



# The Howler

at 5 Dogs Creek

• September 2013

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## From the 46 Connected Ranch

by Utah Blaine

*The Annual She-Bang will be the first weekend in October. Please see the article in this issue of The Howler, provided by Lap Dog, for the detailed plans for the She-Bang. The scenarios for several of the stages for this event have already been set-up, as has the stage for the team-shoot side match. Although I do not know how they will be shot, the set-ups certainly look very interesting. And Bones Brannon has designed a most unique BB gun target for this side-match!*

*Several of the folks stayed around after the shooting was over on August 31st and helped to clean up some of the range in preparation for the She-Bang. I know that Saturday the 28th is the fourth Saturday of this month and the 29th is the 5th Sunday, which means the Poso River Vigilance Committee will be shooting on the 28th and the Chorro Valley Regulators will be shooting again on the 29th. I imagine several of you will be taking advantage of this opportunity; however, if any of you will be staying around Bakersfield that weekend, I invite you to join me at the 5 Dogs Creek on the morning of the 28th for some final clean-up before the She-Bang the following weekend.*

*In the past two issues of The Howler I have mentioned that many of our old benches have become something of a hazard. Mescalero and Huckleberry Flash constructed three new prototype benches that have been on the range for a month or so now. I mentioned at the recent Town Council Meeting that I was inclined to go ahead and authorize the construction of more new benches, which I have done. We will also take a look at the old benches to see which ones we might be able to reinforce sufficiently to keep in service.*

*The Town Council also authorized the construction of a number of new pistol targets. Our Sheriff, Fordyce Beals will be obtaining the steel for these targets and our Blacksmith, Bones Brannon will be welding the bracket supports on to the backs of the targets.*

*As I announced earlier, we now have in-hand written confirmation that we will be hosting the 2014 SASS California State Championship May 1 – 4. A worksheet for this annual event, which we preface as The Shootout at 5 Dogs Creek, has been created and reviewed by the Town Council. The purpose of the worksheet is, of course, to keep us on track and to meet the necessary deadlines in the planning process. Some of the service providers we have used in the past have already been contacted. I would be remiss if I did not mention that our Banker, Miss Barah Lee Misditt, has taken the lead in making several of these contacts. Further details will be provided as the planning progresses.*

*I would in closing like to make "a pitch," one I believe the Mad Trapper of Rat River made during his tenure as Mayor. We recycle, well actually our Store Keeper, El Alacran Del Norte and Foxy School Marm recycle, all the water bottles and soda cans collected at the range. The proceeds are what help us to pay for the water that is available during our monthly competitions. "My pitch" is for those of you that may not need the money from recyclable water bottles or soda cans, please bring them to the range in a garbage bag, or box, or whatever, and we will take care of them!*

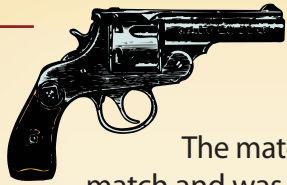
*So, until we meet at the She-Bang, or the work-party on the 28th, keep your horse shod, your guns clean, your powder dry, and negotiate those "trails" safely!*

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by Fordyce Beals

The match for September was sponsored by Utah Blaine and Lap Dog. This was their first match and was successful written, set up and enjoyed by everyone who shot save one person. Lap Dog got a procedural and qualified for the wall of shame!

The October 5 and 6 match is She Bang! Get those pink accessories in the range bag (Barmaids, Bullets and Bacon too) and join the fun. Remember to bring BB guns, .22 pistols, .22 lever actions and extra ammo for the side matches on Saturday. Not part of the official proceedings is a major resurgence of interest in long range cowboy single shot shooting, join me and others with those big 350 to 540 grain loads at bay one.

Now is the time to talk to the sheriff about sponsoring the matches for 2014. Those who have done a 2013 match get first choice on picking months to sponsor. If you have never sponsored a match plenty of help and advice is available to make the work easy. Try it, you will like it!

## Yee-haw!

### The 5 Dogs Creek Annual She-Bang

*Information Provided by Lap Dog*

Fall is in the air and so is the annual She-Bang at 5 Dogs Creek! Join us October 6-7 for she-loads of fun at a kicked-up monthly match with shooting and shenanigans hosted by the ladies of 5 Dogs Creek.

#### The She-Bang!

- 5 stages Saturday and 5 on Sunday. These are two separate matches.
- Everyone – shooters and non-shooters – will be entered in a raffle of treasured items donated by the ladies.

We'll be selling "Dog-Nabits," to erase some of those pesky misses, with proceeds going to the ASI Cancer Center at San Joaquin Hospital. Bring your checkbook; all donations are tax deductible!

#### The She-Nanigans!

- Hot Dogs at 6:00 pm Friday!

This is a potluck with hot dogs provided; bring a side-dish and/or a dessert.

- Side matches Saturday! After lunch load 'em back up for an unforgettable team shoot; .22 man-on-man challenge; and an awesome BB shoot. Bring your BB gun, your .22 rifle and .22 pistol.
  - Saturday night will be the 'bacon' themed potluck, cobbler, and a movie featuring various bar scenes!!
- Cowboy swap meet! All weekend sell, buy, trade or barter your extra cowboy duds, gear or whatever. (Ladies, please no swapping of cowboys this year!)

There is free camping on the range Friday – Monday. There is no "pre-registration." There are no awards. And please, no party-poopers.

# ★ Historical Note ★

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**Alice Jane McKey Holiday:** Doc's mother was a refined and pious southern lady who pampered him and who also worried about his faith. She died on September 16, 1866, possibly of tuberculosis, though this is uncertain.

**Rachel Martin:** Doc's stepmother, who was 23 years old when she married his father who was 47, just three months after Doc's mother died. Doc never forgave his father for marrying Rachel.

**Martha Ann "Mattie" Holliday:** Doc's first cousin who remained close to him throughout his life. Just what their relationship was is still debated. She became a nun in 1883 and became Sister Mary Melanie.

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## Clean Shooters

### Saturday Clean Shooters

Bones Brannon  
El Alacran Del Norte  
Hooker John  
Jayusa  
Mad Dog Draper  
Mescalero  
Mudhen Millie  
Professor Cubby Bear

### Sunday Clean Shooters

Calgary Kate  
El Alacran Del Norte  
Fordyce Beals  
Mad Dog Draper  
Mescalero  
Professor Cubby Bear  
Sierra Rider



## 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.
- **Text** should be submitted in a Word document or sent as plain text in an email message.
- **DEADLINE:** by the 14th of the month for the material to appear in that month's newsletter.