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THE HOWLER

At 5 Dogs

Latest news and updates

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The Mayor's Anvil: Forging Understanding

One of the best 5 Dogs Creek Club traditions is to have a different match director (who writes the match and sets up the targets) every month. Sometimes the contrast between one month and the next is like it was between September and October. The September Gun Fighter Throw Down was designed to flow close and smoothly so the first-time gun fighters were not overwhelmed. The October match was a lot bumpier even putting the match writer on "The Wall of Shame" (no criticism intended, I have two entries on the "Wall of Shame" myself). Remember all those Procedurals and Misses make you stronger.

Luckily, the best is yet to come. The November match is the She-Bang and includes 10 different stage writers in one match and they are all 5 Dogs Creek Cowgirls. To ease some of the pressure we will have "Dognabbits" to erase some of those pesky misses. I have all my ammo loaded and ready for She-Bang and plan to get ready shooting in Tombstone's Bordertown Arizona State Championship the week before She-Bang.

See you on the firing line.

Fordyce Beals
Mayor

Monthly Shooting Schedule:

December 3, Saturday 9:00
December 4, Sunday 9:00

December 31, Saturday 9:00
January 1, Sunday 9:00
January 2, Monday 9:00

Office opens at 8:00 Shooter's meeting 8:30

DON'T FORGET!



**SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK
SATURDAY NIGHT,
11/5**



**SHE-BANG
SHENANNIGANS
SATURDAY, 11/5,
11:00 am
SUNDAY, 11/6,
9:00 am**

**Friday night, the 4TH is the
annual hot dog feast. Bring
your favorite appetizer and
join us.
Saturday night, the 5th is the
Holiday themed pot-luck.
Bring a holiday favorite and
a recipe to share.**

THE 5 DOGS CLEAN SHOOTERS



Saturday 10/1: Sam Ootie

**Good Shooting,
Cowboys!**



Sunday 10/2: Montego &
Dutch Longhorn

HAVIN' FUN IN THE SUN



Miss Foxi Schoolmarm & Dutch Longhorn

SOME SHADY SCOREKEEPERS



Chick Ma, Miss Barah Lee Misditt, Lap Dog



Calico Blue & Panhandle Red



Montego, 5 Dogs Range Owner, David Olds, Mayor Fordyce Beals, Bones Brannon

RANGE WRANGLER'S NOTES

As stated in the last Newsletter, we had set aside October 14, 15 and 16 for getting the range ready for the She-Bang. This weekend was chosen as several of the 5 Dogs creek members will soon be trekking to Tombstone, AZ for Bordertown.

A heartfelt thank you to those who came out and helped with the cleanup. Panhandle Red replaced three of the most beat up unloading tables with new tabletops. He and Buddy Love devoted attention to cleaning up a few bays. DB Hawke and Bull McFearson cleaned up a lot, and I do mean a lot, of the common space between the fence and the bays. Sunshine, Domino Blaze, Leia Tombstone and Lap Dog also did an enormous amount of work cleaning up bays, as well as removing what must surely have been hundreds of staples from walls and staging tables. And Lucky Lu also came out one afternoon and helped.

When you are next at the range take a look at Bay 8. There you will see nine beautifully created tombstones for those of our 5 Dogs Creek members who have transitions from this life to the heavens. For these remembrances we can thank Dirt McFearson and Mist Foxi Schoolmarm. I am most appreciative of the very significant amount of work they put into this project.

There is one thing I would like to mention, I suppose it may be a picky point; however, I've always thought shotshell wads should be raked up and hauled off rather than raked into the side of a berm. When Bix Bender would help clean a bay with me I would say hey we need to take care of this or that; his reply was you are too damned much of a perfectionist. If you have any thoughts about this, or other work that you feel needs to be done on the range, you can email me at: dmcmillin@csu.edu or at 46connectedranch@gmail.com. Make sure the heading says 5 Dogs Creek. If I do not recognize an email, I hit the delete button.

Utah Blaine
Range Wrangler



THE SHERIFF'S LOG

Happy Fall Pardners,

Well, it seems fall is finally here and hopefully we are done with those 100-degree days! The October shoot had some pretty good weather, not too hot. The only thing really hot out there were Utah Blaine's stages! Great stages from Utah, as always; some at a distance, some that made you think, a few dogs and he dusted off some targets that hadn't been used in a while. Thanks Utah!

