

# ♦Kings River Gazette♦

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## Message from the Editor

Howdy, let me introduce myself, as of this issue I am the new editor in charge, of the Kings River Gazette. First let me say that I hope I do half as good a job as the former editor, Snakebite. We have had some really great editions. Thanks Snakebite!!

A good paper is not a one woman job. Suggestions are always welcome. If you have anything you would like to see in the Gazette let me know. There is always lots of room for stories about the shoots or the cowboys and cowgirls that shoot. If you have a poem or a story you wrote or read somewhere that you think the regulators would like, send it on in. The articles can be hand written, (must be readable) or typed. Don't worry about having them in column format, I can do that. The only real stipulation is that it must be cowboy related.

Items for the news letter should be sent in at least one week prior to the monthly shoot, to be considered for that months publication.

You can mail them to:

Ruthless Ruth  
4871 E Cornell  
Fresno, CA 93703

Call me at - 251-9507

Or you can EMail articles to me, just call and I'll give you my EMail address.

So keep your eyes and ears open and report any unusual, funny or interesting happenings to me. This is going to be a real hoot, not to mention a learning experience.

*Ruthless Ruth*

Sass #9015 KRR #37



## Geezer Shoots From The Hip

Geezer made the long trek north from his homestead in Altadena to put on a humdinger of a match for us. Last months heat must have scared off a lot of folks, cause only 37 hardy souls made it out to shoot. Those who didn't show missed a fun match. There were lots of hot fingers on the stage with 12 shotgun targets. Why, one former Sheriff who shall remain nameless (his initials are Hank) was seen using a sissy towel to hold his scattergun! Kodiak Sue, on the other hand, toughed it out like a real cowpoke. There were sure a lot of click, click, clicks on the pistol reload stage. Seems you know just how to do that till that darn buzzer goes off. And how bout shooting "Rifleman" style from the hip? That was new for most folks, and lots of fun. It was a really fun match and we owe our "Long Distance Cowboy" a big hand. Thanks Geezer!

After the match there was a club meeting to discuss changes in officers. As you know Mayor Snakebite and Schoolmarm Fannie Oakley resigned last month. The members voted to accept the Board's recommendation that Sheriff Cole Chance become Mayor, Deputy Longbranch become Sheriff, and Banker Jessie Montana assume the Schoolmarm duties, with scoring assistance from

Swanee Rivers. This will go through October. In November, nominations will be made for vacant offices. Elections will be held in December.

Members voted to have the sign over the main gate to our range read "Fort Miller". The sign on our cookshack and office will be "Headquarters - Kings River Regulators".

I want to thank everyone who has volunteered to help at the annual match. If you haven't volunteered, please think about it. We need folks to set up and tear down on Friday and Monday, run side matches, help with the potluck, registration and prizes. Come out for work days to get the range ready. Remember this is YOUR club, YOUR annual match and only YOU can make it work. We want Fort Miller Shootout 98 to be one folks will be talking about till next year's match. If we all pull together, we can do it. So some on, get involved, volunteer your time and talent and let's make this the best shoot ever (till next year!)

*Cole Chance*

## From the Blacksmith

There will be a work party on Sunday, Aug. 23rd. We will be working toward the completion of the following jobs.

1. Complete painting on exterior of Registration and Food buildings.
2. Completion of rail fence on both sides of new archway.
3. Putting up headers and framing corral roof.
4. Framing sunshade roof at bay #2.
5. Complete staking of trees.

Lets start early, at 7 a.m., before the heat becomes unbearable. Bring any tools you have for whatever job you feel qualified for.

The following is merely an observation, and as everyone is entitled to have an opinion, here is mine.

For many of you, membership in the

## Officers:

Mayor: Cole Chance(Leon Chism)  
673-7416

SASS #8243 KRR #26

Sheriff: Longbranch(Carl Dotts)  
855-4113

SASS #12433 KRR #48

Banker/Secretary Jessie Montana(Barbara Chism)  
673-7416

SASS #8244 KRR #27

Blacksmith: Buckskin(John Dotts)  
855-2713

SASS #12434 KRR #47

Territorial Governor: Doc James(Eldon James)  
645-4720

SASS #5061L KRR #08

KRR simply means coming to the matches and having fun. I realize that those of you that feel this way don't want to get involved in anything more than shooting and having fun. There are, however, some members that get involved, by helping set up a shoot, coming to work parties or volunteering to perform a task. These people get a special reward, the satisfaction of seeing our club grow.

