

KINGS RIVER GAZETTE

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Upcoming 2011 Annual Shoots

Dry Gulch at Arroyo Cantua/
SASS California Wild Bunch
Championships
April 22–24

SASS California State Championship
April 29–May 1

High Sierra Shootout
May 26–29

SASS California State Blackpow-
der Championship
May 14-15
Ridgecrest, CA



Shootout at Fort Miller 2011 Wrap-Up

Well another great Shootout at Fort Miller is in the books.

Thanks to all the Cowgirls and Cowboys of the Kings River Regulators the premiere Cowboy Action Shooting Match in California went off perfectly.

The range was in great shape, Cowboy Town was

shining and the weather was perfect.

Lots of good grub made it's appearance and disappearance at the Great Rib Roundup and Awards Spectacular on Saturday night, to the delight of all.

Congratulations to Top Hand winner **Bootjack Belle** and Mucho Congratulations

to Founders Award winner, **Two Fingers Slim**. **Slim** is one of the main reasons Cowboy Town looks so fine and the weary shooters had places to rest their hind quarters. **Slim** rebuilt some of the buildings in Cowboy Town and built the benches at each bay.

Congratulations Regulators!

AS THE ROOSTER CROWS - SLICK ROCK ROOSTER

The rains and wind stopped in time for a few days of great weather for shooting and fun at the Kings River Regulators range at FRPC. **Wildcat John** did a fantastic job of getting the ground and rocks into order. The bays never looked better. Our Match Director, **Snakebite**, gathered a great group of Posse Leaders to lead us through two days of main match shooting. Many thanks

go to posse leaders **Nevada Turtle**, **Deputy Ray**, **Badman Bob**, **Sutter Lawman**, and **Ramrod** for their great work. Many thank you's go to **Snakebite** for serving as Match Director, to **Pocket Change** for keeping our paperwork and scoring straight, to **Fargo** for running the Long Range and creating his special trophy for the Buffalo shoot, to **Ramrod and Fannie** for running the Silhouette match, and to

Mariposa Slim for organizing the side matches. A special thank you goes to **Wind Dancer** and **Longfeather** for all of their help.

Each day brought a completely different match from the other. One day was fast and furious with minimal complications, and the next was much more complex, with more shooting positions and a variety of targets. (cont. on pg. 3)

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Monthly Matches

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

Fort Miller—Side Match Winners

| <u>Event</u> | <u>Ladies Winner</u> | <u>Mens Winner</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Silhouette—Pistol Caliber | Molly Magoo | Mosebee |
| Silhouette—Rifle Caliber | Fannie Mostly | Snakebite |
| Silhouette—Single Shot | Fannie Mostly | Salinas Cowboy |
| Long Range—Smokeless | | Rusty Reflexes |
| Long Range—Buffalo Shoot | | Two Toe Bill Quickshot |
| Quigley | | Fargo |
| Cowboy Trap | Molly Magoo | Brandon Iron |
| Speed Pistol | Stagecoach Sally | Dutch Dalton |
| Speed Rifle | Charlie Parkhurst | Deputy Ray |
| Speed Shotgun—Double Barrel | Charlie Parkhurst | Snakebite |
| Speed Shotgun—97s | Querida | Badman Bob |
| Triple Threat | Charlie Parkhurst | Deputy Ray |
| Plainsman—East | | Snakebite |
| Plainsman—West | | Badman Bob |
| Plainsman—Ladies | Sterling Starr | |

Fort Miller—Special Honorees

With each Fort Miller comes the time to recognize two Special Honorees—the Top Hand award, selected by the Major to honor someone who has worked hard all year to assist the club or its officers, and the Founders Award, selected by the club's founders to recognize an individual who continuously goes above and beyond the norm to make KRR and its range a better place for all members.

This year, the Mayor chose a very surprised and emotional **Bootjack Belle** (wife of Sheriff, Mariposa Slim), to receive the Top Hand award. She was quite overcome by the honor and thanks to **Snap-shot Dualin** managed to amble her way to the front to accept her award (FYI she's recovering from knee surgery, too!).

The crowd was tense with anticipation as the winner of this year's Founders Award was announced as **Two Fingers Slim**. This is one VERY hard working cowboy, spending hours rebuilding benches, props and buildings to keep our range looking spiffy. He was quite humbled by the recognition.

