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THE HOWLER

At 5 Dogs

Latest news and updates

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The Mayor's Anvil: Forging Understanding

The women who populate our local environment did a great job on the stages they wrote for the Shebang match. Talking 5 Dog's history with one of the longest active members he said Shebang was around before he joined. Twenty years ago, when I joined 5 Dogs some of the Shebang stages were to some extent carnival like. In current times the stages for the most part represent contemporary style cowboy action stages, with maybe a very few longer-range targets and one or so tongue twisting shooting orders. This makes for a fun and serious cowboy action match that was enjoyed by all. Women of 5 Dogs, I salute you for a job very well done.

The loading table safety protocols are the foundation of safe Cowboy action shooting. If there were no loading table protocols, it would happen sooner or later that a revolver would be holstered with a live round under the hammer. Having a live round under the hammer subjects everyone at the match to several unacceptable risks:

1. The shooter moves close to a prop and the hammer hits the prop discharging a round through the bottom of the holster and hits the shooter's leg and or the ground and ricochets in a random direction.
2. A long gun butt stock hits the hammer discharging a round through the bottom of the holster.
3. The shooter draws the pistol and hits the hammer on the bottom of the staging table and discharges the round under the hammer.
4. A running shooter has the pistol fall out of the holster and land on the ground and discharges the round under the hammer.
5. A shooter drops a pistol and the hammer lands on the ground and discharges the round under the hammer.

I am sure that these 5 items are not all the risks that a round under the hammer presents. The whole point of this is that having your pistols checked by another goes a long way to prevention of the 5 risks above. I will hold my pistols for you to check the next time we are on the firing line.

Fordyce Beals
_Mayor

Monthly Shooting Schedule:

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

December 3, Saturday 9:00

Town Council Meeting
after match scores are read.
Come One, Come All
Members!

December 4, Sunday 9:00



Happy Thanksgiving

5 Dogs Family

Ring In The New Year With Us!

The January match is a 3-day
event that begins on Saturday,
12/31/22, 9:00 through Monday
January 2, 2023, 9:00.

Dutch Longhorn is putting
together a "Wild Bunch" match
for Saturday. That weekend is
shaping up to be a shooting filled
weekend!

THE REALLY CLEAN “SHE-BANG” SHOOTERS

Saturday 11/5:



Lucky Lu, Montego, Rebecca West, Limpin' Leroy

Sunday 11/6:



Bonny Kate, Panhandle Red, Coal Train, Montego

DOG-NABBERS



Dutch Longhorn, Bonny Kate, Josie Albuquerque, Tollhouse Tracker, Domino Blaze, Huckleberry Flash



DB Hawke, Domino Blaze, Manny's Granny, Ol' Dollar, Josie Albuquerque

FIRST TIME 5 DOGS CREEK SHOOTER



Welcome: Terra Bella Terror & Sassy Grandma

LONG RANGE WINNERS



Rebecca West, Bonny Kate, Limpin Leroy

RANGE WRANGLER’S NOTES

First, once again thanks to all of those who helped get the 5 Dogs Creek range cleaned up and ready fo the She-Bang, Unfortunately, I was not able to participate in the She-Bang because of an inconvenient malady several of us picked up Arizona way.

There are several items that still need attention at the range. One of the more important is weatherize all of the structures on all the bays. It has been two years since this was last done. This will not require a general work party, but I will be contacting two or three of you to see if you can help, when we know there will be at least four or five days of clear weather in a row.

There are several other tasks that will perhaps require a work party. The bathroom boardwalks must be repaired and the doors must be reframed so we can put proper hinges on them. In addition, there are a few other structures and boardwalks that need some attention. Finally, there are two new loading tables that have been authorized and need to be constructed in the not-too-distant future.

And, of course, the bay proprietors will want to keep their bay in pristine condition so we will be known not only for our friendly and welcoming attitude but for our clean shooting venues as well.

If you have any thoughts about this, or other work that you feel needs to be done on the range, or wish to volunteer your help, please contact me.

Utah Blaine
Range Wrangler



One of the many unique treasures at 5 Dogs



THE SHERIFF’S LOG

Happy Turkey Day Pardners,

I certainly hope everyone has a filling and fulfilling Thanksgiving. I know we have lots to be thankful for here at 5 Dogs Creek! I was certainly thankful for the wonderful job all the ladies did at the She-Bang. It was another great shoot, lots of laughter, lots of Dog-Nabbits used, and a fun time! The weather turned out to be perfect for shooting and for having a fire in the fire pit. A big thank you to Bones Brannon for getting out the .22 targets. They were definitely a big hit, pun intended!

