

# KINGS RIVER GAZETTE

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## Fog! Cold! Where were the targets and the sunshine?

by Slick Rock Rooster, Mayor

The temperature hovered around the caliber of the largest pistol, 45. That was the high temperature for the day. Hawkeye O'Riley recalled a few years back when a match was shot with snow blowing over the range. The posse leaders of Sierra, T.O. Slo and Michigan Bob guided the hardy shooters through an unusual six stages of shooting. The match written by Wildcat John and Sierra had many shooters wondering where to shoot their shotguns, as four stages had none while one stage had twelve and another just two. I know Sierra doesn't like to shoot that shotgun, but we needed at least ten more just for more fun.

Longbranch negotiated the course of fire in the least amount of time to take overall first place. Shiloh was second, followed by Snakebite shooting Frontier Cartridge Dualist.

Three shooters shot a clean match. They were Papa Willie, Smokem Joe and Shiloh. Way to go cowboys. Shiloh was second fastest overall and the fastest with a clean match. He won one of Joaquin Rivers silver dollars for being the fastest shooter with a clean match.

A special thank you to the ladies that worked on the club's annual registration and getting the scores out so fast this month. Salutes to Ma Steele, Fanny Mostly and Charlene Welborn (Mrs, Papa Willie).

At match setup on Saturday Fargo won the drawing for a free shoot. We have that drawing for a free shoot for all of those that show up to help with the setup.

Let's hope for better weather in January for our shoot. We will shoot five stages and you can eat on the fly.

A reminder for all Fresno Rifle and Pistol Club Members - on our scheduled work day January 29<sup>th</sup> the FRPC elections will take place at noon. We will start our work party at 8:00am and have lunch at 11:00am.

If any new shooters are looking for a complete set of tools for Cowboy Action Shooting an Elder Statesman, Toeless Joe has a complete inventory of Rifle, Pistols, Shotgun, leather and reloading equipment for sale. He may be contacted aka Don Hongonla 559-896-0302.

The planning for our annual shoot is under way. It will be a two day main match the first weekend of October.

- SRR

### KRR membership dues

#### Are up for renewal

44 Cowboys & Cowgirls have already ante'd up their cash

#### Are you one of them?

If not, renew now - don't risk missing an issue of the Gazette!

\$20 Single membership

\$40 Family membership

Pay at the January Match, or send your check (payable to KRR) to:

Ma Steele aka Carol Moll  
411 E. Audubon Drive  
Fresno, CA 93720

### WORK DAY SCHEDULED FOR

Saturday, January 29

We will work on range maintenance and repairs. Lunch will be served. FRPC elections will be held after lunch, and probably a swap meet.

### FRPC ELECTIONS

This day is also the day of Fresno Rifle and Pistol Club election of Board of Directors. Your votes are needed to elect the new board members and support FRPC. KRR members running for election to the Board are:

Judge Jeremiah Steele aka David Moll, Range Officer  
Talon Hawke aka Dick Smith, Parliamentarian  
Slick Rock Rooster aka Mike Cuneo, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

### SHOOTING TIME

(Winter hours)

### SHOOTERS' MEETING

9:30 A.M.

### SHOOTING STARTS

10:00 A.M.

## Report from the Territorial Governor

Hello to all, Snakebite here:

I just got back from the TG Summit and want to give you a report of what went on. There were 215 clubs represented at the summit. I have attended many TG Summits, Regional, National and EOT Governors meetings, but none that have gone as smoothly as this one. The usual back-stabbing, cheap-shots, biting, whining, and name calling was simply not present at this summit. I can't believe that I didn't even get into one fight! Hummm, I must be mellowing. Anyhow we got a number of things done, and I think for the better.

Before I list the results I want to let you know about a few things that were announced. First off, we have a new Wild Bunch member. Coyote Calhoun, SASS #201 has been selected by the WB to join them. Coyote has been an employee of SASS for a number of years. Those of you who get around to the Regional matches have seen him, since he attends most all of them while representing SASS. He is a "Grass-Roots" kind of guy who seems to have a good feel for what the members want. He is very approachable and easy to talk to. Coming from the ranks, I think he will bring a good infusion into the WB.

