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An Early Start to Beat the Heat

by Slick Rock Rooster, Mayor

We had an early start for a great day of cowboy action shooting. With an early start the three posses shot fast and furious and the steel was put away before noon. Match director Rogan Steele produced five great stages that were challenging and fun to shoot. Two pistol reloads gave us a chance to shoot real six guns.

Good job Cowboy! Posse leaders that led the three posses were Match Director Rogan Steele, Sheriff Ramrod and Talon Hawke.

Mariposa Slim was the fastest and only shooter to complete a clean match. Congratulations Mariposa!

Snakebite was the overall match winner despite those #@%&! %# spotters that gave him so much trouble. It seemed there was a constant dispute between a unanimous group of three spotters and the Territorial Governor. Pocket Change shot in the top ten. Way to go girl.

It was great to see a few of our members who had not been around for a few months. Longbranch showed up Saturday to give a hand with the roof on the corral. Coarsegold Kid, Orosi Kid and Tippecanoe Slew made it back into the chase around Fort Miller.

A big welcome to new shooters Gopher D Gusto and Cook's Revenge. Both said that they have become hooked.

Fort Miller is not that far away. Sign up now - we are going to fill up quickly. We can sure use prizes for shooters. If you have anything to donate contact Wildcat John.

Almost Dangerous came up from Five Dogs to announce a two day shoot on October 1 and 2. This is to celebrate the wedding of Portugee Phillips and Ida Mistum on the evening of the 1st at 5 pm. Five stages Saturday and five on Sunday. Contact Almost Dangerous at (760)376-4493

Next work party is scheduled for Saturday, September 24.
- SRR

WORK PARTY!!

**Saturday
September 24
8:00 a.m.**



Although convinced he'd be hung this week, Match Director Rogan Steele lived to shoot another day. The 5-stage match was enjoyed by all.



PLEASE NOTE!!! SHOOTING TIME SEPTEMBER HOURS

**SHOOTERS' MEETING
8:30 A.M.
SHOOTING STARTS
9:00 A.M.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Fort Miller '05
October 13-16**

**For registration & questions
Contact Talon Hawke
(559) 322-8248
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Tough Job

I know that this has been beat to death lately, but I've just got to hit it one more time. SPOTTING is one of the hardest and most important jobs at the match.

Some of you have heard my on-going joke that there is a group of "Lying, Blind, Cheating spotters that follow me around from match to match!" Well of course everyone knows that I'm joking, but the fact is there are a huge number of folks that end up in the spotting position that simply shouldn't be there. New shooters should not spot! They simply lack the experience needed to do a good job. They can, and should, spot on their own for a few matches to get the feel of it. Then, when they are ready, they can step up and become a qualified spotter.

The RO courses do not cover the spotting aspect of the game in enough detail. That is being looked at right now for a possible update. It is difficult to do a good job spotting when you are distracted or tired. Don't carry on a conversation while trying to spot. Give it your full attention. Get into a position that allows you to see what is going on, and one which gives you a good view of the targets. Don't hesitate to move around, but stay out of the shooter's way. Don't try to spot for long periods - it takes too much concentration to keep up. Give yourself a break and get relief from another competent spotter.

Remember to make your own call, and don't be upset or embarrassed if other spotters disagree with you, maybe their position allowed for a different view of what went on. The Timer/RO is in a unique position, being directly behind the shooter. I have read opinions that support the Timer/RO's decision, to report his view to the spotters when he has seen an edge hit. I suppose that this is ok, but must also point out that the good spotter has seen the miss before he/she called it. Everyone is on the side of the shooter, especially the Timer/RO. If you are a spotter, and the RO points out an edge hit, consider it, but stand your ground if you are absolutely sure of the miss. If the timer's remark casts any doubt whatsoever in your mind, don't hesitate to change your call. Discussion between spotters simply shouldn't happen.

What this all boils down to has been said many times over...."any doubt goes to the shooter." Shooters using black powder, and very fast shooters often get hit hard with spotting errors. I can't tell you how many times I've heard spotters say that they couldn't see the target because of the smoke, and they didn't hear the hit....so they called it a miss. Hearing a hit doesn't mean that the correct target was hit, or maybe even the frame was hit, but it is at least something that can be used to support the shooter. As a spotter you must assume that the shooter is aiming at the correct target, unless you know otherwise. If you hear a hit through the smoke you should assume that he hit the correct target. However, if you don't hear a hit you should NOT assume that he missed it! Soft lead and dead targets are both good reasons not to hear a hit.

