



KINGS RIVER GAZETTE

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Send your email address to: fwbranch@garlic.com to receive timely updates and information regarding The Kings River Regulators.

“ADOPT A TOWN” PROGRAM

It's early spring, 1875, Fort Miller, California. The army has gone on patrol to ensure the Modocs stay on the peace trail and won't be back for two months.

The town council meet at the Long Branch Saloon and note some unsettling items.

Take a walk with the town council down Main Street toward Fort Miller. Look at the town. Look at the bays. Look at the possibility for improvement.

Use your imagination, what's missing? What can bring a new level of excitement to the Fort? Could it be a Chinese Laundry? An Indian tepee set up in front of the Fort?

Fort Miller needs your help. Some of the folks



who started this town are no longer here to help keep it up. It's time for the new members to adopt a building, a bay or a part of the range and fix it up.

We have work parties every quarter, but that's mainly to

get designated big projects done or underway. The day to day upkeep of the range is up to you, the members.

Contact the Mayor and let him know what you would like to do to make Fort Miller better.

AS THE ROOSTER CROWS SLICK ROCK ROOSTER

On a gloomy, cold, rainy morning in February, 34 rugged individuals trudged through the mud to enjoy a great cowboy action shooting match by Match Director **Mariposa Slim**. Mariposa did a great job - he kept it simple, the targets were large and not too distant. Three people shot a clean match - **Smokum**

Joe, Ruthless Ray and Mariposa Slim. Congratulations to the clean shooters.

Our own Worlds Champion, **Little Fawn**, was the overall winner. **Tucson Smith** said it all about **Little Fawn**: "She shoots pretty well for a girl." She was followed by **Sutter Lawman**, who traveled all the way from Berry Creek.

Salutes to new shooters, **Hiram Payne** and **Reedley Ranger**, who both left with big grins on their faces. Hiram's wife is thinking of trying her skills in the near future. He'd better look out - women folk tend to outshoot their spouses in this sport. Sheriff **Ramrod** has been practicing his (cont. on Pg. 5)

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Snakebite

Ol' Doug went off to the privy one night,
a copy of Sears in his hand.
This had been his custom for nigh on a lustrum,
and everything was movin' just grand.

He took up his seat,
jeans down at his feet,
contemplatin' the world as he knew it.
Well it gave him a start,
when something moved in the dark,
and the thing had a nasty hiss to it.

Well, Doug lept in the air
and parted his hair,
on the roof of this tiny wee hut.
As he came down again
a sharp piece of tin
cut two similar holes in his butt.

Now it's the cowboy way,
on those warm spring days,
to take the first bath of the season.

When the boys stop and stare
at Doug's derriere,
he claim's "Snakebites" the reason.

3 Fingers Red La bel (1996)

REGULATORS ROUNDUP

January Work Party

A good group of cowboys and one cowgirl showed up for the January work party. With our Blacksmith, **Sierra**, in charge, the crew of **Mariposa Slim**, **Papa Willie**, **Two Toe Bill Quickshot**, **Sierra Rider**, **Crusty Jim**, **Hawk-eye O'Riley** and **Slick Rock Rooster** worked to enclose the new portion of the corral. **Judge Steele**, **Rogan Steele** and **Joaquin Rivers** showed up to lend a hand at cleaning bays and working on the corral. Much to everyone's surprise, **Snakebite** worked hard all day and didn't once complain about blind, lyin', cheatin' spotters. **Flying W Ramrod** and **Michigan Bob** worked on the entry to Fort Miller, removing the mud and setting headers and drain rock to keep the footing safe. While all this was going on, **Fannie Mostly** took on the storeroom. Now we can actually see the floor. Good job all who showed up to work.

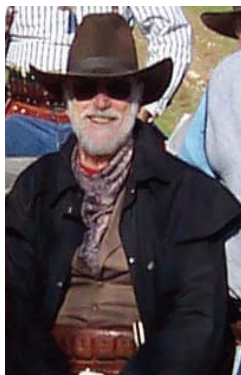
Who is This?

This picture was submitted by **Hardpan Curmudgeon**. Guess who this is. Answer on page 5.



CLEAN MATCH

Three shooters had clean matches this month. **Mariposa Slim**, **Ruthless Ray** and **Smokum Joe** (pictured in the Full Gabby Hayes).
Good shooting pards.



