

KINGS RIVER GAZETTE

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Upcoming 2013 Annual Shoots

SASS Western Regional
Championship
Chorro Valley Shootout
August 07-11

SASS Northwestern Regional
Championship
Bend, OR
Aug 26 - Sept 1

Adobe Walls
Gonzales, CA
September 20-22



The Kings River Regulators have New Bays, New Targets, New Surfacing at the Bays, New Shooters.

It's not every club that can boast even one of the new things the Kings River Regulators now have.

Thanks to the Club Officers and all the Kings River Regulators for making this the Premier Cowboy Action Shooting club in the Nation.

At last count, there are over 30 Kings River Regulators signed up for

the SASS Western Regional Championship match in August, once again showing how well the Kings River Regulators travel.

It looks as if our Blacksmith, **Two Fingers Slim**, may need some help in Cowboy Town to get new store fronts up. Let him know if you'd like to help and if you have ideas for something new for the Town of Fort Miller. There are also smaller repair projects that he might need help with, that only require a screwdriver.

FROM THE MAYOR - SIERRA RIDER

The Match Directors for the July Match were **Flying W Ramrod** and **The Queen of Bling**. They put together some fun stages.

On Stage 2, we had the plate rack and the Texas Star so there was a lot of falling metal.

On Stage 4, we shot the slat in the door with the

rifle and that was a lot of fun.

We had 19 shooters on Saturday and because of the heat, we only shot 3 stages. On Sunday we had 39 shooters that choose to shoot in the hot weather.

El Lazo came over from **Chorro Valley** to shoot. I think he wanted to get away

from the cold coastal weather and warm up a bit.

There was only one clean shooter on Sunday and that was **Ruthless Ray**.

We had 4 new or returning shooters at this match and also had a few spectators that are considering joining us in Cowboy Action Shooting. (continued page 3)

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The Gazette

fwranch@garlic.com**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

Mantca

Faultline Shootists

Gonzales

5th Weekend

Chorro Valley

From the Territorial Governor - Snakebite

Hello KRR Members;

If you are a member of the Kings River Regulators, you are more than a face in the crowd. You are a part of the number one Cowboy club in the State, and part of our extended Cowboy family. Your home is Fort Miller, our shooting facility at the FRPC.

Have you ever wondered how all of this came about?

Ever wonder where the buildings came from... who set up the targets for the match, who put the new coat of paint on that building, who built another shade or loading area, who keeps the weeds down, who enters the scores, who writes the news letter and keeps us posted of what's going on, who represents us to the FRPC, who put new tires on the trailer, in fact where did the trailer come from, who keeps the targets in good shape, who puts out the water at every match, who buys the water and puts it in the coral, who put up the new clock, who puts up the flag at the match, who takes it down, who makes sure that we have a place to shoot, who gets the prizes together, who does this, and who does that, who, who, who?

The answer to all of these questions is this.... THE MEMBERS DO IT ALL.

They don't do it to get a reward or award, they do it because it is their/our, club.

We are all aware that everyone's time is valuable, and some of us have very little free time... but family members should all find time to do at least something to help.

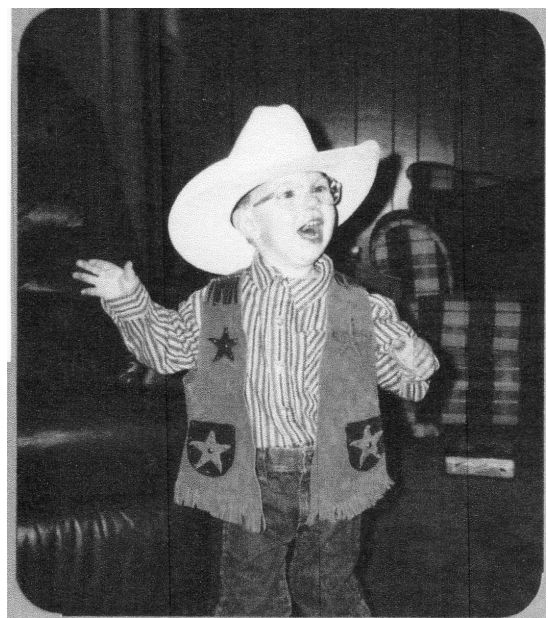
It does not have to be anything major, or involve a great deal of time... maybe just decide to get a can of paint, and paint the trim on one of the False Fronts down the east side.