There was also a bit of talk about the RO II course, those that have completed it, and the instructors that teach it. The number of RO II instructors will become even fewer than before. Though no number was given, only a few will be allowed within any region. Clubs wanting to include an RO II course at their range or annual match will be required to contact one of the RO II instructors, and pay expenses for him/her to put on a class for them.

Requirements for the instructors and students will be increased. It seems that a tightening up of the course and its graduates is the main objective here. According to the RO Committee there is an increasing number of RO II graduates that just don't seem to understand or enforce the rules properly. Oh well....I always say cut all the slack possible. Trying to get everybody on the same page is almost impossible.

Great news! I know that everyone will be glad to hear that if you joined the Founder's Club, you will no longer have to pay yearly dues. Yep, that's right, so pony up yer \$10,000 or whichever level you want and "GO FOR IT." PS, while bellied up at the bar I heard that there is another offering in the wings for those who would like to purchase a lifetime entry to EOT with RV parking and spouse pass. Ain't nothing official, but I heard that \$2,500 might be the number. The WB is looking for funds to bring the Founders Ranch up to the level they want it to be.

The frangible bullet issue is dead for now. Quick Cal and his committee did some extensive testing on every one they could find. They concluded that about 1 in 4 come apart on the way to the target, while another 10% get crushed by the crimp. It takes a good 30% more powder to get them down range. In short, they don't work!

Everyone check their lead level! It is becoming more and more obvious that we are getting lead poisoning! First reports seem to indicate that the lead is coming from ingestion, so WASH YOUR HANDS WITH SOAP before eating!! There will be more to follow on this, but in the meantime, washing stations are highly recommended.

OK, here are the results of the vote. All items required at least a 2/3 majority to pass.

1) The knock down target rule has NOT changed. Calibration is still a 158grain 38.

2) All types of modern athletic shoes or combat boots, no matter what material they are constructed of, are "OUTLAWED" from SASS events. This originally included lug soles on your boots, but happy to say that I changed a few minds on that, simply due to the safety factor. If it looks "Cowboy" from the top, it is. We don't need to look at the soles.

3) Buying a "MISS" ticket is NOW ILLEGAL at all matches state and above. (I had a lot to say about this one too, most of you know what I think of it).

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## PLACES TO SHOOT

### 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday-Sunday of Month

#### FRPC

Silhouette Range

Long Range

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

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Month

#### 5 Dogs Creek

Bakersfield

Contact: Ten Bears

(661) 589-6838

### 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Month

#### Kings River Regulators

FRPC Range

15687 Auberry Road, Clovis, CA

Shooters Meeting 9:30 a.m.

Shooting starts at 10:00 a.m.

Contact: Mayor Slick Rock Rooster

(559) 299-8669

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Month

#### Two Rivers Posse

Manteca, CA

Contact: Cherokee Knight

(209) 477-8883

## OFFICERS

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Sheriff: Ramrod (Wayne Edgin)

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SASS #40599 KRR #221

Blacksmith: Sierra (Tom Ford)

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SASS #3229 KRR #16

Banker: Talon Hawke (Dick Smith)

(559) 322-8248

SASS #41641 KRR #193

Secretary/Editor: Ma Steele (Carol Moll)

(559) 439-6889

SASS # 48200 KRR #214

Territorial Governor: Snakebite (Doug Gilmore)

(559) 787-2943

SASS #4767L KRR #01

4) Classic Cowboy is "CLASSIC COWBOY," NOT classic banker, classic barkeep, classic saloon girl, classic spaceman etc. The list of items will be increased, and at least 5 of them must be worn. Chaps and spurs will of course be on the list, but NOT required. This was due to the fact that some clubs shoot in 100 + degree weather and us old farts can't take the heat. Also, the spurs can be a hazard for some to walk in. So, if ya want to, wear em, if ya don't, you don't have to. (Hipshot cast the deciding vote on this one to keep it a Cowboy only category.)

5) The Colt Lighting is NOT a legal gun for use in the "Classic Cowboy" category.