OTHER NOTES OF INTEREST

There has been discussion at FRPC about allowing FRPC members to use Range 8, the long range over the hill, on the second weekend of the month, to hold non-competitive long range practice. At this time, FRPC is leaning toward volunteer Range Officers to oversee this plan. If you are interested, contact **Slick Rock Rooster**, **Talon Hawke** or **Fargo**.

Time to renew your Membership in KRR. Go to "Membership" on the website at: www.kingsriverregulators.com Just print the application, fill it out, enclose your check and mail it to:

Fannie Mostly
6340 San Felipe Rd
Hollister, CA 95023

If you don't have web access contact Fannie at (831) 637-8872 and she'll mail an application to you.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA RANGE WAR

A line has been drawn in the sand. The gauntlet has been thrown. Someone has been called a girlie man and had dirt kicked on his boots.

A Range War is coming. Not your normal Range War, but a friendly feud where the winners get all the bragging rights and everyone else endures endless humiliation (at least until the next Range War).

Who will be the Top Guns for 2006? The Kings River Regulators? The Chorro Valley Regulators? The Rowdy Wranglers?

Okay, that's probably enough drama....for now. In reality, this is just a fun way to encourage a little friendly competition between our clubs and greater participation in the annual matches of all three clubs.

Here's the scoop:

- The Central California Range War will be held each year during the annual match of the Club that currently has claim to the coveted title of "Top Gun Club". The Range War will begin in May 2006 during the Shootout at 5 Dogs Creek. This is basically a match within a match. The Range War will have no impact on the standings of the annual match.
- All club members registered for the annual match where the Range War takes place, will compete for their respective club. No chickens allowed. Traitors who are members of more than one club must declare their allegiance to just one in advance of the match.
- Everyone will have an opportunity to represent their club and all categories will be included equally.
- For each stage of the annual match, five names will be selected randomly for each of the three clubs. That is, five random members of CVR, KRR and TRW will be drawn out of a hat to represent their club on Stage 1, another five names for Stage 2, etc.
- Once all the names have been selected for a particular club, all the names go back into the random selection. A smaller club may have some members competing more often than a larger club.
- The competitors for each stage will NOT be announced in advance. All ranch hands should be at the top of their game at all times.
- The times for those selected for each stage will be totaled (inclusive of misses/bonuses). A panel of three – one member from each club – will tally the scores to keep each other honest. The club with the fastest total time wins and will keep the yet-to-be-determined, yet highly coveted, award and will host the Range War at their next annual match, i.e. 2007.

The Stinking Rules:

- Have fun.
- Good-natured trash talk is highly encouraged.
- No whiners.
- The Rowdy Wranglers are ready to start their dynasty of wins (as if)

Questions? Contact Kings River Kid, Solvang Shootist or Calgary Kate.

Hello the fire;

Snakebite here to give you an update on the new modification rules, called the "SASS FIREARMS COVENANTS". After months of work the Covenants were posted on the TG wire, first for review and input, and then for a vote by the TGs. They have passed with better than an 80% approval. The rank and file of SASS is overwhelmingly in support of the time to "draw a line" attitude, and has relayed that sentiment to their TGs. This does not, however, mean the membership is happy about everything in the new rules. A number of things were not as clear and straight forward as they should have been. By the time they are printed in the new Handbook they will have undergone some changes. The committee has always known this document would be a "Living" instrument that would undergo changes. We have a huge amount of input, and have a very good idea of what needs to be adjusted. I expect to see a change in the lever wrap rule, as well as some adjustment on the document's wording to clear up a few things.

The Covenant deals with both internal and external modifications. However, on page one it says "Internal modifications not listed here that cannot be see while the firearm is at rest (action closed) are allowed provided they do not affect the external operation or directly conflict with one of the modifications listed here". In other words if you can't see it with the action closed and the gun at rest, then you can most likely do it. There have been a number of folks asking about the removal of safeties, transfer bars, changing the automatic safety to a manual safety, etc. I refer you to the last statement which allows that without condoning such action. I also remind you that SASS does not recommend or suggest any modification or safety removal. If you do it, then YOU are responsible.

When you see the final printing of the new rules I think you will be very pleased with them. I know the committee members are. The end version will be more direct and not leave the reader wondering what "exotic" metals are. A great deal of effort was put into not going back as far as what is already SASS legal. That effort was not 100% achieved, but came very close.

