

# The Regulators

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## November Match Results

We had 22 shooters join us for our last match of the year. We hope to see everyone next spring.

Here are the class winners:

Lady Silver Senior - Annie Dote  
Classic Cowgirl - Black Hills Barb  
Lady Gunfighter - Happy Valley Harlot  
Lady Wrangler - Mama Bear  
Classic Cowboy - Letort Lawman  
Silver Senior - Slim Chance Pistolero  
Wrangler - Farmer Brown  
Senior Duelist - Frontier Bob  
Senior - Cardiac Cowboy  
Forty-Niner - Gus McCrae  
B-Western - Dangerous Old Man  
Gunfighter - Doc Allan Wood

## Indoor Match

Mark your calendar now for the indoor matches at the Carlisle Gun Club, 101 Pine St, Carlisle, PA 17013 on January 2 and February 6. For those who have not been there, this is pistol and rifle only - NO SHOTGUN. Also, black powder is NOT allowed.

## Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep our ailing saddle partners, Bird Dog Jake, Herd Tender, and Professor Tinker, in your thoughts and prayers.

## RO I Recertification

The contract for the black powder shoot states, "It is required all State Black Powder Shootout Range Officers have completed the SASS Range Operations Safety Course within the last 3-5 years". Therefore, we will be setting up a class either this winter or early next spring. We need to find an instructor. Stay tuned for more info.

## The Legend of Charlie Parkhurst

TRUCKEE, Calif. — Western stagecoach companies were big business in the latter half of the 19th century. In addition to passengers and freight, stages hauled gold and silver bullion as well as mining company payrolls. Stage robbery was a constant danger, and bandits employed many strategies to ambush a stagecoach. Thieves rarely met with much resistance from stage drivers, since they had passenger safety foremost in mind. The gang was usually

after the Wells Fargo money box with its valuable contents. Passengers were seldom hurt, but they were certainly relieved of their cash, watches, and jewelry. Before the completion of the transcontinental railroad over Donner Pass in 1868, the only transportation through the Sierra was by stage. Rugged teamsters held rein over six wild-eyed horses as they tore along the precipitous mountain trails. The stagecoaches were driven by skilled and fearless men who pushed themselves and their spirited horses to the limit.

One of the most famous drivers was Charles Darkey Parkhurst, who had come west from New England in 1852 seeking his fortune in the Gold Rush. He spent 15 years running stages, sometimes partnering with Hank Monk, the celebrated driver from Carson City. Over the years, Parkhurst's reputation as an expert whip grew. From 20 feet away he could slice open the end of an envelope or cut a cigar out of a man's mouth. Parkhurst smoked cigars, chewed wads of tobacco, drank with the best of them, and exuded supreme confidence behind the reins. His judgment was sound and pleasant manners won him many friends.

One afternoon, as Charley drove down from Carson Pass, the lead horses veered off the road, and a wrenching jolt threw him from the rig. He hung onto the reins as the horses dragged him along on his stomach. Amazingly, Parkhurst managed to steer the frightened horses back onto the road and save all his grateful passengers.

## NO PATIENCE FOR CROOKS

During the 1850s, bands of surly highwaymen stalked the roads. These outlaws would level their shotguns at stage drivers and shout, "Throw down the gold box!" Charley Parkhurst had no patience for the crooks despite their demands and threatening gestures. The most notorious road agent was nicknamed "Sugarfoot." When he and his gang accosted Charley's stage, it was the last robbery the thief ever attempted. Charley cracked his whip defiantly, and when his horses bolted, he turned around and fired his revolver at the crooks. Sugarfoot was later found dead with a fatal bullet wound in his stomach.

In appreciation of his bravery, Wells Fargo presented Parkhurst with a large watch and chain made of solid gold. In 1865, Parkhurst grew tired of the demanding job of driving, and he opened his own stage station. He later sold the business and retired to a ranch near Soquel, Calif. The years slipped by, and Charley died on Dec. 29, 1879, at the age of 67. A few days later, the Sacramento Daily Bee published his obituary. It read; "On Sunday last, there died a person known as Charley Parkhurst, aged 67, who was well-known to old residents as a stage driver. He was in early days accounted one of the most expert manipulators of the reins who ever sat on the box of a coach. It was discovered when friendly hands were preparing him for his

final rest, that Charley Parkhurst was unmistakably a well-developed woman!"