Back to the basics...."If you don't know for sure that the shooter missed the target, then he hit it!" Spotting is a tough job and nobody is always right. However, if you are a spotter, and find yourself in a position where you don't know for a fact that a shooter missed a target, then give it to him/her. It is better to give a shooter a free miss than to take a true hit from him/her. This is the "Cowboy Way," and the way Spotters should operate.

- Snakebite



PLACES TO SHOOT

1st Saturday-Sunday of Month FRPC

Silhouette Range
Long Range

Shooting starts around 9:00 a.m. and goes all day.

1st Sunday of Month 5 Dogs Creek Bakersfield

Contact: Ten Bears
(661) 589-6838

3rd Saturday of Month Kings River Regulators Setup day for Sunday match Start time 8:00 a.m.

New shooters' orientation starts around 8:30 a.m.

3rd Sunday of Month Kings River Regulators FRPC Range 15687 Auberry Road, Clovis, CA Shooters Meeting 8:30 a.m. Shooting starts at 9:00 a.m. Contact: Mayor Slick Rock Rooster (559) 299-8669

4th Sunday of Month Two Rivers Posse Manteca, CA Contact: Cherokee Knight (209) 477-8883

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From one of our cowboys –

In the days of the Wild West, there was a young cowboy who wanted more than anything else to be the greatest gunfighter in the world. He practiced every minute of this spare time, but he knew that he wasn't yet first rate and that there must be something he was doing wrong.

Sitting in a saloon one Saturday night he recognized an elderly man standing at the bar who, in his day, had the reputation of being the fastest gun in the west. The young cowboy took a place next to the old timer, bought him a drink and told him the story of his great ambition. "Do you think you could give me some tips?" he asked.

The old man looked him up and down and said "Well, for one thing, you're wearing your gun too high. Tie your holster a little lower down on your leg."

"Will that make me a better gunfighter?" asked the young man.

"Sure will" replied the old timer.

The young man did as he was told, stood up, whipped out his .44 and shot the bow tie off the piano player.

"That's terrific!" said the hot shot. "Got any more tips for me?"

"Yep," said the old man. "Cut a notch out of your holster where the hammer hits it. That'll give you a smoother draw."

"Will that make me a better gunfighter?" asked the younger man.

"You bet it will," said the old timer.

The young man took out his knife, cut the notch, stood up, drew his gun in a blur, then shot a cufflink off the piano player.

"Wow!" exclaimed the cowboy. "I'm learnin' somethin' here. Got any more tips?"

The old man pointed to a large can in a corner of the saloon. "See that axle grease over there? Coat your gun with it."

The young man went over to the can and smeared some of the grease on the barrel of his gun.

"No," said the old timer, "I mean smear it all over the gun, handle and all."

"Will that make me a better gunfighter?" asked the young man.

"No," said the old timer, "but when Wyatt Earp gets done playin' the piano, he's gonna shove that gun up your butt, and it won't hurt as much."

