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THE HOWLER

At 5 Dogs

Latest news and updates

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The Mayor's Anvil: Forging Understanding

Rain was in evidence at the December 3rd and 4th monthly match. On the 3rd rain held off for 5 wet puddle stages of cat based shooting put on by Professor Cubby Bear. Those of us unfamiliar with cat husbandry got a lesson for the ins and outs of cats. The high humidity and still wind conditions were particularly troublesome for us black powder shooters, defining smoke obscured targets. On the 4th the skies opened up and rained out the shoot.

The Town Council meeting on the 3rd was attended by almost all the shooters and a lively discussion about filling in some of the low spots on the range with DG or decomposed granite. Several years ago we placed DG on the access road in front of the cowboy range and it paid off as I saw no one spinning their wheels and needing a tow. Old business concluded was a motion to obtain some new targets that passed and I ordered them and Huckleberry Flash volunteered to weld on the hangers. The order includes 18 targets, 16 inches by 16 inches of 3/8 inch AR500 steel. The abrasion resistant steel makes a long lasting target that is much safer than some of the old mild steel targets that are pitted and cupped. We will be able to shoot the new targets in the 3 day January match. See you on the hopefully rain free firing line.
Fordyce Beals, Mayor



Monthly Shooting Schedule:

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

February 4, 2023,
Saturday 9:00



February 5, 2023
Sunday 9:00



Have Yourself A Very Merry Christmas!

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!*

DECEMBER CLEAN SHOOTERS

Saturday 12/3 TOP CATS:



Bull McFearson

DB Hawke

Huckleberry Flash

Professor Cubby Bear



What is Professor Cubby Bear thinking?

Sunday 12/4 Match Rained Out



Professor and "Bad Kitty"



Bull meets "Bad Kitty"

Ring in the New Year at 5 Dogs

In addition to the "pot lucks" and possible movie night, Dutch Longhorn has some special information regarding the "Wild Bunch" match he is writing:

"Make sure you stick around after the cowboy match on Saturday for some "Wild Bunch" fun! Don't have all the right guns? No problem! Shoot what you have! In true cowboy shooting spirit, we will be sure to have enough ammo for everyone who wants to give it a try. If you have a gun you would like to shoot, please make sure you have lead ammunition."

ROUND COUNT FOR THE MATCH:

85 PISTOL
40 RIFLE
24 SHOTGUN

RANGE WRANGLER'S NOTES:

Not much to add since last months Newsletter. Apparently there was a powerful wind at the range just after last months She Bang, enough to move one of the tepees on Bay 10 quite a distance from its original location and blew over two plywood fake tepees by the one staging table; one fake tepee is in bad shape and the other so-so. But since Bay 10 is mine and Lap Dog's bay, we will take care of any required repairs.

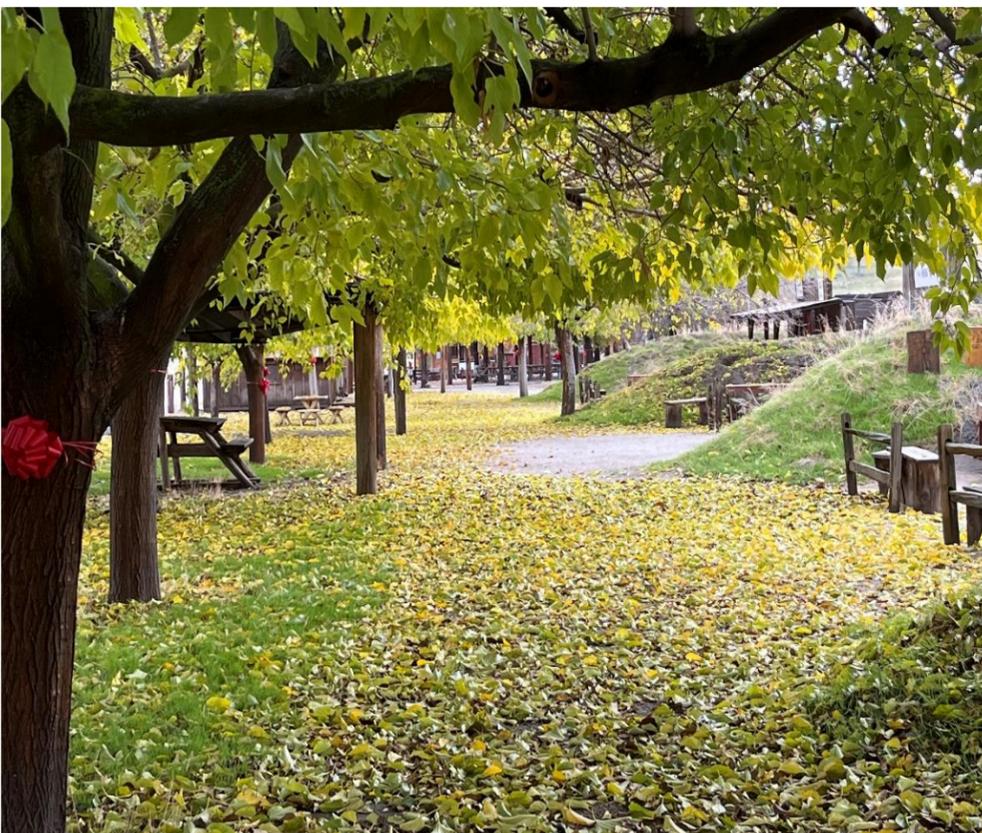
I am also hoping for a few good days in January so the false fronts on all bays can be sprayed with weatherproofing. There are still tweaks to be made on the bathroom doors so they will secure and open easily. Thanks to Lap Dog for working on the women's bathroom door to try to get it to open and close easily.

