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Hottest March Match on Record!

by Slick Rock Rooster

What a record day for a March shoot, 61 shooters! That's a fantastic turnout for a beautiful warm day in March. A great big salute to Terrible Ted and his better half Ruthless Ruth, for putting on a great match. There were many comments on how fun the match was. The targets were big and close, many shooters shot more than one stage clean. Two shooters shot a clean match - former mayor Cole Chance and State Champion Deadly Tedley had no misses. Salutes to booth of them. This match was well written and gave the shooter options on how to shoot some of the sweeps. I'm not sure how to row a boat or raise the anchor but we all figured it out and had fun doing it. At least we didn't have to sit down in the boat. The most difficult targets for this shooter and Wildcat John were the little pieces of pipe on Bay Two. I think it is a psychological handicap for us in the heating, piping and air conditioning industry to shoot at pipe. Junebug McCaffery did a little victory dance when she picked up the long range shotgun target on Stage Three. It was a fun match. Well done, Ted and Ruth.

We had six new shooters sign up this month. A big KRR welcome to Buckshot Boudry aka Tom McEwen, Marshal Mick Stup aka Jerry Chastain, Black Hills Rose aka Janet Chastain, Pico Portugee aka Larry G. Brown, Shadetree Shooter aka Gary Nolan, and Big Gun aka Paul C. Baker. We had several other people express interest and a couple of definite to go through orientation next month. And welcome back to Ventura, KRR #21 - good to see you again!

Sierra is planning on a work day on Sunday, April 25, starting at 7:00 a.m. Bring your weed wackers, hoe's (the kind with a wooden handle), etc. for a spring clean up. Those with carpentry skills may work on the corral construction. Lunch will be provided.

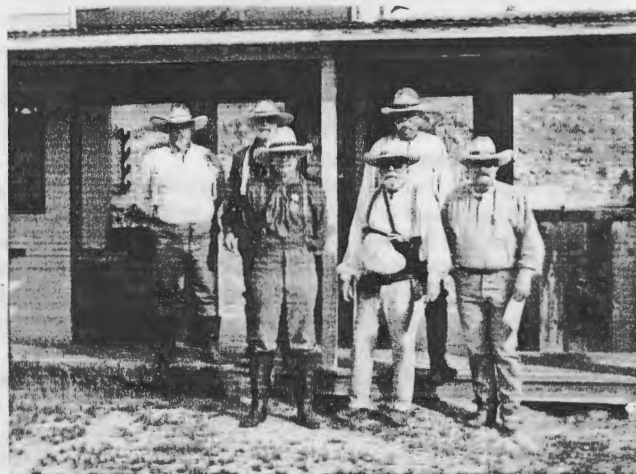
We would like to encourage all of our own club members to participate at our annual match in September. This will be the third Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in September. There will be side matches on Friday and Sunday. The eight stage main match will be shot on Saturday. Juniors can shoot free and need not miss school to shoot the main match. A disqualification in a side match will not be carried forward. Side matches are separate matches with separate entry fees.

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**SHOOTING TIME
(CHANGE TO SUMMER HOURS)**

SHOOTERS' MEETING - 8:30 A.M.

SHOOTING STARTS - 9:00 A.M.



Thanks to March Match Director, Terrible Ted for a great match. He was assisted by Posse Leaders Fargo, Mariposa Slim, Sierra, and Wildcat John, all seen here during the walk-through with Sheriff Ramrod.

A huge Thank You to Toeless Joe for his wonderful donations to the club. Joe donated a new timer and a beautiful set of spurs that will be added to the raffle prizes for the annual match. Thanks again, Joe.

Judge Jeremiah Steele made a request for help for the FRPC youth day to be held on May 8. Volunteers give Dave a call at 559-439-6889.

Snakebite is still trying to put together ROI and ROII courses for club members. E-mail him to get on a list - snakebite4767@yahoo.com.

Spread the word - we're planning to shoot 4 stages instead of 5 in June, July and August matches this year in hopes of finishing before heat stroke sets in!

- SRR

Letter to the Editor:

You may remember that back in the January Gazette, we included a note concerning T. Coleman Elder having been bailed out of jail by Hopalong Cassidy's brother. . . well, it seems several curious cowboys out there have been hankerin' for some of the gory details of this little adventure.

