



KINGS RIVER GAZETTE

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Upcoming 2009/2010 Annual Shoots

Winter Range
SASS National Championships
February 24 - 28

Shootout at Fort Miller
April 15 - 18

Dry Gulch at Arroyo Cantua
April 23 - 25

SASS California State Championships
April 29—May 2

The Shootout at Fort Miller is Coming



The Shootout at Fort Miller 2010 is coming soon.

The dates for the Premier Annual Match in California are scheduled for April 15-18, 2010.

A few changes this year will make this event even better than last year, if that is possible.

In 2010 the Plainsman event will be held on Friday, one hour after the day's main match stages have been shot.

All Awards will be given at the Saturday Night BBQ and Potluck.

This frees Sunday morning up for those who wish to keep shooting at the Tres

Amigos Shootoff or to head back down the trail to the Old Homestead. The choice is yours.

Again KRR members will be asked/assigned duties at the annual and it is hoped everyone will pitch in and most of all, have a great shootout.

AS THE ROOSTER CROWS - SLICK ROCK ROOSTER

Well our Mayor wasn't at the shoot, being out having familial harmony, so I (**Ramrod**) am going to do the post match report, so there.

The ballots were cast and tallied and the results announced.

Mariposa Slim is the new Sheriff and **Pocket Change** is the new School Marm of Kings River. Congratulations!

Five remaining stages written as homework last year were the highlight of this month's match.

Any one of these stages would have been the showcase stage at a normal monthly match, but all together in one match proved to be a brain stimulator.

From a stage with ten plus shotgun to a stage with a golf ball bonus rifle target, every bay had resets being necessary

to falling targets.

Stage 5 had three bird popper shotgun targets so everyone could practice on those pesky birds.

Stage writers, **Sawdust Kid** (stage 1), **Tucson Smith** (stage 2), **Smokum Joe** (stage 3), **Walkabout** (stage 4) and **Ruthless Ray** (stage 5) proved they do indeed have twisted minds and a strong sense of fun.

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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

The Cowboys Christmas Dance

Bruce Kiskaddon

Winter is here and it aint so nice
tendin' the feeders and choppin' ice.

Nasty weather to stir about.
Cold in the morning's a gittin' out.

Puts a sting in your ears and nose;
gotta watch out or you'll freeze yore toes.

Blowin' your breath on a frosty bit.
Makes you feel like you want to quit.

You like one part of it any way,
That's when you git yore Christmas day.

Plenty of feed and a right good chance
to shake yore feet at a country dance.

Fiddles a playin' jest watch 'em go.
"Aleman left an' doce do!"

Don't keer none for the cold and storms.
Dancin' around you soon git warm.

Folks all in from the hills and flats.
Ears tied up onder their hats.

Tough on the horses they drove and rode
shiverin' there with their backs all bowed.

It's the only time that folks has to spare
so the hosses had got to stand their share.

You turn 'em out when they git rode down
but you got to keep workin' the year around.

Winter time but it aint so bad.
When it comes around yore sorter glad.

Even though it's nasty weather
folks has a chance to git together.

And plenty of folks that was half way mad
found out their neighbors was not as bad

Yes lots of trouble is checked in advance
by a sociable crowd at a Christmas dance.

In Quest of the Festive Bough

Wallace McRae

It's getting down deep in December
Time to work the herd for a tree.
So after doing the feeding, the family
Climbs in the pickup with me.

Now I don't know 'bout your household
But mine's sure ain't easy to please.
I've got this plethora of critics
When it comes to judging them trees.

Jackpine, cedar or plum bush?
It don't really matter to me.
I'd just cut the first one I come to
Though it weren't no symmetrical tree.

Them critics of mine got to wrangle
And measure, argue and talk.
Of breadth, depth and thickness,
So we walk, we walk and we walk.

Of course every dang sylvan candidate
Is clear at the top of the hill.
And though, "Those don't look so good up
close,
Those over there prob'ly will".

