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# From the 46 Connected Ranch

by Utah Blaine

As I am sure you all know by now, this is **the last year** we will host the SASS California State Championship at 5 Dogs Creek. SASS has been notified of this decision, it has been sent to all who are on our Club's "news list," and the SASS clubs in California have been notified. This is certainly not a decision that was reached lightly. Nor does it have anything to do with the vitality of 5 Dogs Creek as a club; we will certainly continue to be a strong player in the cowboy action shooting game.

As far as this year's **Shootout at 5 Dogs Creek/SASS California State Championship** goes, the final preparations are taking shape. If you have not done so already, now is the time to volunteer to staff the Shootout. Volunteers are needed for the side-matches on April 30, and for a variety of essential jobs on May 1, 2 and 3. Lap Dog is in charge of signing up volunteers; the sign-up sheets will be available at our regular Saturday, April 4, match for you to indicate how you would like to help out. She can be reached by email at *dhansen2@bak.rr.com*, or by phone at 661-301-8288.

Maintenance repairs on the range are well underway. Mescalero has undertaken the task, with help from other members of the Club, to build the retaining wall for the berm between Bays 9 and 10, and to replace the fence boards on the fences on either side of the entrance adjacent to the Red Barn. Miss Foxy School Marm has designed the façade for the Office. When the facade is finished we will be able to put up our 5 Dogs Creek so it can be seen as folks drive into the 5 Dogs range. By the time of the April 4 match, I imagine all of these tasks will be completed. And thanks to Bix Bender for hauling all the lumber for these projects to our range!

I would also like to extend my thanks to those who showed up for the work party on March 14: Buddy Love, Joker's Wild, Mad Trapper of Rat River, Wandern' Rose, Miss Foxy School Marm, El Alacran Del Norte, Bix Bender, and Lap Dog. All of the staging tables received a new coat of paint, as did all the unloading tables, except for those where the tops have to be replaced. A considerable area was cleared of weeds, including several of the bays. And headway was made on pulling old staples out of some facades, posts, and other flat surfaces where one or another notification had been posted.

As an aside, if you have taken responsibility for one of our 10 Bays, now is the time to begin sprucing it up and getting it ready for the Shootout.

I have set aside the following days for a work party **March 21, April 4, 11, and 24-29.** I will post a schedule of "jobs" to be accomplished on each of these days.

Again, if you have not done so already, please renew your membership! Dues are \$40.00 for a single membership; \$55 for a family membership. You may pay your membership dues at the 5 Dogs Creek office **at our April 4 match**, or you may down load the membership form from our website and send it with your check made out to 5 Dogs Creek, P.O. Box 22305, Bakersfield, CA 93311.

I am very pleased to announce that we have a slate of officers for the Club who have agreed to stand for election in June: **Mayor**, Miss Foxy School Marm; **Sheriff**, Mad Dog Draper; **Banker**, Bull McFearson. This is a most welcome development! I hope you will agree with me that this is a very solid slate of officers and will join with me to elect them to these positions.

Finally, the Mad Trapper of Rat River and Wanderin Rose are putting together the match for April 4; **we will only be shooting this one day**, as Easter is the first Sunday, April 5 and all of the 5 Dogs Range will be closed. There will be five stages Saturday and there will be the opportunity for one "mulligan," so should a mulligan be in your future make sure you bring enough ammunition. Also, a hot dog lunch with chips and a salad will be provided. And after the scores are read the work party for that day will commence!

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 Saturday, April 4.

### • The Sheriff's Log

by Fordyce Beals

Bo Bean and Fordyce Beals, with support from Leia Tombstone, put on the February 28 and March 1 matches. Lots of fast shooting was done between a few rain drops. I thank Bo and Leia for helping to put on this match.

Mad Trapper of Rat River and Wandern' Rose are putting together the match for April 4; we will only be shooting this one day, as Easter is the first Sunday, April 5, and all of the 5 Dogs Range will be closed. Bring 6 stages of ammunition to take full advantage of the 5 stage instructions. Be sure to schedule extra time April 4 to join in on the work party preceded by a hot dog feast.

Let me know if you are interested in sponsoring a match in 2015. fordyceleia@live.com

## **Clean Shooters**

Saturday Clean Shooters (left to right): Harry Morse, El Alacran Del Norte, Mudhen Millie, Buddy Love, Mad Dog Draper, and Chama Bill. Not shown: Shorty James.

Sunday Clean Shooters(left to right): Chama Bill, Mudhen Millie, Mad Dog Draper, and Sam Ootie. Not shown: Harry Morse.





Of the repeating rifles produced circa 1860 to 1875, which one had the highest magazine capacity? It was not the Henry rifle, it was not the Winchester 1866, nor was it the \Winchester 1873. It was the Evans, produced from 1873 until 1879 (Lofgren 2015:43)/

In its first iteration, released in 1973 in .44 caliber with barrels running from 26 to 30 inches and in the carbine with a 22 inch barrel, it could hold 34 rounds of ammunition in reserve (Lofgren 2015:43). A later version, called the Evans New Model held 26 rounds of a slightly longer and more powerful cartridge (p. 44).



The Evans was developed by two brothers: Warren and George Evans, a dentist and a self-taught mechanic. The Evans rifle used a butt-stock fed magazine that operated with an Archimedean screw-type arrangement; a system that dates back to at least the 3rd Century B. C.

Although the Evans was designed as a military rifle, there was little interest in it either in the United States or abroad. Unfortunately, the Evans had a rather weak action and "a propensity to jam when subjected to the dusty conditions often encountered in the world of the 1880s." (Lofgren 2015:44).



An Apache Native American holding an Evans Repeating Rifle, circa 1880

\*Lofgren, Todd G. "New Model Evans .44: Revolutionary 1880s Repeating Rifle Held the Most Rounds of Its Class," Guns of the Old West. Spring 2015: 42-47.

#### **CLUB CLASSIFIED SECTION and NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS:**

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