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RANGE OFFICER CLASS

Howdy all. Well, I only heard from a few folks wanting to take the RO class. I'll give it one more try, and set it up for next setup day. (Setup is on the Saturday before the match) Those of you that contacted me, be there and we will do it. Plan on around 9:30 or 10:00 am. If anyone else wants to take the class, you need to let me know so that I can make copies for you.

This will be the last class for some time. The advance class, level II will be given to the TGs at the Las Vegas Summit in December. After the first of the year we can start on it. You must have the first course before you can take the level II course. This class has a lot of good to know things that will help you as a shooter. Even if you don't want to be a posse leader, you should try to take the class.

You can reach me at 787-2943. Leave a message and I will add you to the list.

SNAKEBITE
4767 LTG

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WORK PARTY SATURDAY JULY 22

NEED TO PUT ROOF ON
MINE SHAFT - AND KNOCK
DOWN SOME WEEDS.

START AT 7:30
TERRIBLE TED
BLACKSMITH

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July Shootout by: Cole Chance

This months shoot was put on by match director Buckskin. It was very clear, to all those that have put on a match, that Buckskin did a tremendous amount of work on this match. Thanks for the hard work Buckskin. Good job cowboy!

The match did go very slowly and got pretty backed-up. Myself and Madera Dave are addressing this issue at the present time. There were many factors causing these problems. One of the major one was way too much talking and discussing scoring, this should not happen. Folks the purpose for three counters is to prevent discussing the score. Think about it.

Yes the mayor was serious about cross draw holsters. Several shooters came over and showed me how they were going to fix their rigs. To those shooters, thanks for listening.

To those 2 or 3 shooters that were way to busy talking at the shooters meeting to listen, I am very serious about this issue. To those that don't listen, you will be receiving a call, **no more**

warnings!!

Sometimes this old bear is a teddy and others times a grizzly! I guess that comes with the job.



(the following article was submitted for publication in last months paper, due to editor oversight is was not included)

I've Got Something on my Mind Jessie Montana

I'm not talking as an officer of the club, or anyone in a position of authority, but as a club member and shooter. I'm not representing the club's views, just my views. OK? Now, here goes. I see something happening in our club that is bothering me. I think it's happening in a lot of CAS clubs and I think it's because of the new SASS Range Operations Course. I took this course a couple of months ago, as did quite a few of you. I think everyone should take it. It has some really valuable information and will help you to understand what really goes into being a good Posse Leader. I'm happy to see that the focus of the timer operator has changed to one of assisting the shooter and ensuring that they complete the stage safely. I like the fact that there are now 3 spotters

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SHOOTING TIME

APRIL - NOVEMBER
SHOOTERS MEETING
AT 8:30
SHOOTING STARTS
AT
9:00 am

(and not the timer operator) who count misses and that the majority rules on the count. I also like that SASS has finally come out with some written rules, even if I may not like all of them.

Those are the things I like about the course. But there are things I don't like. There seems to be a few people out there who have zeroed in on the procedurals and DQs, and who are totally focused on trying to call a procedural, or even worse a DQ. I've even been to matches where some folks have become what I've heard called "Posse Nazis", just waiting for something to pounce on. Now I'm not saying that we should ignore the safety issues. Far from it. But I don't think we should be out there trying to find something to call someone on. I want to believe that most people who are paying more attention to the rules are doing so because they think it's the right thing to do. They want to do a good job and know that SASS has put a lot of work into coming up with this course and trying to make things consistent. But let's don't go overboard with it. We aren't out here to try to see how many procedurals we can charge our friends (or heck, even those we don't like). And we certainly aren't out to see how many people we can DQ.

On the subject of DQs, let's talk about that some. If any of you have ever been DQ'd, then you know it is just one of the worse things that can ever happen to you at a match. When I took my flying fall at last year's Fort Miller and landed with my shotgun on the ground, I was naturally DQ'd from the stage. Well, I couldn't have continued anyway because I sprained my trigger finger. But even though I knew I couldn't have finished the match anyway, I was absolutely devastated at being DQ'd. I was so ashamed at having done something so bad that I was DQ'd. Now maybe I am just really sensitive to that, and other people wouldn't take it so seriously, but you have to experience it to know how it really feels. And I certainly don't want to be responsible for someone being DQ'd unless it was really necessary.

