



The Howler

at 5 Dogs Creek

February 2014

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From the 46 Connected Ranch

by Utah Blaine

We are now just over two months away from the Shootout at 5 Dogs Creek/SASS California State Championship. I mention this because some of the folks who have been instrumental in making our past Shootouts successful are not going to be here to help this year. This means that some of you other cowboys and cowgirls are going to have to step up to the plate and volunteer to help if this year's Shootout is going to be as successful as past years!

I mentioned in the January Howler that last year we fell short of volunteers to adequately staff the side-matches, though a few folks hustled around and made it all work. As I mentioned before, for each side-match we need an RO/timer, counters, and a brass picker! And to remind you all once again, in addition to the usual speed, long range, and Plainsman side-matches, we have three other side-matches: 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. We absolutely cannot fall short of fully staffing these matches! **To fall short in staffing these side-matches will make us look very bad in the eyes of the competitors who come for our Annual Shootout!**

To volunteer for the Annual contact Lap Dog at [661-301-8288](tel:661-301-8288) or email her at dhansen2@bak.rr.com. Both she and Miss Foxy School Marm are taking names of volunteers, and there will be a sign up sheet at our March 1-2 monthly match. **We need your help!**

As an aside, all 12 of the Bays for the Shootout, and all of the side-matches for Thursday, May 1, now have sponsors. If anyone would like to sponsor either the Couples/Pairs Shoot or the Top Gun Shoot Off on Sunday morning, for the nominal sum of \$100 and have your name prominently displayed on a sign as the sponsor, let me know.

And now there are some folks to whom I must extend a well deserved than you! First, a big thanks to Mescalero! He continues to work on Bay 4, the Freight Depot. Most recently he has been helped by El Alacran del Norte and Calgary Kate, with advice and counsel offered by Miss Foxy School Marm, Calamine, and Poison Oakley.

Second, thank you to Quick Draw Grandpa and Sam Ottie who put the façade on the Office back in place and braced, after the wind storm of a few weeks ago pushed one side of the facade over a couple of feet and dangerously close to falling completely over. And thanks to Sam Ottie who repaired the cracks in the Office roof; the roofing was pushed up and gaps created when the wind shoved the façade over.

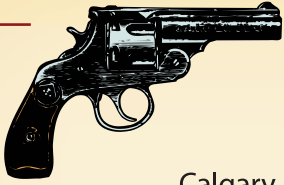
And finally, I want to say thank you to the previous mayors of 5 Dogs Creek who have and continue to offer advice, counsel, and support. And I want to convey my heartfelt appreciation to you cowboys and cowgirls who make up the 5 Dogs Creek Town Council! Neither I, nor the Club, can do without the Town Council's service and help in making decisions that keep the Club running smoothly. And just for the record, significant amounts of time are devoted by members of the Town Council in keeping all the things we have come to expect moving along seamlessly. So, if you happen to see one of the Town Council members, you might want to say thank you for what they do for the Club!

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by Fordyce Beals

Calgary Kate and Mescalero put on the February 1 and 2 match. With the ore cart both days, 3 bird poppers and split pistol stages lots of fun was had by all. Thanks Calgary Kate and Mescalero for a well planned fun match.



The March 1 and 2, 2014 match is to be set by Leia Tombstone and Fordyce Beals. They have 6 stages planned for each day so be sure to bring enough ammo to put down range.



Be sure to sign up for work at the annual Shootout at 5 Dogs Creek and State of California Championship on May 1 to 4, 2014. Only 2 months are left to be chosen by volunteer match sponsors. Email me if you want to set up July or August: fordyceleia@live.com

CLUB MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE

As a reminder, memberships were due at the first of the year. If you've not yet paid-up, please do. 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.

WORK PARTY & POTLUCK

Saturday afternoon, March 1, after lunch and the scores are read, we will have a work party to do a little clean-up around the range. No need to bring anything extra, we have plenty of rakes and shoves in the "red barn." And yes, there will be a potluck on Saturday evening. So, bring your favorite dish, or whatever works for you!

MOVIE NIGHT

If the moon and stars are all aligned properly, and the weather is accomodating, and the projector can be figured out, there will be a movie Saturday evening, March 2. And what movie will be shown? Well, this decision has not yet be determined; however, you can count on it being a good one, and of course with a western theme!



FOR SALE

Custom 4 gun cart with 3 storage compartments (guns Not Included). This cart is a work of art. Please make offer. I would like to see it go to someone in need and can make good use of it.

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★ Historical Note ★

Between the years 1883 and 1916 Buffalo Bill's Wild West offered dangerous feats of trick riding by his "Buffalo Gals" who made up the "American Amazon Act." Buffalo Bill referred to these performers as "a mixture of feminine delicacy and masculine will." One of his most remarkable talents was a young, daredevil woman named Adele Von Ohl Parker (True West, January 2014:20).

Adele was from a prominent New Jersey family that had been in the horse business since supplying horses to George Washington's army during the Revolutionary War. Adele was on horseback when she was barely able to walk. She became a fearless horsewoman and trick rider with aspirations of becoming an actress. She left home in 1902 to pursue acting. When the Wild West show came through New York in 1908 she joined up and quickly became a star. In 1909 she married Jim Parker, another star performer; together they joined a new show known as Cheyenne Days (p. 20).

When ticket sales began to drop for Cheyenne Days, Adele and her husband moved to Los Angeles and rode into the fictional life of early Hollywood movies, where "life imitated art, imitating life." She appeared on film as stunt rider for characters of the Old West. By 1929 the Great Depression had stranded her in Cleveland, Ohio where, with little money, she was attempting to launch her own show. But instead of starting "her show," she started a riding school in North Olmstead; the Parker Ranch. Adele spent the next 37 years teaching young people, as one of her students reminisced, she taught us "as much about life as she did about riding" (p. 20)



The great "Buffalo Gal" died in 1969. Ohio historical markers commemorate the site of the Parker Ranch. Another one of her students wrote that Adele had "opened a world of flying mounts and dismounts, on horses that were often castoffs....We were horse-crazy kids who found a gold mine of love and horsemanship embodied in a woman who will never be forgotten" (p. 20). And so, Adele Von Ohl Parker, herself one of those "horse-crazy kids," has indeed not been forgotten!

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.

**Pictures from the February shoot ...
... and fun was had by all!
(also check out the new Bay 4)**



Clean Shooters

Saturday, February 1, 2014

Front row, left to right: Badman Bob, Coyote Carson, Poison Oakley, Bones Brannon, Rum Runner;
Back row: Harry Morse. Not shown: Hooker John.



Sunday, February 2, 2014

Left to right, front row: Rum Runner, Mudhen Millie, Chama Bill; Back row: Harry Morse, El Alacran
Del Norte. Not shown: Crusty Jim, Kaweah Kid, Lefty Who, Professor Cubby Bear, Rattlesnake Rip.

