



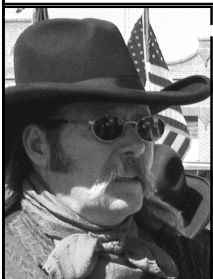
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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK



Howdy Folks,

Spring has sprung and so did the wind at Shaketail City this weekend. Ifin we'd only knod that the wind was agoing to blow like it done,

then we could have forgot to powder them thar bullets at this match, it be strong enough that all you needed to do were aim that thar lead down range and let go. Probably would have helped a few of us on our score sheet also.

We did have a hardy bunch of folks this month, not a quitter among them. Also there were a lot of folks that just came out to see what we do. That braved the little breeze that was a blowin.

As the occasional hat blow off and down range, you sure heard a lot of hootin and hollerin for it to become a new part of the stage. But on our posse the opportunity did not give in to an clear shot that one could defend, With out a possible hangin.

I'd like to thank the cowboys that signed up to help at the XV

annual match we will be callin on them as well as lookin for several more, as the work sheet is long and the time grows niy.

Congratulation to the first two shooters to sign up for the match, Our Own Desperate Deek was #1 and Our Own Cyrus Noble #2. Thank you.

See you folks at the next gatherin, so keep your powder dry and your eye peeled.

Happy trails!

Yaro

WHY I LOVE SHAKETAILED SHOOTING

By Big Dave

Although I'm relatively new to cowboy shooting, I've had the opportunity to shoot at several different clubs. All of them have been great, but my favorite is still Ramah, where I started last November. It has, in my mind, provided the most challenging matches in which I've participated.

First of all, the Ramah matches emphasize marksmanship as well as speed. You have to be able to hit some pretty small targets in order to do well. My favorite is the "tree," which consistently has had the effect of lowering my scores. To me, it is not a sin to miss a target. If I miss, then it only gives me an excuse to practice more for the next match. By God, I'll clean that thing some day!

Anyway, I've learned that there

hasn't been a target made that I cannot contrive to miss. It's far more satisfying to miss a small one than a large one....

Another thing I like about Ramah is that something weird is always thrown in. For example, I've seldom encountered weak-handed shooting anywhere else. It is an excellent challenge and requires a considerable amount of skill to master, not that I've come close to mastering it. Ramah has also taught me to shoot from the hip, another skill which I probably never would have learned.

I find that at Ramah, I'd better pay close attention to the stage directions, because the shooting sequences are often complex. I'm relieved when I hear "Nevada Sweep", because oftentimes that will be the simplest sequence required. Some of the others are easy

to mess up, but hey, concentration is the name of the game!

Every match has its own unique character, and I've yet to encounter one that I did not thoroughly enjoy. They all emphasize different skills, but what makes Ramah stand out is that it requires the shooter to master so many of them at the same time. I always try to anticipate the devious stages I'll encounter in the coming month, but there's always a surprise. I think that is great.

NEXT SHOOT:

May 2, 2004

Registration starts at 8:00 AM
Shooters' Meeting at 9:00 AM
Match begins at 9:30AM

