



RATTLER TATTLER



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ELF SPOTTED IN SHAKETAILED CITY!

By N. Cyrus Truble

If you seek the eccentric musings of Mr. Truble, let me explain his absence. I am Miles N. Miles, his British cousin on holiday in the Colonies. To procure presents without his knowledge, I sent him on a classic "snipe hunt." However, he vowed not to return without a snipe, so I shall pen this month's column.

Shortly after arriving here, I witnessed an unusual event late one evening. A weird individual was painting pieces of steel

in alternating hues of red and green. He was giggling and dancing a strange little jig. With his pointy ears and shiny bald cranium, I naturally took him to be one of Santa's elves. However, he said he was just a Shaketail citizen by the name of "Faden." It seems he had overindulged at the Snakebite Saloon, and felt it necessary to spread some Christmas spirit around town. (I imagine he also claims to be a Leprechaun on St. Patrick's day.)

Many of your citizens have tales of their recent travels. A

group marched in the Manitou Springs Holiday Parade; the Nobles took a SASS riverboat cruise; and Colorado Swede drove his Conestoga to Nevada for the SASS convention. You must certainly ask them about their various adventures.

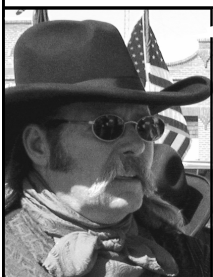
Farewell for now, and I wish a

NEXT SHOOT:

January 4, 2004

Registration starts at 8:00 AM
Shooters' Meeting at 9:00 AM
Match begins at 9:30 AM
Potluck lunch after the match

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK



Howdy Folks,

Right off, let me wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas, and a prosperous and Happy New Year.

It was nice to see all of you folks at the match this month. We had a real nice day all in all. Of course there be some that would of liked to had a bit warmer and a little less wind. But they only need to be reminded to recall this past year and the day's that we would of liked to had a day like this one.

A big thanks to all you folks that

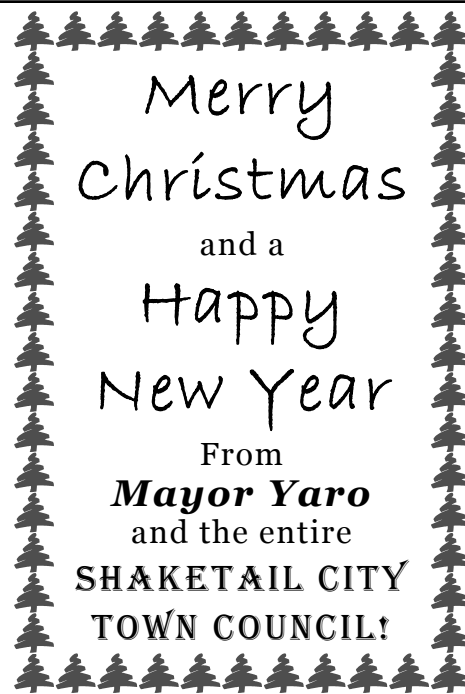
came out and helped to set up the match and those folks that took the time to help pickup the match, after we put on the feed bag. That do make it all worth while that so many folk jump in and help.

We had three new shooters come out and try their hand at our game, and needless to say I believe that they be hooked. We look forward to seeing them at future matches.

Starting in January we will go to 4 stage, unless the weather is favorable to a longer shoot.

Happy trails!

