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# THE HOWLER

## At 5 Dogs

Latest news and updates

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## **The Mayor's Anvil: Forging Understanding**

When I first started Cowboy action shooting and needed an alias, I wanted to have one that was both a historic personage and had some lighthearted component. My everyday profession is mechanical engineering, so I looked at famous gunsmiths and found most like Benjamin Tyler Henry or William Mason, were already taken on the SASS alias list. As I used Remington cap and ball revolvers, I found out that they were based on designs and patents by Fordyce Beals. A little research showed that this guy was the real deal, he worked for Eli Whitney and Remington and had guns named after him. The archaic name Fordyce would come across as Four dice to the uninitiated so there was the whimsical part.

To promote knowledge of Fordyce Beals, not me but the real guy, I have picked 10 revolvers to feature at the May match I am putting on. I will post pictures of the guns on the ten bays and provide a list here for those that like historical facts about the past.

WHITNEY & BEALS "WALKING BEAM" REVOLVER These guns were Manufactured by Eli Whitney, who ran an Industrial Factory specializing in working with independent inventors who did not have the capital or resources to do their own Manufacturing. The First Model has a Brass Frame and is 6-shot. This curious little pocket revolver was invented and patented in 1854 by Fordyce Beals. (cont.)

WHITNEY & BEALS Second Model, commonly known as a "Walking Beam" or Walking Lever Type. A .31 caliber, with a 5-inch barrel, iron frame and a 7-shot cylinder,

WHITNEY & BEALS Third Model A larger gun with a lever rammer and 1858 patent date.

Beals Army and Navy Remington revolvers. In .44 and .36 calibers these set the general form and mechanical arrangement for Remington Cap and Ball revolvers

1861 Army and Navy revolvers So called improvements on the Beals Army that were not all improvements.

New Model Army and Navy revolvers were introduced in 1863. Now reproduced in Italy and called the 1858 Remington for the patent date. This is the final development of the Remington martial cap and ball revolver, and I can attest that it points and shoots with precision. *William F. Cody* seems to feel the same way and wrote: *"This old Remington revolver. I carried and used for many years in Indian Wars and Buffalo killing. And it never failed me."*

New Model Pocket. A .31 caliber sheath trigger. Looks like a miniature New Model Army.

See you on the firing line.  
Fordyce Beals  
Mayor



*"To Charlie & Carrie. This old Remington revolver. I carried and used for many years in Indian Wars and Buffalo killing. And it never failed me."*

WF Cody Dec 13th 1906

# **LOTS OF SPRING GREEN AT 5 DOGS**



Lap Dog in the knee-high grass



5 Dogs Boot Hill



Not quite picnic ready.



**Monthly**  
**Shooting Schedule:**

Office opens at 8:00  
Shooter's meeting 8:30  
Saturday, May 6,  
9:00 a.m.  
  
Sunday, May, 7  
9:00 a.m.



**Happy Mother's Day**  
**5 Dogs Family**

**2023**  
**MATCH CLAEANDAR**  
**COME AND JOIN US:**

**MAY 6 & 7**  
**JUNE 3 & 4**  
**(Town Council Mtg.)**  
**JULY 1 & 2**  
**AUGUST 5 & 6**  
**SEPTEMBER 2 & 3**  
**SEPT 30 & OCT 1**  
**NOVEMBER 4 & 5**  
**DECEMBER 2 & 3**

**THE APRIL CLEAN SHOOTERS**

**Saturday 4/1:**



*Dirty Hands, Fordyce Beals, Sunshine Kid,  
Miss Bara Lee Missdit, Bad Man Bob*

**Sunday 4/2:**



*Leia Tombstone, Dirty Hands, Miss Bara Lee Missdit,  
Professor Cubby Bear, Lap Dog, Badman Bob*

# April Match - Saturday Shoot



Center: First Time Posse Leader and Stage Writer, Lucky Lu  
Posse 1: Front row: Sister Sangria, Sunshine Kid, High Dollar, Chick Ma, Calico Blue. Back Row: Buddy Love, Montego, Ambs Aces, Dirty Hands, Panhandle Red