## NOT LIKE OTHER MEN, ER, WOMEN?

Once it was discovered that Charley was a woman, there were plenty of people to say they had always thought he wasn't like other men. Even though he wore leather gloves summer and winter, many noticed that his hands were small and smooth. He slept in the stables with his beloved horses and was never known to have had a girlfriend. Charley never volunteered clues to her past. Loose fitting clothing hid her femininity and after a horse kicked her, an eye patch over one eye helped conceal her face. She weighed 175 pounds, could handle herself in a fistfight, and drank whiskey like one of the boys.

It turns out that Charley's real name was Charlotte Parkhurst. Abandoned as a child, she was raised in a New Hampshire orphanage unloved and surrounded by poverty. Charlotte ran away when she was 15 years old and soon discovered that life in the working world was easier for men. So, she decided to masquerade as one for the rest of her life.

The rest is history. Well, almost. There is one last thing. On November 3, 1868, Charlotte Parkhurst cast her vote in the national election, dressed as a man. She became the first woman in the United States to vote -- 52 years before Congress passed the 19th amendment giving American women the right to vote.

## CLUB SCHEDULES

**Dakota Badlanders**, Allentown, PA - 2nd Sunday, March to October. Contact J. S. Sooner, 215-258-0786

**Boothill Gang**, Topton, PA - 1st Sunday, April to November. Contact Lester Moore, 610-704-6792. Blue Mountain Shoot Out, October 29 - 31

**Thurmont Rangers**, Thurmont, MD - 1st Sunday, March to November, Contact Cash Caldwell, 240-285-7673

**Westshore Posse**, New Cumberland, PA - 2nd Sunday, March to November, Contact Hud McCoy, 410-984-2249

**Jefferson Outlaws**, Jefferson, PA - 3rd Saturday March to December, Annual shoot: May 15-17, Contact Red Eyed Kid, 443-392-1615

**Jackson Hole Gang**, Jackson, NJ - 4th Sunday, March to November, Contact Emerado, 609-466-2277. Purgatory in the Pines, September 24 - 26.

**El Posse Grande**, Muncy, PA - 4th Sunday March to October, Contact Sgt. Hochbauer, 917-913-9391

**Chimney Rocks Regulators**, Hollidaysburg, PA - 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, Contact Relentless Renegade, 814-414-1461

**Logans Ferry Regulators**, Pittsburgh, PA, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, Contact Mariah Kid, 412-607-5313

**Matamoras Mavericks**, Milford, PA, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, Contact Hammerin Steel, 570-296-5853

**Purgatory Regulators**, Titusville, PA, Contact Dry Gulch Geezer, 814-827-2120

**River Junction Shootist**, Donegal, PA, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, Contact Mattie Hays, 724-593-6602

**Whispering Pines Cowboy Committee**, Mansfield, PA, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, Contact Panama Red, 570-724-7214

**Elstonville Hombres**, Shoots held on 4th Sunday starting 23 March 2015 & 5th Sundays including 29 March, 31 May, & 30 Aug Wild Bunch, Do-Over Shoot 26 & 27 Sep 2015 Register by 30 Aug 2015, Contact: Trusty Sidekick, [32866ts@aol.com](mailto:32866ts@aol.com) or 610.939.9947

**NEW MATCH:** Welsh Mountain Regulators, New Holland Rifle and Pistol Club near New Holland, PA ([www.nhrpc.org](http://www.nhrpc.org)). 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month, starting on July 25, Contact Biloxi Bob - [biloxibob357@gmail.com](mailto:biloxibob357@gmail.com)

### State Championships

**DE** - May 6 - 8, 2016 Eas'dern Shore Round-Up Eas'dern Shore Renegades, Contact Teton Tracy at 302-378-7854 or [tetontk@yahoo.com](mailto:tetontk@yahoo.com)

**MD** - August 20 - 22, Damascus Wild Life Rangers, Damascus, MD Contact Chuckaroo 301-831-9666

**PA** - May 22 - 24, El Posse Grande, Muncy Valley, PA, Contact Lost Rider at (585) 519-1433 or [Lostrider56@aol.com](mailto:Lostrider56@aol.com)

SASS Eastern Divisional - 2015 Mason Dixon Stampede XIV - October 1, 2, 3, 4 Application now available at <http://thurmontrangers.com/mds2015shooter.pdf>



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