



# THE HOWLER

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**\*From the 46 Connected Ranch**

**by Utah Blaine**

The votes are now in,  
A new mayor has arrived.  
It was a setup, there was  
Only one candidate, so  
Here I am as your mayor.  
Then there is the Queen... .

As I take on the position of mayor I am very much aware that the tenure of the Mad Trapper of Rat River will be a hard act to follow. Certainly I cannot turn a phrase as eloquently as he, as the above little ditty makes clear. Thankfully, all of the members of the Town Council have agreed to stay on, and many others have offered their encouragement and have offered to help in whatever ways may be needed. Thank you, thank you!

In his column last month the Mad Trapper encouraged all us folks to support our Club in ways that go beyond paying the membership and showing up at monthly shoots. He added that there are things all of us can do to make a contribution, regardless of whether we are “old, very old, or not so old.” I have no idea who might be in each of these age groups; although, I suspect the categories in which some of us choose to shoot could be a clue.

While the annual shootout has always required a Herculean effort and the help of many hands, there are some things we might be attentive to throughout the year that will help keep our range in good condition: periodically cleaning the bays, which seem to rapidly accumulate both “wads” and weeds; filling in the burrows some pesky creatures dig “everywhere,” a few large enough to twist an ankle if somebody inadvertently steps in one; volunteering when the Sheriff announces there is a need for someone to design the bays for a particular monthly shoot; and, if you happen to notice something that is in need of repair, or if you have an idea as to how we might improve our range, do not hesitate to contact either me or the Range Wrangler; we will always listen!

There are already a couple of improvements underway at the range. First, Huckleberry Flash has arranged to have four trees planted at Bay’s 9 and 10. Dave Olds has dug the holes for the trees. The planting will take place on Saturday, June 22, very, very early in the morning; we never know how hot it is going to get, or how early, at this time of the year. Second, some of you may have noticed that quite a few, if not all, of the “older” benches we have around the range are getting pretty rickety or have just fallen apart. Mescalero and Huckleberry have undertaken the task of developing a few “prototype” benches to see if they will work for us. One way or another, it is clear the “old” benches need to be replaced, before someone gets hurt when sitting on one and it collapses.

The application for hosting the State championships will be submitted within the next few days, thanks to the effort of the Mad Trapper of Rat River. Should we once again be hosting the State match, I am confident that with the help of all you cowboys and cowgirls we will be able to put on a first rate, and entertaining, Shootout at 5 Dogs Creek. Also, thanks to Wanderin' Rose, for arranging with SASS to change the mayor contact information for our Club in the *Cowboy Chronicle*.

\* Finally, some of you may be wondering from whence comes the title for this column. In the book *Utah Blaine*, by Louis L'Amour there is a rancher by the name of Joe Neal who says his brand is the "46 Connected." This ranch runs 30,000 head of cattle; however, Joe has just been "slowly" hung and left to die by a crooked bunch of "vigilantes." At least one of these vigilantes lusts after Joe's ranch. And who should show up at the opportune time save Joe's life; of course, none other than Utah Blaine. Joe cannot return to his ranch, fearing for his life, so he arranges to have all the proper paper work drawn up in far away El Paso for Utah Blaine to be manager of the 46 Connected Ranch. For those of you familiar with the geography of Arizona, the 46 Connected is located toward the upper end of the Verde River Valley. And there you have it, the title that will henceforth be used for this column.

## Sheriff's Log

The match for June was a reprise of the state match. The hot weather both days was a reprise of the state match weather as well. Many cries of to: "I shot this stage much better at the state shooter, Twilight Moon, cleaned 5 orientation on Saturday. She can accuracy part down.

The match on July 6 and 7 is sponsored thanks him for volunteering at the

Welcome to the new mayor, Utah Blaine. I look forward to working another year as Sheriff for the 5 Dogs Creek Club with Utah at the helm. The Top Hand annual award was presented at the June match to the hard working Mad Dog Draper, what a great cowboy! August matches are still orphans and need adoption.



concernation were heard on my posse similar match!" The biggest surprise was that a new stages on Sunday after a safety work on speed now that she has the

by Bull McFearson. The whole club shooters meeting before the June match.



**Utah Blaine makes it official,  
accepts mayor's plaque.  
Thanks Utah & Good Luck!**

## Mad Dog Draper named Top Hand!



There were lots of people considered for this year's Top Hand Award. However, once the votes were tallied it was unanimous. Mad Dog Draper has served our club for many years and is without a doubt the most faithful attendee at 5 Dogs. He served two years as mayor and is always available when there is work to do. Thanks Mad Dog Draper and congratulations.

Okay,  
how  
about  
here?



By the time you read this four new mulberry trees will have been planted in locations mutually agreed to by Mescalero, Huckleberry Flash and El Alacran del Norte. Special thanks goes to Mr. Flash for stepping up and taking charge of this project. By next year we will have **some** shade down at Bays 9 and 10.

## It's All In The Family

Say hello to Twilight Moon, Skywalker, and Tomahawk Ty.

**Twilight Moon shot her first match ever clean.**

Welcome!



## Sextet Shoots Saturday Kleen



## Different Day: Different Sextet



↖  
Twilight Moon: First match ever, shot clean. A beautiful rose amongst a definite thorny patch.