



The Howler

at 5 Dogs Creek

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from the trap line ...

by Mad Trapper of Rat River

By the time you read this, your club will be about one month away from hosting the SASS California State Championship again. I hope you are getting as excited as I am. Having over 200 cowboys and girls on our range at one time for four days is an event you don't want to miss. Each person brings with them, on average, 6-8 of those things that go bang. So we have about 1,600 of them on the range and will send over 100,000 rounds downrange. Awesome.

If you are a member of 5 Dogs and are not shooting this event please know the town council encourages you to attend anyway. Perhaps you could volunteer to do a little work on one of the days and then stay for dinner. Dinner is just \$20 and is a great meal. Combine that with the camaraderie and you have a recipe that just can't fail. Impress that significant other by bringing her to the range and who knows that might just spark an interest in your addiction. We have to know if you are coming ahead of the actual event so we can know how much food to order. Please pay at the range this month or send in your check to P. O. Box 22305, Bakersfield, 93311.



We are now on summer hours as of April 1. Here's what that means:
Registration opens at **7:00 a.m.**

Posse walk through with sheriff and writer at **7:30 a.m.**

Mandatory shooter's meeting at 8:00 a.m.

Shoot right after meeting or no later than **8:30 a.m.**

These times become really important as the weather heats up.

On a lighter note... As a preview for St. Patrick's day, 5 Dogs Range was blessed with a big leprechaun who visited us and stuck around to shoot. He carried a shotgun instead of shillelagh and, in the interest of being politically correct, did not smoke his corncob pipe. Thanks for getting us in the mood for corn beef and cabbage MC Ryder.





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by Fordyce Beals

The April 6 and 7th match is sponsored by Chama Bill and Mudhen Mille. This will be a fun match, so don't miss it.

The March 2 and 3rd match was put on by Jim and Bo Bean. As with many past matches by Bo and Jim, well thought out stages with interesting shooting orders produce a lot of fast match times. Thank you, Jim and Bo.

Lots of club members are attending The Shootout at Fort Miller April 18 to 21. Staged at the Fresno rifle and Pistol Club at Clovis California by our sister club, Kings River Regulators.

The California State Championship SASS 5 Dogs Creek annual match is May 2 to 5. Be sure to sign up soon for 12 main match stages and lots of side matches.

Open months that still need match sponsors are: July, August. Lap Dog and Utah Blaine, volunteered as match sponsors for September. There are still chances to get in on this fun activity. Ask me to sign you up at the next monthly match or email Fordyceleia@live.com.

**Come one come all ...
Not to a HOEDOWN,**



But to a HOE - DOWN

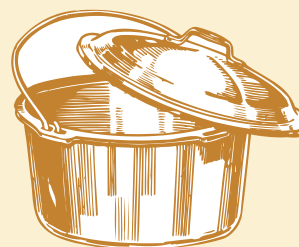


APRIL 5, 6, & 7

**Bring flat shovels, gloves,
and a
Happy face.**

FOOD TALK

If you missed the match last month we are truly sorry for you. We had perfect weather and Bo and Jim designed challenging stages. And then there was the potluck on Saturday night - it was a gastronomic extravaganza.



Speaking of **POTLUCKS** ... there will be two in April:

(1) Friday: Stone Soup

Always a hit so sharpen up your bicuspidus cuz some of those rocks are hard to chew.

Please bring a fresh, canned or frozen vegetable or some sausages for the soup. Of course bread and desserts would also be welcomed.

FOXI WILL START THE SOUP ABOUT 4:30.

EAT AT 6:00

(2) Saturday: Regular Potluck at 6:00 p.m.

Bring a favorite dish to share with your amigos.

New Shooters

We had two new shooters last month and here they are:
Shortcut Slim and Shotgun Lynn.
Welcome!

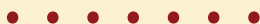


Also, Barely Tolerable returns to 5 Dogs.
This cowboy hails all the way from New Hampshire and will be
shooting with us once again. Welcome back!



Clean Match

We had a virtual dog pack of clean shooters, 12 on Saturday and 9 on Sunday.



Hey, Kate Barlow here, with just a thought. Read first, hang me later.

At the last potluck I sat at the same table with Bo, Jim, Lap Dog and Utah Blaine. Although they are not the regular people I sit by at potlucks, I had one of the best times I ever had at the range. It got me thinking that maybe we can be an even better club by mixing up the company every now and then, both at our potlucks and in our posses.

CLUB CLASSIFIED SECTION and NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS:

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- **DEADLINE:** by the 14th of the month for the material to appear in that month's newsletter.