Yaro



DATE 7-Dec-03

Match Final	SASS #	Alias Name	Class	Class Final	Posse #	Total Raw Time	Total Time	Total Miss	Total Proc	Total Bon	Stage 1				Stage 2				Stage 3				Stage 4				Stage 5					
											Raw Time	Miss	Proc	Adj Time	Raw Time	Miss	Proc	Bon	Adj Time	Raw Time	Miss	Proc	Adj Time	Raw Time	Miss	Proc	Adj Time	Raw Time	Miss	Proc	Bon	Adj Time
1	8273	Scragg	M	1	1	238.67	248.67	6	1	3	66.37	5		91.37	47.33			1	37.33	37.72		1	47.72	44.66	1		49.66	42.59			2	22.59
2	25092	Colorado Cotton	T	1	1	240.52	250.52	8	0	3	49.17	1		54.17	48.12	2		1	48.12	42.08	1		47.08	54.42	4		74.42	46.73			2	26.73
3	41377	Rosita Gambler	ST	1	3	260.54	295.54	7	1	1	56.76			56.76	57.22	1		1	52.22	39.53	2	1	59.53	58.54	2		68.54	48.49	2		58.49	
4	34349	Sergeant Major	D	1	1	304.32	329.32	11	0	3	71.53	4		91.53	68.57	3		1	73.57	51.88	2		61.88	57.01			57.01	55.33	2		2	45.33
5	5072	Lonesome George	ST	2	1	346.35	341.35	3	1	3	72.13	2		82.13	76.83	1	1	1	81.83	52.86			52.86	78.59			78.59	65.94			2	45.94
6	467	Sand River Slim	49	1	1	318.18	363.18	15	0	3	68.79	4		88.79	71.25	1		1	66.25	53.69	4		73.69	64.90	2		74.90	59.55	4		2	59.55
7	2755	Dry Creek	ST	3	1	344.43	364.43	8	1	3	78.85	5		103.85	74.49	1		1	69.49	64.29		1	74.29	70.03	1		75.03	56.77	1		2	41.77
8	21595	Durango Red	D	2	1	314.85	364.85	16	0	3	57.99	7		92.99	82.77	2		1	82.77	49.70	3		64.70	70.16	4		90.16	54.23			2	34.23
9	28607	Yaro	SD	1	2	363.99	368.99	7	0	3	77.53	3		92.53	91.49	2		1	91.49	60.11	1		65.11	68.39			68.39	66.47	1		2	51.47
10	2678	Levi Slade	D	3	1	299.85	384.85	17	1	1	72.41	4		92.41	62.58	4			82.58	51.08	3		66.08	61.45	5		86.45	52.33	1	1	1	57.33
11	26863	Palmetto	D	4	2	357.54	412.54	11	2	2	81.79	4		101.79	83.54	4	1	1	103.54	56.87	2	1	76.87	74.82			74.82	60.52	1		1	55.52
12	XXXXX	^ / K	T	2	3	382.84	412.84	10	0	2	82.58	3		97.58	87.68	2		1	87.68	69.36	1		74.36	76.60	3		91.60	66.62	1		1	61.62
13	48974	Starshot	D	5	2	390.34	415.34	9	0	2	83.75	1		88.75	77.57	4			97.57	71.13	1		76.13	85.94	3		100.94	71.95			2	51.95
14	33809	Gus Spoon	ST	4	3	306.65	416.65	22	1	1	64.09	3		79.09	66.03	5		1	81.03	62.77	8	1	112.77	61.20	3		76.20	52.56	3			67.56
15	32624	Cyrus Noble	49	2	3	390.76	430.76	10	1	2	80.00	1		85.00	84.05		1	1	84.05	62.94	3		77.94	95.71	5		120.71	68.06	1		1	63.06
16	28049	Marshall Ransom Payne	49	3	3	372.93	432.93	14	1	2	75.14	3		90.14	83.57	3	1		108.57	65.94	4		85.94	79.25	3		94.25	69.03	1		2	54.03
