



The Howler

at 5 Dogs Creek

May 2014

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From the 46 Connected Ranch

by Utah Blaine

By the time you read this we will be just "days away" from the Shootout at 5 Dogs Well, we are now "on the other side" of the Shootout at 5 Dogs Creek/SASS California State Championships. This year we added three new side-matches: a Wild Bunch match, a Black Powder Night Shoot, and a Couples/Pairs Shoot. They all seemed to go reasonably well; although, there is a bit of "tweaking" we can do to make the Wild Bunch and the Black Powder Night Shoot even better. And a very big and very appreciative thank you to all of you cowboys and cowgirls, we couldn't do this without all of your help!

There were 228 registered shooters and of these 220 took part in the main match on Friday and Saturday; 37 shot clean both days. Also, selected side-matches, and the "spittoon" on Friday night while the Mad Trapper of Rat River provide entertained us with his fiddle and a guitar accompaniment, raised \$563 for this year's charity – St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Thank you all for your donations, even if it was in pursuit of a "better score" at the side-matches.

As I noted in a previous column or two, we now have a complete set of projection equipment. If there are sufficient numbers of folks interested, it really doesn't take too many, we will continue to have a Saturday movie night at our regularly scheduled monthly matches, after the potluck. Whoever is setting up the monthly match can dictate the movie to be shown.

The Town Council will be meeting Saturday, May 31, following lunch and the announcement of scores, to review the Shootout at 5 Dogs Creek/SASS California State Championships. If any of you have thoughts about what went well or about what could be improved, please share them at the meeting. If you are not able to come to the meeting, please share your thoughts with one of the Town Council members.

Speaking of the Shootout, I recently received notification from SASS that 5 Dogs Creek "has been granted official SASS State Championship 2015 status for the California State Championship." Planning for this event has already begun; the 2015 dates are April 31 – May 3.

Our official address:

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All you cowboys and cowgirls out there keep your horse shod, your guns clean, and your powder dry. We look forward to seeing you all May 31 – June 1.



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by Fordyce Beals

Thanks to all club members who helped put on a world class event, "The Shoot Out at 5 Dogs Creek." In an event with so many different activities it would have been impossible, without competent help, to set targets, time, count, and record scores. The official score keepers are the unsung heroes of this event, I personally checked the data entry for all the top ten overall and any category that had winners times within 5 seconds and found NO data entry errors. The scores for the main match and the side matches were posted on our web site on the day after the match.

Those that missed the State match and those that had a lot of fun the first time have a treat in store with a reprise of the 10 permanent bays of the "Shoot Out" on Saturday, May 31 and Sunday, June 1.

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

Clean Shooters

There were 37 clean shooters at the state match. Congratulations to all of them!

Allie Mo

Latin Gun

Sgt Maj O'Donnell

Atascadero Pistolero

Long Swede

Shirttail Bess

Beartrap

Lucas McDennis

Sierra Rider

Bella Coola

Lusty Lil

Single Barrel

Billy Bob

Mad Dog Draper

Six Packin' Jan

Bix Bender

Nasty Navarro

Stub A Nub

Blackhorse

Not So Dead Eye

Swedish Cowboy

Bucket of Blood

Paniolo Lady

Tehachapi Hornn

Buddy Love

Pocket Change

Tex Fiddler

Crazy Little Woman

Queen of Bling

Three Fingred

Frederick Jackson Turner

Royal Flush

Tollhouse Tracker

Jay Snowden

Ruthless Ray

Wain Wright

Wobblin Bob

★ Historical Note ★

Ranald Slidell Mackenzie was born into a prominent New York family in the years 1840. He graduated at the top of his West Point class in 1862. Commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Army of the Potomac he engaged in eight battles, losing two fingers in one of them, earning him the nickname “Bad Hand.” By the end of the war he held the brevet rank of Major General (True West, June 2014:42).

Following the conclusion of the Civil War Mackenzie was sent to Texas to challenge the Comanche for control of the Southern Plains. He was instructed to force the Indians to live on their reservations. His soldiers nicknamed him the “Perpetual Punisher.” One of his most punitive raids occurred in September of 1874. Instead of pursuing the fleeing “Comanche, Kiowa, Southern Cheyenne and Arapaho”... Mackenzie captured and killed 1,500 to 2000 of their horses, ponies, and mules” (p. 42). Left horseless, unable to hunt, and starving, the tribes returned to the reservation in February 1875.

In 1883, at the age of 43, Mackenzie had suffered seven physical wounds and now began to suffer psychologically; he began “losing his mind.” He returned to his native New York, retired from the Army, and was committed to an asylum. He died in 1889 at his sister’s home and was buried in the West Point Cemetery (p. 42).



An advertisement for Past Perfect Presents. On the left, there is a photograph of a red and yellow patterned carpet bag and a brown leather boot with brass studs. On the right, there is a logo for 'past perfect PRESENTS' in a decorative frame. Below the logo is the website 'pastperfectpresents.etsy.com'. To the right of the logo, there is a vertical banner that says 'HANDMADE in the USA'. Above the logo, it says 'CARPET BAGS & MORE'.

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