



# RATTLER TATTLER



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## NO RAININ, BUT RANGLIN ANA RINGIN

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**D**ang iffin taint one thing, itz anuthern. We git a nice day in Shaketail City (tho I thot I heered they wuz fryin eggs on Rikarees head!), then all manner uv druken cowboyz n desperados crawlt outta their hideyholes, jest like a snake sunnin hisself on a flat rock. They musta seen them townies leevin fer Indeependance Day hooraws elstwhere, whilst sum others headed up North to hep them

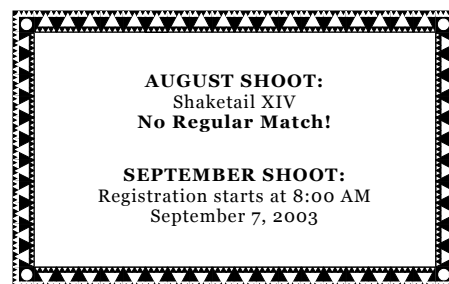
Cheyenners out with sum problems there. Never figgerd the Shaketails left in town kud keep the peas, but dangd iffin they dint all jump rite in.

Wut a wild day! A passel uv possees enjoyd therselfs in the rukus agoin on. I swear I seen a bunch uv tenderfeet atryin to lassew a longhorn but mostly ketchin their ownselfs! I seen a big ol bag uv gold in the street, heerd bells aringin, evun seen sum rite fancy hipshootin. All in all a mitey fine day!

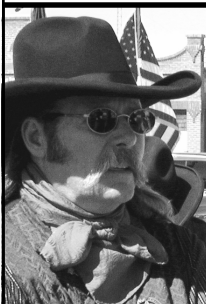
The only noiz I heerd wuz

from a couple uv folks wut wuz a mite short on grub later at the farm house. Whilst all r welcum to hep therselfs to the chow, alls I kin say is, iffin yew wanna fill yer belly up, bring plenty uv vittles to share!

Hope to see yall in August



## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK



### **Howdy, Folks!**

The July match has come and went with a pleasant surprise, No rain, snow but we did have a bit of a breeze off and on. I would like to thank all of the good folks that came to help set the match and to help take it down with out your help none of this would be possible.

The stage coach has a new roof and a brand new paint job

this year with all the thanks going to Yukon Jann and St. Jim. Thanks again folks.

We had a very good shoot with above average cowpokes and Ladies showing up for the event on the Independence Day weekend. There were several new shooters that came to enjoy the festivities, we welcome each and everyone of you good folks. Please come back.

We did have another observer waylaid by Scrag, poor fellow was drug to the loading table and forced to take part in the

match. We can all hear him kicking and screaming as Scrag forced him to shoot. What a way to get someone involved, just let Scrag get near them. Thank you Scrag the fellow was more than pleased with you and so are we.

Remember folks the annual match is just around the corner, so lets get those registrations in ASAP.

**So Long Till Next Month !**

**Yaro**



# SHORT ROUNDS FROM STARSHOT

## Greetings, folks!

Hope you all had a good time at this month's match. Once again it was great to see both old friends and new shooters at the match. Lately it seems like Mother Nature has something in store for us each time we get together. This time there was no snow or rain, just a good baking in the sun.

◆ We are still looking for folks who want to help out at the annual shoot. We'll start setting up on the afternoon of Thursday, July 31st and there will still be plenty of work to do the next morning (Friday August 1st) before we start shooting Cannonball, long range and side matches at High Noon. If all goes well, the Waddies (helping hands) will be able to shoot these matches Friday morning so they can run the afternoon matches. This worked out real well last year. The final stage set-up will be Friday evening after the side matches finish. Finally, we can always use some non-shooters to help with little errands during the match, like taking score sheets to the

farm house. If you are a new shooter planning on coming out to watch anyway, this is a great way to help out while checking out the action, and is always much appreciated.

♣ One topic that has been brought up is the desire to have a Gunfighter class included in our matches. In the past that was discouraged based on safety concerns. There seem to be more and more Duelists that have expressed an interest (and have been trying the weak hand in monthly matches), so let's get together and see what we can come up with *after* the annual match. The main challenge in Gunfighter is to **SAFELY** handle both revolvers, duelist-style, at the same time. If you've never shot Duelist style, or aren't comfortable using your weak hand, Gunfighter is not for you. In addition, Gunfighters cannot use a cross-draw holster (including shoulder holsters). It is very easy to accidentally cross one hand with the muzzle of the other pistol during Gunfighter shooting, so this class takes an additional amount of awareness while shooting.