As an example, last Saturday, 4 or 5 of us got together to put up our new main entrance arch. Sierra brought his big scissors lift truck and two huge side poles were erected and set in concrete, the cross pole was then notched and lifted into position and set and secured. In about 4 hours the arch was up. What most of you don't realize is that two of our members took 6 hours of their time and used some of their equipment just to get those poles to the KRR site. How much better it would be if all our members gave some of their time to support the club.

I think that those of you who just come to shoot and have fun should realize that there are other members of the club that are carrying your share of the load. **A BIG THANKS FROM THE BLACKSMITH TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:** Sierra, Snakebite, Deputy Dog, Cole Chance, Joaquin Rivers, Flatiron, Longbranch, Terrible Ted, Ruthless Ruth and Shiloh. Sincerely, Buckskin

### Heard Round the Corral

Seems some of our cowpokes and cowgals have taken to the wetter side of life. After some serious discussion with a certain range officer (sometimes answers to Coyote Joe) about kayaks, Buckskin, Yosemite Mam, Longbranch and Miss Kitty were seen riding double on some rather odd looking mounts (They had paddles and no legs) headed down river. Hope they got where they were headed.

Check out the new arrangement in the F R & P C range house. Boys

must have got spring fever a little late this year. They even wiped out the nice cobweb collection they had going by the front door. They put in a ice box with plenty of cold drinks and a chow rack. Now you can shoot and eat there. Well you'll all might go out on the range to actually shoot.

Hear Riverdale did a real nice piece of shooting at 5 Dogs this month. Maybe we should stop worrying about Sudden and Snakebite and pay him a closer mind.

**Speaking of iceboxes,** a very generous member of KRR and two unnamed shooters are donating a refrigerator to the cook house. They wished to remain anonymous, however, I understand the leader is a man of the cloth and he can probably point the way to his assisting angels.



### Places to Shoot

If'n you can't find a place to shoot, you're not looken very hard pardner. Not mentioning our Annual shoot, to be talked about later, there's lots of good shooting going on.

#### John Wayne Shoot

September 12th and 13th, 1998  
Chorro Valley Regulators  
San Luis Obispo Sportsman's Assoc.  
Contact Polish Clarence at  
(805) 542-0501

We see a lot of Chorro Valley boys at our shoots, let's return the favor.

#### Mill Creek Shootout

California State Championship  
Oct. 8 - 11, 1998  
Norco, Calif  
Contact Har Trigger  
(310)416-4941

Kings River Regulators are putting on stage 4 at this one, scenario was written by Snakebite, stage is sponsored by JAX Leather. If you don't plan to shoot this one consider helping the club out by helping run the stage. You won't have to time, or keep score, just explain the stage to each posse coming through. Camping fee is \$20.00. If you're

interested let Cole Chance, Snakebite or Doc James know.

#### Shoot Out at 5 Dogs Creek

November 14th and 15th, 1998  
Bakersfield, CA  
\$45.00 entry (\$60.00 after Oct. 1, 1998)

Contact Shadow at (805)663-8933  
The club voted to change our monthly meet, so we wouldn't conflict with this shoot, let's all support "5 Dogs".

These are just the nearby shoots, there's lots more, check out the latest Cowboy Chronicle. *You say you don't get the Cowboy Chronicle, well join SASS.* The Chronicle is one of the best ways to keep up on what's happening in our sport.

### Fort Miller 98

It's less than two months away. Have you signed up yet?? There's been lots of interest from outside shooters, but it won't be a real success if we can't have a really good turn out of our own club members. Don't forget it cost you **\$10 more if you don't sign up by Sep. 30th.**

#### \*\*\*Fort Miller Needs\*\*\*

Suggestions for scenarios. Contact Cole Chance or Longbranch is you have any good ideas.

Donated prizes should be given to Jessie Montana by the September shoot, so she has time to ready them for the annual match.

Volunteers to help run the side matches on Sunday. Lots of them, so everyone gets a chance to shoot side matches, not just work them. Contact Longbranch or Cole Chance.

Help setting up on Friday and taking down on Monday.

This is everyone's club and shoot help out anyway you can, it's really appreciated.

**WANTED:** If anyone has, or can get, a flag that is worn out and needs to be disposed of, please contact Longbranch at 855-4113

## Sight Picture

by Reverend Buster Doorsdown

Whata Day!! Fort Miller was rocked Sunday in a barrage of bullets, varmints and banditos and spirits were as tall as the temperatures. A "almighty" cool breeze seems to blow the smiles of friends old and new across the grainy textures of our town.

Square Shooter was tryin ou new iron and specs and reported no kinks to work out.

Cole Chance had a ball ...a cap and ball and the pressure was on. Nothing builds pressure like "black powder".

Kodiak Pete and Sue say it's nice to watch, but much more fun to play. Sue just shot her second match and definitely has her ducks in a row. Watch out ladies (and gents)!!

