



The Howler

at 5 Dogs Creek

June/July 2015

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From the 46 Connected Ranch

by Utah Blaine

This is my last column as Mayor for The Howler. Looking back it felt like this time two years ago was a long way off in the dim and distant future. Now it feels like these last two years have gone by very quickly!

In the May issue of The Howler I thanked a number of folks for their help with the Shootout at 5 Dogs Creek/SASS California State Championship, as well as throughout my tenure as Mayor. Unfortunately, I failed to mention someone who has been of considerable help to me and has provided an essential service to the Club; namely, Kate Barlow. She is the person responsible for formatting the Match Book for the Shootout, and is also the person who formats The Howler each and every month! So, my profound apologies to her for failing to include her among those I thanked last month. So, thank you Kate Barlow for your contribution to our Club!

At our June shoot we elected four new Club officers to the Town Council for the 2015-2016 year: Mayor-Miss Foxy Schoolmarm; Banker-Bull McFearson; Sheriff-Mad Dog Draper; Range Wrangler-Mescalero. We also reelected the following members of the Town Council: Territorial Governor-Professor Cubby Bear; Blacksmith-Bones Brannon; Storekeeper-El Alacran Del Norte, who will also assume the title of Alacran Del Rey; and Editor of The Howler-Kate Barlow.

The newly constituted Town Council will assume its official duties beginning July 1, 2015!

The decision has been made to implement the wireless scoring system that is used by the Kings River Regulators and by the Choro Valley Regulators. The system was developed by Tex Wayland and he has made it available to us, and to our two sister clubs, at no charge. We, of course, have to buy the equipment to operate the system, but the installation of that equipment will be at no charge to the Club; Tex is donating his and his technician's time. We will have to purchase some "notebooks" on which to enter scores, and we will have to make a decision about how to "power" the transmitting towers which, according to Tex, use power equivalent to that of a light bulb.

I would add that this is not a decision arrived at suddenly or hastily. We first entered into discussion with Tex about the wireless scoring system in November 2014. There was additional discussion during December 2014 and January 2015. Subsequent to these discussions the Town Council decided to wait until after the SASS California State Championship before proceeding with implement. On the afternoon of June 6 Tex further discussed the system with both the old and new members of the Town Council; there was general agreement that we should proceed, which we have done.

Our official address:

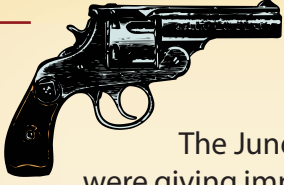
5 Dogs Creek

P. O. Box 22305

Bakersfield, CA 93311

Our next notable event is the She Bang, which takes place at our regularly scheduled shoot in October. This year that will be October 3-5. Put these dates on your calendar; this is not something you will want to miss!

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by Fordyce Beals

The June 6 and 7th match was a reprise of the State match. The trees we planted last year were giving improved shade on Bay 9 and 10. More trees need to be planted to replace the home-
stead tree near bay 1 and 2 that had to be cut down.

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The July 4th and 5th match is being set up by Sam Ootie and Miss Barah Lee Misditt. It will be a real 4th of July celebration with guns blazing and picnics, so don't miss it!

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With the new town council taking over, I want to thank every one who helped me put on the monthly and annual matches for the last three years. Be sure to let the new sheriff, Mad Dog Drapper know if you are interested in writing stages for the monthly matches. This continuous changing stage writers is one of the unique 5 Dogs Creek traditions that keeps the monthly matches fresh and exciting.

.... From the 46 Connected Ranch - continued ...

The Saturday of our next regularly scheduled shoot falls on the 4th of July! Rummage around through your closet and pull out whatever duds you might find that will be fitting for the celebration of our independence from that country across the Atlantic! I'm guessing that our "founding fathers" might be surprised that the nation they crafted still exists intact some 239 years later, and that it extends from "sea to shining sea."

For the 4th of July the Club is providing hot dogs, hot dog buns, and chips, and for those who might be a mite more health conscious, perhaps a green salad.

So, hang around after the main match is over on Saturday, have lunch on the Club, mull over how in the world you got that procedural, or why your only miss of the day was on the last stage of the day, or relive the "train wreck" you had on whatever stage, or celebrate your blazingly fast time for the day, or celebrate the clean match you just shot. Or maybe just enjoy the company of your cowboy and cowgirl pards!

Until we meet again, keep your horse shod, your guns clean, and your powder dry. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, the 4th of July, and Sunday, July 5.

Note from Miss Foxi Schoolmarm

"Thank you all for electing me your new Mayor. The life of our club depends on all of us working together to help the club grow and improve. Don't forget to get your application in for the Western Regional Championships at Chorro Valley. El Alacran and I will be in Oregon for family reunions as well as the Oregon State Match at Albany for the month of July. See you at Chorro."

★ ★ ★ 2015 Top Hand Award ★ ★ ★

Our 2015 Top Hand Award recipient is
Leia Tombstone!

The Top Hand Award goes to a person who has contributed significantly to the Club over a number of years, and who personifies the "spirit of the game." As an aside, no Club officer is eligible for this award.

Leia has worked tirelessly "behind the scenes" computing scores for every monthly shoot, making sure the Match Book for the Shootout at 5 Dogs Creek/SASS California State Championship is published, that the dinner tickets get printed, and the sponsorship signs get printed! And whatever other flyers or other material we need to have printed, Leia sees that it gets done!

*Congratulations to Leia Tombstone;
she is certainly most deserving of the 5 Dogs Creek 2015 Top Hand Award!*



★ Historical Note ★



Esther Ross

Esther Ross practiced breaking water-filled syrup bottles against a tree in her Prescott backyard before her big day christening the USS Arizona.

