



# RATTLER TATTLER



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## UPCOMING EVENTS AND TOPICS FOR THE CITIZENS OF SHAKETAILED CITY - *ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO PRINT*

### MAY MATCH REPORT By K-K

After two very cold matches, March and April, I was relieved to wake up to a beautiful Sunday morning. The drive out across the prairie was uneventful and my arrival at Shaketail City felt like a homecoming. Since we were getting into the warmer months we had a large turnout for the May match: five full posses. A cup of coffee, a safety briefing, and it was time to start slinging lead.

On Stage One we hit our first snag. A...shooter...that we hadn't seen in a while took exception to the pistol knock-down that ended the stage. When his turn came he loaded a *sixth* round in his revolver in an attempt to "double tap" the knock-down with the underpowered loads he'd brought. First, his loads were inadequate to knock down the target. Second, he received a procedural for having six live rounds in the shooter.

On a later stage a new

shooter had a round so light that the bullet failed to leave the barrel. Fortunately the RO caught the squib in time to prevent the shooter from damaging his gun or hurting anyone.

I'd like to add my two cents regarding "light loads". The short version is: I don't like 'em and I'll never shoot 'em. First: I think light loads are dangerous. Most bounce-backs that I've encountered on any range were the result, intentionally or accidentally, of lightly loaded ammunition. Using light powder charges can result in unpredictable chamber pressures. Next: light loads are inappropriate for home defense. If you're like me, you shoot your CAS firearms *a lot* more than any others you own. When something goes bump-in-the-night I'm likely to pick up a CAS gun when I go to investigate. I want to *know* that it's loaded with goblin-stopping ammunition. Finally: I don't think using light loads, with the intention of faster target acquisition, is "The Cowboy Way". 'Nuff said.

Why do you shoot CAS? Personally, I've always loved the firearms of the era. I own several and take them out in

the woods now and then; setting up targets and blasting away. A chance encounter with Hiram Twobear introduced me to CAS. Cowboy Action Shooting allows me to dress-up and blast away with some of the finest people I've ever met. I shoot CAS *because it's fun*. If you're shooting CAS to *compete*, that's fine; if nit-picking the scenarios to death is enjoyable, go for it; if running from place to place and counting every second with your heartbeat is fun, then more power to you. Just don't expect me to play your game. I'm there to shoot, socialize, and talk with a great bunch of people that I don't get to see nearly as much as I'd like to.

I think it boils down to your definition of what it means to be a Pard. Shoots don't happen by themselves. Pards come out on Saturdays to set up stages whenever they can. Pards stick around after a match to take steel down and put it away. Pards help maintain the ranges, build props, fix things that need fixin'. Short version: Pards do whatever they can to assist Pards.

Thanks for listenin'. I'll get off my soapbox now. There're guns that need cleanin' anyway.