And Jessie, that bucket had it comin.

**Twelve Shotgun!** Someone's in cahoots with Jessie Montana or gettin a special on 12 gauge at the local mercantile.

### *Old Country Meets Old West*

At lunch time, I had the pleasure of representing our club on an international level. Ugo Zugnoni, a prominent heavy construction business owner from the Lombardi region of Italy and a guest of a member of F. R. & P. C., came a callin with six gun on his hip and a smile on his face.

A long time fan of western movies and a somewhat recent discoverer of CAS, Ugo, aka...(well, I couldn't pronounce it if I tried) wished to try some shootin KRR style. So we went out to Bay #7 to the Livery and sat up some targets, consisting of some plastic bottles, existing steel and the coffins up on Boot Hill.

For the film, he talked me out of my hat and Bowie; narrating to the folks back home in the tongue of his homeland, but the general feelings could be understood in any language.

He seemed in hog heaven spinnin cylinders and swingin levers and could mosie with the best of us. He didn't seem as concerned with hitting the targets as he was with having fun trying. Seems he gave me a refresher

course in "Spirit of the Game".

We even shot some footage of our Boom Town with "Marshall Zugnoni" arresting an infamous preacher for Public Intoxication. Somewhere along the way he got my pocketwatch in a poker game.

All things done, we had a wonderful time in the days of old with the young at heart. I would personally like to thank Tracy and Joe of F. R & P. C., the Judge and all others who participated, for introducing me to our new found friend and ambassador of the Cowboy Way. I'm sure he'll have his own posse up and shootin in no time.

Thanks guys,

Reverend Buster Doorsdown



## The Long Range Rifle "Buffalo Guns"

Recent conversations with many of the "Regulators" has focused on long range rifles. We, as a group, seem to have settled into our leverguns and handguns, but there is definite passion developing for the big single shots. Our new ranges offer us many new opportunities for some fast and fancy shootin' but those old "long range" targets seem to offer an unmistakable challenge. It's almost like old Billy Dixon is standing there handing you that big .50 2 1/2 inch Sharps and saying "try a shot". When you think of Buffalo hunting the rifle that most think of is the Sharps but the Remington Rolling Block was also commonly used. There seems to be a lot more information on the Sharps and its use on the plains than any of the other rifles. Frank Sellers in his book Sharps goes into detail on the various calibers, and rifle configurations used on the Plains from 1871 to 1884. Generally a Sharps buffalo rifle had a full octagon barrel, weighed over 12 pounds and had double set triggers. Calibers varied during the period but all were over .40. The early period, 1872 to 1875, buffalo were usually shot from 200 to 600 yards and the most popular calibers were the .44/75 2 1/4 inch and the .50/70 Government. Open sites or

globe and peep sights were used and hunting was mostly in Kansas and Nebraska. About one fourth of the rifles were equipped with telescopic sights and weighed as much as 17 1/2 pounds. The second period, 1876 to 1878, saw the decline of the .44 and .50 calibers in favor of the .45. Most rifles weighed over 14 pounds and few had telescopic sights. Hunting shifted to Texas. The .44/90 was still popular but the .45 2 7/8 inch and the .45/70 were more frequently ordered from Sharps. In 1879 the Northern herd was being hunted, the .40/90 started to replace the .45 2 7/8 inch for longer range. Ranges were increasing to as far as 900 yards as the herds were becoming wary of hunters. The .45 2/78 inch loaded with a 500 grain bullet over 110 grains of powder provided much better knockdown power than the .40/90 and so it remained more popular with the old buffalo hunters. The buffalo hunters were said to have been the world's best shots on wild game. The last of them died over 50 years ago, the big herds are gone, and it is kind of hard to come by .45/110 or a "Big Fifty" but there are lots of .45/70's available and a couple of dingers on a hillside. Step up Regulator and try a shot

.FLATIRON

### FOR SALE

Cimarron Thunderer \$419.99  
45 Colt, 3" bbl with old west reproduction holster. See at Fresno Firearma. - Flatiron

### Square Shooter

Square Shooter is one smooth son of a gun. He carries an old Smith and Wesson. He will ask you for fun to borrow your gun then proceed to teach you a lesson. His demeanor is nice, but he's outshot me twice, using my own iron and bullets. I bet next time he'll beg to borrow my leg, then laugh as he stands there and pulls it!!