17	3602	Owen	SM	1	1	413.51	433.51	8	0	2	95.06	3		110.06	86.26	1			91.26	67.19	1		72.19	87.82	3		102.82	77.18			2	57.18
18	53754	Ghost Shooter	T	3	2	416.12	456.12	6	2	1	90.54	2		100.54	104.63		1	1	104.63	81.95	2	1	101.95	76.63			76.63	62.37	2			72.37
19	9090	Walker Keeney	D	6	2	419.41	459.41	12	0	2	94.08	4		114.08	86.22	2			96.22	66.12	2		76.12	97.00	2		107.00	75.99	2		2	65.99
20	40753	Buzzard Jack	T	4	2	369.25	474.25	21	1	1	79.15	2		89.15	82.96	4			102.96	62.23	5		87.23	83.97	8		123.97	60.94	2	1	1	70.94
21	39968	Faden	T	5	2	398.13	478.13	20	0	2	91.68	7		126.68	87.21	5			112.21	72.64	3		87.64	85.40	3		100.40	61.2	2		2	51.20
22	17818	Full Deck	SD	2	1	478.78	493.78	9	0	3	107.28	2		117.28	104.61	2		1	104.61	85.51	1		90.51	97.44	4		117.44	83.94			2	63.94
23	42774	K-Bar-K	49	4	1	451.35	516.35	17	0	2	97.19	1		102.19	102.34	3			117.34	71.92	6		101.92	92.54	5		117.54	87.36	2		2	77.36
24	5641	El Rayo	ES	1	3	503.30	518.30	9	0	3	105.86	5		130.86	116.02			1	106.02	82.44	2		92.44	109.82	1		114.82	89.16	1		2	74.16
25	53039	Stumpy Oaks	D	7	3	462.10	527.10	17	0	2	103.49	2		113.49	100.48	4		1	110.48	74.62	2		84.62	103.83	7		138.83	79.68	2		1	79.68
26	43560	Humpty	D	8	3	498.02	568.02	16	2	3	111.34	4	1	141.34	113.55	2		1	113.55	82.72	3		97.72	105.30	4		125.30	85.11	3	1	2	90.11
27	26814	Deek	ST	4	3	519.76	584.76	17	1	3	103.16	4		123.16	108.84	4		1	118.84	112.25	5		137.25	109.98	2		119.98	85.53	2	1	2	85.53
28	46799	Sullivan Ballou	T	6	2	446.53	596.53	26	2	0	87.92	4	1	117.92	111.39	4			131.39	90.89	6	1	130.89	98.15	7		133.15	58.18	5			83.18
29	XXXXX	Big Dave	D	9	2	504.49	599.49	19	1	1	100.41	4		120.41	113.35	6			143.35	94.33	4	1	124.33	101.13	3		116.13	95.27	2		1	95.27
30	XXXXX	Brian Anderson	T	7	1	474.41	629.41	37	0	3	110.93	9		155.93	117.60	10		1	157.60	61.67	6		91.67	102.31	6		132.31	81.9	6		2	91.90
31	30372	Smoke Risen	FC	1	1	503.76	648.76	31	2	3	90.43	6		120.43	131.87	6	1	1	161.87	76.86	6	1	116.86	89.13	5		114.13	115.47	8		2	135.47
32	54779	Single Shot Sullie	M	2	2	732.61	857.61	25	1	1	128.94	3		143.94	122.55	3			137.55	198.95	11		253.95	174.05	6		204.05	108.12	2	1	1	118.12
33	XXXXX	Tana Blaze	LT	1	3	732.73	887.73	31	1	1	170.16	10		220.16	167.58	4		1	177.58	107.22	4		127.22	164.47	8		204.47	123.3	5	1		158.30
34	53244	Nelly Noble	LT	2	3	1634.16	1799.16	33	0	0	182.47	10		232.47	174.06	10			224.06	115.95	6		145.95	999.99			999.99	161.69	7			196.69

