match with ghosts to chase and the haunted ore cart to ride. 40 shooters showed for a great day of shooting. A big thanks to those shooters that shot the State Match Friday and Saturday and then showed up to shoot the KRR match on Sunday. Two new shooters

joined in the fun with us. A big KRR welcome to **Tracker** and **Manny's Granny** for coming to play with us.

The weather gods blessed the Kings River Regulators once more as a near perfect day occurred for another great match put together by **Fannie Mostly** and **Flying W**

Ramrod. Bay 1 had two pistol knockdown racks along with a couple of flying soda cans to shoot. It sure is fun to hit those reactive targets. Bay 2 allowed the shooter to determine where to stage each gun, then a random card draw to determine the gun shooting order. (continued on pg 3)



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Coming Events

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

2006 California State Championship Results

22 shooters represented KRR at the State Championships in Manteca – congrats to these fine cowboys and cowgirls who brought home awards:

Cole Chance	3 rd Frontier Cartridge
Fannie Mostly	1 st Ladies B Western
Jessie Montana	1 st Ladies 49er
Lefty Vaquero	2 nd Modern, and TOP GUN
Little Fawn	1 st Ladies Young Guns and 1 st Ladies Overall
Mariposa Slim	6 th Elder Statesman
Pocket Change	2 nd Ladies Senior
Querida	5 th Ladies 49er
Slim Slicker	1 st Cowboy Trap
Snakebite	1 st Frontier Cartridge
Sutter Lawman	3 rd 49er
Talon Hawke	2 nd Elder Statesman
Tres Pinos	4 th Classic Cowboy
Wildcat John	2 nd Frontiersman
Wobblin Bob	5 th 49er

UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL:

Alias: Crusty Jim

Category: Senior

Name: Jim Cash

KRR Number: 246

Birthday: 2/11/43

How Long CAS: 3 Years

What got you started: Hanging around Wildcat John. Been reloading for years but didn't have any cowboy guns.

Who was your mentor: The book *Bounty Hunter, Snakebite, Coal Train*

Favorite Shooting Memory: Getting the silver dollar in Bakersfield from *Hoss* after *Hoss* bragged about no one going to clean his match.



Crusty Jim

Current Occupation: Retired. *Pocket Change's* gun-boy

Past Occupations: Structural Ironworker

Current Hobbies: Cowboy Action Shooting

Past Hobbies: Big game fishing, deer hunting, got lots of fishing gear to sell to buy new guns.

Family: Wife *Pocket Change* since January 30, 1961. 2 boys, 4 grandchildren.

Favorite Food: Hamburgers, pizza and beer.

That and watching *Pocket Change* in her first shootout at Bakersfield.

RAMROD'S MUSINGS

From the Pokey

Check out the letter from our Territorial Governor on pages 5-6.

This is important stuff pards. SASS and KRR need your input to help Cowboy Action Shooting get better.

If you have concerns or comments on the Territorial Governor's Agenda items, let **Snakebite** know.

Just like voting in the General Elections, if you don't, you don't have the right to complain.

From the range...

The off season is upon us, Now is the time to sit back and enjoy the holidays. It's also time to clean and trick up your guns, check out your loading procedures and loads, and practice, practice, practice.

It's also time to think about what you can do for the club and the range.

We need monthly match directors for next year. The main street of Fort Miller needs looking after. The bays need touching up.

Now is the time to make the club shine and show the shooting world **Kings River Regulators** are a class act.

Cowboy Logic

As I sit here and try to think of something to write, I think about the Saturday night pot luck at Fort Miller. Those that attended were treated to a fine blend of poetry and prose.

Next year, let's get more folks to play. If you have some talent, dubious or not, bring it to the pot luck. It's not too early to start practicing. I know I am.

See you on the range.

NEXT MONTHS MATCH DIRECTOR



Papa Willie

FANNIE'S SHARPSHOOTIN' AWARD

This month's Sharpshootin' Award goes to the fastest time on the Haunted Ore Cart.

With that ever-present smile on his face, **Sierra Rider** chased the ghosts out of the mine shack in record time—28.69 with no misses AND the 5 second bonus for a net time of 23.69.

Only 17 of the 40 shooters earned the 5 second rifle bonus (one of the small circles mounted to the berm), while traversing the bumpy track in the ore cart.

Misses were also at a premium on the ore cart with just 8 shooters cleaning the stage.

Good shootin' **Sierra Rider!**



PAPA SAYS



AS THE ROOSTER CROWS (CONT. FROM PAGE 1)

Bay 3 had us on the run – shotgun, move, shotgun, pistol, pistol, move, rifle, shotgun – this was fun. Bay 4 involved pistol and rifle targets at the same distance shot differently. Bay 7 was the great ore cart with two shotgun knockdowns and alternating on the big squares with a bonus rifle target. It was fun to shoot the ore cart at

a monthly match; it's been a long while since we have done that. **Snakebite** edged out **Coal Train** for first place overall.

KRR shooters did very well at the State match. Congratulations to all that participated and salutes to those that brought home First Place State Champion Awards in their respective categories: **Snakebite, Fan-**


nie Mostly, Little Fawn and Jessie Montana.

A reminder to all that the ROI and R0II courses will be taught by **Snakebite** on Saturday November 18th.

⚙ The man who wants to lead the band must turn his back to the crowd.

⚙ Never underestimate your power to change yourself..