6) If a shooter cocks a firearm at the incorrect time or place and is unable or it is unsafe to engage the proper target, the shooter has to dump the round safely down range. This has resulted in both a procedural and a miss. The new rule will allow the shooter to reload a round on the clock to replace the expended round. This will result in only a procedural... assuming he/she hits the target!

7) The Henry Big Boy is in!

8) The US firearms Omni Potent is in!

9) The Fenris Wolf Arms Single Shot Rifle is in! (It is a copy of the original Browning High Wall)

10) The Dunn Lyon Single Shot Rifle has been tabled. No one knew what it was, and the company didn't bother to send one to look at.

11) The Junior Category has been split into two levels. Buckaroos, ages 13 and under, and Young Guns, ages 14-16.

12) The Buckaroos can shoot 22 LR and 410 shotguns.

There you have it folks. I've tried to represent you the best I could. Hope yer satisfied with the results...till later,  
- Snakebite, TG.

**Herb Bauer Sporting Goods**  
6254 N. Blackstone Avenue

is now giving  
**10% Discount**  
on all shooting related merchandise to all SASS members

**Just show your SASS Card**

#### Welcome to Western Warehouse Job Site

Just identify yourself to the cashier as a member of the Kings River Regulators, show your SASS or Kings River Regulator card and **receive 15% off** on all your purchases at Western Warehouse.

Be sure to sign up for the VIP Club when you're there also. You'll get additional discount offers through the mail. The store is located on Shaw Avenue in Clovis.

Last month we told you about the new Cowboy Action Shooting show on OLN (38 on Comcast). This month, we'd like you to know about yet another great bit of television exposure for our sport. This January, the Outdoor Channel (406 on Comcast) will begin a series called "Cowboys" hosted by champion SASS shooter Tequila. The plan is for two 13-episode seasons, one in the spring and another in the fall. We don't know the day and time yet, but watch for it on the Outdoor Channel.



Despite the cold weather, these folks stuck it out, keeping warm by the roaring fire!

#### Events of Interest

Trail Town Roundup & Old West Jubilee, April 7-10, 2005, Raahauge's Ranch, Norco, CA (old EOT site) benefits the Happy Trails Children's Foundation

NRA 2005 Annual Meetings & Exhibits, April 15-16-17, Houston, Texas – Check it out at: <http://www.nraam.org/>

Cowboy Festival, April 27 – May 1, 2005, Melody Ranch Motion Picture Studios, Santa Clarita, CA – Check it out at [www.cowboyfestival.org](http://www.cowboyfestival.org)

SASS World Championship End of Trail, April 28 – May 1, 2005, Founder's Ranch, New Mexico

#### Upcoming local gun shows:

Fresno - Fresno County Fairgrounds  
January 22-23, 2005  
April 2-3, 2005  
May 28-29, 2005

Bakersfield – Kern Fair Grounds  
February 26-27, 2005  
April 9-10, 2005  
June 4-5, 2005