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KINGS RIVER REGULATORS

MONTHLY MATCH SCORES

August 21, 2005

MATCH				STAGE 1		STAGE 2		STAGE 3		STAGE 4		STAGE 5		TOTALS	
FINAL	ALIAS		CLASS	TIME	RNK	TIME	RNK	TIME	RNK	TIME	RNK	TIME	RNK	TIME	PNTS
=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
1	SNAKEBITE	# 4767	FC	39.94	3	34.52	4	23.92	2	52.78	6	32.80	2	183.96	17
2	LITTLE FAWN	#41497	J	39.11	1	32.30	2	23.21	1	55.90	12	36.59	10	187.11	26
3	LONGBRANCH	#12433	T	41.09	4	35.62	5	25.88	3	50.21	4	38.37	13	191.17	29
4	CRUSTY JIM	#54860	S	47.46	10	32.40	3	41.43	17	53.86	9	34.48	5	209.63	44
5	SIERRA RIDER	# 3101	S	42.15	5	43.04	14	36.55	12	55.04	10	34.79	8	211.57	49
6	SLICK ROCK ROOSTER	#41875	FC	53.53	15	42.18	12	32.47	7	47.78	2	38.45	14	214.41	50
7	ROGAN STEELE	#42754	T	47.35	9	36.08	6	49.99	26	53.35	8	33.88	4	220.65	53
8	TWO-TOE BILL QUICK	#25358	D	46.53	8	39.09	8	44.59	20	51.71	5	38.37	13	220.29	54
9	ALMOST DANGEROUS	#17489	D	45.97	7	36.28	7	40.13	16	65.32	19	34.53	6	222.23	55
10	POCKET CHANGE	#58694	SW	56.50	18	39.14	9	29.90	4	47.19	1	48.50	24	221.23	56
11	WILDCAT JOHN	#37182	F	45.77	6	41.79	11	32.44	6	69.01	24	35.55	9	224.56	56
12	SMOKUM JOE	#41866	S	48.13	11	42.24	13	38.27	15	49.82	3	40.14	16	218.60	58
13	COAL TRAIN	# 8146	49ER	39.84	2	32.28	1	34.85	10	74.25	26	45.00	22	226.22	61
14	LEVI LONGNECK	#29531	49ER	55.83	16	47.11	22	37.54	14	64.91	18	33.60	3	238.99	73
15	SHILOH	#17515	T	59.14	22	52.05	26	33.92	8	52.81	7	38.30	12	236.22	75
16	GEO KID	#27051	S	48.92	12	50.05	24	37.21	13	56.15	13	38.77	15	231.10	77
17	TALON HAWKE	#41641	ES	52.51	14	53.15	27	30.86	5	58.08	16	41.90	19	236.50	81
18	KAWEAH KID	#12024	49ER	58.22	19	41.68	10	44.93	21	57.71	15	43.49	21	246.03	86
19	FLYING W RAMROD	#40599	FC	49.76	13	43.97	17	52.87	29	55.81	11	40.73	17	243.14	87
20	MICHIGAN BOB	#40417	D	66.20	26	44.83	20	34.21	9	75.67	28	34.56	7	255.47	90
21	SMOKIE IRONS	#61312	T	63.93	24	44.35	19	57.14	33	57.60	14	37.18	11	260.20	101
22	COARSEGOLD KID	#29263	49ER	56.34	17	43.29	16	35.87	11	68.04	22	64.70	35	268.24	101
23	HAWKEYE O'RILEY	# 6443	S	59.27	23	44.01	18	46.45	23	67.02	21	40.78	18	257.53	103
24	FARGO	#18631	S	58.58	20	46.84	21	48.32	25	75.51	27	40.78	18	270.03	111
25	TUCSON SMITH	#21461	S	58.79	21	59.20	30	56.09	32	DQ	42	27.97	1	1202.04	126
26	FEARLESS FLOYD	#51889	S	65.74	25	53.56	28	45.27	22	74.06	25	61.32	32	299.95	132
27	TIPPECANOE SLEW	#46935	S	75.06	32	80.52	39	42.74	18	68.33	23	42.18	20	308.83	132
28	LADY GUNNER	#33830	SW	82.17	34	43.08	15	55.30	31	78.48	29	49.17	26	308.20	135
29	SIERRA BIGFOOT	#54753	J	66.95	27	76.56	36	43.44	19	80.51	30	48.98	25	316.44	137
30	MARIPOSA SLIM	#45708	ES	86.35	38	54.31	29	46.93	24	66.87	20	51.30	29	305.76	140
31	OROSI KID	***080	T	69.71	28	52.00	25	51.69	28	92.51	33	49.68	28	315.59	142
32	I L B DRIFTIN	#57888	T	70.63	29	49.36	23	60.64	37	83.74	31	49.30	27	313.67	147
33	BIGHORN	***083	S	74.23	30	61.05	31	60.03	36	113.17	38	47.63	23	356.11	158

34	JUDGE JEREMIAH STEELE	#42753	49ER	95.63	40	116.16	42	59.85	35	59.86	17	52.40	30	383.90	164
35	GOPHER D GUSTO	***078	T	74.86	31	77.84	38	53.08	30	104.02	35	67.97	37	377.77	171
36	RUTHLESS RAY	***081	49ER	79.16	33	71.99	33	63.70	38	104.85	36	64.24	34	383.94	174
37	SWING SHIFT	***082	S	95.52	39	76.92	37	50.62	27	141.00	41	63.91	33	427.97	177
38	OKINA	#39386	D	97.19	41	74.16	34	59.04	34	100.82	34	76.30	40	407.51	183
39	LAREDO	***070	T	83.64	37	95.18	40	66.48	39	105.83	37	58.61	31	409.74	184
40	COOK'S REVENGE	***076	T	82.28	35	70.61	32	69.30	40	137.68	39	73.00	38	432.87	184
41	ED	***077	T	98.34	42	75.51	35	75.75	41	86.78	32	75.23	39	411.61	189
42	JACK A LOPES	***079	T	83.29	36	111.08	41	88.80	42	140.25	40	67.01	36	490.43	195