Over 100 years ago the 17 year old daughter of an ambitious Prescott, Arizona pharmacist traveled to New York to represent her “youthful state as the chosen christener of the USS Arizona” (*Augherton 2015:42*). No one could have known on that day of June 19, 1915 “what lay beyond the maritime horizon for that ship and its crews, some not yet born” (*p.42*).

Back in Arizona the Mexican Revolution spilled across the border. The troops at Fort Huachuca were on constant alert. But most of the forts across Arizona had been decommissioned or were otherwise not staffed well at all (*Augherton 2015:42*).; In Yavapai County copper and cattle was king; the transcontinental railroad shipped the “bevees” and the processed ore both east and west to “feed and fuel the industrial revolution.

Esther returned home to Prescott and lived there until she married and moved to California. When in later years she was asked about the christening of the USS Arizona, she said: “I thought it would be over when I got home, that it would just be an episode in my life and that people would forget about my role. Instead it has followed me throughout my life....” (*p. 42*). Esther Ross Hoggan died August 12, 1979 at the age of 81.

Augherton, Tom. June 2015. “Esther Ross: The Prescott Girl’s Christening of the USS Arizona Symbolized the Start of a New Era of the West,” True West: History of the American Frontier, P. 42.

The photo below of the USS Arizona on her “shakedown cruise” is from <http://www.navsource.org/archives/01/39a.htm>; accessed June 14, 2015. The second photo of the USS Arizona Memorial is from: <http://www.pearl-harbor.com/arizona/arizona.html>; accessed June 14, 2015.



The Arizona leaving Brooklyn Navy Yard on her shakedown cruise. As completed, the ship had very little superstructure and a small bridge. Rangefinders are visible atop both masts. The mast mounted radio antennae have been lowered for passage under the East River bridges. The Panama Canal and the height of the East River bridges set the size limitations for United States battleships through the WW II era Iowa class.



*USS Arizona Memorial
Pearl Harbor, Hawaii*



2015 SASS Western Regional

The 2015 SASS Western Regional will be held at the Chorro Valley Regulators (CVR) range in San Luis Obispo, CA on **August 5-9, 2015.**

This is a super event featuring well over 300 shooters, at a great range along California's Central Coast.

Events include 12 challenging stages, warm-up matches, black powder night shoot, cowboy trap, Wild Bunch, long range (100y, 125y, & 400y), ROI and ROII classes, Plainsman, speed rifle, speed pistol, speed shotgun, Buckaroo / Buckarette / Young Guns mini-match, and a Top-16 shoot-off on Sunday along with several team-shoots, all followed by our awards ceremony.

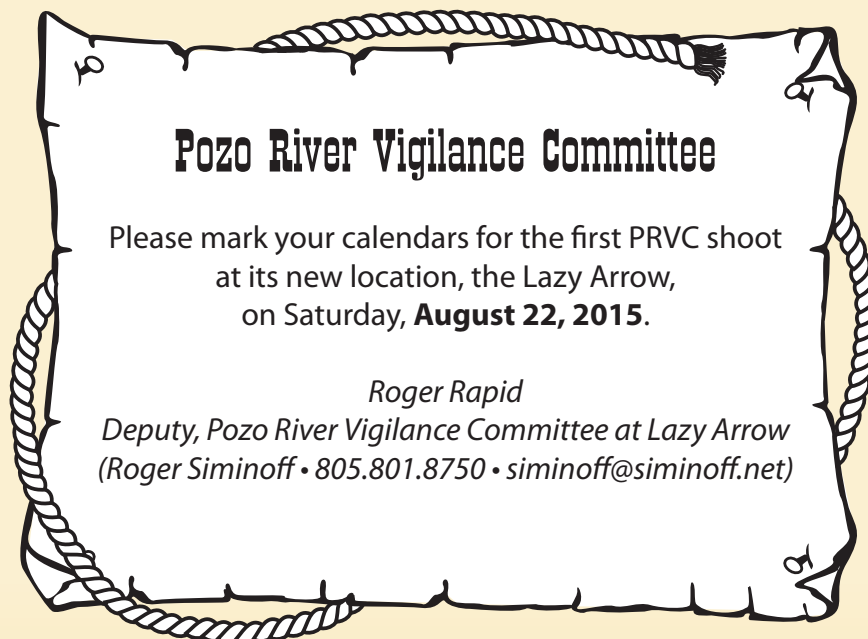
And, to top it all off,

There's the incredible CVR 5-Star Banquet dinner/dance on Saturday night. We'll have more than 20 vendors, and there's ample room for camping (trailers). This is a not-to-miss event.

For more information and registration forms, please go to our website at: **chorrovalleyregulators.org.**

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at the info below.

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PR/Marketing • Chorro Valley Regulators (CVR)
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Pozo River Vigilance Committee

Please mark your calendars for the first PRVC shoot at its new location, the Lazy Arrow, on Saturday, **August 22, 2015.**

*Roger Rapid
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Clean Shooters



Clean Shooters Saturday
from left to right:
Utah Blaine, Lap Dog,
Hawkeye O'Riley,
Fordyce Beals,
Rebecca West,
and Miss Ann Laughtoff.
Not shown: Coyote Carson.



Clean Shooters Sunday
from left to right:
Bo Bean, Badman Bob,
Hawkeye O'Riley,
Sam Ootie,
and Utah Blaine.
Not shown: Sierra Rider.

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If you have guns, boots, or other dry (or not so dry) goods that you would like to list for sale in the newsletter, please contact Kate Barlow at kate.dora@hotmail.com

- **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.