



# The Howler

at 5 Dogs Creek

August 2013

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## From the 46 Connected Ranch

*by Utah Blaine*

As you all know, the She Bang will soon be here! The first weekend in October is only a month and a-half away. In the past the She Bang has attracted a large number of shooters, and there is every reason to expect this will be true again this year. Accordingly, I would like to have a work party after the Saturday match in September to start getting the range spick and span for this event.

There are a number of clean-up tasks that need to be done in preparation for the She Bang. This is not an exhaustive list of tasks; it's just a few things that come to mind. 1) There are a lot of cobwebs everywhere that need to be "knocked down;" spraying a little later in the month will help to keep the spider and fly population in check. 2) It seems the weed population is expanding; getting rid of them will make the range look much better. 3) We may also need to "prune" a few low hanging branches so the taller folks won't "accidentally" run into them. 4) There is trash in the wooden barrels that don't have lids, and there is some trash in "the well" on Bay 9; I'd like to get this trash removed. If any of you see anything else that needs to be done, please let me know.

I will likely call for another work party around the third week of September. This will be the time to rake the bays and fill in any divots, and take care of anything else that was missed.

Mescalero and Huckleberry Flash have put together three new prototype benches. They are easily identifiable since they look new and are quite different from the "old" ones that are falling apart and becoming an accident hazard. Try out the new prototype benches, and if you like the benches let me know.

Those of you who were at the Western Regional Championship match no doubt noticed that many of the shotgun targets were up "off the ground" and at different levels. Again, Mescalero and Huckleberry Flash will be developing a prototype stand to see if it will work to elevate our shotgun targets, and to elevate them at different levels. And as our Sheriff, Fordyce Beals has noted: "high and low stands will provide more variation" for the scenarios. Further, those who have been kicking this idea around agree that "not pounding stakes is a good goal."

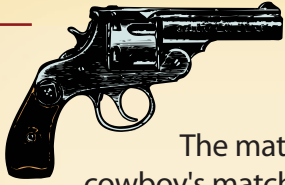
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## • • • • • • • • • • **The Sheriff's Log** by Fordyce Beals

The match for August was sponsored by Jim and Bo Bean. One of the keys as why these cowboy's matches are so fun is that they have the knack of writing the stages to speed up the times of the shooters lower down on the overall results. Of course the faster shooters go faster and every one goes home with a smile on their face. Thanks Jim and Bo!

The match on August 31 and September 1 is sponsored by Utah Blaine and Lap Dog. I looked at the stage instructions and see another quality match for the 5 Dogs Creek members.

The Western Regional Championships at the Chorro Valley Regulators range had beautiful weather to go with 12 fun stages. With over 300 shooters registered they had two relays of main match posses for the two day main match. The side match results are not posted at this time but here are how the 5 Dogs Creek members did at the main match:

**Clean shooters** - Bad Man Bob, Harry Morse, Mad Dog Draper and Ruthless Ray.

This is 1/3 of all clean shooters at the match!

**1st place** - Calgary Kate Ladies Gunfighter, Coal Train Dualist, Mescalero Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter, Sinful 49er.

**2nd place** - Badmann Bob Silver Senior, Leia Tombstone Ladies Frontier Cartridge, Snakebite Senior Frontier Cartridge

**3rd place** - Coal Iron Charley Silver Senior, Coyote Carson Wrangler, Meaner-N-Me Ladies Senior, Miss Barah Lee Misditt Ladies Dualist.

**4th place** - Raspberry Hayes Ladies Wrangler.

**5th place** - Chama Bill Senior, Fordyce Beals Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter.

**6th place** - Tehachapi Horn Elder Statesman

**8th place** - Jayusa 49er, Harry Morse Cattle Baron

**9th place** - Bo Bean Silver Senior, Mud Hen Millie Ladies 49er, Sam Ootie Senior.

**10th place** - Kaweah Kid 49er, Miss Ann Laughitoff Ladies 49er.

Outside top 10 in category - Calamine, Hennessey Hayes, Lap Dog, Limpin Leroy, Mad Dog Draper, Nasty Navarro, Ruthless Ray, Utah Blaine.

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Quick Draw Grandpa, our Range Wrangler, and I have walked through all 10 of our bays and made an assessment of "repair and maintenance" tasks that need to be done. A few of the bays are "solid and in good shape." A few are basically solid but require a little TLC. There is one, Bay 8, that definitely needs some repair, and there is another, Bay 4, that requires a complete rethinking about what we want to do there. Mescalero has submitted some ideas for revamping Bay 4 that look promising.

As an aside, all of the barrels we have are falling apart! If we are going to salvage any of them we need to figure out how to keep the staves from falling inward. Huckleberry Flash picked up four new barrels from Walking Eagle, who owns a winery, on his way to the Western Regional Championship. We traded a stage sponsorship at our annual match for these new barrels. Which reminds me, 5 Dogs Creek is sponsoring a stage at the Annual Shootout at Fort Miller.

Finally, in case any of you want to get in touch with me apart from the monthly match you may contact me by phone at 661-213-4238, or by email at [mayor5dogscreek@yahoo.com](mailto:mayor5dogscreek@yahoo.com) or at [dmcmillin@csub.edu](mailto:dmcmillin@csub.edu).

# ★ Historical Note ★



**Kate Elder**, aka Big Nose Kate, was born Mary Katherine Harony and was 15 when her Hungarian immigrant parents died. She ran away from her foster home and worked as a prostitute. She knew Wyatt Earp in Wichita and disliked him then as well as later. She left Wichita with the gambler J. S. Elder and took his name. She met Doc Holliday in Fort Griffin, Texas and became his paramour in 1877. After a stormy relationship they parted company in 1881. She moved to Globe, Arizona and subsequently married George Cummings, a Colorado miner. After George died, Kate moved back to Arizona; she died at the Arizona Pioneer's Home in Prescott in 1937 (Wild West, December 2012:5)

## Clean Match



Sunday



Saturday

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