



The Howler

at 5 Dogs Creek

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from the trap line ...

by Mad Trapper of Rat River

We have successfully survived hosting another CA Championship. I'm not exactly sure what number this was as I heard everything from 9 to 11. If someone knows for sure maybe they could inform us young'uns. By most measures the match was a success. We were down in the number of shooters participating. This year we had 208 paid shooters participating as compared to 235 last year. Given the economic times, price of gas etc. and the fact that most shoots are having similar struggles I think we did okay. Although the final figures are not in yet as we still have bills to pay, I can confidently say that we didn't lose money but neither did we make a whole lot. Consequently, I think it is time to reconsider our approach and perhaps make some decisions that will reflect a better bottom line for our club. It is, after all, a great deal of effort and I believe we should be reaping more reward than we presently are. Considerations or options are many and could include things like:

- cutting back on the amount spent on awards;
- cutting back to just one catered dinner;
- increasing spousal shooter fee;
- cutting the band for Saturday night dance (\$2000);
- increase efforts to recruit more shooters;
- fire the mayor;
- have fund raisers attached to the annual.

(For example, stage sponsors, a raffle, match sponsors etc.)

I believe I speak for the Town Council when I say whatever is decided, the entire club needs to get behind and fully support it.

After a new council has been elected, the pros and cons of each consideration/option needs to be carefully weighed and presented to the membership at large for your input. ■



The amazing view of the cannon shot at dusk.

Thank you to Gus Buck Silver for the photo.

the editor

