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January  
2024

# THE HOWLER

## At 5 Dogs

Latest news and updates

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## The Mayor's Anvil: Forging Understanding

**JANUARY 2024**

BY MAYOR FORDYCE BEALS

### Trailer tire Lore

At a dinner party in Tombstone Arizona, it was said that RV stands for ruined vacation. Many stories of problems were told. Most common is

stories about tire failure. I am only a user of tires, not an expert but I will make some suggestions based on my experience.

The trailers with tandem axils must be level when towed to distribute the load evenly between the tandem tires. Solutions to this problem may be easy as moving the hitch ball up or down. 5th wheel trailers may require more complicated solutions like suspension lifts.

Trailer tires are specified as ST - special trailer. Other tires can and have been used on trailers like LT truck tires but that's not what I use. When you purchase tires have the DOT manufacture date code read to see if it is a new tire and not one that sat on a shelf for a year.

Replace the spare tire at the same time as the trailer tires. Have the wheel assembly balanced after mounting.

The size load rating and Maximum PSI for inflation should match the trailer manufacturer recommendation. Add up the tire sidewall maximum load capacity times the number of tires and compare that amount to the weight of the trailer loaded. The tires should be rated

120% more than the trailer weight so that full gray and blackwater tanks don't put an overload on the tires.

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Underinflation is a major cause of tire failure. Measure and adjust the tire pressure cold before starting and don't bleed off pressure when the tire is hot. Get a tire pressure monitoring system if you do not like to take the time with a pressure gauge.

A contributor to tire failure is excessive speed. I have followed these people but prefer to go a little slower.

Tire life for ST trailer tires can be as little as 3 to 5 years or 5,000 to 12,000 miles. Push it longer and you are at increased risk. It makes sense to cover the trailer tires when not on the road to lessen the sun's Ultraviolet rays damage to the tires.

It is no fun when a tire lets go taking the wheel arches and more off the side of the trailer and you must pull over and take the risk of changing the failed tire on a busy freeway. Always replace both tandem tires after a tire failure as the remaining tire has been overloaded taking all the weight of the trailer for even a short time.



*Merry Christmas To All!*

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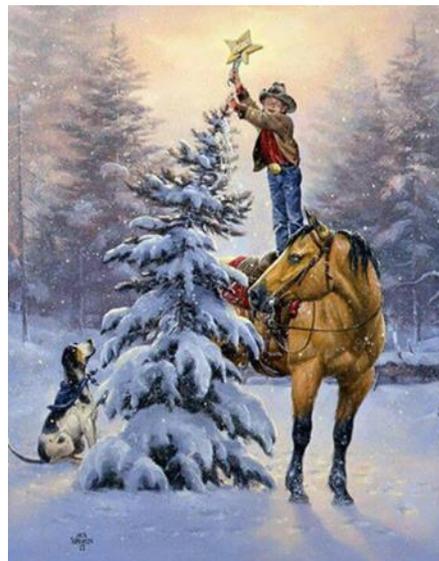
# WELCOME THE NEWEST BUCKAROO!

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**SEQUOIA KID**

“Thank You” to Pan Handle Red for sharing his Clean Shooter Dog with our newest “Buckaroo” who also shot a clean orientation! Look for him and his “fans” in the Posse photos.



*Merry Christmas Sequoia Kid!*

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# Monthly Shooting Schedule:

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

Saturday, JANUARY 6  
9:00 a.m.

Sunday, JANUARY 7  
9:00 a.m.



## 2024 MATCH CALENDAR

JAN 6-7  
FEB 3-4  
MAR 2-3  
APR 6-7  
MAY 4-5  
JUN 1-2  
JUL 6-7  
AUG 3-4  
AUG 31-  
SEP 1  
OCT 5-6  
NOV 30-  
DEC 1

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## COME JOIN US FOR SOME FUN!

