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At 5 Dogs
Latest news and updates

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The Mayor's Anvil:
Forging Understanding

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Posse size can change the amount of time required to complete a match. That is a 10-shooter posse can finish 5 stages faster than a 20-shooter posse.

On the small posse all members must work, load, shoot and unload without a lot of down time. This can add to a feeling of being hurried and leave little time for social interaction. This feeling of being hurried goes against the saying, "Come for the shooting but stay for the people." With a large posse you can get the feeling that if you came "for the shooting," you spend most of the time interacting with the people and little time shooting for the time you spent at the range.

Thus lies the conundrum of the match registration staff forming the posse. The sweet spot for posse size is not the same for every match. When the weather is in triple digit territory, as it is in current times, getting finished quickly can be a health safety benefit. Over the years Five Dogs has planted trees and started to make covered loading tables to make shooting in the summer heat more enjoyable.

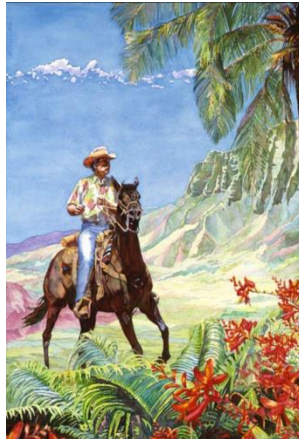
Unlike very hot days, cold days health safety risks can be mitigated with warm clothing, and campfires. On cold days I have seen Cowboys bring hot thermos coffee, propane heaters on gun carts, and even a wagon with a portable campfire. Admittedly it's necessary to take off heavy coats to be able to reach holstered pistols at the firing line but attentive helpers can bring your coat to the unloading table to stave off hypothermia.

In the past we had winter and summer starting times, now standardized to one starting time year-round. This is something to talk about and see if support can be made for reestablishing the early summer start time.

Monthly Shooting Schedule:

Office opens at 8:00
Shooter's meeting 8:30
Saturday, AUG. 5,
9:00 a.m.
Sunday, AUG. 6,
9:00 a.m.

COME CELEBRATE THE PANIOLA!



2023
MATCH CLAENDAR
COME AND JOIN US:
AUGUST 5 & 6
SEPTEMBER 2 & 3
SEPT 30 & OCT 1
NOVEMBER 4 & 5
DECEMBER 2 & 3

THE JULY MATCH CLEAN SHOOTERS

Saturday



Josie Albuquerque, Dead Eye Maverick, Lap Dog

Sunday



Not So Dead Eye Maverick, Coyote Carson, Lap Dog

THE SHERIFF'S LOG



Howdy All,

It was sizzling hot for the match in June, and it wasn't just the weather! Sam Ootie wrote some fast and furious stages that were 'fast and furious'! Even though it was pretty warm, we got through the match before the real heat set in. Sam Ootie was doing his best to think like Sinful so those going to the Western Regionals would get an idea of the stages. There are a lot of shooters that hope Sam got it right! The August match will be a 'think like Sinful' match again as Sam Ootie will be writing the stages and doing his best to be on the same wavelength as Sinful.

A big thank you to Wandern' Rose and Mad Trapper of Rat River, with the help of Utah Blaine, for getting the long range set up and helping people shoot. It went over well although it was pretty hot out there. For the August match bring your long guns and you can shoot on Saturday at the gongs (125 yards) and the buffalo (150 yards) or pistol and rifle caliber guns (50 yards) for some practice for the Western Regionals.

The heat and the flies were so bad at the range in June that the 'appetizer' Friday and the potluck were cancelled. The appetizer Friday is cancelled for August and depending on the heat, and flies, the potluck may be cancelled. So, plan accordingly if you plan to come to the range to camp and then head to the Western Regional.

The August match is our 'Paniolo' match, so bring out your best and craziest Hawaiian or tropical outfits. No open toed shoes and clothing must be safe to shoot in. It should be a lot of fun.

Don't forget to join the 5 Dogs group for a potluck at the Western Regionals. It will be at Miss Foxi Schoolmarm's trailer on Thursday this year and start at 5 p.m. See you there!

Looking ahead:

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. But all shooters are welcome.

October, not sure about.

November is the She-Bang, and the stages will be written by the ladies of 5 Dogs Creek. Aloha and see you at the range,
Lap Dog

P.S. From Sheriff Lap Dog:

5 Dogs Creek Potluck at the
Western Regional

Many, if not all of you, have heard there will not be any vendors at the Western Regional, including food vendors. When Miss Foxi Schoolmarm was asked if she would still be coming to the Western Regional, even though she would not be able to set up her store, she said "I want to come and watch my friends play.