3 Fingers Red Label

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Kings River Regulators  
MATCH FINAL OVERALL STANDINGS  
STAGES 1 thru 4

MATCH	ALIAS	CLASS	(< STAGE 1)		(< STAGE 2)		(< STAGE 3)		(< STAGE 4)		(<-- TOTALS -->)		
FINAL			TIME	RNK	TIME	RNK	TIME	RNK	TIME	RNK	TIME	PNTS	
1.	TOM DODDLEY SQUAT	***023	D	41.81	2	70.60	2	38.20	1	56.47	3	207.08	8
2.	SAM LUIS	#12788	T	41.53	1	68.32	1	58.16	9	54.58	1	222.59	12
3.	FRED BURNHAM	#12168	T	44.82	3	90.71	5	49.68	2	56.16	2	241.37	12
4.	LONGBRANCH	#12433	D	47.27	4	93.13	7	49.86	3	57.85	4	248.11	18
5.	SNAKEBITE	# 4767	T	63.34	14	71.23	3	54.65	6	67.09	7	256.31	30
6.	JESSIE MONTANA	# 8244	W	59.42	11	89.17	4	51.97	4	69.76	12	270.32	31
7.	HAWKEYE	# 496	T	49.50	5	91.16	6	76.05	20	63.03	5	279.74	36
8.	JOAQUIN RIVERS	#11912	T	56.10	9	122.10	19	63.16	11	67.18	8	308.54	47
9.	ANTELOPE KID	***003	T	68.60	21	108.03	13	57.65	8	65.70	6	299.98	48
10.	FLATIRON	# 7983	T	52.85	6	123.21	20	65.45	13	68.50	9	310.01	48
11.	TERRIBLE TED	# 9014	OT	55.38	8	106.63	12	76.37	21	68.87	10	307.25	51
12.	HANK	# 7369	BP	63.43	15	98.05	8	68.23	15	72.63	14	302.34	52
13.	HOSS	# 9565	D	60.34	12	105.71	11	67.95	14	74.93	17	308.93	54
14.	ROUGH CUT	# 8464	T	54.53	7	120.41	18	53.83	5	99.62	31	328.39	61
15.	LEADFOOT	# 5535	T	67.24	17	119.63	17	58.84	10	75.85	18	321.56	62
16.	BEANPOT	***007	M	71.87	26	100.40	10	75.81	19	69.64	11	317.72	66
17.	TEN BEARS	***019	D	64.61	16	110.55	16	54.98	7	92.47	27	322.61	66
18.	SHILOH	***016	D	61.05	13	108.98	14	73.86	17	99.06	30	342.95	74
19.	RIVERDALE	***015	M	67.47	19	128.09	23	70.46	16	76.91	20	342.93	78
20.	TOELESS JOE	# 8608	OT	67.36	18	136.94	26	74.72	18	73.03	16	352.05	78
21.	HAWKEYE O'RILEY	# 6443	T	67.70	20	129.54	24	77.06	22	71.59	13	345.89	79
22.	GEEZER	#11911	T	69.26	23	110.22	15	93.50	28	72.66	15	345.64	81
23.	BUCKSKIN	#12434	OT	57.42	10	127.41	22	87.07	26	84.83	24	356.73	82
24.	COLE CHANCE	# 8243	BP	85.47	30	100.37	9	122.97	35	76.68	19	385.49	93
25.	JUSTICE LOVING	***022	T	63.34	14	125.33	21	97.58	31	95.04	29	381.29	95
26.	REVEREND BUSTERDOO	***014	M	71.19	24	990.00	36	64.78	12	90.45	25	1216.42	97
27.	MADERA DAVE	# 5929	D	75.04	28	147.59	28	82.05	24	81.83	22	386.51	102
28.	SQUARE SHOOTER	# 9417	T	68.87	22	137.42	27	110.51	32	82.42	23	399.22	104
29.	RUTHLESS RUTH	# 9015	W	92.65	32	131.86	25	90.73	27	93.83	28	409.07	112
30.	KODIAK PETE	***024	T	79.21	29	148.80	29	95.61	29	91.81	26	415.43	113
31.	TUSCON SMITH	***020	T	71.55	25	185.62	33	77.52	23	101.12	32	435.81	113
32.	BEAR PAW	***021	OT	91.95	31	165.85	30	86.78	25	109.85	33	454.43	119
33.	BLACK KNIGHT	***008	T	74.98	27	166.06	31	95.84	30	117.96	35	454.84	123
34.	SHORTY	#12810	T		36		37		37	79.33	21	3076.33	131
35.	3 FINGERS RED	***001	D	95.80	33	181.60	32	114.50	33	113.91	34	505.81	132
36.	BAD BUD	# 8828	T	114.22	34	216.85	34	120.24	34	161.78	36	613.09	138
37.	KODIAK SUE	***025	W	125.68	35	218.92	35	167.54	36	161.97	37	674.11	143

## Goat Ropers

1st Mongo Jr.  
Little Annie

2nd Vicky