



The Howler

at 5 Dogs Creek

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from the trap line ...

by Kate Barlow

Well, the mayor is not in town so I decided to fill this space with an excerpt from the article about last year's annual as I first wrote it. A revised (but complete) version will appear in the Cowboy Chronicles in March. Enjoy!

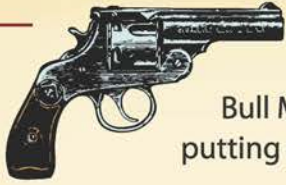
Wednesday was a busy day, what with everybody settling in, and by dinner time we were ready for one of the famous 5 Dogs Creek potlucks. Most SASS clubs seem to be social clubs for people with a target shooting problem. I think that 5 Dogs Creek is a target shooting club for people with an eating problem. I used to be skinny before joining this club. Not anymore. I can barely get into my shooting pants, but I am not complaining.

Thursday was the first official day of the Shootout, and it was dedicated to side matches. The proceeds from the side matches went to support construction of the Cowboy Memorial Chapel at Founder's Ranch. There were also four warm-up stages for those wanting to make sure their guns, and their shooting skills, are in best condition before the main match. After the range closed, the Howling Wolf Saloon opened for business. The Saloon is the beating heart of this event but there are many other "organs" that work hard to keep it thriving. I admire, and give my thanks, to all that were involved. After dinner came the true high point of the day, for me, at least: the homemade pie contest. To be a judge at this contest is one of the most coveted functions. The main requirements are: to not be a diabetic; and to be a territorial governor. Luckily, there were enough slices of pie for all to taste, after the winners were decided. As the slices of pie were disappearing, the movie night started and we all settled in to watch a medley of Old Western TV shows. This was especially educational for me because, having been raised in Romania, I knew nothing about them. Now I do and my husband is learning that, when I say, "Kemosabe, I take clothes to river, make more white" it means I'll do the laundry and he needs to give me his whites. ■



January at 5 Dogs Creek Range

Work Party A Success
Thanks to all who helped rake leaves, put up the tent, move targets, clean up the range and in general, made things happen .
Pictured left:
Coal Train and Jim Bean finish up the leaves .
Come on spring!



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by Fordyce Beals

Bull McPherson is sponsoring the match on March 3rd and 4th. I look forward to Bull putting on a fun match with a gunfighter class slant.

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Last month's match sponsored by Leia Tombstone was enjoyed by this cowboy. On Sunday bay 4 offered a bonus to shoot pistols and move with them in hand or no bonus too just shoot from 2 positions. Posse 3's Range Officer Territorial Governor Professor Cubby Bear's admonishment to shoot the none bonus way if we had any sense was a great moment. Not so great was the plate rack that would not fall for some. Better plate rack calibration to the SASS level in the future is promised.

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On March 3 after the days scores are announced a shooters improvement clinic will be held. All club members are welcome to attend this clinic. Bring enough ammo to shoot a full stage. After you shoot others will suggest ways to improve your result.

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Match sponsors are needed for July, August and September 2012. Email me at fordyceleia@live.com to volunteer.

Seldom seen in front of a camera, Doubleshot Darlin is usually behind one. Here are some rare snapshots of her, in action, courtesy of Bones Brannon.



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