

KINGS RIVER GAZETTE



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Upcoming 2009 Annual Shoots

Winter Range
February 25-March 1

Shootout at Fort Miller
April 16-19

Dry Gulch at Arroyo Canuta
April 23-26

California State Match
April 30-May 3

Shootout at Fort Miller is only 2 months away



The 2009 Shootout at Fort Miller is only two months away.

Now is the time to put the finishing touches on the range.

Blacksmith **Fargo** has called for a work party on March 14 to clean up the bays, weed around the facility and generally get

ready for the Shootout.

The work assignment list still has a lot of blanks, so if you haven't signed up to help at the annual, please do so. If you don't know what is needed, ask **Fannie Mostly** to show you the list. Remember, if you don't sign up, you'll be assigned a chore.

These assignments aren't for the whole weekend or even the whole day, just when required, like painting targets etc.

We're also seeking stage sponsors (\$100 per stage), and raffle donations. Contact **Fannie** for more info.

AS THE ROOSTER CROWS

The rains held off until we completed the match. **Ruthless Ray** and **Meaner N Me** put together a fun and entertaining match for their first efforts. I hope that they continue to write more stages and matches. They were getting complements from everyone.

The Saturday before the March match will be a work

day to prepare for the Shootout at Fort Miller. Bring your tools, weed eaters, rakes, etc. There is much to do to get ready for our annual match.

I need someone to drive the ore cart and am looking for some target setters for the silhouette match. If you know of someone that would be interested please

let me know.

Members of KRR and Fresno Rifle and Pistol Club may practice on Bay 2; this is limited to members and they must use lead bullets. Those that willfully choose not to follow the rules will be eliminated.

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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
 Manteca
 Faultline Shootists
 Gonzales

5th Weekend
 Chorro Valley

REGULATOR ROUNDUP

Belly gun makes it's reappearance at the March match. Most folks have a belly gun or pocket pistol and don't get the chance to shoot it, so we're reintroducing the gamblers friend at the March and September matches. We will provide a loaner .22 for those who don't have a pocket pistol. For those of you who do not know the definition of a pocket pistol, here's the blurb from the SASS handbook.

Pocket Pistols and Derringers

Pocket pistols and Derringers are popular for use in side matches and are occasionally introduced as an additional firearm in main match stages.

- A pocket pistol is a small frame, fixed sight, pre-1900 design revolver having a barrel length of four inches or less. Pocket pistols must be .31 caliber or larger. Model "P" Colts and clones and revolvers with swing out cylinders are specifically not allowed regardless of caliber, frame size, or barrel length. Pocket pistols may not be used as or converted to main match revolvers.
- A Derringer is defined as an external hammer, fixed sight, breech loading or percussion ignition, small frame pre-1900 design firearm having one to four barrels up to three and one half inches long. Derringers must be .22 caliber or larger. The Remington style over/under barrel configuration and the Sharps four-barreled Pepperbox are typical SASS-legal Derringers.
- .22 Magnum ammunition is not allowed.

FROM THE FORGE

Well Howdy Pards... Since the Shootout at Fort Miller is only two months away, it's time to get the range in top shape. That's why I'm calling a work party for Saturday March 14. There won't be a match that day as we need to clean up, weed, rake, paint and fix up the range for the annual match. Bring weed eaters, hammers, paint brushes, strong backs and willing attitudes and we'll supply the hot dogs, chips and drinks. Speaking of fixing up the range, when the Kings River Regulators

were started and Fort Miller became a reality, the bays and buildings in town were adopted, built and maintained by those members. Now most of those members have moved on to other places, but the bays and buildings still need maintenance. If you are interested in adopting a bay or one of the buildings along the road to the Fort, let me know. Those Regulators who have already adopted bays and buildings, please come out and make sure it's ready for the annual.

Fargo

RAMROD'S MUSINGS

From the Pokey

The SASS rule changes take effect March 1. If you don't know the rules and the rule changes, download them on the SASS home page under Shooters Handbooks.

Speaking of knowing the rules, looks like **Snakebite** will be holding an ROI and ROII class at Chorro Valley sometime soon.

Yes, it's at a different range but, if you've never shot Chorro, make this another reason to go.

The ROI class will help you as a shooter to know the rules and how to play the game.

