



The Howler

at 5 Dogs Creek

December 2013

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From the 46 Connected Ranch

by Utah Blaine

First, thank you to Sam Ootie, Miss Barah Lee Misditt, Mad Dog Draper, Miss Ann Laughitoff, and Lap Dog for raking leaves out the way for our December match. I would also like to thank Quick Draw Grandpa for securing the bands on several of the new wine barrels we acquired. And thank you to Bones Brannon for bringing the .22 Shooting Gallery to the December match.

And speaking of leaves, there are a lot more out there now than before. So, if you happen to be going out to the range, consider taking along a rake and raking up a small, or large, area of leaves. The trees have by now lost a lot, if not all, of their leaves for the fall and winter. We just need to rake them outside the fence area and they will be picked up and hauled away.

Planning for our Annual Shootout in May continues. We pretty much have all the bases covered. I would like to thank the members of our Town Council for their help in getting any number of things done for the Annual, especially our Banker, Miss Barah Lee Misditt, our Newsletter Editor, Kate Barlow, and our Sheriff, Fordyce Beals. And I would also like to thank Montego for getting the necessary information about our Annual up on the 5 Dogs Creek website! One of the remaining pieces of the puzzle was the entertainment for Saturday evening and night; this has now been secured.

As some of you know the Howling Wolf Saloon was sold to a Texas group, and is already scheduled for two events in Texas during the first part of May. Gus Ashcroft and Brandy Rose will be in Texas during this time to help the Texas group learn how to set-up and operate the Saloon. Consequently, The Howling Wolf will not be at our Annual.

We still have several side-matches available for sponsorship at our Annual: Speed Shotgun, Long Range Single Shot Rifle, Long Range Lever Action Rifle and Pistol Cartridge, Plainsman, and a Wild Bunch side-match. Consider sponsoring one of these side-matches, for the nominal sum of \$100, and getting your name out there for all to see and admire!

There is one Bay, Bay 4, we want to reconfigure before the Annual, and possibly the reconfiguration of another Bay, and at least one significant maintenance project that must be completed. So, don't be surprised if I call on some of you with much more construction skill than I for a work party now and again.

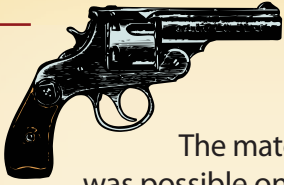
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by Fordyce Beals

The match on November 30 and December 1 was sponsored by Hennessey Hayes. A bonus was possible on almost every stage. I had a lot of fun. Thank You Hennessey Hayes.

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On Saturday afternoon, the legendary target blacksmith, Bones Brannon set up a .22 arcade of stationary and moving fun targets. Every different type of .22 imaginable was seen on the firing line. I shot all the .22 ammo I had.

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Mad Trapper Of Rat River and Wandering Rose are setting up the first match of the new year on January 4 and 5, 2014.

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We have only 3 months left to be chosen by volunteer match sponsors. They are July, August, and November. Email me if you want to set up one of those months at fordycebeals@live.com

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Finally, let me mention once again, that Lap Dog would very much appreciate all of the clean shooters for each match day remaining in cowboy attire for the "clean shooter photo" following announcement of the match scores.