T. Coleman Elder writes to us, saying, "The tale you are about to read is mostly true."

Well as I recollect it was back in '68 after I was run out of — er I mean chose to move out of Kansas. I left the dusty cowtown of Wichita behind and cut a trail for sunny California. Bein' young and eager to make my fortune in this strange new place, I decided to try to hand at the import business. Seems I was a little confused about what items a feller could cart across the border, legally. I gotta tell you all them fellers packed some nasty automatic weapons and weren't impressed by my Oklahoma drawl or my country charm. They didn't seem to like gringos one little bit, and possessed absolutely no sense of humor. I soon found nothing funny about the mess I'd gotten myself into. Purely by accident and unintentional of course.

Next thing I know, I'm in the hoosegow south of the border down Mexico way. I remember a song about that, but I shore didn't feel like singin' right then. What I needed was a gun and a fast horse, but those items were pretty scarce down there. My fellow bunkmates cheered me up in a darn pore English mixed with their native tongue by telling me there were only 3 ways to get out of the lockup down there. One was to die and be carried out (my least favorite choice by the way). Number 2 is the ever popular but seldom successful escape. Seems the individuals that chose that option either ended up with a passel of bullet holes in 'em or after a few days in the scorchin' desert with no food or water, the coyotes finished what was left. Solution number three is dinero pesos, greenbacks, dollars, cash, money or whatever you want to call it. If you ain't got any or a way to get some, you're in for a very long and unhappy vacation.

It seems their court system is a lot different and much slower than ours. There is a passel of folks in Mexican jails and prisons that have been there for years and never seen a lawyer or the inside of a courtroom. But with money to buy or bail your sorry butt out you can mosey on out of there on just about any charge. Did I mention the bribe is real popular down there? Due to the low wages and poor economy, bribes are common, accepted and expected ways of doin' business.

Fortunately for me my blessed sister happened to work with a fine silver haired gent who bore a striking resemblance to one of my cowboy heroes, Hopalong Cassidy. He was of slighter build than Hoppy, but what he lacked in size, he more than made up for in kindness, understanding and generosity. His name was Walter Boyd and he was indeed the brother of William Boyd. Of course all us cowboys and cowgirls know William Boyd as the one and only dashing western hero dressed in black, wearin' fancy six guns and ridin a beautiful white horse named Topper. The famous Hopalong Cassidy.

So this wonderful human bein', ol' Walter he rounds up a bag of cash from somewheres, goes my bail and before I could say hot damn, I'm standin' on the right side of the border again. God Bless America. There's a reason all them folks constantly risk life and limb and spend every peso they can beg, borrow or steal to leave Mexico and try to sneak into the U.S. I know I'd done had my fill of Mexico. Without the help of Walter Boyd I might have cashed in my chips or maybe still be locked away in that Godforsaken place.

So folks, that's my story of my relationship with Hopalong Cassidy's brother. A finer gent never came down the trail and I feel might lucky and plum proud to have known him and be able to call him friend. God bless you and happy trails till we meet again, Walter and if by chance and the grace of God I should make it to where you are at maybe you could do me one more big favor and introduce me to your brother.

Sincerely, T. Coleman Elder

P.S. By the way, a year or so after this little misunderstanding I was acquitted "found not guilty" of ~~smuggling illegal transportation~~ . . . er the charges. And I ain't never ever been and ain't never ever gonna cross that border to Mexico again.



From the Pokey

To kibitz or not to kibitz...

Our shooter has completed a blazing run on stage two. Now it's time for the counters to do their job. Counter one says "clean," counter two says "clean," counter three says "say I thought he missed that last rifle shot, are you sure he didn't? I mean I saw dirt fly and didn't hear a clang. You guys must have missed it. It should be one miss."

What's wrong with this? Well first of all, the reason we have three counters is to cover the entire stage. In doing this we must have independent counts from all three. Unanimous decisions are not required. Majority rules in counting.

Each and every person counting must relay his or her count without consulting with anyone else.

The only exception I can think of is in the case of an nonempty gun being handed off. The counters should hold their count until an unfired round count can be made and then adjust the count accordingly.