Dropping a gun is pretty black and white. You drop it, you're DQ'd. But "sweeping" is another matter. There's a lot of judgment that comes to play in this one. It is a stage DQ to sweep someone with an empty gun. I firmly believe that being totally ignorant and/or careless of where you are pointing a gun, or ignoring a previous warning about a sweeping violation deserves a DQ. But think about this. How many times have you been in a position as a spotter, timer, scorekeeper, or even a spectator that made it very easy for you to be swept by the shooter through your own fault rather than that of the shooter? Sometimes we just don't think about where we are standing. When the shooter has just finished the stage and picks up a long gun or puts away a crossdraw pistol, and the timer or spotter or spectator is standing in such a position that they are swept completely by accident, do we really want to DQ the shooter? Wouldn't it suffice to give a warning to both the shooter and the person who was standing somewhere that they shouldn't have been?

I hate to think that someone is purposely standing in such a position that invites sweeping, or that they are totally focused on trying to see if someone is swept so they can call a DQ. Do we really want to totally ruin a shooter's day by calling a DQ when we could have issued a warning to "watch your muzzle direction" the first time? Or when it was very possibly our own fault for where we were standing? Or when there really wasn't a major safety infraction, and it wasn't absolutely necessary? What do you think?

Now a little about safety as a whole. Those of you who go to out of town matches know that the KRR has absolutely the best safety policy and enforcement anywhere, from little local matches right up to the big ones. I have been to a lot of matches, including EOT and Winter Range, and no one, I MEAN NO ONE, has better safety policies in effect than we do. That has been the case since Day 1. SnakeBite and the other founders of the club worked very hard to put those policies in place and everyone since has ensured that they are upheld.

So with that said, I ask you to

contemplate this. What has really changed with the implementation of the SASS Range Officer course? Did any new safety policies come up that the KRR wasn't already enforcing? I can't think of any. Everything that is in that course is already being done by KRR. Maybe there are tougher penalties for some things, and some new rules. But we have always enforced the rules while giving a care to not harming the shooter or anyone else by that enforcement. Why should we change that attitude because of this RO course? I took the course, I have the little pin that says I'm a Certified RO, and you know what? I'm the same person I was before I took the course. My attitude towards my fellow shooters and the enforcement of rules hasn't changed a bit. Isn't that the way it should be?

Everyone seems to have zeroed in on the penalties in the RO Course. No one seems to have paid attention to the beginning of the course where they talk about the whole purpose of the course is to promote safety and fun. It talks about the Posse Leader's main job being to ASSIST the shooter. To help them through the course and to ensure that they follow safety rules. The spotters are there to give an accurate count of the shooter's progress on the stage. It even specifically says that no one should become a "hard ass" by looking for things to call. So give that part of the book as much weight as you do the rest of it.

Well, I've gone on and on and probably bored a lot of you to tears, but this is something near and dear to my heart. I love this sport, I think the KRR is the best club anywhere, and I will fight to see it remain so. To put this all in perspective, I ask you to consider this. Why do you come out to shoot a CAS match at the KRR? I'm there for the competition because I thrive on it. But I'm also out there to have fun and to enjoy the friendship of others who share my interests. I'm there to enjoy a shooting sport that may someday be gone if some very powerful people have their way. And I'm there to

pretend for a few hours each month that I'm back in the Old West enjoying the freedom and pride that was the way of life then.

I don't want any of that to go away because we get carried away with these rules and forget the whole reason we're there in the first place. I don't want to see people run off because of a bunch of "Posse Nazis" who are waiting to penalize someone at every opportunity. I don't want to see people turn against each other because a person who gets penalized by a "hard ass" is likely going to try to find something that "hard ass" does wrong on the next stage so they can call it. That's just human nature.