The ROII course will help you if and when you decide you want to be a posse leader and how to recognize potentially bad stages and how to correct them.

Take one or both of these courses to better your shooting.

Cowboy Logic

Annie Oakley 1869 - 1926

"I was eight years old when I made my first shot," reminisced the legendary sharpshooter **Annie Oakley**, "and I still consider it one of the best shots I ever made." Spotting a squirrel perched on a fence in front of her cabin, she impulsively climbed onto a chair, dragged down a loaded rifle, rested the barrel on a porch rail, and drilled the small animal. Soon, the little girl was regularly putting meat in the family pot.

Phoebe Anne Moses was born in Ohio in 1860. When she was 15, local admirers pitted her against a traveling exhibition sharpshooter named **Frank Butler**. **Annie** out shot **Butler**, who persuaded her to marry him a year later. They formed a vaudeville act and then began touring with **Buffalo Bill Cody's** immensely popular Wild West Show in 1885.

A natural performer and veritable shooting machine, **Oakley** became one of the primary assets of **Cody's** Wild West. She raveled 17 years with **Cody**, who affectionately called her "Little Missie." Audiences regarded her as America's Sweetheart, and **Chief Sitting Bull** nicknamed her "Little Sure Shot".

Offstage **Oakley** devoted herself to exquisite needlework and to reading the Bible. During World War I, **Oakley** and **Butler** toured army camps as instructors and performers.

Americas Sweetheart died in 1926 and **Butler** passed away just three weeks later.

Oakley was not a Westerner and, except for her performance tours, she never experienced the West. However, through her countless exhibitions with **Buffalo Bill's** Wild West and other shows, and later exposure in movies and television, **Annie Oakley** became indelibly identified with the Wild West.

Dues are Due

It's that time of year again where your membership dues are due.

Dues need to be paid by March to keep receiving e-mail notification of important developments.

Family - \$40.00

Individual - \$20.00

Snail Mail Gazette - \$10.00

NEXT MONTH'S MATCH DIRECTOR



Mariposa Slim

PAPA SAYS



The purpose of life is not to arrive at the grave perfectly preserved but to come sliding in with a hot dog in one hand, a beer in the other yelling YeeHaww, what a ride.

FANNIE'S SHARPSHOOTIN' AWARD

This month's Sharpshootin' Award is in honor of Valentines Day. The fastest couple is....

Talon Hawke and El Lazo with a blazing time of 329.60.

Second was **Two Toe Bill Quickshot** and **Coal Train** with 367.77 and Third was **Meaner 'N' Me** and **Badmann Bob** at 375.23.



Shootout at Fort Miller Updates

Well the Shootout at Fort Miller is around the corner and, as usual, we're looking for something special.

First, there is the Stage Sponsorship program. For just \$100.00 you can sponsor a stage and have your name on a sign at the stage and in the program.

Second, raffle prizes. As in the past, we'll have a

silent raffle for most of the prizes and the big three will be done by live raffle. If you have some unique things you'd like to donate please let us know or bring them to the club in March.

Third, Fort Miller is a big place if you have to run from the silhouette range to Bay 8 so we're asking

for a quad or golf cart for the staff to use on the shoot weekend.

Fourth, we need everyone to come to the work party in March to get ready for the Shootout.

Last, we want everyone to come out and enjoy the Shootout at Fort Miller. It's your club and your match so let's have fun.

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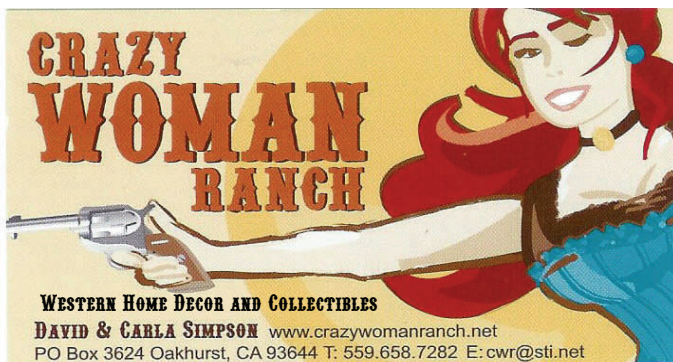
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Thanks.



Happy Birthday!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Chucky Mae
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Badmann Bob
Hawkeye O'Riley
Curly Sue
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