K-K

**June Shoot:**  
Registration starts at 8:00 AM  
June 1, 2003

DATE 4-May-03

Match Final	SASS #	Alias Name	Class	Class Final	Posse #	Total Raw Time	Total Time	Stage 1							Stage 2				Stage 3				Stage 4				Stage 5						
								Total Miss	Total Proc	Total Bon	Raw Time	Miss	Proc	Bon	Adj Time	Raw Time	Miss	Proc	Bon	Adj Time	Raw Time	Miss	Proc	Bon	Adj Time	Raw Time	Miss	Proc	Bon	Adj Time			
1	38699	Geronimo Jerry	M	1	1	209.17	259.17	8	1	0	58.87	1			63.87	40.92	2			50.92	34.45	1	1		49.45	41.66			41.66	33.27	4		53.27
2	25183	Regulator Russ	D	1	1	308.44	343.44	9	0	1	62.93	1		1	57.93	64.86	3			79.86	48.06	3	1		63.06	69.84	1		74.84	62.76	1		67.75
3	32811	Happy Jack	T	1	3	310.19	360.19	10	0	0	73.90	2			83.90	75.28	3			90.28	43.75	1			48.75	56.33	4		76.33	60.93			60.93
4	XXXXX	Little Joe	M	2	1	282.81	362.81	14	1	0	80.17	4			100.17	50.79	3			65.79	35.44	1		1	40.44	69.80	4	1	99.80	46.61	2		56.61
5	48974	Starshot	D	2	2	333.03	378.03	11	0	1	70.56	1		1	65.56	67.60	4			87.60	61.40	5			86.40	69.43	1		74.43	64.04			64.04
6	32624	Cyrus Noble	49	1	1	346.68	386.68	8	1	1	78.37	2		1	78.37	69.12	2	1		89.12	52.52	1			57.52	75.18	3		90.18	71.49			71.49
7	30253	Cody Custer	D	3	1	306.37	391.37	15	2	1	66.43	3		1	71.43	63.78	4	1		93.78	47.88	4	1		77.88	63.71	2		73.71	64.57	2		74.57
8	41314	Sandy	49	2	1	345.72	405.72	10	1	0	108.14	3	1		133.14	65.54	2			75.54	41.67	1			46.67	67.31	3		82.31	63.06	1		68.06
9	26865	Palmetto	D	4	1	360.70	415.70	13	0	1	83.78	3		1	88.78	71.39	1			76.39	52.72	2			62.72	73.76	3		88.76	79.05	4		99.05
10	467	Sand River Slim	D	5	2	362.96	432.96	14	0	0	88.18	2			98.18	82.40	2			92.40	55.36	4			75.36	70.03	4		90.03	66.99	2		76.99
11	33809	Gus Spoon	S	1	2	359.42	444.42	13	2	0	106.52	4	1		136.52	81.62	3	1		106.62	43.83	2			53.83	62.61			62.61	64.84	4		84.84
12	50690	G.W. Ryder	T	2	2	397.68	452.68	9	1	0	101.14				101.14	84.04	4			104.04	71.26		1		81.26	68.54	1		73.54	72.74	4		92.70
13	20403	Woodcarver	D	6	2	363.08	473.08	20	1	0	108.38	4			128.38	63.58	4	1		93.58	50.86	5			75.86	63.02	5		88.02	77.24	2		87.24
14	9090	Walker Keeney	D	7	2	432.67	497.67	13	0	0	109.75	2			119.75	89.02	4			109.02	70.35	2			80.35	86.36	2		96.36	77.19	3		92.19
15	10197	Great Lakes	T	3	3	393.46	498.46	21	0	0	85.00	3			100.00	104.05	7			139.05	55.50	1			60.50	68.86	5		93.86	80.05	5		105.05
16	49591	Buckshot Phil	M	3	2	434.82	499.82	13	1	1	111.51			1	101.51	99.82	6	1		139.82	65.42				65.42	81.59	5		106.59	76.48	2		86.48
17	29986	Faden	T	4	1	397.46	512.46	23	1	1	80.63	5		1	95.63	72.16	3			87.16	48.78	6			78.78	107.70	5		132.70	88.19	4	1	118.19
18	XXXXX	Smoky Hill	T	5	2	415.96	515.96	18	1	0	115.57	2	1		135.57	89.74	6			119.74	63.61	5			88.61	71.33	2		81.33	75.71	3		90.71
19	28607	Yaro	S	2	1	406.19	516.19	22	0	0	92.95	5			117.95	87.49	5			112.49	61.33	4			81.33	90.89	6		120.89	73.53	2		83.53
20	XXXXX	Kitten the Kid	T	6	1	406.95	521.95	23	0	0	121.67	4			141.67	89.53	3			104.53	50.90	3			65.90	85.31	7		120.31	59.54	6		89.54
21	46638	St. Jim	T	7	1	441.58	531.58	18	0	0	144.84	2			154.84	77.19	4			97.19	53.87	4			73.87	80.54	5		105.54	85.14	3		100.14
22	50084	Loco Louie	T	8	3	454.80	539.80	17	0	0	96.93	3			111.93	117.75	4			137.75	73.76	1			78.76	86.43	6		116.43	79.93	3		94.93
23	42774	K BAR K	T	9	1	451.08	551.08	22	0	1	90.98	4		1	100.98	95.44	6			125.44	75.50	4			95.50	100.94	2		110.94	88.22	6		118.22