Potluck lunch after the match
Long Range Pot Shoot after chow

DATE 4-Apr-04 Match Standings											Stage 1				Stage 2				Stage 3				Stage 4				Stage 5				
Match Final	SASS #	Alias Name	Class	Class Final	Posse #	Total Raw Time	Total Time	Total Miss	Total Proc	Total Bon	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	Adj Time
1	8273	Scragg	M	1	1	223.05	253.05	8	0	1	41.68			41.68	53.15	2		1	53.15	33.54	1		38.54	49.68	2		59.68	45	3		60.00
2	12556	Shaky	T	1	1	212.28	277.28	15	0	1	43.88	2		53.88	43.03	3		1	48.03	37.47	3		52.47	46.53	2		56.53	41.37	5		66.37
3	15162	El Gato Gordo	D	1	1	341.43	381.43	10	0	1	65.68	3		80.68	66.86	1		1	61.86	59.14	4		79.14	89.06	2		99.06	60.69			60.69
4	20225	Rafe Greystone	49	1	1	347.52	407.52	14	0	1	73.44	1		78.44	77.52	4		1	87.52	64.80	2		74.80	75.64	5		100.64	56.12	2		66.12
5	467	Sand River Slim	49	2	2	368.98	433.98	15	0	1	74.01	4		94.01	78.21	3		1	83.21	71.76	1		76.76	78.63	3		93.63	66.37	4		86.37
6	55632	Big Dave	T	2	1	383.79	468.79	17	0	0	81.87	4		101.87	84.78	3			99.78	61.41	2		71.41	81.47	4		101.47	74.26	4		94.26
7	36985	Simla Kid	J	1	2	395.46	475.46	18	0	1	79.89	2		89.89	76.48	2		1	76.48	60.02	4		80.02	99.19	5		124.19	79.88	5		104.88
8	2755	Dry Creek	ST	1	1	385.05	490.05	19	2	1	74.96	1		79.96	92.84	2		1	92.84	61.83	3		76.83	79.23	4	1	109.23	76.19	9	1	131.19
9	3026	Trooper	ST	2	2	456.80	491.80	9	0	1	100.85	2		110.85	82.52	2		1	82.52	67.32			67.32	116.29			116.29	89.82	5		114.82
10	9090	Walker Keeney	D	2	2	434.75	499.75	15	0	1	94.12	2		104.12	82.71	2		1	82.71	73.87	3		88.87	100.68	3		115.68	83.37	5		108.37
11	26865	Palmetto	D	3	2	443.16	518.16	15	1	1	90.18	1		95.18	92.81	3		1	97.81	77.02	1		82.02	100.40	4		120.40	82.75	6	1	122.75
12	28049	Marshal Ransom Payne	49	3	2	424.47	519.47	17	2	1	83.72	2		93.72	88.03	2		1	88.03	67.53	3		82.53	103.83	5	1	138.83	81.36	5	1	116.36
13	32624	Cyrus Noble	49	4	2	459.06	524.06	15	0	1	101.38	4		121.38	105.74	5		1	120.74	72.19			72.19	87.27	2		97.27	92.48	4		112.48
14	29968	Faden	T	3	1	374.65	529.65	33	0	1	84.74	4		104.74	94.80	11		1	139.80	61.33	5		86.33	65.23	8		105.23	68.55	5		93.55
15	28607	Yaro	SD	1	1	384.27	544.27	30	1	0	80.72	7		115.72	80.70	8			120.70	71.76	7		106.76	77.98	3	1	102.98	73.11	5		98.11
16		Diamond Jay	D	4	1	405.81	550.81	27	2	1	83.07	1	1	98.07	62.19	6		1	82.19	69.88	5		94.88	113.41	7		148.41	77.26	8	1	127.26
17	47996	Kansas kid	ST	3	1	487.39	562.39	17	0	1	88.85	1		93.85	91.74	5		1	106.74	96.10	3		111.10	105.37	4		125.37	105.3	4		125.33
18	19497	Great Lakes	T	4	2	482.48	562.48	18	0	1	87.56	3		102.56	78.51	3		1	83.51	75.88	3		90.88	107.09	2		117.09	133.4	7		168.44
19	40753	Buzzard Jack	T	5	2	438.69	563.69	27	0	1	77.95	4		97.95	91.68	4		1	101.68	70.90	5		95.90	99.08	7		134.08	99.08	7		134.08
20	42774	K-Bar-K	49	5	1	500.68	580.68	18	0	1	106.34	4		126.34	103.74	4		1	113.74	100.27	2		110.27	100.17	4		120.17	90.16	4		110.16
21	30372	Smoke Rise'n	FC	1	2	451.23	591.23	28	1	1	100.96	3	1	125.96	99.69	4		1	109.69	81.60	3		96.60	76.85	13		141.85	92.13	5		117.13
22	53039	Stumpy Oaks	D	5	1	491.22	606.22	25	0	1	97.64	2		107.64	96.27	3		1	101.27	84.93	6		114.93	113.23	7		148.23	99.15	7		134.15
23	50083	Loco Louie	T	6	1	480.34	610.34	26	0	0	110.04	5		135.04	97.57	5			122.57	66.03	4		86.03	114.43	5		139.43	92.27	7		127.27
24	896	Trailrider	SD	2	2	568.76	613.76	9	1	1	113.01	3		128.01	119.11	2		1	119.11	100.32	1		105.32	140.87	2		150.87	95.45	1	1	110.45
25	46799	Sullivan Ballou	T	7	2	478.04	638.04	32	0	0	84.85	2		94.85	98.04	7			133.04	88.41	6		118.41	98.12	9		143.12	108.6	8		148.62
26	7733	Lever Action Bill	ST	4	2	493.59	643.59	30	1	1	91.00	6		121.00	111.94	6		1	131.94	80.49	5		105.49	107.18	7		142.18	103	6	1	142.98
27	55963	Hacker	T	8	2	451.40	676.40	45	0	0	94.17	7		129.17	90.64	9			135.64	83.60	7		118.60	88.12	12		148.12	94.87	10		144.87
28	54779	Single Shot Sullie	49	6	2	492.70	722.70	42	3	1	86.97	14	1	166.97	101.73	6		1	121.73	99.51	7		134.51	113.45	7	1	158.45	91.04	8	1	141.04
29		Workman	M	2	1	527.94	792.94	55	0	1	102.47	9		147.47	95.47	11		1	140.47	117.17	13		182.17	117.09	13		182.09	95.74	9		140.74
30	48974	Starshot	D	6	1	#####	#####	20	1	0	67.35	5		92.35	XXXX				#####	62.55	2		72.55	85.09	7	1	130.09	67.23	6		97.23

M= Modern D = Duelist T = Traditional J = Junior 49 = Forty-Niner S = Senior Traditional SD = Senior Duelist FC = Frontier Cartridge

Mark Your Calendars Now!

