



# The Howler

at 5 Dogs Creek

Mar./Apr. 2012

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## from the trap line ...

*by Mad Trapper of Rat River*

Well here we are just 6 short weeks before we host the California State Championships at our club's annual match. The registrations have finally started to come in but as of this writing we are still a little behind last year's pace. No matter, we will still put on the best match possible for those who choose to attend. After all, we have a very high standard to maintain. With that in mind I would ask all club members to keep a couple of things in mind.

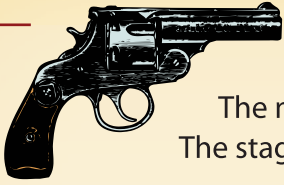
First, do everything possible to insure our guests have a wonderful time. You are the best ambassador and host or hostess we have. Find a stranger and introduce yourself. Make sure they know you are from 5 Dogs Creek and that they feel welcome. If someone has a problem, please go out of your way to make sure they get the help needed to solve that problem. Wanderin' Rose and myself are not shooting the match so we can be available at any time. Just send them to my office, the not so new outhouse by the stage, and someone will be in that immediate area to provide assistance. If we maintain a cheerful attitude it will be reflected by our guests.

Second, please help out with the logistics, even if you have not "signed up". Tables need cleaning, recycling and trash pails at each stage need emptying, etc. Please remember, the match is not over once the awards ceremony has ended. There will be much to do after the match.

But first we must get things in shape before the match. Sooooo I am asking ALL club members to help out with various jobs after we shoot on Saturday, March 29 and Sunday, April 1 (no joking). If you are planning on camping that weekend and are coming out on Friday, we will work for a while on Friday, then have a turkey dinner. All are welcome, even if you just want to drive out for dinner. Bo assures me the stages are so fast we'll finish earlier than usual. Let's shoot, have lunch, listen to the scores and then plan on working for a couple of hours. The bays will have to be weed and wad free by the close of activities on Sunday. I will have a job list and we can "git'er done" with a minimum amount of hassle. Then to get the last minute details completed, put on the finishing touches and get emergency things done we will need a group of volunteers on April 21 and/or 22. I can't really tell at this point but we will know more as the time approaches. One final thing, oh never mind I'm beginning to stress out. Stay safe, shoot straight and above all, have fun. ■

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## • • • • • • • • • • **The Sheriff's Log**

by Fordyce Beals

The match on March 31 and April 1 is sponsored by Bo Bean and his son Jim Bean. The stages are crafted to be shot fast, lots of choices on how to shoot.

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Last months match sponsored by Bull McPherson was very fun. Thanks go to him and his brother Dirt who helped set up.

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The shooters improvement clinic held last month showed that for this cowboy match times go down with the help of the 5 Dogs members acute observation powers. Video taken the next day showed some of the tips were used by this cowboy to good effect. Thanks to every one that took part.

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Join up on the trail drive that is the State championships on May 3 to 6, 2012.

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Match sponsors are needed for July, August and September 2012. Email me at [fordyceleia@live.com](mailto:fordyceleia@live.com) to volunteer.

### **ALL BAY CARETAKERS PLEASE NOTE**

**THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS REGISTERED BY PETA ABOUT THE SERIOUS CONDITION OF THE ANIMALS ON VARIOUS BAYS.**

**THEY LOOK TIRED, MALNOURISHED, AND ABANDONED.**

**A NEW COAT OF PAINT WOULD GREATLY ASSIST IN FOOLING THE PETA BUREAUCRATS AND PREVENT THE CLUB**

**FROM UNDERGOING LEGAL ACTION.**

**PLEASE TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES.**

**THIS COULD BE A GREAT PROJECT AFTER WE SHOOT, BUT YOU NEED TO BRING THE PAINT AND BRUSHES.**



**STOP**



**STOP**

### **... and the winner is ...**

Winner of the Free Shoot at End of Trail was Coyote Carson. Humbly accepting the award on his behalf was DAD, Badman Bob. We assume Dad will be accompanying, and therefore paying for the requisite full shooter's fee. We assume no responsibility for this assumption. Congratulations to both.

We know they will represent 5 Dogs Creek in a stellar fashion.



# CLEAN SHOOTERS

## SATURDAY

- Bones Brannon
- El Alacran del Norte (*again*)
- Hooker John

It was a lean dog day on Saturday as Bull McFearson threw in several "P" traps and several shooters fell into them. He however managed to escape the Wall of Shame for another year. Thanks for a great match Bull!



El Alacran del Norte (soon to be in need of a bigger hat), and Bones Brannon.

## SUNDAY

- Bones Brannon (*clean weekend*)
- Jayusa
- Kate Barlow (*finally!*)
- Mad Dog Draper
- Missouri Drifter
- Quickdraw Grandpa
- RB Shannon
- Sierra Rider

Sunday's match was easier. One pistol target was really close, and you got to dump ten on it. In fact, it was so close some shooters tried to go too fast and met the infamous "Juan." Not so, for those pictured left.



RB Shannon, Jayusa, Missouri Drifter, Kate Barlow, Bones Brannon, Mad Dog Draper, Quickdraw Grandpa

**MEXICAN POTLUCK  
ON SATURDAY NITE.  
BYOT  
(BRING YOUR OWN TEQUILA)**




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- **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.
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