**Bootjack Belle****Two Fingers Slim**

RAMROD'S MUSINGS

From the Pokey

General Safety

We all know every shooter is a Safety Officer, but what does that really mean?

If you have just finished shooting a stage, main match or side match, and no one is on the unloading table to clear your guns, don't be shy, call another shooter over and have them act as unloading table officer.

Every time you touch your guns, check them, cycle the rifle, open the loading gate and spin the cylinder, rack the pump. You should be in the habit of doing this every time you pick up a gun, whether it's yours or not.

Remember the first rule of gun safety: always assume a gun is loaded unless you check it yourself.

There is nothing funny about an accidental discharge.

Cowboy Logic

Sycamore Point

Steamboats carrying supplies for Millerton reached the head of navigation at Sycamore Point on the south bank of the San Joaquin River about one mile upstream from here. In the spring of 1852 and for many years thereafter, paddle wheel steamers made regular trips during high water. Their cargoes were carried from that point on by wagon. The last steamer to reach this point was in 1911. Dedicated November 17, 1963, Jim Savage Chapter No 1852 ECV.

Plaque located on Madera Avenue in Fresno County, one-fourth mile south of the San Joaquin River.

Academy

One quarter mile NW of here, in a grove of oak trees on the south bank of Dry Creek, was established THE ACADEMY in 1872. It was the first secondary school in Fresno County. J.D. Collins, later Sheriff, was the first teacher. Just easterly of the Academy stood the small M.E. South Church built in 1869 and still in use. The stage route from Visalia to Millerton passed nearby and soon a small village sprang up including a hotel, store, stables and post office to which the name Academy attached. Later it was a stopping place for the TOLLHOUSE teamsters.

Many of the country's earliest families settled here engaging first in the sheep and later in the cattle business. Many of them and their descendants now rest in the nearby pioneer cemetery.

Wanted

Match Directors

Contact

Mariposa Slim

Next Month's
Match Directors

B. Haven Badly
Fannie Mostly
Manny's Granny
Meaner N Me
Pocket Change

LADIES OF KRR

Road Apples



Never keep such an open mind that your brains fall out.

Fannie Mostly's Sharp Shooting Award

This month's Sharpshootin' Award goes to the shooters who finished the Fannie Mostly's Sharpshootin' Emporium Stage (Bay 8) with the fastest times: **Badman Bob** (31.56), **Big Bad Blaine** (32.70), and **Coal Train** (33.21—shooting Duelist style!).

Way to Cowboys!



Badman Bob



Big Bad Blaine



Coal Train

As the Rooster Crows, cont. from pg. 1

The ore cart brought its unique set of challenges for everyone. Fannie Mostly's Sharpshootin' Emporium is a favorite of mine – knock-downs, fliers, shooting around the corner – I love it. Hell Town is either a crowd pleaser or a hater.

Moving the Plainsman event to Thursday seemed to be

work, however, many missed the Mother-of-All Plainsman type event. We will try and reconstruct that idea for next year.

Thank you to **Ramrod** for posting the scores to the website so quickly. It seems that KRR can do this faster than any other club in the area.

Thank you to all of the KRR members that did so much work to make this match possible, as well as to the stage sponsors and match sponsors, and to the Howling Wolf for the Plainsman sponsorship. I know I missed someone, so thank you to all who attended.

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- 2. Uberti 1873 rifle 45 long colt, NIB with short stroke by the Indian. \$1,200**
- 3. Winchester model 94 (End of Trail model) 10 round capacity in 45 long colt. Regular and custom stock. Excellent condition. \$600**
- 4. Custom made Trapdoor Springfield. Original receiver, C Sharps bbl, Vernier long distance sight, beautiful wood, 45/70 (smokeless or black powder). Made by Lath Gilman. Like new condition. \$1,400**

If interested contact Larry (Three Fingers Red) Haynes at haylarry@unwiredbb.com or call (559) 325-7340. I also have other items for costuming, etc.

Thanks, Larry



Happy Birthday!

April Birthdays

Major Gregor
Bootjack Belle
Lady Gunner
Manny's Granny
Doubleshot Darlin'
Sawdust Kid
Dusty Stranger
Leadfoot