



The Howler

at 5 Dogs Creek

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From the 46 Connected Ranch

by Utah Blaine

We are now well into the New Year, at least at the time I am writing this into the 14th day of the New Year. I only mention this because May 1st will be upon us by the time we turn around and get all our gear in order and our clothes freshly cleaned, ordered, made, or mended for our annual Shootout. And once again, we will need the usual group of volunteers, but more about this later.

First I we all owe a huge thank you to Mescalero for leading the "re-construction" of Bay 4, and to all of those who assisted him in this monumental undertaking: Sam Ottie, Kiser Creek, Quick Draw Grandpa, El Alacran del Norte, and Miss Foxy School Marm. There is still work to be done before Bay 4 is completed in all details; however, it will be used in our regularly scheduled match for February. See the blurb in this newsletter by Mescalero and Calgary Kate for more details about this shoot!

Remember, memberships are now due! The cost is \$40.00 for a "single" membership, and \$55.00 for a "family" membership. Also remember that when you sign up for your membership you will need to know your SASS and your NRA membership numbers; if a "family" membership, you will also need to know these numbers for each of your family members.

Now about all you cowboys and cowgirls who can hardly wait to volunteer for the Shootout at 5 Dogs Creek/SASS California State Championship. Lap Dog, with the help of Miss Foxy School Marm, will be starting to take volunteer sign-ups at our next get together on February 1st and 2nd. There are many tasks for which we need volunteers; as is often said, many hands make light work! As astonishing as it may seem, there are just three months left before our Annual, and there is much to do between now and then!

Last year we fell short of volunteers to adequately staff the side-matches. For each side-match we need an RO/timer, counters, and a brass picker, and we have a passel of side-matches! As you no doubt know, in addition to the usual speed, long range, and Plainsman side-matches, we have Running with the Big Dogs, a Wild Bunch match, and a black powder night shoot. All of these are, of course, on Thursday, May 1st. I'd like to say something like I encourage you all to sign up to help with the side-matches; however, the fact of the matter is that we absolutely cannot fall short of fully staffing these matches! To fall short would make us not look good in the eyes of the competitors who come for our Annual Shootout!

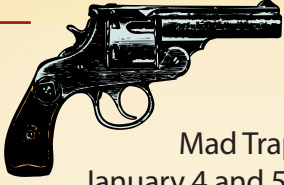
If you want to get a jump on signing up to help out with our Annual you can contact Lap Dog at 661-301-8288 or email her at dhansen2@bak.rr.com.

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by Fordyce Beals

Mad Trapper Of Rat River and Wandering Rose put on the first match of the new year on January 4 and 5, 2014. They used Border Town as the inspiration for the match and I had never shot rifle targets that close. Bang and clang fast was the result. Thank you Mad Trapper and Wandering Rose.

Calgary Kate and Mescalero are putting on the February 1 and 2 match. They have great stages including the moving ore cart on stage 1 both days.

The current head score keeper Leia Tombstone is looking for an apprentice to teach how to score the monthly and annual matches. This is a great opportunity to find out what goes on and to help put on the club matches.

We have only 2 months left to be chosen by volunteer match sponsors: July and August. Email me at fordyceleia@live.com if you want to set up one of those months.

More from the mayor ...

POTLUCK ALERT

Among the pleasures we all enjoy, aside from shooting, is the opportunity to spend time together sharing a meal, sitting around a blazing fire, and sharing stories, some true, some "tall" but all good!

So, to take the mystery out of one nagging question,

yes, there will be a potluck on Saturday evening, February 1st.

And there will be a potluck every Saturday evening on the weekend of our regularly scheduled shoot.

There is no "theme" for this potluck, or those in the foreseeable future, so bring your favorite dish, or whatever you figure you can throw together. I'll include a reminder of the Saturday evening potluck in this column each month.

There IS Water

Contrary to what I said last month, there is water; the leak at the shower was capped off so the faucets used by RV campers were turned back on, and were on for the January shoot. If any of you campers went out of your way to fill water tanks for your RV based on what I said in this column last month, I offer my humble apologies.

February 7th will mark the 40th anniversary of Blazing Saddles. *It's twue! It's twue!* Can you guess *what in the wide, wide world of sports* the match theme will be?

Come prepared for a few extra shotgun, lots of movement and be ready to ride... if all goes well we will be running the ore cart both days! *(Oh Lord! Do we have the strength to pull off this mighty task in one night...)*

But wait there's more! We'll also have the option to shoot from horseback (we don't have a bull) so ladies may want to wear bloomers or pants on Saturday. On both days, we'll also be using the brand new building on bay 4.

Be sure to bring *enough gum for everybody* and watch out for *Mongo*.

- Mescalero and Calgary Kate

★ Historical Note ★

While we think of men as the “tamers” of the Wild West, it was the women, particularly mothers, who did most of the “taming” and most of the “civilizing” that followed. Unfortunately, most of these “uncommon” women have been lost to history. There were also “the so-called wild women of the Wild West:” the hard-drinking Calamity Jane, and the cow town “soiled dove” know as Squirrel Tooth Alice, to name a couple who were perhaps never wed or mothers (George Lalire, “Unsung Moms of the Frontier,” Wild West, January 2014:4).

The Western frontier mother most remember today is perhaps Sacagewea, “a symbol of women’s worth and independence who in 2000 was depicted on a dollar coin with baby son Jean Baptiste, aka ‘Little Pomp,’ sans husband/daddy Tousaint Charbonneau.” A distant second might be Cynthia Ann Parker, a one time Comanche captive, who gave birth to the future chief Quanah Parker. Of course, even those Wild West gunfighters had mothers. Third on the list might be Catherine McCary who “raised a kid named Henry who became better known as William Bonney and best known as Billy the Kid.” A close fourth would be Zerelda James, who was later Simms and then Samuels, “for mothering in Missouri bad boys Frank and Jesse...and for giving her right arm for her sons when Pinkerton detectives bombed the James-Samuel household in January 1875. Rounding out the top five is another Missouri mom, Adeline Lee Younger Dalton, mother of Frank, Bill, Bob, and Emmett Dalton, and aunt of Cole, Bob, Jim, and John Younger” (Lalire, p. 4).

Of course, there is also James, Virgil, Wyatt, Morgan, and Warren Earp, a few of whom may have straddled the law on occasion, but all had “a place in their hearts for their beloved mother Virginia.” Apparently “30s something Warren was living mostly at his parents’ house in San Bernadino, CA until his mother died in 1893, and his remarried father...booted him out onto the street” (Lalire, p. 4).



Cynthia Ann Parker



Quanah Parker



Zerelda James



Jesse James



Wyatt & Virginia Earp

CLUB CLASSIFIED SECTION and NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS:

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.

Clean Shooters

Saturday, January 4, 2014

Front row, left to right: Badman Bob, Limpin' Leroy, Bonnie Kate, Bo Bean, Miss Ann Laughitoff, and Fordyce Beals. Back row: Bix Bender, Mudhen Millie, Jim Bean, and Mad Dog Draper.



Sunday, January 5, 2014

Left to right, front row: Bonny Kate, Hawkeye O'Riley, Miss Barah Lee Misditt, Miss Ann Laughitoff.
Second row: Badman Bob, Mudhen Millie, and Mad Dog Draper. Third row: Sterling James, Geo Kid, and Huckleberry Flash. Clean shooters but not in the photo: Sierra Rider, Snakebite, Tehachapi Hornn, and Tex Wayland.