Paso Robles – Mid-State Fair Grounds  
March 12-13, 2005





**KINGS RIVER REGULATORS**  
**December 19, 2004**  
**OVERALL MATCH SCORES**

MATCH				STAGE 1		STAGE 2		STAGE 3		STAGE 4		STAGE 5		STAGE 6		TOTALS	
FINAL	ALIAS		CLASS	TIME	RNK	TIME	RNK	TIME	RNK	TIME	RNK	TIME	RNK	TIME	RNK	TIME	PNTS
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1	LONGBRANCH	#12433	T	25.79	1	29.17	10	32.88	2	32.43	5	23.25	1	23.43	2	166.95	21
2	SHILOH	#17515	T	30.48	5	24.88	4	39.10	8	33.97	6	27.98	6	29.74	12	186.15	41
3	SNAKEBITE	#4767	D	27.76	3	53.30	35	41.74	10	28.73	1	25.64	4	27.57	6	204.74	59
4	SLICK ROCK ROOSTER	#41875	FC	33.08	6	38.74	25	43.23	14	35.19	8	25.60	3	27.46	5	203.30	61
5	SMOKUM JOE	#41866	S	39.83	11	30.23	12	38.66	7	37.33	9	36.67	14	29.03	8	211.75	61
6	HELLFIRE HANK	#42583	T	35.65	7	20.19	1	59.59	35	30.46	2	24.63	2	36.03	18	206.55	65
7	ROOSTER JR	#41876	J	39.29	9	28.48	9	37.83	5	47.32	23	35.68	12	29.09	9	217.69	67
8	LEVI LONGNECK	#29531	49ER	42.15	15	33.41	15	30.88	1	37.51	10	40.73	19	29.10	10	213.78	70
9	FLYING W RAMROD	#40599	FC	39.38	10	43.49	29	45.34	16	30.58	3	34.31	11	21.76	1	214.86	70
10	COARSEGOLD KID	#29263	49ER	47.26	18	23.32	2	35.53	3	43.76	19	44.19	26	29.03	8	223.09	76
11	FANNIE MOSTLY	#41799	W	41.80	14	29.85	11	42.73	12	55.07	29	30.25	7	26.99	4	226.69	77
12	PAPA WILLIE	#47161	S	40.79	13	27.27	7	45.22	15	41.78	16	30.83	8	39.85	22	225.74	81
13	MICHIGAN BOB	#40417	D	48.29	19	36.27	19	38.64	6	41.93	17	35.88	13	29.81	13	230.82	87
14	CRUSTY JIM	#54860	S	29.56	4	32.69	14	52.13	26	39.09	12	39.14	18	30.30	14	222.91	88
15	WILDCAT JOHN	#37182	D	46.52	17	34.94	17	36.60	4	34.97	7	42.14	21	39.87	23	235.04	89
16	TALON HAWKE	#41641	S	45.47	16	27.54	8	42.77	13	39.56	14	48.12	30	29.71	11	233.17	92
17	TWO-TOE BILL QUICK	#25358	D	27.44	2	24.49	3	51.78	25	31.41	4	55.86	33	47.76	32	238.74	99
18	RIVERDALE	#**033	M	64.71	32	26.69	6	49.04	20	51.31	26	27.53	5	35.88	17	255.16	106
19	FARGO	#18631	49ER	40.65	12	44.74	30	41.85	11	39.12	13	38.43	17	40.48	25	245.27	108
20	HAWKEYE O'RILEY	#6443	S	50.91	25	30.29	13	39.50	9	46.48	21	43.18	24	37.47	19	247.83	111
21	LEADFOOT	#5535	D	55.48	27	24.93	5	58.01	33	46.82	22	34.01	10	31.36	15	250.61	112
22	MAJOR GREGOR	#42582	F	36.60	8	39.06	26	48.25	18	51.94	27	38.14	15	37.69	20	251.68	114
23	T O SLO	#56124	M	50.00	22	39.14	27	51.13	24	42.55	18	43.12	23	26.74	3	252.68	117
24	POCKET CHANGE	#**013	W	50.89	24	38.34	23	50.73	22	38.40	11	38.27	16	38.24	21	254.87	117
25	TUCSON SMITH	#21461	S	48.51	20	38.12	22	50.93	23	44.47	20	33.82	9	71.57	35	287.42	129
26	MARSHAL SAM MCCLOUD	#**032	T	58.61	28	46.42	31	49.25	21	41.19	15	49.18	31	27.70	7	272.35	133
27	HARDPAN CURMUDGEON	#8967	49ER	69.63	33	33.99	16	48.05	17	51.25	25	52.79	32	32.72	16	288.43	139
28	MARIPOSA SLIM	#45708	ES	50.06	23	38.37	24	48.73	19	55.28	31	44.09	25	43.43	28	279.96	150
29	GUNSIGHTS	#33764	T	51.74	26	37.81	21	52.69	27	56.40	33	42.76	22	53.17	33	294.57	162
30	KINGS RIVER KID	#**011	M	60.23	29	109.89	39	56.16	28	47.50	24	46.17	28	40.00	24	359.95	172
31	TOMBSTONE BUBBA	#47162	J	70.12	35	35.74	18	61.07	36	55.27	30	47.30	29	45.90	30	315.40	178
32	STUBBY 9 FINGERS	#54059	49ER	102.75	38	46.86	32	57.88	32	53.48	28	41.15	20	44.41	29	346.53	179
33	RED HALL	#4040	T	49.44	21	39.80	28	57.45	31	64.80	34	76.40	35	46.57	31	334.46	180
34	BLACK KNIGHT	#18944	S	62.28	30	36.68	20	83.28	38	68.51	36	59.05	34	43.18	27	352.98	185
35	SIERRA	#3229	T	63.49	31	51.45	33	56.43	29	68.44	35	46.10	27	79.61	36	365.52	191