24	XXXXX	Duke	ES	1	3	468.21	553.21	17	0	0	94.12	3			109.12	102.95	1			107.95	89.18	5			114.18	108.86	3		123.86	73.1	5		98.10
25	43560	Humpty	D	8	3	541.57	616.57	15	0	0	114.05	5			139.05	113.89	1			118.89	83.12	2			93.12	97.46	5		122.46	133.05	2		143.05
26	32812	Annabelle	LT	1	3	502.22	617.22	23	0	0	92.09	4			112.09	125.33	6			155.33	78.20	5			103.20	98.45	4		118.45	108.15	4		128.15
27	XXXXX	Dirty Ernie	M	4	2	542.65	632.65	18	0	0	158.52	2			168.52	116.76	6			146.76	75.91	2			85.91	93.44	4		113.44	97.99	4		117.99
28	46639	Yukon Jan	LT	2	1	525.05	655.05	26	0	0	160.56	6			190.56	106.83	7			141.83	76.47	5			101.47	94.06	2		104.06	87.13	6		117.13
29	7733	Lever Action	S	3	3	500.33	660.33	32	0	0	95.83	8			135.83	148.32	11			203.32	73.14	5			98.14	84.15	3		99.15	98.89	5		123.89
30	XXXXX	Brewmeister Ed Parry	M	5	2	561.46	701.46	28	1	1	131.15	4	1	1	151.15	118.20	4			138.20	87.89	5			112.89	125.49	9		170.49	98.73	6		128.73
31	XXXXX	Old Sage	M	6	3	543.10	703.10	32	0	0	131.30	6			161.30	133.24	10			183.24	87.98	4			107.98	103.14	6		133.14	87.44	6		117.44
32	47996	Kansas Kid	S	4	3	609.21	724.21	21	1	0	113.42	8			153.42	146.25	6			176.25	113.54	2			123.54	136.55	4		156.55	99.45	1	1	114.45
33	42295	Honky Tonk Willy	S	5	2	637.62	747.62	20	1	0	183.50	5			208.50	150.66	1	1		165.66	98.53	5			123.53	116.61	4		136.61	88.32	5		113.32
34	45526	Bullet Bob	S	6	3	642.65	762.65	24	0	0	177.25	5			202.25	131.61	4			151.61	138.01	6			168.01	99.49	4		119.49	96.29	5		121.29
35	42275	Rick Wahlen	M	7	2	686.23	816.23	26	0	0	161.94	1			166.94	129.52	8			169.52	107.85	6			137.85	140.43	9		185.43	146.49	2		156.49
36	26814	Deek	M	8	1	#####	#####	16	0	1	89.10	2		1	89.10	90.88	4			110.88	73.08	6			103.08	91.55	4		111.55	XXXX			#####
37	3195	Big Al	D	9	1	#####	#####	6	0	1	47.10	2		1	47.10	49.16	3			64.16	30.31	1			35.31	XXXX			#####	XXXX			#####
38	2986	K Tuck	S	7	1	#####	#####	9	0	0	124.45	1			129.45	114.20	4			134.20	76.21	4			96.21	XXXX			#####	XXXX			#####
39	9834	ElDorado	T	10	1	#####	#####	12	0	0	52.99	2			62.99	40.68	1			45.68	26.84	5			51.84	50.54	4		70.54	XXXX			#####
40	9835	Missoura Belle	LT	3	1	#####	#####	24	1	0	89.89	3	1		114.89	55.54	9			100.54	38.82	3			53.82	71.52	9		116.52	XXXX			#####
41	12967	San Antonio Bob	T	11	2	#####	#####	13	1	0	XXXX				#####	103.98	6	1		143.98	49.41	2			59.41	88.37	5		113.37	XXXX			#####
42	XXXXX	Sparky	T	12	2	#####	#####	33	0	0	XXXX				#####	172.51	10			222.51	83.46	7			118.46	103.81	6		133.81	92.44	10		142.44
43	896	Trailrider	D	10	2	#####	#####	0	0	0	XXXX				#####	XXXX			#####	XXXX				#####	84.98			84.98	XXXX			#####	
44	XXXXX	Ode	T	13	2	#####	#####	8	0	1	147.53	2		1	147.53	124.95	1			129.95	92.69	3			107.69	139.59	2		149.59	XXXX			#####
45	46799	Sullivan Ballon	M	9	3	#####	#####	6	0	0	XXXX				#####	64.44	2			#####	64.44	2			74.44	92.90	4		112.90	XXXX			#####
46	20959	Doc cutter	D	11	3	#####	#####	7	0	0	XXXX				#####	XXXX			#####	92.81	4				112.81	90.55			90.55	88.17	3		103.17
47	28049	Marshall Ransom Payne	49	3	3	#####	#####	14	0	0	XXXX				#####	XXXX			#####	54.46	3				69.46	88.42	7		123.42	71.7	4		91.70
48	14505	Juan Coyote	ES	2	3	#####	#####	10	0	0	XXXX				#####	XXXX			#####	80.79	4				100.79	96.18	2		106.18	113.86	4		133.86
49	44372	Dealin' Doug	T	14	3	#####	#####	20	0	0	XXXX				#####	XXXX			#####	69.84	4				89.84	83.18							

