



The Howler

at 5 Dogs Creek

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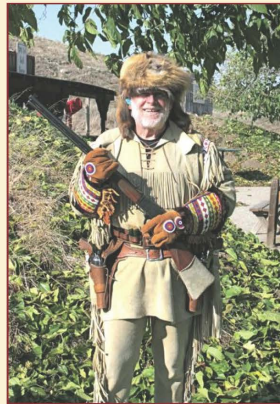
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from the trap line ...

by Mad Trapper of Rat River

Well the festive season has come and gone; but not without a whole lot of shooting at 5 Dogs Creek. The early birds arrived on Thursday, December 29. Huckleberry Flash was the lead man, blacksmith, target repairman, and trail boss when it came to setting up for a long range shoot. This is something the club has been sorely lacking and on Friday the 36" circle at 220 yards took a lot of dings early in the day. There were chickens at 50 yds, a turkey and buffalo at about 110 yds. and the circle and a small buffalo at 220. It sure was fun to dust off the 38-55s and 45-70s. Thanks and kudos to Huckleberry for taking the initiative. Later in the day we had a challenge bay set up for 22s but everyone was still down at the long range or resting. On Friday evening 22 people partook of Garbage Soup in "The House That Rose and Miss Barah Lee Built" (see pictures later). It was cold outside, but we were warm thanks to Rose's tent idea. A heater was donated by Sam Ootie and Miss Barah Lee Misditt and later in the weekend, Huckleberry brought his mega-heater. Those heaters, coupled with body heat and antifreeze (spiritus fermenti) made everyone warm and cozy. Saturday was the regular match with the B-Western challenge thrown in just to make it interesting. Results of the match are shown in photos later. New Year's Eve saw 38 bodies crammed into the tent where we enjoyed a typical 5 Dogs potluck. There was everything from Bo Bean's special gumbo, BBQed turkey, mac & cheese etc. The meal was topped off with trifle, jello (infused with spiritus fermenti) and some wonderful cookies baked by Bonnie Kate. In the typical cowboy fashion, the range was like a mausoleum by 10:00 p.m. What a wild bunch we are!

Sunday was beautiful. Another day, another match, again with the B-Western Challenge included. Thanks to Calgary Kate and Mescalero for setting up the match and for the challenge. They even awarded "special" prizes both days (photos later). Although the shooting was over, some people decided to travel on Monday. A wiener roast had been planned. It turned into another delicious potluck. The bill of fare included tuna hors d'ouvres, black eyed peas, roast pork and sauerkraut, more spiked jello, more cookies, salads galore, and, oh yes there were also hot dogs. Monday the tent was taken down, albeit not before it was labelled and thought given for improvements. By noon, all was quiet on the western range.

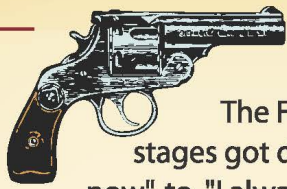
I know many will be disappointed but please try to hide your grief...this will be the last message from the trap line for a while as Wanderin' Rose and I, along with several other club members, are journeying to the lawless state of Arizona to shoot several matches. Upon our return (mid-February) be prepared as all of us must grab the proverbial bull and get moving on the annual. 'Til then, happy trails.

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FINAL NOTICE

MEMBERSHIPS RENEWALS ARE DUE NOW!
PLEASE SIGN UP WHEN YOU REGISTER TO SHOOT OR
YOU CAN ALSO REGISTER ONLINE NOW BEFORE YOU FORGET



The Sheriff's Log

by Fordyce Beals

The February 4 and 5 match is sponsored by Leia Tombstone. Talking to her about the stages got descriptions from, "The first time I shot a stage like this I didn't like it at all but I do now", to, "I always like this scenario". Definitely a female perspective. I helped her by writing a few of the 10 stages and she was quick to ask that I take credit for those stages and keep the blame for myself.

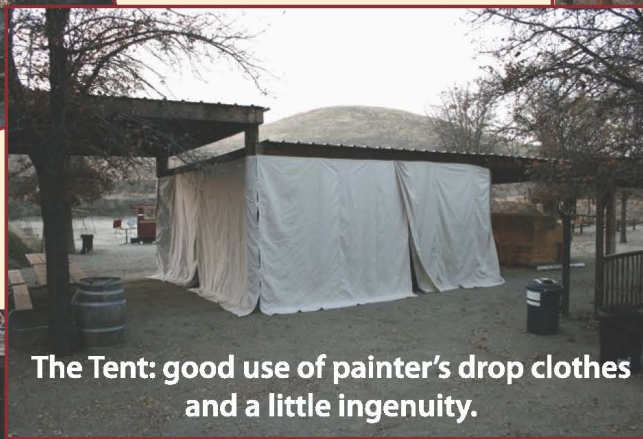
Last month's match sponsored by Mescalero included a 10 white target rifle sweep that was very challenging to this cowboy. The new hangman's gallows were use both days and are a welcome addition to the 5 Dogs range. Thanks Mescalero for putting on another world class match. The pot lucks in the new enclosed eating area were cozy with heaters taking the chill off and fantastic homemade tamales warmed you up as well.

My research for the Generals theme for the State Match in May is turning up some great photographs of the Civil War era. This was the first war documented by the then new art of photography. Many photographs are archived from the original glass plate negatives and look fantastic. Any help from club members how have knowledge and or favorite images or stories of the Civil War will be appreciated.

