

# The Howler

at 5 Dogs Creek

May 2012

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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

# The Sheriff's Log

by Fordyce Beals

The match on June 2 and June 3 is a reshoot of the State Championship match. Watch out for the shotgun challenge stage, it was too hard for most shooters with around 350 misses for 200+ shooters. The pistol challenge stage had 200 misses total, five dog pistol targets reinforced the notion that those dogs are hard to hit. The rifle challenge stage gave you 10 shots to knock off 5 Texas star plates and just about everyone was able to do that.

My thanks go out to all the 5 Dog Creek club members who helped me at the State match. Every time I thought there was no way I could get everything done in the time allowed, everything got done. The score keepers also need praise, I checked the original score cards of all category places that were with in 5 seconds total time at the end of the match and the accuracy was commendable.

Mayor Mad Trapper of Rat River ran the match with out a hitch and entertained with his fiddle playing and had Queen of Bling (Fanny Mostly's second idenity) and Flying W Ramrod teach us to dance Texas Two Step. I was laughing so much I forgot all my cares. The next night Paris Brothers Band sounded great. It was hard to ignore the start and stop signals of 1/2 pound of black powder in a replica cannon.

The Big Dog Shoot Out was commented on by Lead Dispenser (overall match and State Champ) as the best run shoot out he has ever shot in. Several elimination matches had both the pistol and rifle shots of the two competitors hitting at the same time sounding as one, talk about exciting! The Big Dog Shoot Out bragging rights are until next year with all women shooters as Venus defeated Mars.

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

Thanks to all who: raked the range (twice), hoed the weeds, set targets, stuffed envelopes, set up, washed, and took down tables and chairs, moved hay, served in the scoring pit, procured awards, picked up trash, washed buckets, ran the scores, worked the side matches, etc. etc. etc. YOU MADE THE MATCH HAPPEN!

the mayor

#### **NOMINATIONS for the TOWN COUNCIL**

To the right are the positions and those who have agreed to serve another year.'

You may nominate yourself, or someone else for any position. Please be sure the person you nominate has agreed to serve before taking action. Nominations may be made by mailing the mayor, or at the June monthly shoot. Voting will take place by email and/or a phone call to the mayor. Let's git 'er done folks!

Mayor - Mad Trapper of Rat River

Sheriff - Fordyce Beals

Banker/Secretary - OPEN

Territorial Governor Professor - Cubby Bear

Storekeeper - El Alacran del Norte

Publicity - Kate Barlow

Range Wrangler - OPEN

Blacksmith - Bones Brannon

*Nominations thus far:* 

Banker/Secretary - Miss Barah Lee Misditt

## CLUB CLASSIFIED SECTION and NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS:

If you have guns, boots, or other dry (or not so dry) goods that you would like to list for sale in the newsletter, please contact Kate Barlow at kate.dora@hotmail.com

- **Pictures** should be submitted in one of the following formats: JPG, TIFF, PDF, or PSD.
- Text should be submitted in a Word document or sent as plain text in an email message.
- **DEADLINE**: by the 14th of the month for the material to appear in that month's newsletter.