



The Howler

at 5 Dogs Creek

April 2014

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From the 46 Connected Ranch

by Utah Blaine

By the time you read this we will be just "days away" from the Shootout at 5 Dogs Creek/SASS California State Championships. As I am sure all of you know the Shootout is May 1- 4, which means final preparations will be underway beginning on Friday, April 25 and continuing through Wednesday, April 30. If any of you are available on one or more of these days, please join us to help out.

There was a work party on Saturday, April 5, and another on Saturday, April 12. On both days "a lot of work got done! April 12 was an especially long day! A lot of cowboys and cowgirls, the usual cast of characters, and others too, have been working very hard to get everything in order for our Shootout. There are too many cowboys and cowgirls to list; however, you know who you are and I am extremely grateful for all the work you have been doing!

I would like to extend a very big thank you to Dave Olds. You may recall that at last year's Shootout the shower got heavy use and a puddle of water formed above the drainage area just outside the shower. This problem has now been solved. Dave installed a drainage pipe extending out to the ditch by the entry road; this will take care of any potential overflow. In addition, he "rehabilitated" the berm on the north sides of all but two of the bays; the two bays which were okay. So, if you happen to see Dave, please thank him for the work he has done on the range.

Thank you to all of you who volunteered to help during the days of our Shootout. We may still need a few people to help out with the side matches on Thursday, May 1. Depending on what it looks like toward the end of this coming week, don't be surprised if I track you down and ask you to fill in wherever there may be a place needing a little extra help. Lap Dog tells me that the number of volunteers who have already signed up is looking good.

I may have remarked in last month's column that we now have a complete set of projection equipment. It was used for the first time on Saturday night of the April monthly match, where the movie The Magnificent Seven was shown. Those of you who shot this match will recall that "the lines" were taken from this movie. If there are sufficient numbers of folks interested, it really doesn't take too many, we will continue to have a Saturday movie night at our regularly scheduled monthly matches, after the potluck. Whoever is setting up the monthly match can dictate the movie to be shown.

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All you cowboys and cowgirls out there keep your horse shod, your guns clean, and your powder dry. We look forward to seeing you all May 1-4.



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by Fordyce Beals

Thank you!! goes to the team of Bones Brannon, Kate Barlow and Badger Clark who put on the April 5 and 6 match. Intricate shooting instructions made clean shooters scarce, but both days were challenging and fun.

The State Championships hosted by Five Dogs Creek comes to our range on May 1 to 4, 2014. Be sure to bring lots of extra ammo to shoot all the side match opportunities on Thursday and Sunday. Don't forget the long range rifles, rifle caliber lever action rifles, black powder night shoot guns and ammo, Plainsman single shot rifles and cap and ball revolvers, and Wild bunch 1911 ACP!! And get ready to be entertained by both Mad Trapper of Rat River and Fredric Jackson Turner on the main stage.

We have only 2 months left to be chosen by volunteer match sponsors. They are July, August. Email me if you want to set up one of those months: fordyceleia@live.com

Clean Shooters

Saturday, April 5, 2014

One clean shooter, Kate Barlow, who arrived at the range after the shoot. :)

Sunday, April 6, 2014

Hawkeye O'Riley, Mad Dog Draper, and Mescalero. Not pictured: Pocket Change, Rattlesnake Rip.



★ Historical Note ★

Abraham Henson Meadows was born in a snowstorm in Elbow Creek, Tulare, California in either 1859 or 1860. His family moved to Arizona in 1877. He grew up to be a big, strapping cowboy, standing six feet six inches. In 1889 Buffalo Bill Cody saw Tom Horn and Meadows rope in Tucson and offered them both a job. Tom Horn declined; however, "Arizona Charlie" as Meadows was known, accepted and ended up touring the world with Buffalo Bill's Wild West show. Eventually Meadows opened his own show (True West, May 2014:65).

When gold was discovered in the Yukon Territory, Meadows made the trek to the Territory and built the Palace Grand Theater in Dawson, which is still in operation. After he cashed out, he retired to Yuma, Arizona. He thought the city's hot climate would allow him to beat the premonition that he would die as he was born, in a snowstorm (p. 65).

On December 9, 1932 a freak snowstorm hit Yuma, and "Arizona Charlie" died after operating on his varicose veins with a pocket knife. He was 73 years old (p. 65)



Abraham Henson "Arizona Charlie" Meadows



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