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SHOOTERS ADS

If you have been drooling over the new Beretta Laramie pistols, here is an opportunity to buy a pair at a great deal. The Sportsmen's Den in Oakhurst, CA has a pair of Beretta Laramie in 38 special that are new in the box. They were ordered for a gentleman who died before they could be delivered and are for sale at the dealers wholesale cost. If you are interested you can contact Stan at (559) 683-2900 for the details.

Rusty Cannonball

TG SUMMIT 2006

TERRITORIAL GOVERNORS MEETING AGENDA

1) *Should the Uberti 1873 percussion revolver be allowed as a Frontiersman Category revolver?*

This was miss-worded last year and is being voted on again. It was voted on in previous years as a legal main match revolver but not as a Frontiersman Category legal revolver.

Comment: This is a gun that NEVER WAS. If allowed it would dominate the category just as the Handy Rifle dominates the Plainsman event, only MORE so. I oppose it's inclusion in the Frontier Category.

2) *Should the Senior and Elder Statesman Categories be divided into smaller divisions by dividing both by age: 60 to 65, 66 to 72, and 73 and up?*

This would accomplish dividing both categories and creating only one new category.

No Comment

3) *Should we adopt the following Stage Conventions and document them in the SASS Match Directors Guide?*

It is time we addressed a standard in "Understood Stage Behavior." A set of Stage Conventions is a list of standards every shooter is expected to know and follow on every stage.

These conventions are not "rules" since they can be over-ridden by stage design. They are the standard defaults when nothing is specified.

They are as follows:

STAGE CONVENTIONS

Unless stated otherwise in stage descriptions, all of the following applies in SASS matches:

1. All knockdown shotgun targets may be reengaged until down.
2. All knockdown targets (shotgun, rifle, or revolver) must go down to count.
3. All staged guns shall have their barrels pointed safely down range and, where possible, all long guns staged horizontally shall be staged where no part of the firearm hangs over the edge.
4. Staged shotguns shall be open and empty.
5. Shooters may not start a stage with ammunition in hand.
6. Long guns shall be discarded open and empty with their barrels pointed safely down range.
7. Revolvers shall be returned to leather after the shooting string.
8. Revolvers shall be drawn and used in accordance with the shooter's category.
9. Safe gun handling is the shooter's responsibility.

The 170-degree safety rule is in effect. The basketball traveling rule is in effect when there is a live round under the hammer.

10. If no starting position is given, the shooter shall stand fully erect with revolvers holstered, hands at his/her side, not touching any firearm.

11. Cowboy port arms is defined as the butt of the long gun at or below the waist of the shooter, the muzzle at or above the shoulder, and the long gun held with both hands.

12. Interpersonal Conflicts WILL NOT be tolerated at this event.

Comment: Most of these are already stated in the rule book. Proper scenario writing and stage setup is all that is necessary. I oppose this.

4) *Should we outlaw all short and long sleeve tee shirts and tank tops in all categories?*

Note: Short sleeve blouses would remain acceptable only in ladies categories

Comment: As far as I am concerned, they have NEVER been SASS legal. If the current rules were enforced, this would not be necessary.

5) *Should we change the penalty for shooting out of category as follows?*

First offense in a match is a Procedure Penalty. The shooter must subsequently comply with the category requirements or change category.

Second offense in the same match is a Stage Disqualification.

Third offense in the same match is a Match Disqualification?

At the present time the penalty for shooting out of category is a procedure for each stage the shooter violates the rule. This includes, but is not limited to, not wearing the specified number of items in Classic Cowboy, not making enough smoke in the blackpowder categories, and shooting with a two handed grip in a Duelist category.

Comment: I agree

6) *Should we make the following changes in our scoring processes for both time and rank scored matches?*

Match Disqualification

Eliminate the shooter from ALL AWARDS. All times are erased.

Stage Disqualification

Shooter is given a disqualification for the stage only. Shooter can overcome the penalty and may win a category award over another shooter.

Did Not Finish

Disregard overall scores so the shooter cannot finish in front of anyone who shoots all the stages. Does not affect other potential awards such as stage wins.

Comment: I agree. If a shooter has a stage DQ, and is still able to overcome his opponents, then he/she deserves the win. However, stage DQ scoring needs to be standardized. Such as for a total time match, all targets times 5 sec per target plus 30 sec. This will usually mean 150 sec on the stage. This amount of time is almost impossible to make up.

ITEMS FOR OPEN DISCUSSION, NOT UP FOR A VOTE.

Should we revamp the Modern and the Traditional Categories? An idea was discussed at the New England and Mid-West Regional Territorial Governors Meetings to make the Modern Category an open category in which all SASS legal firearms (Fixed or Adjustable Sighted) and ammunition can be used. Then, redefine the Traditional Category as a true "Traditional" Category, allowing only the traditional calibers of .25-20, .32-20, .38-40, .44-40, and .45 Colt. Ammunition could be smokeless or blackpowder. Revolvers would be limited to full-size fixed-sight handguns. Rifles and shotguns would be all SASS legal rifles and shotguns. There would be no clothing requirements other than the SASS minimum.

Comment: This would have been great if it had happened 25 yrs ago, at this point it too late. The vast majority of shooters have long since acquired their equipment. Telling them, at this point, that they must shoot in an open category is simply wrong. I would like to see an "Open" category, but not done this way.

In light of a recent accident, should we mandate all firearms remain on the loading table until the shooter is called to the shooting line or to the expediter position?

Comment: NO! This is the non-gunner mentality if I have ever seen it. Just because one inexperienced shooter shot himself in the leg is no reason to attempt to mandate something like this. This could be an endless road under the banner of safety. I'm sure that Senator Feinstein would support something like this.

Snakebite 4767

Territorial Governor