I struggle along with and axe and a saw
Cussin' Santy Clause with each step.
While the critic's derision and scorn
Is only surpassed by their pep.

See all them tracks a milling around
Where the family skidded and larked?
We finally come back to the pickup
And cut one, right where we was parked.



RAMROD'S MUSINGS

From the Pokey

December Match Observations

I noticed some issues that need discussing.

First, there are still shooters out there that have not blacked out the white diamond on their rear sight. If you don't black it out you'll get dinged at a bigger match.

Second, some of this past weekend's shooting scenarios caused the spotters headaches.

We've all done continuous Nevada sweeps forever, so placing a knockdown target in the center of one shouldn't cause problems, but it did.

When you have a sweep with a knockdown in it, count the sweep like there was no KD. At the end of the stage you'll know how many non KD targets were missed and the KD rack will show what was missed there. Easy, yes?

Cowboy Logic

Nelson Miles 1839-1925

For a decade and a half **Nelson Miles** was an efficient and relentless Native American fighter who successfully employed infantry in wars otherwise dominated by cavalry.

A tall, handsome officer, **Miles** was brave, aggressive, and well organized. But he also was vain, pompous, and ruthless in his personal ambitions. He acquired friends strictly for their value as contacts. He hated to give credit to other officers, and was deeply jealous of **West Point** graduates. **Miles** earned considerable enmity with his harsh criticisms of other officers, and throughout his career he was embroiled in one feud after another.

A 21-year-old Boston clerk when the Civil War erupted, **Miles** raised a troop of infantry. Bold and courageous, he was wounded four times, won the Medal of Honor, and vaulted in rank from lieutenant to major general of volunteers. In spite of his

self-promotion, **General Miles** distinguished himself in combat during the Civil War, the Indian Wars and the Spanish-American War.

Reduced to colonel after the Civil War, **Miles** was determined to reach the top of the frontier army. His 1868 marriage to **Mary Sherman**, niece of the army general and Ohio Senator **John Sherman**, gave him invaluable contacts.

In 1874 **General Sherman** assigned **Miles** to lead a column in the Red River War. In 1876 his command effectively pressured the victors over **George Armstrong Custer's** 7th Cavalry. The next year **Miles** successfully intercepted **Chief Joseph's Nez Perce**. In 1878 **Miles** took time out from a vacation to skirmish with **Bannocks** and, two years later he was promoted to Brigadier General.

In 1886 **General Miles** engineered the final surrender of **Geronimo**.

Winter Hours

Registration 8:00
Shooters Meeting 8:30
Shooting Starts 9:00



NEXT MONTH'S MATCH DIRECTORS



Mariposa Slim

PAPA SAYS



The biggest thing in life is all the little things added together

FANNIE'S SHARPSHOOTIN' AWARD

This month, in recognition of Christmas's past, present and future, the Sharpshootin' Award goes to the shooter who finished 25th at the December Match.

Congratulations to **Fargo** for being the Christmas Sharpshooter and the last Sharpshootin' Award winner of 2009.

Stay tuned for next year's Sharpshootin' Award Winners.



KRR Medal Watch

Well, it was another good year for the Kings River Regulators.

There were a host of traveling KRR shooters this year heading out to Winter Range, Fort Miller, Arroyo Cantua, State, High Sierra, Western States, Hell on Wheels, John Wayne, Adobe Walls, Pahrup, Western Regionals, EOT, High Sierra and others. Here's the recap of the

awards won this year by KRR members at these major "away" matches.

- 1st 42
- 2nd 27
- 3rd 27
- 4th 11
- 5th 10



Yes, 127 trophies proves the Kings River Regulators are the Best Kept Secret in SASS.

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Judge Jeremiah Steele
Mariposa Slim
Cole Chance
Smokum Joe
Deputy Dan Beartrap
Blackie*

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