This may involve a clinic-type of range session to ensure we all know what's expected on the firing line. We just want to make sure we do things safely so everyone can fully enjoy the sport. If you have any ideas about including Gunfighter class at the matches, please feel free to drop me an email at [smacd27@msn.com](mailto:smacd27@msn.com), or look me up at a match.

♣ Something to put on your calendar is the Ben Lomand Open House on August 16th. Representatives from all the shooting groups at the club will set up stages for guests to see and try, including Cowboy Action Shooting. Those Shaketails that are BLGC members can complete a lot of the work bond that day by running the Cowboy Stage. We've ordered factory ammunition so visitors can shoot without the worries of using reloads. Please see Yaro or any of the Town Council if you're able to help.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the annual match!

**STARSHOT #48974**

### HOTEL FOR SHAKETAIL XIV

The New Calhan Inn in Calhan is giving a discount to shooters here for the annual match. (The sign still says Day's Inn out front, but DON'T call the Day's Inn national number for a reservation). The out-of-town number is 1-888-211-0505, and the local number is 719-347-9589. Their address is 15 5th Street, Calhan, Colorado 80808. (Fifth Street is also U.S. Highway 24.) When you call to make reservations, tell them you're with the Shaketail Cowboy Shooters at Ben Lomand Gun Club.

## June Match Results

Due to the rain-shortened June match, there are no category standings to report.

Keep your fingers crossed for good weather in July!

## Next Match

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**July 6, 2003**

**Registration:  
0800-0900**

**Safety Meeting:  
0900-0930**

**Hostilities  
Begin:  
0930**

**Potluck Lunch  
Immediately  
Following  
the  
Match**

Looking for folks  
to design, create  
and set up stages.

See Yaro.

## OTHER SHOOTS AROUND THE COLORADO TERRITORY

<b>Colorado Shaketails</b> Yaro	Ramah, CO 303-646-3777	1st Sunday mayoryaro@aol.com
<b>Cheyenne Regulators</b> Slowpoke Wyoming	Cheyenne, WY 307-778-6636	1st Saturday slowpokewy@aol.com
<b>Colorado Cowboys</b> Randy Myers	Lake George, CO 719-748-3398	1st Saturday mlazyc@aol.com
<b>San Juan Rangers</b>	Montrose, CO 970-249-4227	1st Sunday sanjuan1@rmi.net
<b>Coyote Gulch Cowboys</b> Fred Walker Ron Peterson	Boulder, CO 303-494-5229 303-922-3241	2nd Saturday
<b>Four Corners R&amp;P</b> Capt. Woodrow Kelso	Cortez, CO 970-565-8960	2nd Sunday
<b>Montrose Marshalls</b> Big Hat	Montrose, CO 970-249-7701	2nd Sunday
<b>Rifle Creek Rangers</b> Tim Kinion	Rifle, CO 970-625-3710	2nd Sunday
<b>Pawnee Station</b> Bob Reed	Ft Collins, CO 970-482-6165	3rd Saturday
<b>Thunder Mountain</b> Pinto Being	Whitewater, CO 970-464-7118	3rd Sat & Sun
<b>Four Corners Gunslingers</b> James Crawford	Durango, CO 970-385-5130	3rd Sunday
<b>N.W. Colorado Rangers</b> Wild Bill Hiccup	Craig, CO 970-824-3502	4th Saturday janstark@nwco.quik.com
<b>Black Canyon Ghost Riders</b> Davis Krill	Hotchkiss, CO 970-835-8871	4th Sunday
<b>Sand Creek Raiders</b> Sweetwater Bill	Aurora, CO 303-366-8827	4th Sunday

## *UPCOMING EVENTS — MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!*

**July 5, 2003**

Set up steel for the shoot.  
1:00 PM at the Ranch House  
Contact: Yaro 303-646-3777

**July 6, 2003**

Monthly Shoot—Sign up Starts at 8:00 AM

**August 1—3, 2003**

Shaketail XIV Annual 3-Day shoot

**August 16, 2003**

Ben Lomand Gun Club Open House

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Members Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Worked: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours Worked: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of work performed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Work hours duly certified by:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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