OK, enough said. My opinions, and mine only, but I hope that some of you share them and that we can all work to make sure that we stay together as a club and that we don't let any of this go to our heads and start to divide us. The old saying "United we stand, divided we fall" can certainly apply here. The sermon is finished and you can now turn to page 6 of your hymn books.

RANGE IMPROVEMENTS

by: Terrible Ted

If you shot Sunday you might have noticed a few new things at the range.

We had a unofficial work party one Saturday in July, and thanks to Roughcut,

Michigan Bob, Long-branch, Deadly Ted-ley, Rusty Butterfield, Hawkeye



O'Riley, Marshall Sam Mc-Could and Cole Chance we put a mine shaft in bay 3.



This was no easy task, there were ditches to be dug and lots of heavy logs to be carried and lifted up to make the walls.



It took the better part of a day and a whole lot of sweat and hard work.

I really appreciate everyone pitching in the way they did. KRR members like this are what makes the club better all the time.

Also we have a new shade for the long range shooters, thanks to Michigan Bob and Fargo, who came out during the week before the shoot and helped me get it started, heck they did most of the work. We plan to finish it off before the next shoot.

We are also having a work party on July 22 to put the roof on the mine shaft and clean up a few weeds. Need to keep the place looking good.

Thanks again to everyone who pitched in and worked so hard.

If you have any ideas about new props or things you would like to see at the range, give me a call. The club will pay for materials, and there seems to be a good supply of willing workers.

You can reach me at 251-9507 most any day.

Another Tail in the Life and Trials of a Man Named "Hoss"

Well, I hope you all enjoyed my experience with my new saddle. I have to say that last week I managed to ride that sucker for eight seconds without getting thrown. The big difference this time was that I put the right size stirrups on before getting on. It did try to get me, but I was able to get my foot out this time and catch myself. The best part is that I don't have to listen to Gail laugh every time she gets a picture of what I looked like getting tossed by the hitch rail. She did come up with a new nickname for me, NO, it is not honey or sweetie or any other sweet nothing, she calls me THUMP!! Gail says this is what it must have sounded like when I hit the ground, THUMP. I tell you, this is one hard, mean and onery woman. Which reminds me of another time I looked like a fool and she showed no sympathy.

I really screwed my right knee up in 1988 slipping on some wet hay. (That will be another story sometime.)

Now every once in awhile for no real good reason, my knee will just come apart. Something about no cartilage, and ligaments not being attached anymore.

I got this Buckskin gelding in 1990, you know, the horse you always wanted, kind of like cowboy guns, the perfect one. A friend of mine hauled him to us and got here at 2:00 A.M. All the next day at work I just couldn't wait to get home and take him for a ride. Finally I got home, got him out and saddled up ready to ride. When I climbed on I noticed the cinch was loose so as I was getting off to tighten it up, it happened. Just as my right foot touched the ground with my left still in the stirrup, he stepped forward. Snap went the knee, and down I went but I held the reins while my stomach ran back and forth to my throat and I was feeling pain that must compare to childbirth. Now, here I am lying on the ground, I can't get up because I know I won't be able to walk until I get my crutches. Well I look at my watch, this was before I retired so I still wore one, and by the time I knew Gail, you know that sweet lady I am married to, was due home in about a half hour.

True to form she showed up closer to an hour. When she walked over and looked at me lying on the ground, I gave what had to be my most pitiful look and asked her to get my crutches so I could get up off the ground and go in the house. She asked what I was doing, laying on the ground holding the reins to my new horse, so I explained what happened. Now I thought she would go right in and get the crutches and help me out, any body else would, right? Remember what I said about mean and onery, she looked down and said, "You're not going to be able to ride him now are you", I answered in the affirmative, so she says, "Well I am since he is all saddled up and waiting". I did remind her to tighten the cinch before she climbed on and rode off commenting how nice he rode and that she would be back in a while. Well she did eventually come back and I got in the house and she quit chuckling long enough to get ice for my knee. It is a good thing she is

so cute, because that onery streak could really get to me otherwise.