I’m looking forward to shooting the **December 3rd & 4th** match as Professor Cubby Bear is having a cat themed Saturday and a Christmas themed Sunday. Should be interesting so don’t miss this one!

Looking ahead to the January match, we will shoot on **Saturday, Dec 31**. Dutch Longhorn will be writing the stages that day and will be doing a Wild Bunch match after. He says if you do not have all the guns, come out anyway.

Utah Blain will write the stages for **Sunday, Jan 1** and because **Monday, Jan 2** is a holiday, we will be shooting that day as well. Miss Barah Lee Misditt will write the stages for that day.

There will be Stone Soup on Friday night and potlucks on Saturday and Sunday as well as a nice fire in the fire pit. Dry camping is always available at no charge.

See you at the range,
Lap Dog
Sheriff 5 Dogs Creek



“THIS IS SO NICE” NEWS



A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL “DOG-NABBITERS”!
BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT, IN ADDITION TO POUNDS AND POUNDS OF CANNED GOODS, A CHECK FOR **\$ 550** WAS PRESENTED TO THE GOLDEN EMPIRE GLEANERS TO HELP FEED NEEDY FAMILIES!



Sherriff Lap Dog's Shooter's meeting

JUST IN CASE YOU MISSED THE ADDITIONS TO BAY 8, HERE ARE A FEW MORE PICTURES OF THE NEW MEMORIAL TOMBSTONES.



SPECIAL THANKS AGAIN TO MISS FOXI SCHOOL MARM & DIRT MCFEARSON

MORE OF BONES BRANNON'S HANDIWORK



Making new friends wherever he goes.



COWBOYS & COWGIRLS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN



Territorial Governor's News:



Mad Trapper of Rat River shared to following insightful information he has gleaned from the Territorial Governor's wire:

COCKED REVOLVER LEAVING HAND

p. 13: "A cocked revolver may never leave a shooters hand, including from one hand to the other. This does not apply when loading or reloading on the firing line."

-Note that changing the revolver from one had to the other means transferring from one hand that is gripping the revolver to the other hand gripping the revolver. So, if cocked during the transfer, the penalty is a SDQ

-When a cocked revolver is holstered, once the shooter removes their hand from the grip, the appropriate penalty will apply (Clarification 2017 WR TG mtg.)

DECOCKING A FIREARM

p. 14: "No firearm may be decocked on the firing line to avoid a penalty if cocked at the wrong time, position or location once round has gone downrange. Once a revolver is cocked, the round must be expended (shot). However, if a round has not gone downrange, and under the direction and supervision of the TO, the revolver may be decocked. This requires a positive indication/acknowledgement from the TO for the shooter to do so. (See also "Double Jeopardy" avoidance in Safety & Handling Conventions - All Firearms)

-Note that if decocked without the direction and supervision of the TO, then the penalty is a SDQ

-This applies to decocking a revolver at the end of a stage as well, such as when the shooter loses count and the TO says that's all and the shooter leaves the hammer cocked. By decocking (instead of pulling the trigger safely down range) it's avoiding a penalty such as holstering a cocked revolver or a cocked revolver leaving the shooter's hand.

LONG RANGE SHOOTING MATCH:
TAKE NO PRISONERS SHERIFF & DEPUTY CLASS



THE SHE-BANG TOP COWBOY & COWGIRL SHOOTERS



MONTEGO & REBECCA WEST

EXTRA NEWS

From Mayor Fordyce Beales:

EXCERPT FROM:
OLD & NEW RUGER
BLACKHAWK .44
LIKE FINE WINE, GETTING
BETTER WITH AGE
WRITTEN BY **MIKE "DUKE"**
VENTURINO

And, of course, with its transfer system of action the New Model .44 Magnum can safely be carried with all six chambers loaded while my Old Model .44 is a five shooter for safety's sake. It should (MUST!) be carried with five rounds chambered and hammer down on the empty sixth chamber. I personally have known two fellows who ignored the safety warning and shot themselves — one fatally.



From Sheriff Lap Dog:



A special award was presented at this year's She-Bang to four attendees who exemplified

“The Spirit of the Game”.

The winners were voted on each day by each posse.

The winners were:

Saturday: Dutch Longhorn, Bonnie Kate, Sunshine Kid

Sunday: Bones Brannon, Professor Cubby Bear