## JUST A FEW WORDS...

FROM THE RATTLER TATTLER EDITOR, DEALIN' DOUG



The May shoot started out nice but those clouds started building and forced many folks to leave.

Hopefully it won't snow on June 1st!

There has been a lot of talk in the Cowboy Chronicle and on the SASS Wire about gamers and shooting for fun or competition. I would hope that everyone who is shooting on the first Sunday of the month is because they like it and want to have fun. The fact of the matter is that some

of us just don't care about our time or scores. We are out at the ranch to have fun, make noise and catch up on the latest from each other. First and foremost we must be safe. Yaro is right when he says that light loads cause problems like splash back from the targets. Besides, if you are shooting strong loads you don't have to be as accurate on those knock down targets; you can wing 'em and they still fall down!

See ya' in June!

**DD**

## Duke and Annabelle take aim!



*How many cowboys does it take...?*

## FROM THE MAYORS DESK:

Howdy Folks,

The May shoot started out in shirt sleeves and ended in shirt sleeves but in-between we had a bit of weather.

A BIG Thank You goes out to the ladies again as they are such a help in making the matches run smoothly. Thanks Rondi, Genelle and Kari for taking care of the registration and setting up the lunch. I would also like to thank all of the cowpokes that helped set up on Saturday and those that helped to strike the match on Sunday, it makes it all worthwhile.

Our friend, Cathouse Bill is not feeling the best right

now, so Happy Jack has agreed to help head up the Parade and float team with Cathouse. Thanks Happy Jack.

### A MATTER OF SAFETY

We almost had a serious accident this match with a squib load, thank God we were on top of it. We had some folks shooting very light loads on my posse this match, i.e. 95 gr bullet with 2 grs of powder in a .38 case. As I watched the lead go out of the barrel, then see them hit the target with little or no force, I became quite concerned over the safety factor. I personally do not agree with squib loads and believe that using them presents a

danger to all who use them and everyone else on the range. A young man with a .45, shooting light loads had a squib on the line. We stopped him from firing and found the bullet in the end of the barrel barely visible. This was not an error in re-loading or missed getting a powder charge, it was because these young men were shooting too light a load and the bullets were hardly getting enough pressure to get out of the barrel. The safety of our shooters and the preservation of our sport is on the line. Those older shooters that promote that

## OTHER SHOOT'S AROUND THE COLORADO TERRITORY

### May Match Results

**Top Gun:** Geronimo Jerry  
**Traditional:** Happy Jack  
**Lady Forty-Niner:** None  
**Lady Modern:** None  
**Lady Senior:** None  
**Lady Traditional:** Annabelle  
**Junior:** None  
**Duelist:** Regulator Russ  
**Elder Statesman:** Duke  
**Forty-Niner:** Cyrus Noble  
**Modern:** Geronimo Jerry  
**Senior:** Gus Spoon  
**Senior Duelist:** None  
**Sr Traditional:** None

### Next Match

01 June 2003

Registration:  
0800-0900

Safety Meeting:  
0900-0930

Hostilities Begin: 0930

Potluck Lunch  
Immediately  
Following the Match

<b>Colorado Shaketails</b> Yaro	Ramah, CO 303-646-3777	1st Sunday
<b>Cheyenne Regulators</b> Slowpoke Wyoming	Cheyenne, Wyoming 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> San Juan	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 Rifle and Pistol Club</b>	Cortez, CO Capt. Woodrow Kelso	2nd Sunday 970-565-8960
<b>Montrose Marshall's</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 Shootists</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>Northwest 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

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



## UPCOMING EVENTS—MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

May 31, 2003

1:00 PM at the Ranch  
Set Up Steel for the Shoot!  
Contact: Yaro

June 1, 2003

Monthly Shoot—Sign up  
Starts at 8:00 AM

**Shaketail Annual 3-Day shoot** August 1-3, 2003  
**Ben Lomond Gun Club Open House** August 16, 2003

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Work hours duly certified by:

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

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