The new modification rules will take effect at EOT this year. All other agenda items passed at the TG summit will take effect on March 1. Another continuing duty of the Modification Committee will be to review ALL new mods and equipment that is targeted for the SASS market. In fact, we have already received a request for the "Transitional Henry" modifications. Any new item must have an approval in writing before it will be SASS legal. And too, we have put the squeeze on the Chronicle, and I hope that you won't be seeing any more advertisements saying something is SASS legal...when it ain't! If you have any questions, you know how to get in touch with me. Please don't hesitate to call or e-mail me. I am always glad to hear from you.

Territorial Governor

Snakebite SASS 4767, KRR 1

RAMROD'S MUSINGS

Notes from the Pokey

Posse Leaders

Anticipate. If you can anticipate what the shooter may do next, you may be able to stop an unsafe act from occurring.

Watch the gun. By watching the gun you can identify where the gun is pointing and what target is being engaged. You can also identify squib loads, potential 170 violations or stop the shooter with a gun problem.

Stay within arm's length. In order to stop a problem, you must be able to reach the shooter.

From the Range

Found, while cleaning up the office, a book of poetry written by our own **3 Fingers Red La Bel.**

It seems, a few years ago, Red was appointed poet lariat of KRR and given the dubious task of creating a poem for each member of the club. Time and personnel changes being what they are, it was never completed

One of his notables is printed on page 2. Yes, there will be others and no, no one was spared.

Cowboy Logic

For five years after the Panic of 1837, there was depression, discontent and restlessness among Americans. Suddenly, in 1842 and 1843, men, women and children began to trek westward over the Old Oregon Trail. During the years that followed, covered wagon trains rolled toward the Columbia River and the rich lands of the Willamette Valley in Oregon, carrying pioneer families to a new home in the Far West. **Over 300,000** sturdy American farmers emigrated west over the Oregon Trail.

Dues

Don't forget, your dues are due. Shake out that poke and pinch a little dust for the club.

Single: \$20.00

Family: \$40.00

Snail Mail Gazette: \$10.00

NEXT MONTHS MATCH DIRECTOR



Nine Lives

FANNIE'S SHARPSHOOTIN' AWARD

This month's category was the Sweetheart shoot. Sweethearts were drawn out of a hat and the total time of the pair determined the winners. This month's Sweethearts are: **Little Fawn** and **Shiloh** with a time of 312.04. Runners up: **Sutter Lawman** and **Tucson Smith** at 331.53.



AS THE ROOSTER CROWS (CONT)

(cont. from Pg. 1) gun-fighter skills and looks very impressive with both guns in hand, but **Fannie Mostly** can still outshoot him. Salutes to **Sierra Rider** for his great shoot in the Senior category.

Michigan Bob has been putting in a lot of hours working on the corral and the Mine Shaft on Bay 3. He constructed a new back gate and moved a lot of dirt

from the mine to the corral. **Snakebite** has been spending many hours working on the Modifications Committee of The Territorial Governors to come up with a set of rules for allowable modifications to our firearms. This is a very difficult job putting together a document that meets the best interests of Cowboy Action Shooting and not infringing on the spirit of ingenuity.

Snakebite, Slick Rock Rooster, Talon Hawke, Tippecanoe Slew, Wildcat John, Crusty Jim and Pocket Change are headed to Winter Range in Arizona next month and will represent KRR there. **SRR**

The dapper individual in the **Who is This** column is none other than our good pard **Tucson Smith**.

That picture was taken in 1985 when Tucson was mayor of Hanford. He served as supervisor for eight years and mayor for four more.

A hearty yeehaw and a tip of the wine glass to **Tucson Smith**, politician and pard.



Herb Bauer Sporting Goods
 6254 N. Blackstone Avenue
 10% discount on all shooting related merchandise to all SASS members.

Western Warehouse
 Shaw Avenue in Clovis
 15% discount on all merchandise to Kings River Regulator members

Coming Events

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

SHOOTERS CLASSIFIEDS

Wanted
 Rolling office chair for the School Marm to use in the Headquarters. If you have one and want to donate it, bring it to the next match. Fannie will pick the one her fanny likes the most.

For Sale or Trade
 1903 Springfield Armory 30-06 . Sporterized, pistol grip, checkered, adjustable rear peep site.
 Inland M-1 carbine .30cal. Contact Ramrod

For Sale
 My famous three wheeled gun cart. Holds your long guns and a box for your ammo. Great condition. \$150.00 o.b.o. Contact Snakebite