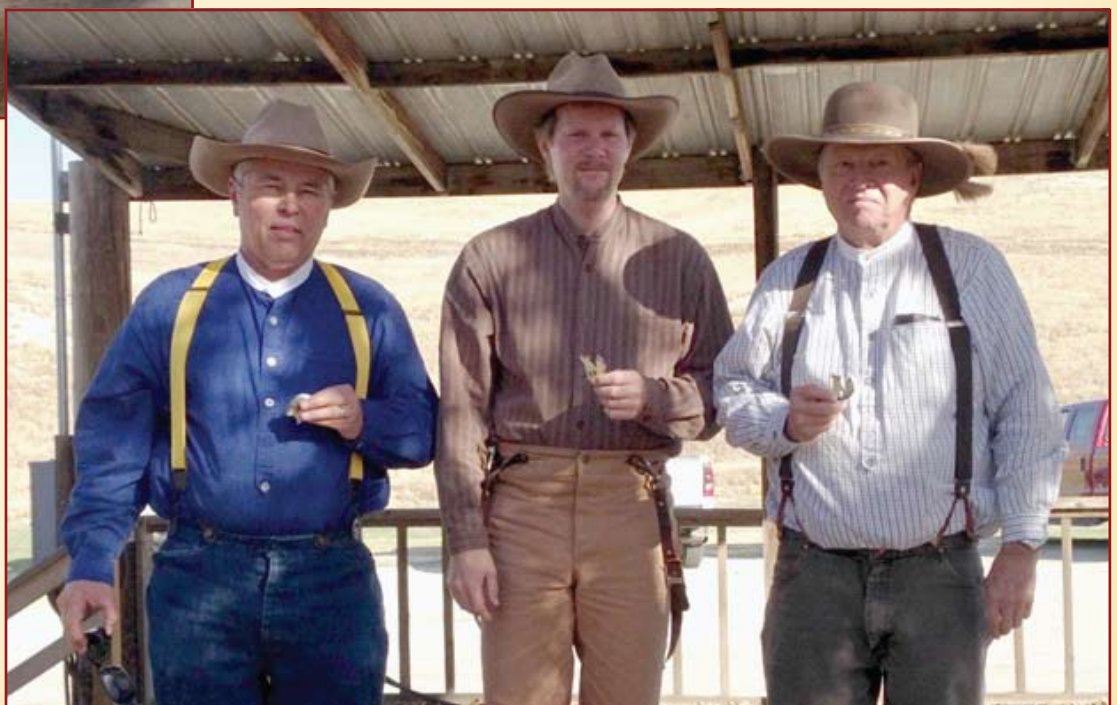
And speaking of clean shooters, photos of the clean shooters for the December match are presented below.



Clean Shooters

Saturday, November 30, 2013: No one!

Sunday, December 1, 2013: Chama Bill, Tool Box, and Sierra Rider

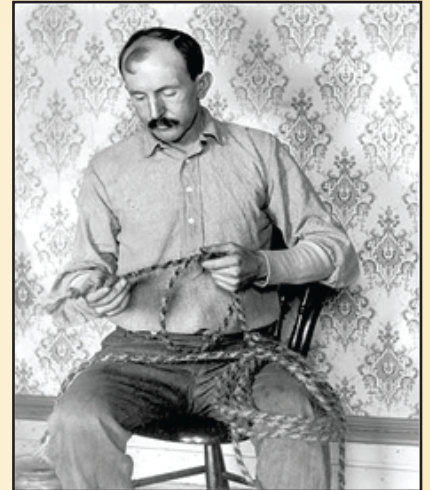


★ Historical Note ★

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The hanging of **Tom Horn** on November 20, 1903, marked the end of the Old West, a place and an era ultimately strangled by railroads, telegraph wires, fences, and other new fangled trappings of new century that also included the mechanical gallows tripped by Horn's own weight. Tom Horn was a celebrated Army scout and also a former lawman who became a "notorious enforcer" for large cattle interests, holding the rather ambiguous title of "range detective." A disreputable deputy obtained a "questionable confession" from an inebriated Horn who bragged about killing the 14 year old son of a Wyoming sheep herder in 1901. Many believed the boy had been mistaken for his father, who was the actual target of the Wyoming Stock Growers Association. In the photo above Horn is braiding a rope in the office of the Cheyenne Jail (photo from the Wyoming State Archives); some say the very rope that was used to hang him (True West, December 2013:65).

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Few more notes worthy of your attention!

If the weather is half-way decent for the January match, after lunch on Saturday there will be fun and games with BB gun competition. **So be sure to bring your BB gun and plenty of BBs and join in on the fun!**



If you are planning to bring your trailer, 5th wheel, or motor home to the range for the January match **you will need to bring your own water.** The faucets on the range that we generally use for water have been turned off for the winter months.



All you cowboys and cowgirls out there keep your horse shod, your guns clean, and your powder dry. And we'll see you all January 4th and 5th.

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- **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.