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THE HOWLER At 5 Dogs

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The Mayor's Anvil: Forging Understanding

March 2023

Several cowboys showed up for the March 4th and 5th matches and I wrote the stages. I like to change things up with themes for the matches and this time I featured a cowboy song start lines that was a little out of the mainstream from the usual Marty Robins / Willie Nelson / Michael Martin Murphey standards. I first heard the song: Me and My Uncle, at a Grateful Dead concert in 1985 and it may be one of the bands most played songs in all their concerts. I was asked if I had the song to play on the first stage of the match and had posted the lyrics, so I fulfill the request with a few links to the song:

<u>Grateful Dead - Me & My Uncle 12/30/77</u> Black and white period video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NTRLYnwnAXM

<u>Joni Mitchell - Me and My Uncle (1965)</u> Also black and white and she was so beautiful and talented. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zp3lJg07u4w

<u>Judy Collins 1964</u> Earliest version of the song I found https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= WZzgsNiNSU

John Phillips (Of the Mamas and Papas) wrote the song.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pav7RjEqP-g

More than you may want or need to know,

https://whitegum.com/introjs.htm?/songfile/MEANDMYU.HTM

For those of you who missed the rained-out Sunday match you get to shoot those 5 stages on March 31 and finish the start lines!

The March 4^{th} Town Council meeting passed significant legislation to increases the insurance coverage of the club and officers. The rain and bad weather have stalled many of the needed range improvement projects, so let's hope spring is on the way.

See you on the firing line.

Fordyce Beals

Mayor

Monthly

Shooting Schedule:

Office opens at 8:00 Shooter's meeting 8:30 Saturday, April 1, 9:00 a.m.

Town Council Meeting after match scores are read.

Come One,
Come All Members!

Sunday, April 2, 9:00 a.m.



Happy Easter
5 Dogs Family

<u>2023</u> <u>MATCH CALENDAR</u> COME AND JOIN US:

APRIL 1 & 2

MAY 6 & 7

JUNE 3 & 4

JULY 1 & 2

AUGUST 5 & 6

SEPTEMBER 2 & 3

SEPT 30 & OCT 1

NOVEMBER 4 & 5

DECEMBER 2 & 3

THE CLEAN SHOOTERS

Saturday 3/4:



Till'em Under, Big Bad Blaine, Terra Bella Terror

<u>Sunday 3/5:</u>



Rained Out

March Match Saturday Shoot



Shooter: Big Bad Blaine, TO: Fordyce Beals, Spotters: Leia Tombstone & DB Hawke



Shooter: Lap Dog & TO: Fordyce Beals





Shooter: Miss Bara Lee Misditt



Shooter: Bull Mcfearson, TO: Fordyce Beals



Shooter: DB Hawke, TO: Fordyce Beals



Shooter: Miss Leia Tombstone, TO: Sam Ootie



Shooter: Lucky Lu

5 Dogs Creek Town Council Has A Big Announcement!

Howdy Folks,

There has been a lot of progress made since the invention of black powder, percussion caps, revolving arms, cartridges, lever action rifles, smokeless powder, pump shotguns, horseless carriages, checks, internet, and credit cards.

That's a lot of progress. Even so it's still a bit surprising that WE'VE COMBINED ALL OF THOSE - so now you may join or renew your 5 Dogs Creek Cowboy Action Shooters membership online with a payment card.

You don't have to, this is just an additional option. Everything that used to work, still works- such as cash or hand written checks on the morning of the match. We are not changing any of that. Just adding a convenient way to stay connected to your club. Even if it's been a rainy winter. We want to make it easy for you to stay current as a 5 Dogs member.

You may renew or join by clicking the "Membership" link at the top of the 5 Dogs Creek website.

Then the online form is pretty much the same as the paper form, except it can accept a credit card after you fill in the form & push the button.

https://5dogscreek.com/5dc-membership-join-renew/

If this thing gives you any trouble and you need some help, or to report an issue with it, please contact Montego directly: Telegraph@5DogsCreek.com

Please say what the issue is, so I have a good chance of finding & fixing it. If you send me your phone number I could call you back.

(It's also OK to give us a thumbs up if you like the idea & think it's about time!)

Thanks for your support.



Montego, 5DC Telegraph Operator

RANGE WRANGLER'S NOTES

Nothing much to report since the last issue of the Newsletter. The same items listed in the last newsletter still need attention. But the rain needs to be over for several continuous days before many of those repairs, etc. can be completed.

I have not yet heard from any of the bay proprietors' concerning any repairs that may be needed on your bays. Of course, if nothing needs to be repaired on any of those bays, all is good.

One proprietor did mention that the "awning" over the boardwalk need to be lifted. I said in the last newsletter that this would be a relatively simple fix. Turns out it may be a tad more complicated than a "simple."

And again, <u>Bay 1</u> needs a proprietor! And <u>Bay 2</u> needs a proprietor! At the present time Lap Dog and I are "fostering" Bay 1 and Bay 2, but we are proprietors for Bay 10. So, some cowboys/cowgirls need to step up to take over Bay 1 and Bay 2. So, let me hear from a couple of you to take over one or the other of those two bays!

So, if anyone is interested, please contact me at your earliest opportunity.

Utah Blaine Range Wrangler



THE SHERIFF'S LOG

Howdy All,

Or should I say 'hoppity hop' since the Easter bunny is almost here? I certainly hope everyone finds lots of primers in their Easter basket!

I also hope everyone is staying safe and dry during all this rain. I look forward to a few days of dry weather although the rain is much needed. I wonder if we can order the rain for the weekdays so everyone can shoot on the weekends.

Speaking of rain on the weekends, yet again our match was limited to one day because of the rain. Fordyce Beals wrote the stages for the March match and the Saturday stages we shot were certainly gunfighter friendly. All the shooters agreed the stages were a lot of fun to shoot! For the April match we will be shooting Fordyce Beals's Sunday stages and Lucky Lu is trying his hand at writing stages for Saturday. Looking forward to shooting both of those days in April!

Our sister club, Kings River Regulators, is having their annual match 'Fort Miller' in April as well. If you haven't signed up yet I highly recommend you do so. That match is always a lot of fun, and those folks up there are the friendliest people you will ever meet!

Stay safe, stay dry and watch for potholes! See you on the range,

Lap Dog Sheriff 5 Dogs Creek



More Great "Shots"



February Pre-Match Campfire by Sunshine Kid



Shooter: Leia Tombstone by Sunshine Kid February, 2023





The lovely BAY 1 needs a Proprietor



The very spacious BAY 2 needs a Proprietor or two

Territorial Governor's News:



Mad Trapper of Rat River is fiddling away somewhere. Hope he returns to serenade us real soon.