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**THE 5 DOGS CREEK
CHRISTMAS TREE**

Our tree was made by Wily Yankee and is guaranteed to not shed any needles. It does not need watering and will last forever. A very special thank you to Miss Barah Lee Misditt for the extraordinary effort it took to find and make "cowboy" decorations suitable for the 5 Dogs Christmas tree. It is one of those treasures that will live on from year to year. Yahoo!

Seasons greetings to all!

I hope everyone is having a great holiday season and are planning now for an even better New Year. Speaking of the new year (great sequitur), 5 Dogs Creek has planned a great weekend of shooting, fellowship, and of course food for your dining and dancing pleasure. Please refer to the final page of this letter for a full briefing on the happenings that will ensure a great kick off to 2017. Great potlucks have become a tradition at 5 Dogs. Speaking of potlucks (another great sequitur), some may wonder about the main entree for Sunday's meal namely "Stonesoup." Other monikers for this delicacy are Garbage Soup, Hobo Soup, Dirty Thirty Soup and, well you get the idea I'm sure. For this one please bring a veggie to add to the pot. The end result is, of course, unknown. But having done this before, I can assure everyone it will be a taste-bud tingler and cannot ever be duplicated. Camping Friday afternoon –Tuesday morning.

So if you're up for celebrating, enjoying the outdoors and eating some good grub, hook up your horse and buggy, load up your guns and ammo, and mosey on down to 5 Dogs Creek to bring in the New Year.

Miss Foxi Schoolmarm, Mayor



Sheriff's Log

The December match was put on by Mad Trapper of Rat River. I personally love giving Trapper a bad time, but truth be told it was a fun and creative match (boy that hurt).

The January match is being staged by Utah Blaine and Lap Dog. This will be a three day match, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. There will be a Rifle, Handgun and Shotgun challenge sprinkled throughout the three days. The Bones Brannon Designed .22 arcades will be up and running for the entire weekend. Somewhere during the three days I will put together a "semi long range event" for single shot and lever action rifles.

Mescalero will be doing the side matches. Any and all the help we can get to keep things running would be appreciated. Bring plenty of ammo because you will be able to shoot both categories (pocket pistol and derringer) and go through the stage as many times as you like. See the SASS handbook for the definition of pocket pistols if you aren't sure what is included. We will have a .22 derringer to loan for anybody who wants to shoot this side match but doesn't own a pocket pistol or derringer. If you've never tried to shoot quickly and accurately with a derringer, it is an enlightening experience. And you have the opportunity to win VALUABLE prizes !!!

Sunday afternoon we will have a team shoot. Three-person teams will be formed by drawing names out of a hat. One person will shoot primarily their pistols, another primarily their rifle, and the third primarily their shotgun. The stage will be written to ensure plenty of action for the shooters and plenty of entertainment for the spectators. Again, bring plenty of ammo, because you will have the opportunity to shoot the stage more than once.

Clean Shooters, Sat. Dec. 3rd



Back Row: John Fornow, Miss Barah Lee Misditt, Bix Bender, Dead Eye Maverick, Mescalero
Front Row: Jokers Wild, Sam Ootie, Rainbow Dancer, Miss Ann Laughitoff



Clean Shooters, Sun. Nov. 6th

Bring On the Dawg's

Must have been an easy match. Check out all these clean people!





FIRST TIME AT 5 DOGS

Meet *Rainbow Dancer* and *Bungalow Bill* who visited us for the first time from the Antelope Valley area. She shot clean both days and Bill shot clean on Sunday. They said they had a great time, found the club to be very friendly and will definitely be returning again and again. Who knows they may join us as members. Now that you know their names be sure to say "hi" next time they are here.



NEW SHOOTER & CLUB MEMBER

Warming up by the fire and shooting her second match is *Wendy Winchester*. She is the daughter of *Panhandle Red* and *Calico Blue*. Welcome Wendy!



The “cowboy way” lives on.

There are too many things in life that we probably take for granted: the sun will shine, there will be a CAS match this weekend, I have a roof over my head, food in my refrigerator, my ammo will go off, a car or truck to drive, friends around me and on and on. It's the last two things that have become most important to me in a VERY short period of time.

As most of you by now know, I had an accident last month that totaled my truck and trailer. I am now a pedestrian who relies on the generosity and availability of friends (in particular the Three Fingered Dutchman and Dirty Sally) and neighbors (Tascosa Kid) to get from point A to point B. I have even resorted to walking, if it's not more than a mile or so! Eventually the truck will be replaced. However, I've come to realize that my friends will always be there.

A few days after the accident, unbeknownst to me, my very good friend Incorrigible opened a Myevent donation site. My Cowboy Action friends and family members have come together and blessed me with \$5000 towards the purchase of a new vehicle. When she called me over the weekend, to give me the news, I was (for once in my life) stunned beyond words and literally driven to tears! I'm still trying to wrap my head around it all. People I haven't seen or heard from in 10 years or more came forward and donated. This reaffirms what I have said for many years...."the generosity of Cowboy Action Shooters never ceases to amaze me!"

We assume that family will step in and help when they can and mine certainly did. I have found out, however, that MY family is so much larger because it includes many Cowboy Action Shooters. People that were "friends" but not related to me, are now family nonetheless! We should NOT take this "family" for granted! Yes they are FRIENDS because we share a common interest and hobby. They are FAMILY because we all share a "bond" called "the Cowboy Way". As we all know, this bond runs much deeper than just sharing an interest or hobby. It's this family, the one we have come to spend time with every month, that steps up time and time again to help their fellow CAS friends when needed.

There are no words that properly express the depth of my gratitude to ALL of my CAS family so I will just say thank you. THANK YOU for helping in my time of need! I am truly blessed!

Steve , Mad Dog McCoy

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Deep in the heart of Medina , Texas

Bring in the New Year at 5 Dogs Creek FINAL REMINDER !!!

The 5 Dogs Creek gang will have a three-day match to bring in the New Year! Join us for Friday and Saturday, December 30-31, and Sunday and Monday, January 1-2. There will be a 15 main match stages: five on Saturday, five on Sunday, and five on Monday. Each day is a separate match but there will also be awards for the composite three day total.

Utah Blaine and Lap Dog are planning the main match stages, which will include one challenge stage on each of the three days: one-day pistol, one-day rifle, and one-day shotgun.

Mescalero is planning the side-matches. Saturday, December 31, there will be a pocket pistol/derringer side-match, and a long range lever and single shot rifle side-match. If you do not have a derringer one will be available so no excuses. On Sunday, January 1, there will be team shoot.

In addition to the shooting, there will be potluck dinners on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Friday hot dogs will be provided, on Saturday the club will provide barbecued turkeys; and for Sunday it's "stone soup."

Bring your favorite side-dishes for the Friday and Saturday potlucks; bring your favorite vegetable or meat to add to the stone soup, and any side dish you may wish to contribute.

Following the Sunday evening potluck dinner, a movie will be shown which will reveal from whence come the lines for each of the main match stages.

If you would like to join us on Friday our .22 arcade will be set up for you shooting pleasure, so bring your .22 pistols and rifles. If you don't have .22 ammo, we may be able to rustle up a handful one place or another. The .22 arcade will also be available Saturday and Sunday. We will also have a BB gun stage set up on Friday, so bring along you BB gun as well. Whew, that's a lot of shootin' folks.