D = Duelist ES = Elder Statesman LT = Lady Traditional M = Modern SM = Senior Modern SD = Senior Duelist ST = Senior Traditional T = Traditional 49 = Forty-Niner FC = Frontier Cartridge

SHORT ROUNDS FROM STARSHOT

Greetings, and Happy Holidays to y'all!

We had a real fine match this month. At least four new shooters, and you couldn't complain about the weather, especially since it was the beginning of December! Yaro and Palmetto even got to make their film debut this month, when a local cable channel came out to tape the match.

♣ We are looking for folks to come forward and give us their ideas for stages and also to help out with set up and the tear down. The time spent helping counts for Ben Lomond work bond. See Yaro and let him

know when and how you'd like to help.

♦ One of the Shaketail citizens asked me to find out if y'all would like to do a swap meet. This would be a chance to clean out those old trunks of clothes and equipment and see if there's someone who could use them. We would NOT be able to include guns due to the laws governing gun shows. You never know, but you might find that one accessory you've been looking for. If you're interested in this, please email me at smacd27@msn.com to let me know.

♠ Start thinking now about the annual match. We'll need lots of

help, ideas and enthusiasm in the upcoming months. The match is July 30 - August 1st, so mark your calendars and tell friends from other clubs. We may need to do a few more road trips to spread the word.

Here's wishing all in Shaketail City a happy and blessed holiday season and I'll be looking forward to seeing y'all in the New Year.

Happy trails and may you find what you want under the tree (and under the mistletoe!)

STARSHOT #48974

SHAKETAILE GIVEAWAYS

In last month's *Rattler Tattler* we told you a shooter from the November match would be awarded a **Shaketail Buck** at the December match. (A **Shaketail Buck** is a certificate good for a free future match.) The proud November **Buck** winner is Rosita Gambler.

Someone from the December match has won a free shoot. We'll call their name at the safety meeting at the January match. If that person is present, they will be awarded a certificate that can be used for the entry fee at any *future* match (that is, any match *after* the January one, but *not* the January one). It's all just part of the fun of shooting at Shaketail.

LONG RANGE DAMAGE

Some of the new targets on the cowboy long range are already damaged. It seems there are selfish, non-cowboy shooters who are too stupid to read the sign stating only lead bullets are allowed.

If you see someone on the cowboy long range shooting jacketed ammo, or shooting any firearm that usually fires jacketed ammo (such as military or hunting rifles), please get any information you can (like the shooter's name, license number, etc.) and pass that information on to Yaro. We are not asking you to confront anyone — just get us the information. Thanks.

FROM THE BLGC SECRETARY:

Members, their families and friends should plan to attend the Feb. 12th Ellicott Chapter meeting of BLGC at Ellicott Fire Station #2, 75 N. Ellicott Hwy, Ellicott, Colorado. Ms. Jane Fromme of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office is scheduled to discuss Concealed Carry in Colorado.

Ms. Fromme is the person you make an appointment with to get a concealed carry permit. She screens your credentials and sends out the paperwork. Her information will benefit those of you who travel around the state for shooting matches or hunting trips. She will try to answer all of your questions.

Jim Hurt, Secretary, BLGC

Mark Your Calendars Now!

SHAKETAILE XV

July 30, July 31, and August 1, 2004

Request your vacations and make your travel plans now! Details coming soon!

NOTES FROM THE SASS CONVENTION

We had a great time at the SASS convention in La Vegas. We got to meet many people from all over the country and see some of the greatest-looking old west outfits. People were walking around the hotel and all over the "strip" dressed in their outfits. I must have been stopped by at least six people for a half hour or more that wanted to know why so many of us were dressed the way we were and what was SASS. Several of them said they will try to find a SASS shoot somewhere in their state and see what this is all about.

There were many vendors of old west products, guns, clothing, jewelry and leather goods. I spent hours looking and wishing I'd won the lottery before I went!

The banquet was great! All the finest clothes and the women's dresses were out of this world! (Look at the pictures below.) They had a great band that played old time songs that many people were doing the old style dances to. The food was very good also.

