



The Howler

at 5 Dogs Creek

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from the trap line ...

by Mad Trapper of Rat River

An Apology: The Howler didn't get published last month due to a miscommunication by your mayor. I know a lot of you lay awake at night wondering when it would arrive in your email box. Most humble apologies to the sleepless cowboys and cowgirls. I wish I had a good excuse but I don't.

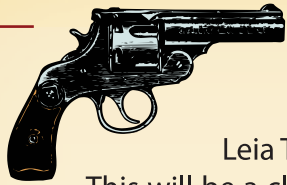
An Appeal: In order to increase the amount of working capital needed for range improvements the Town Council is calling for stage sponsors for the 2013 California State Championships. Each stage will go for \$100. A stage can be sponsored by a business or a maximum of two people (\$50 each). The sponsor's name(s) will appear in the shooter's booklet and on a sign at their stage during the match. Note: being a sponsor does not give you a say in designing that or any other stage. That remains the match director's responsibility. We hope you can help out the club and assist in maintaining the high standard we have set over the years. 5 Dogs is one of the premier cowboy ranges and your support will help keep it that way. If you wish to become a sponsor please inform the mayor. You need not donate at this time. Donate when you can up until April 1 but do let the mayor know your intent as soon as possible. First come, first served in terms of bay selection. Thank you so much for your support.

An Announcement: Wall of Shame gets new inductee ...

In a rather festive moment, Miss Barah Lee Misditt joined Calgary Kate as only the second inductee to our Wall of Shame. For those not informed, you receive this dubious honor by volunteering to design a match, and getting the dreaded "P" on a stage you have written. Is this a woman thing or what???



An Adumbration: Picture four targets. Got that? Okay using ten shots you shoot this sweep as follows, T1, T1, T2, T3, T4, T4, T3, T2, T1, T1. The fun comes when you shoot the pistols. And that folks is a Missouri Hillbilly Sweep. Thanks to Sam Ootie and Miss Barah Lee Misditt for the opportunity to shoot this at the July match. (more from our mayor on the last page of the Howler)



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by Fordyce Beals

Leia Tombstone and Fordyce Beals are setting up the match for September 1 and 2.

This will be a clothing rules optional match to try and break the suffering of 100 degree days we are now experiencing. I don't know how much relief there will be trading cowboy attire for beach wear or whatever you come up with, but it is worth a try or not, your choice.



The August 8 to 12th Chorro Valley Regulators annual match had a large contingent of 5 Dogs members. The perfect weather near the coast was only part of what makes our sister clubs annual match one not to miss. I will be going back next year.



The matches on August 4 and 5, 2012 were sponsored by Bo and Jim Bean. Fast stages with lots of choices were enjoyed by all I spoke to. Thanks Jim and Bo for your third match of the year! See the scores including the side match stage results posted on the web site (a little out of order as I did not make it clear to Montego the web master).



July 7 and 8's match put on by Miss Bearah Lee Misdit and Sam Ootie was a blast. Good weather, not too hot with lots of shade made for an enjoyable set of well thought out matches.



Planning for next year's annual, The California State Championships is already under way. As match director I am always looking for club members who want to get involved and learn how a world class match works. I also need stage ideas, for example Mad Trapper Of Rat River brought the idea of a 4 by 4 matrix of targets. We have Bones Brannon blacksmithing the stands and I hope to premier the idea in the September monthly shoot. Those that pay attention will see stages shot in several of the past and future monthly matches in the annual. Thanks to everyone that makes our club monthly and annual matches so fun.



The women of 5 Dogs have a treat for you, Shebang!! Put October 6 and 7, 2012 on your dance card so you don't miss out.

Clean Shootin' Stars



These Magnificent Seven shot clean on Saturday, June 30, 2012.

These Three Amigos shot clean on Sunday, July 1, 2012. Above Snakes slithered away before awards, so actually there were Four Amigos.

More Clean Shootin' Stars



Saturday, August 4, 2012

Sunday, August 5, 2012

Congrats to Deadwood Donna and Cubby Bear first ever clean match. The Bear has finally gone to the Dogs.



WELL.....DOG MY CATS!! Have you been chasing the elusive 5 Dogs clean match? Here's your chance to catch the little dog!! Not enough shooting on a regular monthly match? Here's your chance for fun, fast side matches! Do you feel unlucky at raffles? Here's your chance to change that too! Where can all of these be remedied at one time??