As far as the new saddle, now that I have conquered the hitch rail, putting it on Romeo, the mule, is next. No doubt the way my life goes, and considering my better half, I will probably have another story before long. Remind me to tell you about my hand and my other mule Jess sometime.



Places to Shoot

Monthlies

1 ST Sunday of Month
FRPC

Silhouette Range
Long Range

Shooting starts around 9:00 am and goes all day. Let's support these people, they really helped us on our Long Range at the Annual

1st Sunday of Month
5 Dogs Creek
Bakersfield

2nd Sunday of Month
Chorro Valley Regulators
San Luis Obispo
Need Directions? Call
Riley @ 805-489-4989

2 nd Saturday of Month
California Rangers
Sign up 8:30-9:00
Shooting starts at 9:30
for more info call
Harry Love
209-223-0316

Annals

John Wayne Shoot
Chorro Valley Regulators
San Luis Obispo
Sept. 8 - 10
Shooter \$65.00 ea.
Jr's \$35 ea.
Contact - Blackjack O'Shea
805-474-4131
E-mail
Imac888@aol.com
This is a really good shoot
and close to home too!!

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ROUND THE CORRAL

Everyone was keepin' kinda quiet this weekend, didn't really get too much fun stuff.

However: I was on a posse with Cole Chance and T Coleman Elder. Ole' T Coleman cleaned a stage and was really happy bout it, told Cole that it was because he was speed loading his shotgun. Don't know if that's true, but Cole Chance seemed to be amused.

Now ole' Hank shot real well this weekend. At the awards ceremony, someone asked him what made him shoot so good. Now ole Hank, bein' the shy type, said it was because he didn't have no naggin' baggage with him this weekend. Sure hope my sharin' this don't cause you no missed meals Hank!! We missed you Needa come on out and shoot with us again real soon.

Had a new lady shooters with us this time, Cody Zamora. Always nice to see a new lady shooter, our class is growing slowly but surely.

Navajo Joe came out to shoot with us for the first time in a while, and just to show him how happy we were to see him, we let him shoot first on the first stage.

Had first time shooter Sage Brush on our posse, had to borrow a few pieces of equipment, but the boy can shoot and he pitched in on the working part real good too. Hope to see ya back soon.



You all know we draw each month for the top loser, well Hoss won this month and is the proud possessor of

the "Old Timers Undergarment Placement Helper" for the next 30 days. Congrats Hoss!!

Welcome New Members

Roy B Allen
Alias: Sage Brush

Glenda Wright
She hasn't picked an alias yet

Noreen Lawson
Alias: Cody Zamora

Kevin Boggs
Alias: Eldorado Cole

Welcome to the KRR range. Hope you all have a good, safe time shooting with us. If you have any questions or need any advice, just ask. That's one thing the KRR is never short of advice, good or bad!!

FOR SALE

2 Winchester Model 97's 12 ga
\$350 & \$400
2 Ruger 357's 4 3/4" Flat Tops \$750 pr
1 Cimmaron Lightening 38 spec
3 1/2" brl \$325
1 Hartford Express 4 3/4" brl
45 LC/45 ACP \$375
1 Rossi 12 ga Overland Coachgun
\$450
1 Uberti Winchester 73 Saddle Ring
Carbine 357 mag. \$750
Longfeather
559-784-8463

Sierra Nevada Bullets
2 boxes 500 rds ea. RNFP 250 gr
\$18.50 each
2 boxes 500 rds each RNFP 158 gr
\$16.00 each

Terrible Ted
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MATCH FINAL OVERALL STANDINGS
STAGE 1 - 5