As a posse leader, you should put a stop immediately to any discussions regarding count until the counters have given you their numbers and you have seen them written on the score sheet. Then, if the counters want, they can discuss to their hearts content. Don't let one forceful person take control of the counters.

Next month: The 170 rule and you.

- Ramrod

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Ya'll come to 5 Dogs Creek for movie night & shoot

Enjoy Western movies? Enjoy shooting?
Put them together and what could be more fun?

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 3 and join your pards at 5 Dogs Creek for the premier showing (on the range, anyway) of the classic Western comedy Rustler's Rhapsody.

The Wild West goes wacko when the greatest fast-drawin', fancy-dressin', silver-spurred, geetar playin', singing cowboy movie matinee idol Rex O'Herlihan (Tom Berenger) hits the saddle. Classic Western stereotypes and clichés get turned on their ear when our fearless hero, fully dressed in white and atop his dancing horse Wildfire, rides into the tackiest town west of the Pecos to do good deeds and defy desperados. If you've never seen this funny poke at B-Westerns, you are in for a treat.

We'll cook up some grub (pot luck – bring what you want to BBQ and a side dish), put up the screen, light a campfire or two, pop some corn, pour an adult beverage or two and enjoy. Just like the drive-in only better – 'cause you're on the range!

Naturally, all the stages for the match on Sunday, April 4 will be based on the movie. B-Western attire would be most appropriate! In fact, let's make a contest out of it...complete with a prize for our best Rex O'Herlihan.

For more information about this once in a lifetime opportunity (unless we do it again next year), call Mescalero or Calgary Kate at (661) 588-8978.



Ma's Musings

You all will notice we don't have a Judge's Court Docket this month – the Judge was feelin' poorly on Sunday and didn't shoot. Do you suppose we need to fine the Judge hisself for showing up at the Shooters' Meeting dressed...well, what should I say...not quite in cowboy clothes? Got to give him credit though – must've taken a lot of gumption! and he WAS wearing a SASS hat and Judge T-shirt.

We got word that the Eldorado Cowboys are moving. They just finalized an agreement with the Boulder (Nevada) Rifle and Pistol Club to become the official cowboy single action shooting discipline at the club. For directions to the new location, contact Blind Bill at (702) 368-3934 or Charming at (702) 565-3736.

Anyone interested in donating prizes for the monthly matches or the annual in September, please call Ruthless Ruth (559) 251-9507 to give her an idea of what we can plan on having.

Want to check the monthly match scores before the Gazette is delivered? Just take a look at www.shootfrpc.com and click on KRR logo. FRPC is posting the scores almost faster than I can e-mail them!

Upcoming matches to plan for include:
Shootout at 5 Dogs Creek, 2004 CA State Championship September 30-October 3, 2004, Bakersfield, CA and Ambush at Durham Ferry at Manteca Sportsmen Club, June 24-27, 2004. Pick up flyers at KRR's next match.

- Ma Steele, Secretary & Editor

PLACES TO SHOOT

1st Saturday-Sunday of Month FRPC

Silhouette Range
Long Range

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

1st Sunday of Month 5 Dogs Creek Bakersfield

Contact: Ten Bears
(661) 589-6838

3rd 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.

3rd Sunday of Month Kings River Regulators FRPC Range

15687 Auberry Road, Clovis, CA

Shooters Meeting 8:30 a.m.

Shooting starts at 9:00 a.m.

Contact: Mayor Slick Rock Rooster
(559) 299-8669

4th Sunday of Month Two Rivers Posse Manteca, CA

Contact: Cherokee Knight
(209) 477-8883

8th Annual Plainfield Raid Yolo Sportsmen's Association 24189 Aviation Avenue, Davis, CA April 1, 2, 3, 4, 2004

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Info: Diamond Dick (916) 483-9198
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KINGS RIVER REGULATORS OVERALL MATCH RESULTS