5 DOGS CREEK, SHE-BANG OCT. 6-7, 2012!!

We will be selling "Dog-nabbits" on Saturday and Sunday during registration. You will be able to purchase 5 "miss buy-backs" for \$10.00 per day. Any Dog-nabbits that are not used to buy-back a miss will be placed in a drawing for a prize. The Dog-nabbits are not transferable from Saturday to Sunday. A portion of the funds raised from this will be used to support cowboys in Colorado that lost everything to the Colorado wildfires. The remaining portion will be used for repairs on the registration shack roof. That elusive little dog is within reach!

There will be a 4 mens/ladies team event sidematch, a pistol poker sidematch, a .22 cal man on man or follow the leader side match and a BB gun side match!!

There will be a raffle on both Saturday and Sunday after the main matches and a movie on Saturday evening.

The ladies will be providing hot dogs, condiments and chips for dinner on Friday night. Please bring a side dish. Sat night is our famous (or infamous) potluck. Please bring your favorite dish.

No pre-registration required. Regular match fees will apply. No awards just bragging rights! Free camping for the weekend. Plan to come have a howling good time!!



For further information please contact Miss Barah Lee Misditt at dkaylor55@bak.rr.com or 661-747-4936

And Finally . . . An Article

This is an article I wrote for the Cowboy Chronicle. Not sure when or if it will be included but I thought club members who were not at the Chorro Valley Shootout would enjoy reading about a magical moment.

It All Began at The Howling Wolf Saloon

by Mad Trapper of Rat River (SASS #78641)

About three years ago I seriously took up old time fiddling. As a retired classical musician, who has had a stroke, this seemed like a way to "keep my oar in the water." While attending the Chorro Valley Shootout XVIII, I asked proprietors Gus Ashcroft (SASS #27341) and Brandy Rose (SASS# 38294) if I could play in their Howling Wolf Saloon. The Wolf, as everyone calls it, is an authentic 1880s replica of a tent saloon where cowboys and ladies gather, after a long day of shooting, for adult beverages, card games and a lot of socializing. The Wolf has become a tradition at both Chorro Valley and Shootout at 5 Dogs Creek, the SASS California Championship. Without hesitation Gus consented. Then I told him I would like to put out my hat seeking contributions for the Wounded Warriors. I thought I might pick up \$100 or so and every little bit helps these heroes. Gus enthusiastically agreed. Now permit me to relate what happened and why I'm so proud to be a cowboy.

It was announced at the Shooter's meeting on Friday morning that I would play for donations that night. I had no idea what was about to happen when I walked into the saloon at 7:45 Friday night. The place was packed and they all cheered when they heard the fiddler had arrived. For the next hour or so I played and played. The reception was overwhelming to say the least. They passed the hat. Again I was overwhelmed, the total was \$510. I floated back to my rig on cloud nine. Now this could have been the end of the story; but it's not.

Mad Dog McCoy (SASS #17292), sheriff of Chorro Valley and quite coincidentally my posse leader, informed me the next morning that he thought we should give all those who were not at the Wolf on Friday evening an opportunity to support the Wounded Warriors at the big formal dinner on Saturday night. He asked if I would say a few words and then we would pass the hat again. I approached the microphone with great trepidation in my heart not knowing how this would be received. Taggart (SASS #14398) volunteered to take around the hat from table to table and pick up any contributions. After about 20 minutes, 240 cowboys had contributed \$1990. My heart rejoiced as I took the microphone and joyfully announced that they had raised a total of \$2500 for our Wounded Warriors. I'll not soon forget the rousing cheers as they jumped to their feet applauding one another. This also could have been the end of the story; but it's not.

As I was returning to my seat, I heard this deep voice speaking with a decidedly English accent. U. K. Dane (SASS #19478) was speaking. I couldn't make out what he was saying as everyone was calling out to me as I wended my way between the tables. Suddenly it was pandemonium. Everyone had jumped out of their seats and were wildly applauding and cheering. U. K. Dane had just announced that he and his wife Cruzan Confusion (SASS # 39081) were going to match the \$2500 bringing the total to a whopping \$5000. Thanks to all those who supported this worthwhile project. COWBOYS ARE SPECIAL PEOPLE! I'll never forget how this small intention mushroomed into a giant cloud of generosity that deeply touched my soul. Wow, what a weekend! ■

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