SHAKETAILE XV

July 30, July 31, and August 1, 2004

Request your vacations and make your travel plans now!

SHORT ROUNDS FROM STARSHOT

Greetings Ya'll!

Well Mother Nature showed her sense of humor this month with a lot of wind so we didn't do the long-range pot shoot. There were a few hearty souls who tried their hand at some serious wind doping after lunch.

◆ Some shooters are getting away from the "Cowboy" way of dressin' for the shoots. There've been a lot of modern shoes showing up instead of the boots required by the sport. I figure the weather has a lot to do with it and we do let the rules slide with the weather. We just want to ensure the spirit of the game is on everybody's mind. A Cowboy hat, boots, long sleeve shirt and a pair of jeans fits the bill. Check the S.A.S.S. manual for inexpensive suggestions. The annual match is coming up so now's a good time to check your equipment to ensure it meets S.A.S.S. rules. Those white sight

inserts on Marlins and Model 94 Winchesters are not allowed and must be blacked out to use the rifle in competition — food for thought so we don't have anyone upset because some equipment is not allowed. The S.A.S.S. manual is the reference for definitions of what's legal and not. "End of Trail" is not the measuring stick — even the Wild Bunch will admit mistakes are made at that match. Check with Yaro if you have any questions.

♣ We mentioned the idea of a Swap Meet type thing at one of our monthly matches. I propose we try to do it in June at the match. Please let us know if you're interested to swap out or make some money on those cowboy items that have "shrunk" or just don't match your *persona* anymore. We'll have a sign-up at the May match to see what the interest is. We'll have details by

that time also. Remember, NO GUNS can be sold due to the Gun show Law.

♥ One final thing: Buckshot Phil (AKA Chris Earnest) is proudly serving over in Iraq and he sends his best. I've included his APO mail address so we can all keep in touch. His e-mail is earnestcas@hotmail.com so please drop him a line and let him know we're proud of him and thinking of him. The snail mail address is:

Chris Earnest
732 ECES/Camp Victory North
Apo AE 09342

Don't forget the annual match coming up or the B.L.G.C. elections and bring a friend each month.

That's all for now. Don't squat with your spurs on and Cowboy Up!

STARSHOT #48974

SHAKETAILE BUCK

Every month, someone wins a *Shaketale Buck*, good for the entry fee at a future match. The March winner was **Buzzard Jack**. The April winner will be announced at the May match, and if they're there, they'll win a *Shaketale Buck* for any *future* match (i.e., any match *after* the May match).

CALHAN PARADE

We're marching in the Calhan parade on May 1st. Everyone's welcome, whether you're a "regular" *Shaketale* shooter or not. We always have a great time! Meet at 10:00 AM at the Co-op building. (Don't worry—you won't have any trouble finding it.) For more information, contact the Mayor.

SHAKETAILE XV SPONSORS

We're looking for sponsors for the annual match. Sponsor forms and other sponsor information is available for your use. If you have an idea for a sponsor, you can contact Yaro or Tana Blaze for more details. They can tell you what the sponsors get in return for their participation.

NOTICE:

Am going to fatten three beefs. If anyone is interested contact me. Will be ready early summer.

Yaro 303-646-3777

FROM THE GOVERNOR:

I will give the RO1 course on 30 July after shooting is completed. Anyone interested can pick up a handbook from Yaro at the May or June monthly shoots. — *Trooper*, Territorial Governor

April Class Results

Top Gun:
Scrag

Modern:
Scrag

Duelist:
El Gato Gordo

Traditional:
Shaky

49er:
Rafe Greystone

Junior:
Simla Kid

Sr. Duelist:
Yaro

Sr. Traditional:
Dry Creek

Frontier Cartridge:
Smoke Rise'n

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 David 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

- May 1, 2004** Calhan Parade, meet at 10:00 AM at the Co-op
- May 1, 2004** Set up steel for the monthly match at 1:00 PM (after parade)
- May 2, 2004** Monthly Shoot—Sign-up starts at 8:00 AM
Shooters' Meeting at 9:00 AM
Match Starts at 9:30 AM
- May 13-16, 2004** San Juan Rangers Annual: Paul Miller, 970-249-4227
- May 29-30, 2004** Craig Annual: Sagebrush Burns, 970-824-8407

Shaketail XV! July 30 — Aug 1, 2004

Can you build props? Are you creative? We're always on the lookout for folks to design, create or set up stages.

Contact Mayor Yaro.

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Faden

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SHAKETAILE XV

July 30, July 31, & August 1

DON'T FORGET!

Request your

VACATIONS!

*Make your travel plans **Now!***

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SHAKETAILE XV

July 30, July 31, and August 1, 2004

Entry Form Inside!