



5 DOGS CREEK HOWLER

BRAVING POOR WEATHER PREDICTIONS FOR FUN DAY!

The 34 hearty shooters who attended the December match dared the weatherman to rain on their range. Despite the clouds and cool wind, there was not a drop of the promised rain...but the threat appeared to have kept many fair-weather cowboys home.

Many thanks to Ten Bears for putting the match together. Using some scenarios from a pervious annual match, he fulfilled his promise of "close and fast." The two posses had a great time.



Welcome to Swedish Cowboy who shot his first match at 5 Dogs Creek in December.

The top overall shooter of the last match for 2004 was Little Fawn.

Hats off to this junior shooter who has shown tremendous improvement this year! The top man shooter was Shiloh. Three shooters managed to clean the five stage match: Bad Finger, Ten Bears and Shorty James. *Nice job!*

Please give a hearty welcome to Swedish Cowboy who has recently moved to

Tehachapi from Santa Monica. Be sure to introduce yourself at the next match.

RING IN THE NEW YEAR AT 5 DOGS

While you can't shoot your guns in the air, you are welcome to hoot and holler all you'd like New Year's weekend at 5 Dogs Creek. Special plans are in the works for the January shoot including a special five-stage shoot on

Saturday and another five stages on Sunday. Little Fawn is writing all 10 stages and says they will be "quickies." *She's putting a lot of work into this, so please come and join the fun.*

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THIS MONTH'S TOP 10

1. Little Fawn
2. Shiloh
3. Ten Bears
4. Kaweah Kid
5. Bad Finger
6. Professor Cubby Bear
7. Geo Kid
8. Mescalero
9. Even Dozen
10. Swedish Cowboy

COMING UP...

★ **Saturday, January 1:**
Fun match and dinner
Side match - 10 a.m.
Shooters' meeting - 11 a.m.

Little Fawn is putting together a five stage fun match, preceded by a long range side match organized by Big Hoss. Cost is \$10.

Almost Dangerous will dig out his apron and cook dinner. RSVP to him at 760-376-4493 no later than Dec. 29. Cost is \$8.

★ **Sunday, January 2:**
Regular monthly match
Shooters' meeting - 9:30 a.m.
 Little Fawn promised five more "quickie" stages. *Hats off to this cowgirl for writing 10 stages!!*

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE FOR 2005

It's time to renew your membership to 5 Dogs Creek. Membership dues can be paid at the January match or sent to Miss Becky.

As proposed in June, for the first time in many years, there is a slight increase in dues this year. The basic reason for the increase is to offset climbing club expenses: insurance rates continue to go up; the new

generator is costing about \$100 a month to run; the toilets need to be pumped; rising range fees. Even with the increase, the monthly match fees DO NOT come close to covering costs — *the club stays afloat on the money raised at the annual match.*

There will be NO change in the monthly match fees. Membership dues for 2005 are:

- Individual — \$35
- Family — \$50
(family members must be living in same household)

*Checks payable to 5 Dogs Creek may be mailed to:
Becky Jennings
6113 Cochran Drive
Bakersfield, CA 93309*

NEW YEAR'S COWBOY-STYLE

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Here's the details...

- **Saturday, January 1:**
Hoss will organize a long range side-match that will begin at 10 a.m. Shooters' meeting for main match will begin at 11 a.m. followed by five stages. Sign in by 10:30 a.m., please. Cost will be \$10.
- **Saturday night** Almost Dangerous will be cooking dinner. Cost is \$8. RSVP to him no later than December 29.
- **Sunday, January 2:**
Regular monthly match

Shoot one day or both; they will be scored separately. Come on out and start the New Year with a bang!

REPORT FROM TG SUMMIT

BY SNAKEBITE

I just got back from the TG Summit and want to give you a report of what went on. There were 215 clubs represented at the summit. I have attended many TG Summits, Regional, National and EOT Governors meetings, but none that have gone as smoothly as this one. We got a number of things done, and I think for the better.

Before I list the results I want to let you know about a few things that were announced. First off, we have a new Wild Bunch member. Coyote Calhoun, SASS #201 has been selected by the WB to join them. Coyote has been an employee of SASS for a number of years.

There was also a bit of talk about the RO II course, those that have completed it, and the instructors that teach it. The number of RO II instructors will become even fewer than before. Though no number was given, only a few will be allowed within any region. It seems that a tightening up of the course and its graduates is the main objective here.

Everyone check their lead level! It is becoming more and more obvious that we are getting lead poisoning! First reports seem to indicate that the lead is coming from ingestion, so WASH YOUR HANDS WITH SOAP before eating!! There will be more to follow on this, but in the meantime, washing stations are highly recommended.

OK, here are the results of the vote. All items required at least a 2/3 majority to pass.

1) The knock down target rule has NOT changed. Calibration is still a 158grain 38.

