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Shave and a Haircut or Perm and a Facial

It was a close shave at the KRR last Sunday. For those who like a lot of shootin this was the match for them. There was enough lead thrown down range to curl your hair. Shiloh has a great big atta-boy comin fer a job well done. When the smoke cleared it was apparent that the match had gone to the dogs.... AGAIN. If this keeps up, there may be charges of "Assault on a peace officer". I think it may be hereditary because the puppies are doing pretty darn good too! Jessie Montana also had a good showin by breakin into the top ten. Terrible Ted was on a roll too. He actually finished all four stages and fought off Toeless Joe for first in the senior category. Way to go!



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COWBOY CHATTER

Hank turned 50 in front of the whole Kings River Regulator posse. He was well roasted and received his due from all that attended. His Mama was there and was overheard sayin that she was real proud of him, seein that he was the slow child of the family she hadn't expected too much.

The gun control folks have put cowboy action shooting in harms way. They have included our single action revolvers in the "Junk Gun Bill", SB-500, which has passed and is on the Governors desk for signing. If he signs it we will not be able to buy or sell them in the state of Ca. Call the Governors office and ask him not to sign the bill. The telephone # is 445-5295.

We will have a work day on Sun, Oct 19. Please plan on being there by 9am. If you can come shoot, you can come work. We need to make sure that the place is cleaned up and ready for the BIG annual match.

Set-up for the Annual Match will begin Friday morning Oct 24. BE THERE! We need the WHOLE club to make things happen. Posse leaders will be responsible for setting up their stage. There will be a thorough walk-thru after all stages are set up.

Posse leaders and assistants for the annual match are:

Posse #

1. Deputy Dog-Antelope Kid-Riverdale
2. Leadfoot-Condor-Square Shooter
3. Hoss-Roughcut-Longfeather
4. Sam Luis-Fred Burnam-Bull Dog
5. Shorty-Hardpan-Joaquin Rivers
6. Shiloh-Ruthless Ruth-Terrible Ted
7. Longbranch-Buckskin-Sierra
8. Flatiron-Widowmaker-Beanpot

First name listed is posse leader.

Elections are coming up soon. Start thinking about who you want to run for what office. We will take nominations by mail for each office. When a name is submitted, they will be contacted to see if they will run, if so, their name will be put on the ballot.

This will be the main order of business as soon as the annual match is out of the way.

What a pleasant surprise to see No Name at the match. He is doing a bang-up job of recovering from open heart surgery. Did you see him shoot? He's just as fast as ever! I think we are all in trouble once he is 100%.

I'd like to thank all those cowboys and cowgirls that either came and saw me in the hospital and those who signed the card for me, thank you.

J.L. Hank



WHEN DID THE OLD WEST DIE?

Historians and politicians like to put human events into distinct time periods so that these events can be analyzed, defined, and as we have seen with much of our history—revised.

The question is when did the Old West die and the New West begin. Many historians believe it died in the 1890's with new industrial and agricultural technology. SASS appears to support this viewpoint by the limitations placed upon the firearms we use. I believe the Old West was still going strong some twenty years later.

On March 9, 1916, Pancho Villa sent approximately 485 members of his irregular cavalry across the Border and attacked Columbus, New Mexico by surprise. Stationed at Columbus was the 13th US Cavalry. What followed was a gunfight the likes of which had not been seen since the Civil War, except for a very few Indian engagements. The Villistas came across the Border on horses, armed with 19th century weapons and met the 20th century. It was Winchester .30-30 vs. Springfield .30-06, Colt .45 single action vs. Colt .45 automatic, light cavalry vs. machine gun. Villa's force was routed with over 70 dead in Columbus and several more

killed as the 13th Cavalry pursued them across the Border.

This was a time when the US Army, by European standards, lacked modern equipment. Yet, the Border region was still the frontier and both the Army and civilians kept themselves, their guns, and their horses in fighting shape. It was men, guns, and horses that met the challenge of pursuing Villa into Mexico. Trucks, airplanes, artillery, and mechanized infantry failed miserably.

Two men best define this period: General "Black Jack" Pershing and Lieutenant George Patton. Pershing was a soldier of the past; veteran of the Indian, Cuban, and Philippines campaigns. Pershing would end his military career by leading American forces in Europe during WWI, a modern war. Patton would begin his combat career by killing a mounted Villista colonel and end it by defeating the German Army in North Africa and Europe during WWII. He died at the beginning of the Atomic Age.

Was Pershing a modern warrior or was Patton a frontiersman? Does a little of each exist in all of us? As Lee Marvin said in the movie Monte Walsh, "As long as one cowboy takes care of one cow, it ain't over" We know this to be true, as the Old West lives every third Sunday. Keep your powder dry!
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GOAT ROPERS

Name	Stage 1	Stage 2	Total
Rusty	12 hits	12 hits	24 hits
JL Hank	11 hits	12 hits	23 hits
Hanky	9 hits	9 hits	18 hits

We're proud of the Goat Ropers, and very much encourage all you folks to bring out the youngins to join in. Special thanks go to Leadfoot for helping with the shoot.
Hank

AMMO

To shoot the main stages of the annual match you will need: 75 handgun, 67 rifle, and 40 shotgun.
The team shoot will require 5 handgun, 5 rifle, and a pile of shotgun.
Side matches are: Speed pistol, 10. Pocket pistol, 5. Speed shotgun, 8. Long range, 10. It's a good idea to have extra.

Quote of the month:

"Anyone can beat an honest man, but its hard to beat a cheat!"
Sheriff Hank

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