Just in case any of you have not noticed, Lap Dog is very good at repairing things around the range or taking some larger items, like the Indian silhouette on the hill on the opposite side of the road, to her brother who is equally handy with the tools necessary for making items for the range. So, thanks to both of them for helping me out as the Range Wrangler.

Utah Blaine
Range Wrangler



The fun and very spacious Bay 10



THE SHERIFF'S LOG:

Happy Holidays to All,

The weather didn't stop several shooters from having a good time shooting Professor Cubby Bear's "Day of the Cats" stages on Saturday for the match in December. Stages were fun, though you did have to avoid a mud puddle on occasion, and the sayings were "cat friendly." Sunday's match was unfortunately rained out, but we are hoping Professor Cubby Bear will take up the stage writing challenge again in the future.

The New Year's match is shaping up to be lots of fun. Saturday stages will be written by Dutch Longhorn, and he is planning to put on a Wild Bunch match after the main match. Utah Blaine and Miss Barah Lee Misditt will be writing Sunday and Monday's stages. We are going to bring out the .22 targets as well as dust off those BB targets so bring your guns and ammo.

Friday night will be "stone soup", Saturday and Sunday nights will be potluck. Plan on a movie Saturday night, maybe a movie and dinner at the same time?

Lots of free dry camping available, regular match fees apply so bring your guns, ammo and plans for a good time. And do a "NO" rain dance for that weekend!

Stage writers are needed for the several months in the New Year so let me know which month you would like.

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



Look what the wind blew in! (Thanks Lap Dog)

"THIS IS SO NICE" NEWS



A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL
"DOG-NABBITERS"
BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT,
IN ADDITION TO
SIXTY-ONE POUNDS OF CANNED GOODS,
A CHECK FOR
\$ 550

WAS PRESENTED TO THE GOLDEN EMPIRE
GLEANERS TO HELP FEED NEEDY FAMILIES!

ALSO, APPRECIATION AWARDS WERE
PRESENTED TO THE GLEANERS'
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DEBBIE POWERS &
WAREHOUSE MANAGER, JASON TERRONEZ



"It All Starts with Food" - The Gleaners

And Did You Know:

One of our very own shooters (& a team of co-creators) are responsible every Christmas for creating amazing GINGERBREAD replicas of not only the Notre Dame cathedral, the famous San Diego Hotel Del, and the church on the campus of SMU were a loved one attends college?

Take a look:



Can you guess who it is?

Here's a clue...

Two of the talented crew members:



Here's the 2022 Creation:



Using a couple of new "construction material" recipes and taking a break from the traditional cathedrals, churches and landmarks resulted in this great off-road fun vehicle with blinking Christmas lights, candy cane axles, tail pipe and two rifles inside.

This is an almost 50-year tradition! Can't wait to see what they come up with next year!



Merry Christmas, Wanderin' Rose!



Thank You for sharing your talent and family tradition with your 5 Dogs family!

Territorial Governor's News:



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

170 - 180 DEGREE RULES

p. 17: "The 170-degree rule" means the muzzle of a firearm must always be straight down range (+/- 85-degree in any direction). Muzzle direction and muzzle control is important between, before, during, and after shooting a stage. The 170-degree rule is the backbone of all safe firearm handling and is always in effect" p. 3: "Any firearm that breaks the 170-degree safety rule will result in a Stage Disqualification."

p. 3: "When drawing a revolver, the muzzle may be oriented into a straight down (180-degree) as it clears leather; but must go immediately into the downrange 170-degree (and vice versa on the return). These restrictions against breaking the downrange 180-degree angle apply to all holsters and methods of draw/re-holster. This allowance applies to all types/styles of holsters, from canted double strong side to cross draw, to shoulder/Huckleberry rigs."

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There has been extended discussions on the TG wire about letting juniors shoot in the gunfighter category. At this point they can shoot in all categories except gunfighter.

The opinions have been mostly against for various reasons. I have queried gunfighters in AZ and they all feel this would be a mistake. I personally agree as I believe it could have safety issues. However, 5 Dog members are encouraged to express their opinion(s). I will happily carry forward such opinions on the TG wire and if a vote is taken in the future will cast a ballot with the majority. Please email me at docmehling@yahoo.com if you wish to discuss further. Please make the subject "Category Change."