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MATCH				STAGE 1		STAGE 2		STAGE 3		STAGE 4		STAGE 5		TOTALS	
FINAL	ALIAS		CLASS	TIME	RNK	TIME	RNK	TIME	RNK	TIME	RNK	TIME	RNK	TIME	PNTS
1	DEADLY TEDLEY	#29403	D	29.75	1	32.90	1	24.63	1	30.04	1	39.29	1	156.61	5
2	SUDDEN	#12166	OT	35.39	2	37.65	2	26.50	2	39.51	4	45.71	3	184.76	13
3	SNAKEBITE	# 4767	BP	42.62	6	47.32	6	40.22	7	35.90	2	40.08	2	206.14	23
4	TUCSON SMITH	#21461	OT	35.60	3	54.27	14	30.75	4	39.27	3	58.05	20	217.94	44
5	COLE CHANCE	# 8243	49	43.66	7	50.63	9	45.74	12	41.73	7	54.12	11	235.88	46
6	PIZMO PETE	#33198	T	42.52	5	46.91	5	32.11	5	52.78	20	55.66	14	229.98	49
7	JESSIE MONTANA	# 8244	W	42.04	4	57.67	19	35.64	6	44.11	13	53.08	8	232.54	50
8	NINE LIVES	#38211	T	49.14	16	67.36	29	30.73	3	41.54	6	47.61	4	236.38	58
9	COARSEGOLD KID	#29263	49	46.02	11	49.28	7	52.02	25	41.92	8	53.65	9	242.89	60
10	LEVI LONGNECK	#29531	T	45.59	9	45.68	3	44.32	9	50.72	18	61.64	24	247.95	63
11	SHILOH	#17515	T	45.72	10	51.93	13	49.64	21	40.27	5	57.28	19	244.84	68
12	SIERRA RIDER	# 3101	T	54.00	24	51.45	11	46.99	14	44.59	14	51.53	6	248.56	69
13	SMOKUM JOE	#41866	OT	49.06	15	51.53	12	46.17	13	48.89	17	55.18	13	250.83	70
14	TWO-TOE BILL QUICK	#25358	D	47.38	13	55.15	16	61.71	35	42.22	9	53.75	10	260.21	83
15	TERRIBLE TED	# 9014	ES	55.08	26	64.13	24	45.08	11	43.19	11	57.14	17	264.62	89
16	SLICK ROCK ROOSTER	#41875	49	47.62	14	72.85	35	47.64	16	48.29	15	54.41	12	270.81	92
17	KAWEAH KID	#12024	49	51.26	19	66.03	26	47.90	17	48.53	16	55.70	15	269.42	93
18	DOC JONES	#50495	J	46.76	12	75.92	39	44.64	10	42.52	10	59.78	22	269.62	93
19	SONORA FAST EDDIE	***020	T	60.17	31	50.66	10	51.98	24	53.97	22	52.82	7	269.60	94
20	EL MAESTRO	#37731	T	51.90	21	81.90	44	47.57	15	43.69	12	49.01	5	274.07	97
21	TINHORN TUCK	***007	49	52.27	23	56.28	17	48.58	19	57.64	28	56.81	16	271.58	103
22	HANK	# 7369	D	49.54	17	58.27	20	47.57	15	59.57	31	61.66	25	276.61	108
23	GEO KID	#27051	OT	44.91	8	63.93	23	52.60	27	53.07	21	66.33	32	280.84	111
24	PORTUGEE PHILLIPS	#17510	D	49.99	18	46.59	4	67.06	40	57.06	26	65.53	30	286.23	118
25	LITTLE FAWN	#41497	J	52.08	22	50.50	8	60.25	34	65.06	35	58.48	21	286.37	120
26	LEADFOOT	# 5535	D	59.65	29	54.54	15	50.62	22	60.08	32	60.95	23	285.84	121
27	RUTHLESS RUTH	# 9015	W	54.17	25	90.36	49	42.50	8	55.27	23	65.34	29	307.63	134
28	HAWKEYE O'RILEY	# 6443	OT	60.74	32	68.33	31	52.25	26	51.05	19	66.55	33	298.92	141
29	JOAQUIN RIVERS	#11912	D	63.96	34	63.55	22	55.71	28	56.18	24	67.47	34	306.87	142
30	CATHOUSE CLARK	#12316	D	64.48	35	59.12	21	58.12	31	59.11	30	62.06	26	302.89	143
31	WILDCAT JOHN	#37182	BP	51.37	20	93.83	51	48.26	18	63.92	34	58.05	20	315.43	143