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				TIME	RNK	TIME	RNK								
1	SNAKEBITE	4767	T	37.32	2	39.03	4	54.19	1	34.60	1	20.00	3	185.14	11
2	SAM LUIS	12788	T	46.78	6	41.92	5	62.27	3	40.99	2	20.00	3	211.96	19
3	HANK	7369	D	44.45	4	36.91	2	67.25	5	61.66	16	30.00	8	240.27	35
4	T-BONE	**074	T	47.22	7	50.73	15	68.80	6	51.33	5	20.00	3	238.08	36
5	SASPARILLA SLIM	**092	J	41.31	3	42.86	7	74.33	13	55.32	9	25.00	5	238.82	37
6	SUDDEN	12166	T	31.29	1	32.93	1	90.63	33	43.93	3	15.00	2	213.78	40
7	JOAQUIN RIVERS	11912	T	45.47	5	44.44	8	74.74	14	57.23	13	25.00	5	246.88	45
8	BRISCOE COUNTY BRIAN	**077	T	53.78	11	42.25	6	66.88	4	66.41	22	20.00	3	249.32	46
9	TEN BEARS	18407	D	60.47	14	49.97	14	71.81	8	56.66	11	25.00	5	263.91	52
10	MADERA DAVE	5929	D	64.92	18	59.89	30	70.51	7	51.90	6	25.00	5	272.22	66
11	LEVI LONGNECK	29531	T	55.42	12	53.15	19	88.58	27	64.62	19	20.00	3	281.77	80
12	COLE CHANCE	8243	T	49.90	8	37.97	3	96.40	36	68.80	26	30.00	8	283.07	81
13	HAWKEYE O'RILEY	6443	T	73.36	27	65.69	39	73.19	11	53.50	7	10.00	1	275.74	85
14	DOC JAMES	5061	T	65.21	19	62.11	34	83.57	23	51.14	4	26.00	6	288.03	86
15	BUCKSKIN	12434	OT	68.05	22	55.82	24	79.69	16	65.11	21	20.00	3	288.67	86
16	FARGO	18631	M	73.98	28	53.58	20	72.87	10	67.25	24	25.00	5	292.68	87
17	TWO-TOE BILL QUICKSHOT	25358	D	89.20	43	46.25	10	80.97	21	54.97	8	25.00	5	296.39	87
18	JL HANK	7370	J	80.41	35	56.38	25	73.48	12	58.80	14	26.00	6	295.07	92
19	ALMOST DANGEROUS	17489	D	62.16	16	54.51	22	93.62	35	63.74	17	20.00	3	294.03	93
20	ROOSTER	**095	T	104.67	49	48.29	11	78.37	15	55.63	10	30.00	8	316.96	93
21	BAD BOYCE	**086	M	59.90	13	44.53	9	88.70	28	77.83	37	30.00	8	300.96	95
22	TUCSON SMITH	**075	OT	69.91	24	68.15	41	58.39	2	75.97	33	20.00	3	292.42	103
23	REMEDY JACK	**056	T	66.72	20	49.40	13	90.48	32	74.26	32	30.00	8	310.86	105
24	PORTUGEE PHILLIPS	**044	T	61.53	15	61.53	33	88.17	25	73.55	30	20.00	3	304.78	106
25	ARKANSAS MIKE	24975	D	64.58	17	58.59	27	89.04	30	69.58	28	25.00	5	306.79	107
26	TERRIBLE TED	9014	OT	78.30	31	58.08	26	80.93	20	69.49	27	20.00	3	306.80	107
27	FLATIRON	7983	T	76.90	30	60.26	31	88.96	29	57.10	12	25.00	5	308.22	107
28	HOSS	9565	D	74.24	29	54.32	21	72.30	9	82.40	42	26.00	6	309.26	107
29	DEADLY TEDLEY	**089	D	80.63	36	50.91	16	80.01	18	84.54	44	20.00	3	316.09	117
30	GEO KID	**026	OT	52.87	10	79.53	49	102.02	39	64.34	18	25.00	5	323.76	121
31	RUTHLESS RUTH	9015	W	87.77	42	48.97	12	79.95	17	87.13	46	30.00	8	333.82	125
32	MARSHAL SAM MCCLLOUD	12997	T	80.74	37	52.53	17	118.04	46	64.90	20	30.00	8	346.21	128
33	HANGIN' HANK	**079	OT	99.31	47	53.12	18	102.13	40	66.65	23	15.00	2	336.21	130