I attended several of the seminars that were put on each day, i.e. RO I and RO II, Reloading Smokeless and Dismantling Lever Guns. I received some great information, especially in the Reloading seminar put on by a person from Dillon reloading equipment. Here are several of the items that may be of interest to reloaders:

1. CLAYS powder is the cleanest burning.
2. TITEGROUP seems to be best power for most lead bullets.
3. Having shot-grouping problems, try using different brand primers with same power load/bullets.
4. Firearms that have had tuning/trigger jobs and sometimes won't fire some rounds because the firing pin doesn't hit hard enough, try using FEDERAL primers. They have a softer brass and are therefore easier to fire.
5. TITEGROUP powder has more felt recoil per average round and RED DOT has less felt recoil per same loads/bullets.
6. It is good to have a forcing cone taper at the beginning of the barrel of 10 to 11 degrees on pistols used with lead bullets, especially when using shorter bullets in firearms that shoot multiple size rounds, i.e. 38's in 357's and 44 Specials in 44 Magnums.

Colorado Swede, SASS #53220



December Class Results

Top Gun:
Scraggg

Modern:
Scraggg

Duelist:
Sgt. Major

Traditional:
Colorado Cotton

Frontier Cartridge:
Smoke Risen

49er:
Sand River Slim

Sr. Traditional:
Rosita Gambler

Sr. Duelist:
Yaro

Sr. Modern:
Owen

Elder Statesman:
El Rayo

Lady Traditional:
Tana Blaze

SHOOTS AROUND THE TERRITORY

Colorado Shaketails Mayor Yaro	Ramah, CO 303-646-3777	1st Sunday mayoryaro@aol.com
Cheyenne Regulators Slowpoke Wyoming	Cheyenne, WY 307-778-6636	1st Saturday slowpokewy@aol.com
Colorado Cowboys Randy Myers	Lake George, CO 719-748-3398	1st Saturday mlazyc@aol.com
San Juan Rangers San Juan	Montrose, CO 970-249-4227	1st Sunday sanjuan1@rmi.net
Coyote Gulch Cowboys Fred Walker (TJ)	Boulder, CO 303-494-5229	2nd Saturday fbw926@yahoo.com
Four Corners R&P Capt. Woodrow Kelso	Cortez, CO 970-565-8960	2nd Sunday
Montrose Marshalls Big Hat	Montrose, CO 970-249-7701	2nd Sunday reakin@dalbywendeland.com
Rifle Creek Rangers Tim Kinion	Rifle, CO 970-625-3710	2nd Sat & Sun* rockintk@sopris.net
Pawnee Station Bob Reed (Breed)	Ft Collins, CO 970-482-6165	3rd Saturday breed@frii.com
Thunder Mountain Pinto Being	Whitewater, CO 970-464-7118	3rd Sat & Sun* pschutz@mesastate.edu
Four Corners Gunslingers James Crawford	Durango, CO 970-385-5130	3rd Sunday
N.W. Colorado Rangers Wild Bill Hiccup	Craig, CO 970-824-3502	4th Saturday janstark@nwco.quik.com
Black Canyon Ghost Riders Davis Krill	Hotchkiss, CO 970-835-8871	4th Sunday caybaby2@earthlink.net
Sand Creek Raiders Sweetwater Bill	Aurora, CO 303-366-8827	4th Sunday

* Shooting days may change—call ahead.
Remember—not all clubs shoot every month, or at the same time every month.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 3, 2004** Set up steel for the monthly match at 1:00 PM
- Jan. 4, 2004** Monthly Shoot—Sign-up starts at 8:00 AM
Shooters' Meeting at 9:00 AM
Match Starts at 9:30 AM
- Jan. 4, 2004** Town Council Meeting—immediately following the match
- Feb. 12, 2004** El Paso County Sheriff Concealed Carry information
Ellicott Chapter Meeting, 7:00 PM

July 30 — Aug 1, 2004: Shaketail XV!

We're always on the lookout for folks to design, create or set up stages.

Contact Mayor Yaro.

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE COLORADO SHAKETAILES
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Desperate Deek

Faden

Happy Jack

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Palmetto

Sand River Slim

(sanddriverslim@peoplepc.com)

Starshot (smacd27@msn.com)

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Yaro, Mayor, Shaketail City
aka John Bartholomew, Shaketail Match Director