



The Howler

at 5 Dogs Creek

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From the 46 Connected Ranch

by Utah Blaine

I encourage all of you to read the article on the She-Bang written by our very own "word smith" the Mad Trapper of Rat River, with photos by Doubleshot Darlin and Wanderin Rose. This article is posted separately as it is a "newsletter" in and of itself. I will say nothing in this column about the She-Bang, as the aforementioned article provides an excellent and full description of the goings on during this weekend! Though I do want to extend my own heartfelt thanks to the cowgirls in our club who put it all together, and to the cowgirls and cowboys who helped out with getting the bays cleaned up to adding the final touches to the bays and the targets.

As of this writing Mescalero and Huckleberry Flash will have likely replaced all the old benches with new ones. Huckleberry also delivered the four new barrels that he picked up on his way to the Western Regional, from the winery owned by Walking Eagle. Very soon we will want to get the bands on these new barrels secured, as well as "securing" the bands on the "old" barrels we have had for quite a long time; we need to salvage as many of them as possible.

Of most immediate importance, as far as the range is concerned, is to get Thompson Water Seal on all of the facades. I will shortly be purchasing 20 gallons of "the stuff," as well as a couple of Hudson sprayers for the application. So, don't be surprised if some of you cowboys hear a plaintiff cry off in the distance asking for "a gathering at the range."

Finally, now that I'm sort of getting the hang of this mayor thing, I've been discovering that as much as others may try to let you know what it entails in advance, "full disclosure" is never possible in one fell swoop. However, ex-mayors, and other ex-officers of the Club, and present officers who have longer tenure than me, have been very, very helpful in keeping me on track and helping me get "up to speed" on a variety of tasks. So, keep offering advice, not that I will always take it, but it is always helpful.

So, until we meet again, keep your horse shod, your guns clean, your gun powder dry, and negotiate those "trails" safely!

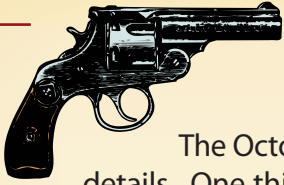
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The reason there are almost no pictures in this newsletter is that MTRR used them all in his article. So, make sure you do not miss the She-Bang article from Mad Trapper of Rat River if you want to know what happened at the last shoot.



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by Fordyce Beals

The October 5 and 6 match was She Bang! See Mad Trapper of Rat river's article for all the details. One thing he got wrong was the bacon themed food not a contest winner: from my taste buds the winner was Calgary Kate with bacon wrapped feta cheese stuffed dates. You might go through an entire life time and not taste something this wonderful, but it was here at 5 dogs Creek's Shebang!

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The match for November 2 and 3 is sponsored by Mescalero and Calgary Kate. I have read the stages and get ready for something just a little different to widen you cowboy action shooting experience. Mescalero tested some new ideas after the Shebang! side matches and will include those which paned out.

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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! A sign up sheet will be circulated during the November match, look for it.

The November match is written by Mescalero and Calgary Kate. I'm sure we'll be in for a treat. To make the experience even more fun, here are a few things they think we should know about, and prepare for, in November. Mwaahhahaha!

- In honor of Halloween, the theme for the match is Tremors 4 (the greatest sic-fi horror western ever made!).
- Potluck on Saturday night. If we can round up the necessary equipment, we will show the movie right after dinner. Bring a lawn chair and blanket. Watch Hiram Gummer take on giant man-eating worms with an 8-gauge shotgun.
- One stage on Saturday will include knock-down targets. If you sometimes use knock-down loads, bring enough for one stage.

★ **Historical Note** ★

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“During a tour of duty with **Company A of the 38th Infantry**, one of the all black Army regiments established after the Civil War, one private...marched with the unit more than 500 miles from Fort Harker, Kansas, to Fort Union, New Mexico Territory, and...400 more miles to Forts Cumming and Bayard, New Mexico Territory....

[This private] who ate with them, who joked with them and slept beside them, was not as he seemed. His fellow soldiers would have been shocked to learn that beneath the private's bulky uniform was the body of **Cathay Williams**, a female ex-slave who had joined the Army to support herself....

Although, female soldiers had fought in both the Union and Confederate armies, it remained illegal for women to serve in the military. Williams [had to be]... ever alert to ensure the subterfuge would not be revealed” (Wild West, April 2013:23). There is, of course, much more to this story!