Maybe just knock down a few weeds around the trees. Maybe just this or that. Try to find time..... just a little time, to give back to the club that gives to you.

You don't need to ask or be asked in order to help keep our facility looking great... just pitch in and do it. It is our club, and we all need to do something... no matter how small.

Snakebite

Who Knew....?

**Queen of Bling** in 1961, age 3**Strait Shot Owen**

RAMROD'S MUSINGS

From the Pokey—

ROI and ROII Classes...

The single most important thing you, as a shooter, can do is keep current on the rules and how to play the game.

The best way to do this is take the ROI/II Classes when they are offered.

The Rules, and Interpretation of the Rules, change and get updated often and the best, only way usually, is to take a class.

When was the last time you set in on an RO Class? Can't remember? Then it's time to take another.

SASS has made a change on the ROI/II pins. Every time you re-certify, SASS will send you a date rocker for your pin.

This date rocker will tell everyone you have taken the initiative to keep current and the year you did so.

The next ROI/II Classes in our area will be at the SASS Western Regional Championship.

Re-certify, it's the right thing to do.

Cowboy Logic—Cowboys

In the mid-1800's, Mexican vaqueros withdrew from Texas, leaving most of their sturdy longhorn cattle behind. (The Spanish word vaquero, pronounced "ba-cah-roh" by Texans, eventually became "buckaroo").

During the next 20 years, American cowboys drove cattle to markets in St. Louis and Chicago. However, the cowboy era really began when Confederate soldiers returned from the Civil War to find Texas overrun with longhorns. What were people to do with all that beef?

Railroads provided the answer. Railroad builders bought beef for their workers, then rail lines opened access to larger markets. Cowboys led longhorns on cattle drives to railroad towns. There, the cattle were sold and shipped east to people with an appetite for steak and the money to buy it.

The men and occasional women who worked on the ranches and cattle drives developed special skills.

They saw themselves as different from ordinary shopkeepers and farmers. Most were young, and probably about 15 percent were African American. Many were army veterans who still wore their long blue or gray overcoats and carried military revolvers.

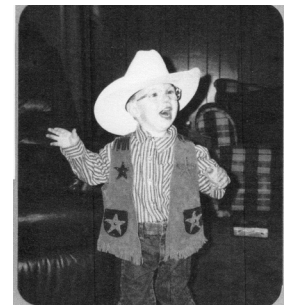
By the 1870's, boots made especially for cowboys—with high tops, toes that could slide easily into stirrups, and high heels that would prevent the boots from sliding all the way through the stirrups began to replace ordinary work boots.

Ranchers and cowboys expanded northward, but by the late 1800's the open range was gone. Farmers fenced their fields with barbed wire, and some states passed laws barring cattle from other states from crossing their territory.

The last big cattle drive was to Dodge City, Kansas in 1881.

WANTED
MATCH DIRECTORS
CONTACT
RUTHLESS RAY

**Next Month's
Match Director**



STRAIT SHOT OWEN

ROAD APPLES



A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor

From the Mayor - Sierra Rider (cont. from Page 1)

The top 4 shooters at Sunday's Match were: **El Lazo**, **Coyote Carson**, **Rusty Shotgun** and **Badman Bob**. An interesting side note is that all 4 have Rodeo backgrounds. Maybe being a Rodeo Cowboy helps in this sport.

On Sunday, The **Queen of Bling** received her new pink holster set made by **Wildcat John**. It had rhinestone crowns and lots of other bling. Guard your eyes!

KRR and **Chorro Valley Regulators** purchased some new shotgun targets similar to our existing targets and they were delivered by **Rusty Shotgun**. We also got some new diamond shaped pistol and rifle targets.

Next month's Match director is **Strait Shot Owen**. I understand he has designed 2 stages on Bay 1, 2 stages on Bay 2 and the remaining stage on Bay 3. It looks like there will not be much gun cart movement next month.

I look forward to seeing you at next month's match.

Sierra Rider

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