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THE HOWLER

At 5 Dogs

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The Mayor's Anvil: Forging Understanding

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How do you put on a monthly match at 5 Dogs Creek Fordyce's way?

First talk to Lap Dog, the Sheriff, and get an open match date. At the match before your date take pictures of each of the bays showing the number and position of pistol, rifle, shotgun targets and shooting positions.

At home, put the first by pictures on your computer screen and make a plan for shooting positions, target distance, and movement using the same number of targets but moving them if necessary to fulfill your plan. For less work later don't add targets but you can remove targets and move them to the side of the bay. Determine the shooting sequences based on what you enjoy shooting or have seen at other clubs' matches. Use a pen and paper or Paint Program on your computer to document your plan and target engagement sequences into a stage instruction sheet for use at the match. Repeat 9 more times for the rest of the bays. Send the completed stage instructions to the Sheriff for review for safety and completeness. Ask for barn combination so you can access paint.

After you hear back that the stages are OK go to the range on a day when it is open to set up the bays. Sign in at the Range House saying you are working at the Cowboy Range. Open the barn and get the wagon, black paint, roller, and tray. Go to Bay 1 and using the stage instruction you wrote set up the targets and shooting position tables. Paint the targets. Repeat 9 more times. This takes Leia and I about two hours. If you have followed the above instructions, you should spend a similar amount of time. Smile as you admire the freshly painted targets and think how much fun you have provided for the club.

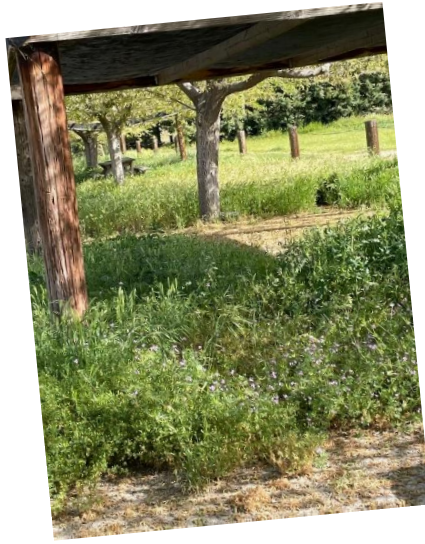
See you on the firing line,
Fordyce Beals
Mayor



WORKIN'
HARD AT 5 DOGS
THANK YOU
PANHANDLE RED & UTAH BLAINE



BEFORE:



AFTER:



Monthly Shooting Schedule:

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

Saturday, June 3,
9:00 a.m.

Sunday, June 4,
9:00 a.m.



Happy Father's Day 5 Dogs Family

2023 MATCH CLAENDAR COME AND JOIN US:

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 MAY MATCH CLEAN SHOOTERS

Saturday 5/6:



The One and Only Bad Man Bob

Sunday 5/7:



Dirty Hands, Chick Ma, Badman Bob, Terra Bella Terror



THE SHERIFF'S LOG

Howdy All,

We had perfect weather and a whole lot of fun shooting Fordyce Beals's stages. There were some 'Ps' flying out there ("What do you mean I can't shoot it my way"?) and targets that had to be dodging those bullets because guns were pointing in the right direction! But it sure made for a lot of laughs. So, a big thank you to Fordyce Beals for writing the stages for the May match.

For June, Utah Blaine and DB Hawk are writing the stages. It is DB Hawk's first-time writing stages, but it sounds like he is excited to use some targets that haven't been used in a while. So come out and see what kind of fun those two are writing up! And I hear that Friday night will be 'appetizer night' with a chance to hang out and visit. Saturday night will be the potluck.

Speaking of weather, summer is saying hello to us by creeping those temperatures up. Just a reminder that you do have to shoot in cowboy/cowgirl attire even if it is a little warm. No tennis shoes unless you have it okayed by the sheriff and needs to be a medical reason. Well... if you're coming from out-of-town and forgot most or all of your cowboy/cowgirl gear, come talk to the sheriff about it. August will be our Paniolo shoot which means tropical clothes such as grass skirts, shorts, Hawaiian shirts, etc. You must wear closed toe shoes.

Coming Up: July and August matches will be written by Sam Ootie as a warm-up for the Western Regional.

September match will be written by Buddy Love and will be his 'gunfighter challenge'. It is an opportunity to try shooting a different style than what you normally shoot if you would like to.

October, not sure about.

November is the She-Bang and the stages will be written by the ladies of 5 Dogs Creek.

And finally, welcome to new shooter Branding Iron. He was like a kid in a candy shop, he was having so much fun!

Welcome and we look forward to seeing you at the range.

Memorial Day is almost upon us, so everyone have wonderful and safe Memorial Day weekend.

See you at the range,

Lap Dog



Montego, 5DC Telegraph Operator

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.

RANGE WRANGLER'S NOTES

First of all, a big thank you to Panhandle Red for mowing the very considerable high grasses and weeds between the outside fence and the fences in front of the Bays.

And thank you to Lap Dog for doing a lot of raking once they had been cut down. And thank you to Sam Ottie who had previously put sterilant on the Bays which helped to keep the grasses and weeds down on the interior part of the Bays, and between the outside fence and the fences in front of the Bays, especially the interior of Bays 1- 8.

So, what is on the agenda for the work party on May 27? **First**, the main task, now that it appears there will be little rain, if any, in the future, is to get all the grasses and weeds eliminated from the range, including above the back of the berms on Bays 3 and 4. I understand it will be in the 90s that day, so the earlier the start the better.

Second, I have forwarded the plans to those who were involved with construction of the loading table on Bay 2 to get their input on the lumber required for building another one. **Third**, I have consulted with D B Hawk the lumber required to rework the awning on Bay 3. **However, I am putting the second and third tasks on hold until I have an opportunity to consult with a third party.**

Finally, I know what needs to be done to keep our Bays clean of grasses and weeds. And if we ever needed a brick or block wall built, I can do that. However, I have very few wood building skills. If there is anyone out there that has such skills and would like to be Range Wrangler, feel free to nominate yourself at our June match.

Utah Blaine
Range Wrangler





The lovely BAY 1 still needs a Proprietor



The very spacious BAY 2 STILL needs a Proprietor or two

Territorial Governor's News:



Mad Trapper of Rat River may be riding our way again soon. Meanwhile, he sent the following message: "I have zippo, nada, zilch, nil and nothing to report" from the Territorial Governors.

MAY MATCH - SATURDAY SHOOT



ONE POSSE DAY



Badman Bob keepin' "em safe at the loading table.



Branding Iron takes out the spider.

MAY MATCH - SATURDAY SHOOT



Shooter: DB Hawke - T/O: Dirt McFearson



Range Wrangler, Utah Blaine



Professor Cubby Bear



"B-Western" done right.

MAY MATCH - SATURDAY SHOOT



*Miss Foxy Schoolmarm keeping the unloading
table safe for DB Hawke*