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34	BEAN POT	6964	T	80.80	38	59.21	29	80.16	19	79.93	40	30.00	8	330.10	134
35	SHILOH	17515	T	69.26	23	97.39	54	91.90	34	59.84	15	30.00	8	348.39	134
36	US MARSHAL HARDEN STEELE	28301	T	72.60	26	65.00	37	86.47	24	84.32	43	25.00	5	333.39	135
37	MICHIGAN BOB	**067	T	71.39	25	65.38	38	109.87	43	73.43	29	20.00	3	340.07	138
38	LITTLE ELK	18408	W	91.40	44	60.82	32	88.36	26	77.23	36	24.00	4	341.81	142
39	TOELESS JOE	8608	OT	50.52	9	71.37	42	115.36	45	78.37	38	30.00	8	345.62	142
40	HONDO LANE	**098	T	79.38	34	54.95	23	121.70	48	76.59	35	20.00	3	352.62	143
41	KODIAK PETE	16560	T	82.83	39	62.76	35	83.55	22	85.27	45	26.00	6	340.41	147
42	NASTY NATE	**096	J	78.50	32	77.01	47	90.33	31	75.99	34	30.00	8	351.83	152
43	SQUARE SHOOTER	9417	OT	79.24	33	58.73	28	119.58	47	79.40	39	30.00	8	366.95	155
44	3 FINGERS RED LABEL	9219	D	84.50	40	66.47	40	100.22	38	91.59	50	20.00	3	362.78	171
45	COARSEGOLD KID	**088	T	102.11	48	64.72	36	131.25	51	73.75	31	25.00	5	396.83	171
46	HARDPAN CURMUDGEON	8967	M	67.04	21	76.36	45	105.21	41	999.99	60	999.99	9	2248.59	176
47	SAMURAI	**093	D	108.86	51	74.23	44	99.54	37	87.91	47	30.00	8	400.54	187
48	DAKOTA JONES	19602	T	122.66	55	82.82	50	159.18	54	68.70	25	30.00	8	463.36	192
49	SIERRA	3229	D	110.06	52	77.52	48	129.27	50	80.57	41	20.00	3	417.42	194
50	KEEBLER KID	**081	J	97.53	46	91.99	52	111.16	44	90.84	48	30.00	8	421.52	198
51	NAVAJO JOE	**097	T	119.61	53	71.96	43	151.67	53	91.51	49	20.00	3	454.75	201
52	T COLEMAN ELDER	**090	T	86.66	41	87.04	51	135.26	52	117.55	54	25.00	5	451.51	203
53	SOAPY DEAL	**091	OT	144.23	57	76.57	46	122.88	49	94.72	52	25.00	5	463.40	209
54	HOWDY	**099	T	133.14	56	101.94	55	105.43	42	93.38	51	28.00	7	461.89	211
55	BEARPAW	7559	OT	107.80	50	110.55	59	162.42	55	136.59	56	28.00	7	545.36	227
56	RUSTY BUTTERFIELD	18193	T	95.07	45	93.11	53	999.99	61	999.99	60	999.99	9	3188.15	228
57	SAGEBRUSH	**094	M	179.00	58	109.29	58	182.18	57	108.35	53	20.00	3	598.82	229
58	KODIAK SUE	19618	W	121.24	54	122.55	60	167.10	56	117.90	55	25.00	5	553.79	230
59	LADY GUNNER	**082	W	999.99	60	103.29	56	183.67	58	137.42	57	28.00	7	1452.37	238
60	TUOLUMNE LAWMAN	6127	BP	999.99	60	107.46	57	199.20	60	149.94	58	999.99	9	2456.58	244
61	CODY ZAMORA	**087	W	198.32	59	135.02	61	196.95	59	206.75	59	30.00	8	767.04	246

GOAT ROPERS:

- 1 TEXAS RATTLESNAKE
- 2 LITTLE FAWN
- 3 SHORTCUT