As you know, the She-Bang is the shoot in November and all the 5 Dogs Creek cowboys and cowgirls are working hard to make the 2022 She-Bang everyone will wish they had been to. So much going on that weekend you don't want to miss it. Round count is 100 pistol, 100 rifle, and 40+ shotgun. Bring those .22s and BB guns.

**The She-Bang starting times are:
Saturday at 11:00 a.m.
Sunday at 9:00 a.m.**

The match for December is being put on by Professor Cubby Bear. One day is "cat" themed so you don't want to miss that.

The January match is a 3-day event that begins on Saturday, 12/31/22 through Monday January 2, 2023. Dutch Longhorn is putting together a "Wild Bunch" match for Saturday. That weekend is shaping up to be a shooting filled weekend!

As Utah Blaine says, "Don't sit with your spurs on!" and see you at the SHE-BANG!

Lap Dog
Sheriff 5 Dogs Creek



"THIS IS SO NICE" NEWS



Thanks to Miss Barah Lee Misditt, this beautiful Memorial Plaque was presented at the Town Council meeting that was held after the Saturday event. Though a permanent display location has not yet been decided on, please look for it at our range office.

Territorial Governor's News

Mad Trapper of Rat River is currently fiddling down the trail.



It's Official!

5 DOGS CREEK HAS ITS VERY OWN TELEGRAPH OPERATOR

At the recent Town Council meeting, by unanimous vote, Montego was promoted to Official Telegraph Operator!

Previously known as the "webmaster", as he built the original 5DogsCreek.com website from scratch in 2001 and has donated all the costs & labor ever since. Montego also started and manages the 5DogsCreek.com email server, which we have used for over 20 years.

The job duties of the "Telegraph Operator" include:

- Keeping the website(s) updated & correct with information from members of the Town Council
 - Getting messages out to the 5DC club members and shooters
- Assisting the News Editor with online publishing/distribution of the Newsletter, announcements, and scores
 - Managing the 5DC announcement list
 - Managing online polls and surveys if any
 - Responding to email inquires from the 5DC website

The Town Council very much appreciates Montego's volunteering for this position. He certainly is more than qualified and very knowledgeable for the job and we are very glad he's on our posse.





SHE-BANG

The She-Bang is right around the corner on November 3-4 so get your ammo together and polish up those BB guns and .22s! We will be having hot dogs on Friday and encourage participants to bring an appetizer. Saturday will be our unforgettable potluck with a holiday theme so bring your favorite holiday dish and a copy of the recipe to share.

We will be selling Dog Nabbits, \$2 each or 5 for \$10 with the max being 5 tickets per day, and the proceeds going to a local food bank. All shooters and non-shooters will receive a raffle ticket and for every two non-perishable food items donated the person will receive an additional raffle ticket. Unused Dog Nabbits and the raffle ticket will be entered into the raffle drawing. This year the ladies of 5 Dog are upping their game by doing jars for each item so participants can choose the prize they'd like to win.

As always there will be lots of shooting, 5 stages each day with a different cowgirl writing the stage. On Saturday before the main match, we will be doing some long range with match guns which is a lot of fun! After the main match we are turning on the .22 targets that Bones Brannon has made for us and if you have ever shot them, you know how much fun they are! Plus, loads of other fun that doesn't involve guns like corn hole and ladder gold.

We will be starting the Saturday match at 11:00 a.m. so be sure to be registered by 10:30.

See you at the She-Bang,

Sheriff Lap Dog



This year the Ladies of Five Dogs have chosen to support the Golden Empire Gleaners.

All the proceeds from the "Dog-Nabbits" purchased (\$2 each or 5 for \$10) will be donated to the Gleaners.

For every two items of non-perishable food donated an additional raffle ticket will be given to that person.

The Gleaners have been around for over 35 years and have fed millions of Kern County residents. Last year alone, over 200,000 people were served by distributing two million pounds of food. Currently, the Gleaners averages 18,000 people per month served.

The Ladies of Five Dogs thank everyone in advance for making it possible for us to partner with the Golden Empire Gleaners in this worthy endeavor.

“Did You Know?” News

Bones Brannon, the man with unlimited imagination and the skills to create what he imagines, was at the range at the October shoot. The .22 targets were pulled out of the Miner’s Shack, dusted off, tuned up and fired up! Those that took advantage of those targets had the best time, as shown by the line of those waiting to shoot. 5 Dogs Creek cannot thank Bones enough for all that he did and continues to do for the range. His best thank you is watching everyone have fun and using his creations. Those targets will get lots of use at the She-Bang so bring your .22s and we will even find some BB targets for you to try.