2) All types of modern athletic shoes or combat boots, no matter what material they are constructed of, are "OUTLAWED" from SASS events. This

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34 SHOOTERS

CLASS	TIME	MISSES*	CLASS	TIME	MISSES*
MEN TRADITIONAL			MEN SENIOR		
1. Shiloh	256.61	3	1. Bad Finger	261.14	0
2. Prof. Cubby Bear	270.04	7	2. Geo Kid	270.81	2
3. Even Dozen	292.13	10	3. Tucson Smith	373.67	17
4. Swedish Cowboy	309.87	5	4. Felix	392.40	2
5. Shorty James	313.62	0	5. Deerskiner Ron	482.25	2
6. Bo Bean	333.32	6	ELDER STATESMAN		
7. Bearcat	342.70	9	1. Shenandoah Sherm	513.48	1
8. Delaware Slim	387.28	5	2. Buzzard	732.50	3
DUELIST			LADIES TRADITIONAL		
1. Michigan Bob	323.93	7	1. Laigha Tombstone	540.95	7
2. Big Hoss	353.53	6	LADIES DUELIST		
FRONTIERSMAN			1. Ida Mistum	340.99	7
1. Derby Slim	405.31	5	LADIES GUNFIGHTER		
2. Fordyce Beals	448.05	5	1. Calgary Kate	392.81	4
3. Smiley	505.61	15	LADIES SENIOR		
GUNFIGHTER			1. Lady Gunner	325.77	4
1. Ten Bears	256.70	0	JUNIOR GIRLS		
2. Mescalero	274.34	1	1. Little Fawn	233.41	4
MEN 49-ER			* Misses include credit for any bonus targets.		
1. Kaweah Kid	260.42	3	MATCH SPONSORS NEEDED		
2. Fast Andy	507.20	20	Each year we have 11 matches to put together. It isn't all that hard to do, but we need new sponsors to step up...starting in January. Don't be intimidated thinking you have to be overly "creative" or worry about a theme. Theme is always cowboy. Anything beyond that is just more fun. Drawings of each bay are available making it easy to add the target location and scenario in order to complete the stage description. Work with a friend. Ask for help setting up. You're not alone, just in charge.		
CLASSIC COWBOY			Mescalero is putting together a packet of information with some basic guidelines and other information to help make it easier. If you are interested, contact Mescalero at 661-588-8978.		
1. Almost Dangerous	325.82	6			
2. Portugee Phillips	397.05	7			

SUPPORT FOR THE TROOPS

Thanks so much to everyone who donated disposable cameras and DVDs during December to be included in care packages for the troops. Generous souls contributed 22 DVDs and 14 cameras...most of which are already on the way to soldiers in Iraq. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

— Mescalero and Calgary Kate

TG RPORT - NEW SASS RULES

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originally included lug soles on your boots, but happy to say that I changed a few minds on that, simply due to the safety factor. If it looks “Cowboy” from the top, it is. We don’t need to look at the soles.

3) Buying a “MISS” ticket is NOW ILLEGAL at all matches state and above. (I had a lot to say about this one too, most of you know what I think of it)

4) Classic Cowboy is “CLASSIC COWBOY”, NOT classic banker, classic barkeep, classic saloon girl, classic spaceman etc. The list of items will be increased, and at least 5 of them must be worn. Chaps and spurs will of course be on the list, but NOT required. This was due to the fact that some clubs shoot in 100 + degree weather and us old farts can’t take the heat. Also, the spurs can be a hazard for some to walk in. So, if ya want to, wear em, if ya don’t, you don’t have to. (Hipshot cast the deciding vote on this one to keep it a Cowboy only category)

5) The Colt Lighting is NOT a legal gun for use in the “Classic Cowboy” category.

6) If a shooter cocks a firearm at the incorrect time or place and is unable or it is unsafe to engage the proper target, the shooter has to dump the round safely down range. This has resulted in both a procedural and a miss. The new rule will allow the shooter to reload a round on the clock to replace the expended round. This will result in only a procedural...assuming he/she hit’s the target!

7) The Henry Big Boy is in!

8) The US firearms Omni Potent is in!

9) The Fenris Wolf Arms Single Shot Rifle is in! (It is a copy of the original Browning High Wall)

10) The Dunn Lyon Single Shot Rifle has been tabled. No one knew what it was, and the company didn’t bother to send one to look at.

11) The Junior Category has been split into two levels. Buckaroos, ages 13 and under, and Young Guns, ages 14-16.

12) The Buckaroos can shoot 22 LR and 410 shotguns.

There you have it folks. I’ve tried to represent you the best I could. Hope yer satisfied with the results...till later, Snakebite, TG.

(Editor’s note: This is not Snakebite’s complete submission. It was edited to fit the publication. Contact Calgary Kate for the full report.)

NEW COUNCIL ELECTED

The votes have been counted and the ACLU has not yet challenged the outcome, so it is official. Your 2005 Town Council members are:

Mayor: Almost Dangerous

Sheriff: Mescalero

Banker: Miss Becky

Storekeeper: Smiley

Blacksmith: Even Dozen

Editor: Calgary Kate

Territorial Gov.: Ten Bears

Please keep in mind, that these cowboys and cowgirls need A LOT of your help to keep the club growing and improving. We still need volunteers to help with registration at the monthly matches. You don’t have to do it every month, but Miss Becky will not be able to continue in this capacity. We also need help tabulating scores and maintain the membership roster. It’s not hard to do, just need help! **(We’re begging, here!!)**

Be sure to share your ideas about the club with any of the Town Council members and let them know if you are willing to help out. Many cowhands make a well run ranch. *(That must be a proverb of some sort.)*

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