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THE HOWLER

At 5 Dogs

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The Mayor's Anvil: Forging Understanding

September 2023

If you are attending the September 2 and 3, 5 Dogs Creek monthly match and have some reservation about shooting gunfighter style for the first time I can provide some advice.

You need two strong side holsters I.E., no cross-draw holster.

Before the match strap on the holsters with revolvers and do some dry firing practice. Make sure no live ammunition is in the gun or the area you are practicing in. With both guns in leather assume a start position hands on hat then put both hands on the grips and stop. Do this several to develop some muscle memory.

Now with different start positions draw the guns and move them up into where you can see the sights on one of the guns. If you are right eye dominant aim the right gun. If you are left eye dominant, aim the left gun. After getting a good sight picture with the dominant eye gun either move the other gun in front of the dominant eye or move your head to sight the remaining revolver. You will repeat this two-step aiming with every pair of shots. Practice this exercise with different aiming points to simulate a target set up at the range. You cannot reliably hit a target that you don't aim at.

Now that you can see the sights on both guns you have another choice point to get the guns cocked. The two choices are to single cock one gun at a time like a dualist, shoot one shot, then cock the other gun for the second shot or to double cock both guns at the same time and shoot two shots.

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The two choices for cocking are not always available to a given shooter. Some shooters' brain will work only in one of the two choices.

Pick the way to cock that feels best for you and draw, aim, cock, and dry fire at your simulated target array. At the end of the shooting string holster the two guns.

In the time before the match wake up your non dominate side by shifting the computer mouse to the other side, open doors with you off hand, brush your teeth and hair weak side handed.

For the ultimate challenge when hungry hold your fork in your offside and eat.

So, you now see that gunfighter can be a lifestyle and having a functional weak side could keep you shooting when the strong side has an injury.

See you on the firing line shooting gunfighter!



Monthly Shooting Schedule:

Office opens at 8:00
Shooter's meeting 8:30
Saturday, SEPT. 2,
9:00 a.m.
Sunday, SEPT. 3,
9:00 a.m.

READY FOR A



THROWDOWN?

THE AUGUST MATCH CLEAN SHOOTERS

Saturday:

Not So Dead Eye Maverick, Bad Man Bob



Sunday (None)



WELCOME NEW SHOOTER: SASSY GRANDMA

AND HER ESCORT TERRA BELLA TERROR



FUN IN THE SUN, PANIOLA STYLE!



Territorial Governor's News:



Professor Cubby Bear's
Words of Wisdom here soon.

THE SHERIFF'S LOG



Howdy All,

What a great match we had in August. Sam Ootie was definitely channeling Sinful as you can tell when you check out all the club winners at the Western Regionals listed in the newsletter. It was hot in July, so cowboys and cowgirls really enjoyed the 'Paniolo' attire! Thanks again Sam Ootie for two months' worth of stages that were fast, fun, and in the shade. Looking forward to what you come up with next year. Buddy Love is looking forward to seeing everyone in September for his 'Gunfighter Throwdown!' This is going to be a gunfighter friendly match so all you gunfighters and 'maybe I'd like to try shooting gunfighter' come on out! It's an opportunity to try shooting gunfighter just to see if you like it, or to challenge yourself. If you aren't interested, then come out to shoot the style you like to shoot. It is going to be a lot of fun.

We are going to have our 'appetizer Friday' night and the potluck on Saturday. Hope to see everyone at the range to enjoy all the fun and food!

Buddy has challenged himself and he will be writing the stages for October. This will be a great time to get yourself ready for the Senior Games or Bordertown, both in October. Plus, it's an opportunity to get ready for the She-Bang which will be our November shoot.

Don't forget, November is the She-Bang, and the stages will be written by the ladies of 5 Dogs Creek. Don't forget to bring your .22s and BB guns, we will be using those great targets Bones Brannon made for us.

Check out the flyer in the newsletter for all the information regarding the activities.

Remember cowboy/cowgirl attire is required to shoot at the monthly match.

See you at the range,

Lap Dog

RANGE WRANGLER NEWS

Of course, it has been much too warm to do most of the work on the agenda at 5 Dogs Creek. Several of the 5 Dogs Creek members, as you all know, attended the Western Regional last week. One of the things that I noticed there was their loading and unloading tables. They seemed to be ones we could successfully duplicate at 5 Dogs Creek. Most importantly, the supporting posts for the tables are set back a foot or so from the loading and unloading tables themselves, making it much easier to negotiate around the tables. I have included a couple of photos below to give you an idea of how they are constructed.



You can see how the supporting posts make it much easier to move the loading and unloading tables. There tends to be more room to easily accommodate people at the loading tables. A wooden brace could possibly be substituted for the steel brace, though I am sure, if desired, we have the wherewithal to create steel braces. And by the way, these photos were provided by Miss Barah Lee Misditt.



Utah Blaine

5 Dogs Creek presents the 16th annual

SHE-BANG!

GUNS, GARTERS & GOOD TIMES

November 4-5 2023

The ladies of 5 Dog Creek in Bakersfield are back again for another 'shenanigan' filled weekend of shooting! Join us as we take our monthly match up a notch, or two!

SHE-BANG!

- 5 stages each day (two separate matches) *Come for one day or stay all weekend!*
- On Saturday sign in by 8:30 a.m.; shooters meeting at 9:00 a.m.
- On Sunday sign in 8:30 a.m.; shooters meeting at 9:00 a.m.
- Regular daily match rate: Members \$15; Non-members \$20
- Everyone - shooters and non - shooters - will be entered in a raffle for treasured items donated by the ladies of 5 Dog Creek.

We will be selling 'dog-nabbits' to erase some of those pesky misses with the proceeds going to **Toys for Tots**.

SHE-NANAGIANS!

- Hot dog it's Friday and appetizers! The ladies will provide the hot dogs and fixings, bring an appetizer to share if you would like.
- Side match Saturday afternoon shoot, engage in long range action with your match pistol and match rifle. Or bring your long guns. And if long-range isn't your thing, the ladies of 5 Dogs challenge you to bring your BB guns and .22's for lots of action before and after the match. And if you like to put your guns away, try a few other games like corn-hole, and even dominos.
- Saturday night's potluck is a legend! So, bring grub to share and an appetite.
- Cowboy swap meet! All weekend sell, buy, trade or barter your extra cowboy duds, gear or whatever.



Free camping on the range Friday-Monday.

No pre-registration. No party poopers!

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5 Dog Creek Members - Western Regional Winners

Ladies Senior Frontier Cartridge

Leia Tombstone- 1st place and Western Regional Champion

Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter

Fordyce Beals- 3rd place

Gunfighter

Dirt McFearson- 3rd place

Bull McFearson- 5th place

Ladies Senior Gunfighter

Rainbow Dancer- 2nd place

Cowgirl

High Dollar- 3rd place

49'r

Big Bad Blaine- 4th place

Senior

Dirty Hands- 5th place

Ladies Senior

Chick Ma- 4th place

Elder Statesman

Sam Ootie- 5th place

Grand Dame

Lap Dog- 2nd place

El Patron

Utah Blaine- 5th place

Congratulations to Coyote Carson who took 1st place in the 49'r category and was the Western Regional overall champion.

Badman Bob took 1st place in Cattle Baron.

WESTERN REGIONAL "SADDLE PALS"





2023 WESTERN REGIONALS CHORRO VALLEY