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32	FARGO	#18631	49	60.02	30	73.13	36	67.52	41	57.08	27	57.18	18	314.93	152
33	ROOSTER JR	#41876	J	56.38	27	79.75	43	49.21	20	56.82	25	75.37	41	317.53	156
34	TALON HAWKE	#41641	OT	57.28	28	56.36	18	63.19	38	59.09	29	84.66	45	320.58	158
35	YANCY DERRINGER	#45329	T	70.58	43	65.12	25	58.09	30	63.39	33	69.99	38	327.17	169
36	CACTUS CAT	#38730	W	67.76	39	66.71	28	51.46	23	68.96	42	72.27	39	327.16	171
37	OROSI KID	***011	T	75.53	46	67.73	30	58.20	32	67.17	39	66.30	31	334.93	178
38	CRUSTY JIM	***003	OT	65.98	37	78.14	40	68.87	42	65.25	36	64.69	28	342.93	183
39	BIGHORN	***015	OT	69.43	41	83.76	47	55.94	29	63.39	33	78.55	42	351.07	192
40	PAPA WILLIE	#47161	OT	69.21	40	70.91	34	62.22	36	68.11	40	82.09	43	352.54	193
41	ALMOST DANGEROUS	#17489	T	67.63	38	73.27	37	63.70	39	75.46	44	67.85	36	347.91	194
42	FLYING W RAMROD	#40599	49	76.74	47	68.45	32	81.71	48	68.43	41	67.79	35	363.12	203
43	DRIFTER	***016	T	71.95	45	79.61	42	60.13	33	65.42	37	94.79	51	371.90	208
44	JIMMICHANGA	***017	BP	62.87	33	162.51	57	63.04	37	79.17	45	68.84	37	436.43	209
45	VENTURA	***022	T	84.49	50	66.47	27	74.70	45	85.38	48	74.59	40	385.63	210
46	TOELESS JOE	#8608	ES	70.85	44	90.54	50	88.25	51	75.10	43	64.10	27	388.84	215
47	TIPPECANOE SLEW	***021	OT	70.47	42	68.84	33	80.26	47	66.77	38	110.43	55	396.77	215
48	IDA MISTUM	#50494	W	65.36	36	73.72	38	79.01	46	89.87	52	92.40	50	400.36	222
49	LADY GUNNER	#33830	W	88.47	51	82.68	45	72.99	44	84.01	47	83.30	44	411.45	231
50	MARIPOSA SLIM	#45708	ES	81.05	49	88.71	48	82.26	49	80.99	46	86.08	47	419.09	239
51	FINEGOLD FLOOZY	#35468	W	79.95	48	78.56	41	101.06	54	85.72	49	86.20	48	431.49	240
52	SIERRA	#3229	D	106.28	56	110.65	53	71.56	43	87.33	50	97.23	52	473.05	254
53	TOMBSTONE BUBBA	#47162	J	99.56	54	104.74	52	100.90	53	90.10	53	86.07	46	481.37	258
54	SAGEBRUSH	***019	M	96.96	52	82.91	46	117.32	56	104.79	55	110.50	56	512.48	265
55	BUCKSHOT BOWDRY	#57150	D	104.27	55	129.83	55	83.02	50	114.03	57	87.98	49	519.13	266
56	O.W.	***018	D	120.11	58	126.92	54	100.87	52	88.39	51	103.77	54	540.06	269
57	SHADETREE SHOOTER	#56385	T	97.71	53	170.04	58	117.89	57	100.56	54	102.61	53	588.81	275
58	STUBBY 9 FINGERS	#54059	49	106.45	57	135.74	56	102.23	55	107.14	56	125.44	59	577.00	283
59	JUNE BUG MCCAFFREY	***005	W	123.67	59	218.68	59	124.75	58	115.34	58	114.92	58	697.36	292
60	MARSHAL MICK STUP	#57219	BP	145.97	60	990.00	60	151.41	59	158.64	59	113.51	57	1559.53	295
61	BLACK HILLS ROSE	#57220	BP	223.94	61	990.00	60	990.00	60	172.32	60	193.18	60	2569.44	301