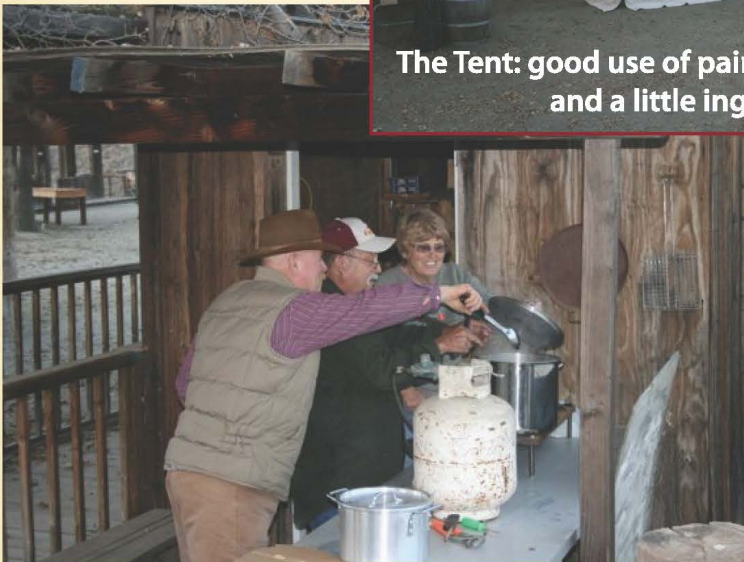
The Sheriff is looking for volunteers - Scoring at State Match and July, August, September match sponsors. Email the sheriff at fordyceleia@live.com



Winter at 5 Dogs Creek



The Tent: good use of painter's drop clothes and a little ingenuity.

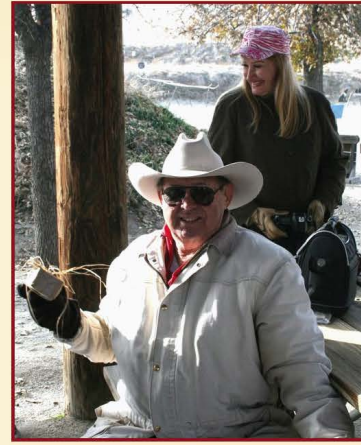
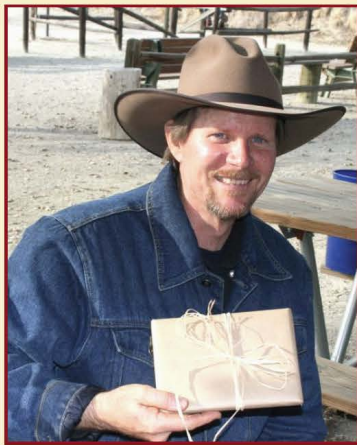


Making Garbage Soup: Huckleberry Flash, El Alacran del Norte, & Wanderin' Rose



Querida, Tres Pinos, Ruthless Ray & Meaner N Me

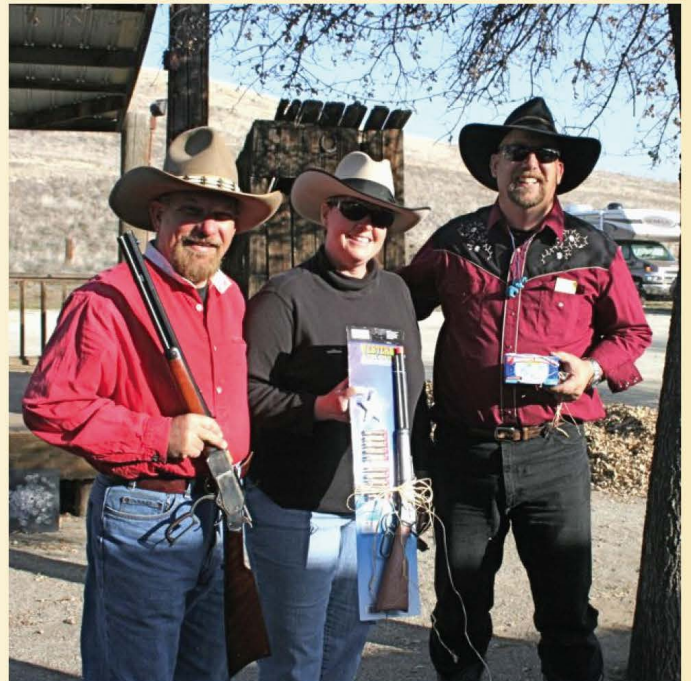
Saturday's B-Challenge Winners: Tool Box (1), Mescalero (2), Bad Man Bob (3)



The Great Hoax

Winners of the Sunday B-Western Challenge were **Dirt McFearson (3)**, **Calgary Kate (2)** and **Mescalero (1)**. Many eyebrows were raised when Kate presented Mescalero with first prize --an 1873 rifle. Could this be for real? Well no, actually the prize was the toy rifle she holds in the picture. Some cried foul but most laughed their ***** off.

Thanks to Kate & Mescalero for giving us the B-Western Challenge and for designing the match for both days.



THE CLEAN CREW

Saturday had seven shooters make it through five stages without a mishap.

Back row:

Porch Dog, Ruthless Ray.

Front row:

Limpin' Leroy, Bonny Kate,

El Alacran del Norte,

Miss Barah Lee Misditt,

Miss Ann Laughitoff.

Somebody better order more dogs.

and then there was one...



**Fordyce Beals presents the clean shoot dog to Chama Bill...
the only clean shooter on Sunday's match. Congrats!**



Future World Champion

Havoc McFearson gets her first shooting lesson from grandpa (El Alacran). Way to go Havoc!

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