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*Miss Leia Tombstone, Banker; Lap Dog, Sheriff, Lucky Lu, Calico Blue*

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**THE DECEMBER MATCH**  
**THE ONE AND ONLY CLEAN SHOOTER:**  
**Saturday:**



Panhandle Red



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# Sunday Clean Shooters

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*Professor Cubby Bear, Stampede Steve, Sam Ootie, Bull McFearson,  
& Vixen's 1<sup>st</sup> Clean Match!*

*Y'all are too cool!*



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# **SATURDAY MATCH POSSE #1**



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## SATURDAY MATCH POSSE #2



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# SUNDAY MATCH POSSE #1

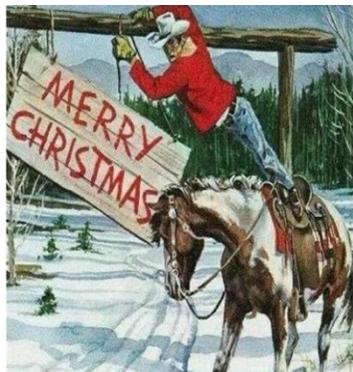


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## **SUNDAY MATCH POSSE #2**

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## **RANGE WRANGLER NEWS**

In addition to the tasks, I mentioned last month that require completion, the roof/awning over Bay 3, high enough that Dutch Longhorn can walk under it without ducking. One I failed to mention last week is that the posts securing Bay 3 must be pulled back to make them straighter, so that Bay 3 does not lean forward. And then there is the task of replacing the boardwalk, or securing the boardwalk, in front of the bathrooms.

But there are also other tasks to complete. Among these, **First** is to secure a new roof over the five round, long range distance targets. **Second** is to secure the railroad ties above the long-range buffalo target; a couple seemed to have fallen from the roof. **Third** is to dig out around the bell target, secure it so that it will swing loose. I have proposed in the past to cut and secure railroad ties around the bell to prevent the dirt from drifting down to cover the bottom of the bell, though others have thought that would be too much trouble and dirt would just continue to drift down over the top of any barrier that may be put up. **Fourth** task is to cut the grasses and weeds so that there is a clear line of fire to the long-range targets and to the bell. **Fifth** task is to make sure the roofs on the bays are repaired and made secure.

**Finally**, just a reminder to those of you who are Bay Proprietors, it would be good to make sure weeds are cleared out of the bay, that shotgun wads are raked out, and that the deeper divots caused by lead or shot are filled in and smoothed over. If you need help with bay maintenance, please let me know and I, or someone, will be there to help you.



**Utah Blaine**

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# THE SHERIFF'S LOG

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**Howdy All,** What wonderful weather we had for our December match, warm enough in the day to not need a jacket but cold enough for a fire in the fire pit at night. You know Christmas is getting closer as shooters got presents (bonuses) or lumps of coal (misses) with this match. I think everyone liked the presents better! Thanks to Lucky Lu for Saturday stages. Who would have thought of making a Pacman a scenario, Lucky Lu creatively did! Utah Blaine challenged shooters with a pistol and a rifle challenge, with a few twists on Sunday. Stampede Steve from CVR shot 5 Dogs Creek for the first time and Buckaroo "Sequoria Kid" shot his very first match ever! Congrats to both of them and everyone looks forward to seeing them on the range again. We are so looking forward to our January match as it is being written by Dutch Longhorn. I suspect there will be some gunfighter friendly stages. On Saturday, after the regular match, he is putting on a three stage Wild Bunch match. With the new SASS rules for the guns allowed it makes it easier for shooters to get involved in Wild Bunch. But as Dutch Longhorn says "we'll make it work" if you don't have the guns. So, join us in January for a great match, and likely a very lively domino game! Don't forget camping is free and there is a potluck on Saturday night!

Regretfully the Town Council has decided to raise the membership dues. It is not an easy decision to make but as prices go up it becomes increasingly difficult to break-even month to month. Family memberships will now be \$65 a year and an individual membership is \$50. This is still a bargain if you consider you can come out and shoot at the cowboy range anytime you like with a membership, and other than paying the range fees for 5 Dogs Shooting Range, it doesn't cost to put some lead down range on non-match days. Memberships can be paid for on-line at the website.

Exciting news, Chorro Valley Regulators will be hosting a three-day match on New Year's weekend (December 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, and January 1<sup>st</sup>). They have all kinds for activities planned so check their website for all the information.

See you on the Range, **Lap Dog**





Don't want no Red Rider BB gun,  
Santa Baby!

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# Territorial Governor's News:



Look for Professor Cubby Bear's  
Words of Wisdom here soon.



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**Here's to a Rootin' Tootin'  
New Year!**





*WISHING YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS &  
A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR!  
DOMINO BLAZE*