High Dollar, Panhandle Red



Cowboy vs The Star



*Leia Tombstone vs The Star  
DB Hawke & Fordyce Beals observe.*



*Re-setting The Star*



*Saturday Cowgirls: Sister Sangria, Lap Dog, Sunshine Kid, High Dollar, Miss Bara Lee Missditt, Calico Blue, Leia Tombstone, Chick Ma, Domino Blaze*



## **NEWS FROM FORT MILLER**



Picture from Lap Dog

1<sup>st</sup> place- Dirty Hands, Miss Barah Lee Misditt, Lap Dog, Ambs Aces, Roger Rapid

2<sup>nd</sup> place - Bonnie Kate, Chick Ma, Sam Ootie

6<sup>th</sup> place - Limpin' Leroy

(For further information regarding match results, please see The Kings River Regulators' website.)

## 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.

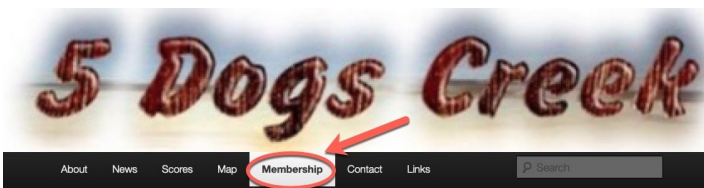
<https://5dogscreek.com/5dc-membership-join-renew/>

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](mailto: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**

Well, the rain seems to have stopped so work at 5 Dogs Creek can commence. There was consideration of a work party on **Saturday, April 22**; however, I have been advised travel to Pasadena that day is required. Still, I will be at the range from 7:00 AM until 9:30 AM, should any of you wish to do some work that day.

I will also be at the range **Monday morning, April 24**, as well. I will be traveling to Oregon on April 26 for a memorial service for a close friend and will return on May 1. I will be at 5 Dogs Creek a day or two before our next cowboy/cowgirl match on **May 6 and 7** to finish up any cleaning up that needs to be done.

I would like to schedule a **Work Party** for **Saturday, May 27**, as there a handful of repairs to that must be done. And, of course, there are still a couple of new loading tables that must be constructed.

Utah Blaine  
Range Wrangler



## **THE SHERIFF'S LOG**

Howdy All,  
Finally!! The Easter bunny brought us good weather and we were able to shoot both days of our April match! And the Easter bunny hid some eggs after the match on Saturday. What a hoot watching those shooters running around finding eggs. I might have suggested there was a 'golden' egg, but like those lying cheating spotters... But there were a couple of cool prizes given away.

We shot Lucky Lu's stages on Saturday; it was Lucky Lu's first-time writing the stages and I don't think it will be his last time. After all, no one wanted to hang him after the match! The stages were fun and in a number of stages the rifle and pistol targets were the same. That made for some challenges but worth the effort.

Sunday was the completion of Fordyce Beals match he wrote for March. Gunfighter friendly for those that shoot gunfighter and good scenarios. A good time was had by all!

For those that missed shooting Fordyce Beals's stages in March, and completed in April, he is the stage writer for May so come out to see what he comes up with. I anticipate some gunfighter friendly stages!

If you missed Fort Miller, put it on your calendar for next year. Everyone had a great time, and the weather was perfect. A number of club members took home some bling so congratulations to all! For those headed to the State Championship at the Cajon Cowboys on April 27-30<sup>th</sup>, we are wishing you lots of luck and may your powder be dry, eyesight be strong and your guns steady.

See you at the range,

Lap Dog  
Sheriff 5 Dogs Creek



# Easter Egg Hunt, Anyone?







The lovely BAY 1 still needs a Proprietor



The very spacious BAY 2 needs a Proprietor or two

## **Territorial Governor's News:**



Mad Trapper of Rat River is still fiddling down the trail somewhere. Hope he rides our way again soon.

Meanwhile, no news from the Territorial Governors.