



# The Howler

## at 5 Dogs Creek

May 2013

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## from the trap line ...

*by Mad Trapper of Rat River*

### And now...for my final poem as mayor:

The party's over, it's time to call it a day  
We've moved all the targets, we've moved all the hay.  
The range is now quiet save wind in the trees,  
The dogs have been given, and everyone's pleased.  
So thanks one and all for work night and day  
It's over, it's over,..... but just til next May.

I hope you will forgive my feeble attempts at poetry over these past two years. It just seems to happen when I'm really really tired, no make that exhausted. After last year's success I was worried that we might not be able to measure up again this year. In hindsight, I can honestly say that this year was even more successful than last. How did that happen? Well, we learned from our mistakes, were better organized and prepared, and worked even harder. The past three months have been really hectic for a few individuals and the past month has been chaotic for many. Can we improve? Yes, and we will continue our quest for the perfect match as we look to the future and learn from the past.

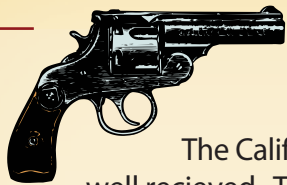
Our club must never cease the effort to increase participation and support by all members. We all know it's not enough to pay your membership and show up at monthly shoots. Annual time is when each member must ask him or herself; "what can I do to help our club?" Yes, sometimes that will mean doing something you would really rather not do. Trust me, we've all been there. So old, very old, or not so old there are things you can do to make a contribution. Just ask or, better yet, step up when you see some things needs to be done.

You should all be proud of the way we represented our club to shooters from near and far. If you don't believe me just go on the SASS Wire and read the comments and kudos. The one that really hit home for me was when Bearcat said "5 Dogs has the friendliest people on the planet." If you don't know this gentleman, trust me, he chooses his words carefully and means what he says. The cowboy spirit was alive and well and carefully nurtured that weekend. It will continue to grow and spread because of you. My heartfelt thanks for a challenging and wonderful two years. Yahoo

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## The Sheriff's Log

by Fordyce Beals

The California State Championships was held early this month at 5 Dogs Creek and was very well received. The new palisade in the shotgun range separated Bay 1 and 2 and prevented splatter between the bays, a nice addition to the range by range owner Dave Olds.

The side matches on Thursday included the Mayor's Trophy Running with the Big Dogs and the Precision Single Shot Long Range as well as the speed events. Much thanks to all the volunteers that make this happen. The main match on Friday and Saturday had hot conditions and lots of water and ice kept the shooters hydrated. Clean matches were in short supply because of the hot conditions but Gold Dogs were the reward for those that kept the front sight on the targets.

Comments about how clean the range was and how well the registration, match and scoring were reflect on all the hard efforts of the 5 Dogs Creek and sister club volunteers. All the club members are proud of the effort put in by our mayor and fiddler Mad Trapper Of Rat River who soldiered on with a sore foot that is being operated on this week. He and Wandering Rose gave a tremendous effort for his final term as 5 Dogs Creek Mayor and can feel good in reflection of their terms as leaders of the club as others pick up the gauntlet and carry the club forward into the future.

The match for June is a reprise of the state match, 5 stages each day. I plan to bring 2 Hondas to the range to plug some air conditioning into as summer heat is in the valley.

July and August matches are still orphans and need adoption. Ask me to sign you up at the next monthly match or email [Fordyceleia@live.com](mailto:Fordyceleia@live.com).

**Wanna win a gold dog for your hat?**



It's easy! All you have to do is attend Shootout At 5 Dogs Creek next year and **shoot clean for 12 stages.**

This year there were 13 clean shooters. You ladies and gentlemen were awesome!

Make your plans now and see if you can earn a golden dog

**Who says there's no free lunch?**

It may not be lunch, but it's free!

**There will be a potluck Saturday night.**



Meat will be provided, bring a veggie or dessert.

## HOW DID 5 DOGS DO?

Here is a summary of how club members placed at the annual. **Congratulations to all of you.**

Tucson Smith	5th	B Western
Tool Box	2nd	49er
Harry Morse	5th	Cattle Baron
Coal Train	2nd	Duelist
Professor Cubby Bear	3rd	Duelist
Chama Bill	3rd	Senior
Snakebite	1st	Frontier Cartridge
Badmann Bob	2nd	Silver Senior
Cold Iron Charly	3rd	Silver Senior
Coyote Carson	2nd	Wrangler
Jim Bean	5th	Wrangler
Mescalero	5th	Gunfighter
Miss Barah Lee Midst	2nd	Ladies Duelist
Calgary Kate	1st	Ladies Gunfighter
Meaner N Me	2nd	Ladies Senior
Poison Oakley	2nd	Ladies Silver Senior
Raspberry Hays	5th	Ladies Wrangler

## CLEAN SHOOTERS FROM 5 DOGS ARE:

Badmann Bob  
Buddy Love  
Chama Bill  
Coyote Carson  
Limpin' Leroy  
Mudhen Millie  
Nasty Navarro  
Ruthless Ray  
Toolbox

That's NINE of the 13 clean shooters.  
We are doing something right here folks.

These boots were admirably filled by our club members. To shooters AND volunteer workers who didn't shoot .....

**THANKS FOR STEPPING UP!!!**



**New Summer Hours!!!**

**Registration opens at 7:30**

**Please register by 8:15**

**Shooter's Meeting at 8:30**

**followed immediately by match.**

## CLUB CLASSIFIED SECTION and NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS:

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