36	LYIN' RYAN	***022	T	78.19	36	62.33	36	59.28	34	70.13	37	DQ	39	42.10	26	1312.02	208
37	RED	***015	WM	69.90	34	52.48	34	89.42	39	55.31	32	116.62	36	94.29	38	478.02	213
38	CLIFF SLOWHAND	***030	S	166.55	39	64.21	37	56.87	30	113.43	39	123.25	37	82.77	37	607.08	219
39	JUNEBUG MCCAFFREY	#51549	W	86.60	37	66.16	38	76.79	37	84.36	38	197.60	38	71.53	34	583.04	222

## MOVING WITH "LOADED" SHOTGUN OK?

In the December 2004 edition of *The Cowboy Chronicle*, Quick Cal, SASS Life #2707, Chairman of the SASS Range Officer Committee, makes the following determination regarding "loaded" shotguns:

*"As long as you have the action open, you can change location on a stage, regardless of any shells or hulls on the carrier or in the chamber of a side-by-side. It's only when you close the action and have a cocked and loaded firearm that the movement rule is applied."*

The article prompted the following e-mail exchange between Sheriff Ramrod and Territorial Governor Snakebite:

From Sheriff Ramrod:

Howdy and seasons greetings. Hey, Doug, did you get a chance to read that article by Quick Cal regarding SASS rules? Is his interpretation of the "when to load and unload the shotgun" rules accurate? If so, should we allow this at our range? Wayne

Response from TG Snakebite:

Hi, Wayne. I did read Cal's article, he spoke some on it at the summit and he is correct. I have long been aware of this. When I put on a match I try not to build in procedural minefields. It is true that what takes place on the range can, for the most part, be controlled by how and what the scenario says. We could in essence remove a large part of the rule book by writing lengthy scenarios....in fact a short story that spelled out everything that must take place and how it must happen – for instance:

"Wearing your longsleeved shirt, cowboy looking leather footwear, with a traditional hat, and shooting your 36 cal or larger handguns and 25 cal or larger handgun cal rifle, and your 20 ga or larger SXS or hammered pump shotgun etc,etc,etc until everything in the rulebook and everything we want to happen plus all local rules are covered."

This, of course, would have the shooters confused and put them to sleep. I have long since favored writing scenarios in a very simple and direct manner which allows as much choice and as few specific instructions as needed to make the scenario clear. Of course, the opposite side of the scenario example is:

"Shoot all targets"

Now....I know that I have skirted your original question and taken you off on a trip around the barn, but here is my point. Some stages by their nature and layout lend themselves to being more friendly to one thing or another. Moving down range to shoot a shotgun (bay 6) is less likely to produce a safety hazard than moving across the stage on a board walk (bay 1). This does not mean that it should not be allowed on bay 1, it just means that the potential for error is greater on bay 1 and must be monitored closely. This example can be carried out for any number of situations - drawing a handgun in tight quarters, etc, etc and such. The designer of the stage must look at the overall setup to determine if there are any procedural minefields built in. We would not want to oversimplify the stage directions or to clutter them with unnecessary items. We should not try to eliminate every possible safety situation - we can't. The shooters are charged with the responsibility for being safe, and knowing the rules. It should not be necessary to repeat everything in the write-up. If it doesn't say you can't, it is SASS legal, and within the Spirit of the Game, then it can be done. It IS necessary to tell the shooter what MUST be done, such as where to start, and shooting order...if the scenario has them. It is also necessary to let the shooter know if there are exceptions to SASS rules.

Finally:

Your question: "Should we allow this on our range?"

My answer: Yes.

Snakebite