



The Howler

at 5 Dogs Creek

November 2012

The Town Council

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from the trap line ...

by Mad Trapper of Rat River

It is with great joy and immense relief that I report we now have a successful candidate for the "mayor in training" program. After a long, thoughtful, but not very contentious, primary in which considerable arm twisting occurred, UTAH BLAINE has emerged victorious. I know everyone will join me in congratulating and thanking him, AND supporting his candidacy when it comes time to vote. That is not to say other cowboys or cowgirls are prevented from throwing their hat in the ring. The primary is over but the election is not.

Seriously though, I am glad Utah has agreed to step up. Clubs with a long history have broken apart because no one was willing to take the helm. Like me, Utah has a great first lady, Lap Dog (aka Deadwood Donna) at his side and back (or is it his backside). I know I could not do this mayor thing without the assistance of my first lady, Wanderin' Rose and I'm sure Lap Dog will provide Utah able assistance as well.

RANGE NEWS: As I reported at the last monthly the buildings have all been treated with water seal. Thanks goes to Sam Ootie who completed the task singlehandedly. The mayor gave all the loading tables another coat of GWF so those tasks are done for another year.

As of this writing, work continues on the refurbishment of the Assay Office; a new subfloor has been installed, the roof has been tar papered and a tin roof put over the established roof. Thanks to DAVE OLDS who supplied us with the tar paper and tin roofing. Special kudos to QUICKDRAW GRANDPA who commandeered the project and provided the sweat equity. He has arranged for Mr. Olds to move the entire building about 7 feet from its present location and thereby avoid the water damage that has occurred in the past. New shelving has already been installed and was provided by MESCALERO & CALGARY KATE. By next month we should be able to store all paints, flammables, and some targets in our "new" assay office. The cost of a new building came in around \$3000. This renovation project cost the club less than \$150. If only our government were this efficient.

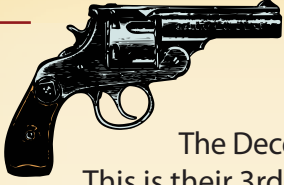
THE ANNUAL: The town council had a lengthy meeting on Nov. 3 and took the following actions with regard to the annual:

1. The budget was set based on 200 shooters;
2. The Shooter's Application was finalized. Two new categories, Cattle Baron, and Gran Patron were added;
3. "Running With The Big Dogs" was approved as a special side match;
4. The SASS administrative fee was added to the application;
5. THE APPLICATION IS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE 5 DOGS CREEK WEBSITE.

Our official address:

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Finally I am happy to report that we received warm thank you notes from both parties that we sent funds to after She-Bang. The note from Badger and Jinglebob Gerri was especially touching (you'll find it bellow the sheriff's log). 5 Dogs members should be proud that we were able to assist these needy cowboys and a wounded warrior.



• • • • • **The Sheriff's Log** by Fordyce Beals

The December 1 and 2, 2012 match is sponsored by Leia Tombstone and Fordyce Beals (me!). This is their 3rd monthly match this year (and the annual) from these prolific stage set uppers. I want to thank Leia for her ability to move steel and paint for 10 bays with a smile, making my job easy!

The November 3 and 4 match was put on by Mescalero and Calgary Kate. I was challenged by the well detailed stages and got lots of feed back that this was a fun match for our 5 Dogs Creek members. This was their 2nd monthly match this year. Thanks Calgary and Mescalero for a great cowboy action shooting experience.

The 2013 monthly match volunteers and their months are: January - Mad Trapper of Rat River, March - Bo and Jim Bean, April - Chama Bill, May - State Match, June - reprise of State Match, October - SheBang!, November - Mescalero and Calgary Kate, December - Hennessey Hayes.

Open months that still need match sponsors are: February, July, August, September. This is your chance to get in on a very fun activity. Ask me to sign you up at the next monthly match or email Fordyceleia@live.com.

FREE LUNCH!

Who says there is no such thing as a free lunch? You are invited to indulge in FREE hot dogs with all the trimmings after we shoot on Saturday. Just bring something to drink or lemonade will be provided.

POT LUCK SAYS AN EARLY "FELIZ NAVIDAD"

The potluck on Saturday night will have a Mexican theme. Please bring your favorite Mexican dish or something that goes with the theme, e.g. lemonade tequila, jalepenos, pinto beans, mohitos, etc.

A very special word of appreciation and gratitude goes out to **BONES BRANNON** who has built us ten new target stands. Watch for the new and higher targets in upcoming shoots. These new targets give us infinite new possibilities for interesting and devious scenarios. Makes ya want to design a match don't it? Please see the sheriff immediately to alleviate that urge.

Match in December is courtesy of Fordyce Beals and Leia Tombstone. January will be written Mad Trapper of Rat River and Wanderin' Rose.

To Our Family At 5 Dogs Creek:

Words cannot express our gratitude for your thoughtfulness and generosity. The cowboy family of SASS members has been a blessing to us in so many ways. Our property, buildings, vehicles and tools were a total loss and none were insured. It was devastating to us. The cabin was built hand by hand, log by log, over a course of 30 years. It was our piece of heaven, a getaway from the craziness of the world. Due to your help, we now have a plan to rebuild. Your gift cards will buy some tools to us our way. THANK YOU so much from the bottom of our hearts. We hope to meet you all someday down the trail.

God Bless

Badger and Jinglebob

October 2012 Clean Shootin' Stars



Wall of Shame gets new inductee ...
(no congratulations for this one!)

CONGRATULATIONS!



The Turkey Potluck ... and how we found out that El Alacran del Norte is a turkey master chef. That was the juiciest turkey I ever tasted! On the left, one of the two turkeys in the making, on the right what's left of them after one pass around the table. Thank you all! Now I have to go get some larger clothes. But it's worth it. *(the editor)*



CLUB CLASSIFIED SECTION and NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS:

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- **Pictures** should be submitted in one of the following formats: JPG, TIFF, PDF, or PSD.
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- **DEADLINE:** by the 14th of the month for the material to appear in that month's newsletter.