Usually, I'm busy with the store and I never get to watch any of the 5 Dogs members shoot."

So, bring your potluck dish and a chair to Miss Foxi Schoolmarm's site on Hondo
(look for the 5 Dogs flag)

Thursday August 13 at 5 p.m.

After the potluck everyone can head to the firepit by the office for some 'picking' and s'mores.

On Friday night Bingo will be played in the big tent, check your schedules for the time.

Thank you, Miss Foxi Schoolmarm,
for your hospitality,
Lap Dog

RANGE WRANGLER NEWS

Not much to report this time around. But first, there is an error in the previous column. I mentioned that one of the railroad ties forming the roof on the 150-yard target had to be lifted back up and put in place. Then I referred to digging the dirt from around the gong for that target. Dumb, that 150-yard target is the buffalo target. The gong is a 45-yard target on another bay, which is the one, to make usable will have to have a boat load of dirt dug out from around the bottom. And I am still wondering if there is some kind of structure that can be built to keep the dirt from coming down around the bottom, possibly using railroad ties cut to specification.

Otherwise, I left for Oregon for 12 days right after the July match and just arrived home recently, returning to some rather warm Bakersfield weather. Unless there is a dramatic cool down, the only reasonable time to do any work at 5 Dogs Creek would be between 5:00 and 8:00 AM in the morning. Any significant work on projects previously mentioned will have to wait until there is cooler weather. And when will there be cooler weather? I am guessing probably not August, possibly September.

Utah Blaine



*Thank You,
Miss Foxi Schoolmarm...*



Our “guardian angel” is retiring from her position on the Town Council as our “Storekeeper”, though her care and attention to detail has meant so much more to us all than her “title” hints to. For example, she wants everyone that is planning to go to the Western Regionals at Chorro to know the traditional pot-luck that she hosts will be on Thursday, August 10th, instead of Friday this year. She’s one in a million and you can tell her I said so!

Domino Blaze

In Case You Missed It.....

Mayor Beals declared “Casual Days” for both Saturday and Sunday's 100 plus degree match days.



Lucky Lu and Utah Blaine took him up on it.

Casual Sunday Patriots



Top Row: Mad Trapper of Rat River, Wanderin' Rose, Dutch Longhorn

Bottom Row: Not So Dead Eye Maverick, Wanderin' Rose, Josie Albuquerque, Dutch Long Horn, Domino Blaze, DB Hawke

Territorial Governor's News:

Mad Trapper of Rat River has retired.

Look for the newly elected



Professor Cubby Bear's
Words of Wisdom here soon.

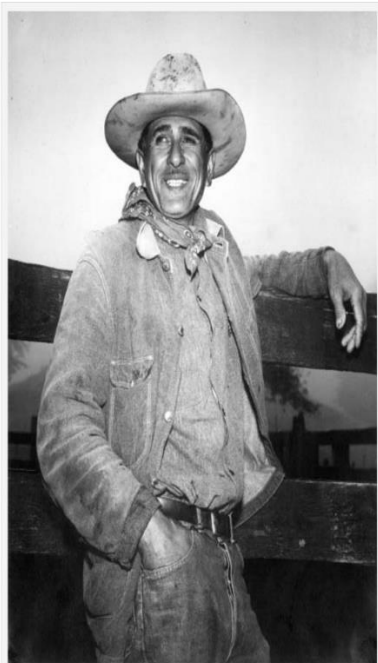
Come Celebrate the Paniola with us at the August 5th & 6th Match

Wear your best cool
Hawaiian Cowboy
outfit and come
have some fun!



What is a Paniolo?

“The official definition of the Hawaiian word Paniolo is “a person who herds cattle; cowboy.” According to the Paniolo Preservation Society, in 1832 King Kamehameha III sent for help to California to teach the Hawaiians how to handle the wild cattle and to learn horsemanship. The help came in the form of three Mexican-Spanish vaqueros (cowboys) who taught the Hawaiians roping, herding, breaking and other skills. To this day, the paniolo traditions are still practiced, while remaining firmly rooted in the Mexican vaquero heritage. When visiting Waimea, the Paniolo Heritage Center welcomes guests to come and learn about the early days of ranching in Hawaii, the history of the land, the stories behind the men and women who shaped the rich cultural history they are known for.”



John Holi Ma'e - Hawaiian Cowboy aka Paniolo