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The Mayor's Anvil: Forging Understanding By Mayor Fordyce Beals

When was the last Indian war attack in the U.S.?

During the late 1800s and the early 1900s, the Yaqui people were fighting the government of Mexico, hoping to establish an independent homeland in Sonora. Yaqui warriors joined in the rebellion when the Mexican Revolution broke out in 1910, but by 1916 Mexican generals were claiming Yaqui land as their own, which led to renewed conflict between Yaqui and Mexican military forces. On January 8, 1918, at Bear Valley in southern Arizona, The Battle of Bear Valley was fought between the Yaqui Indians and the U.S. 10th Cavalry troops.

By 1918 the Yaqui people had been at war with Mexico for several years, the former hoping to establish an independent state in Sonora, centered on the Río Yaqui and its confluence with the Gulf of California. Many Yaquis were driven north by the war, and some crossed the Arizona border to work in Tucson's citrus groves. After receiving payment, the Yaquis would spend their money on weapons and ammunition and then return to Mexico to continue fighting. The fact that Yaquis were buying arms in Arizona and smuggling them across the border became so well known that the military governor of Sonora, General Plutarco Elías Calles, informally requested help from the United States government in dealing with the problem.

Furthermore, Arizona ranchers began reporting in larger numbers their encounters with armed Yaquis on their ranch land or the finding of butchered livestock on the range. Since the United States Border Patrol did not yet exist, the task of protecting the border was that of the army, which operated out of Fort Huachuca.

On January 8, a local cattleman and owner of the Ruby Mercantile, Philip C. Clarke, rode into Fort Huachuca and told Captain Ryder that his neighbor found the body of a cow in the mountains to the north and that a piece of its hide had been removed for making sandals. It was assumed that Yaquis killed the cow, so Ryder strengthened the observation post on top of the ridge near the dead cow sending up First Lieutenant William Scott and a detail of men equipped with field glasses to watch the trails from a distance.

Captain Rider was alerted when a line of horse mounted Indians were observed and he took up the chase. Closing on the Indians the Yaquis thought the Army Buffalo Soldiers were Mexican troops, they opened fire on them. The Americans returned fire and a typical Indian war skirmish began. "The fighting developed into an old kind of Indian engagement with both sides using all the natural cover of boulders and brush to full advantage. The Yaquis kept falling back, dodging from boulder to boulder and firing rapidly. They offered only a fleeting target, seemingly just a disappearing shadow. The officer saw one of them running for another cover, then stumbled and thereby exposed himself. A corporal alongside the captain had a good chance for an open shot. At the report of the Springfield, a flash of fire enveloped the Indian's body for an instant, but he kept on to the rock.

The troopers overtook a group of 10 Indians who were covering for the escape of the rest of the band into Mexico and took them captive. Especially astonishing was the discovery that one of the Yaquis was an eleven-year-old boy. The youngster had fought bravely alongside his elders, firing a rifle that was almost as long as he was tall. One kept his hands around his middle. "Fearing that he might have a knife to use on some trooper, I grabbed his hands and yanked them up. His stomach practically fell out. This was the man who had been hit by my corporal's shot. He was wearing two belts of ammunition around his waist and more over each shoulder. The bullet had hit one of the cartridges in his belt, causing it to be exploded, making the flash of fire I saw." One officer later wrote of the engagement that it "was a

courageous stand by a brave group of Indians; and the Cavalrymen treated them with the respect due to fighting men.” All 10 Yaqui were captured, including the chief, who had been badly wounded and died the next day.

The surviving prisoners were held at Arivaca while the Army awaited orders from Washington. Eventually, they were sent, in chains, to Tucson for trial in federal court, where they were charged with illegal exporting of arms without a license. The adults were sentenced to 30 days, excluding the boy whose charges were dismissed. A much preferable outcome than deportation to Mexico, where they would have been executed.



Yaqui family circa 1915 note bird cage on left, white plates displayed on table, woman grinding corn while men have drinks in hand.

Monthly Shooting Schedule:

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

Saturday, MARCH 2

9:00 a.m.

Sunday, MARCH 3

9:00 a.m.

HAPPY ST. PATRICKS DAY



2024 MATCH CALENDAR

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

COME JOIN US FOR SOME FUN!

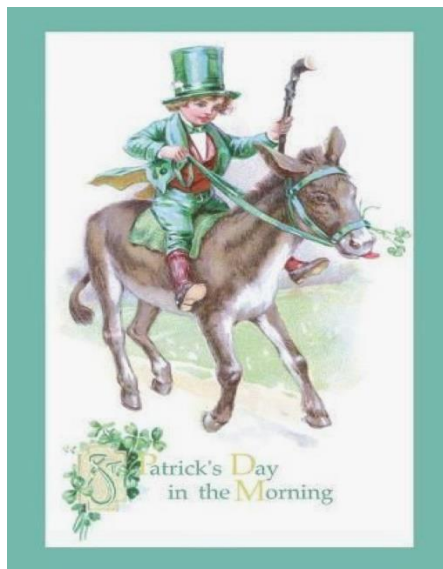


THE FEBRUARY MATCH

SATURDAY CLEAN SHOOTERS:



*UTAH BLAINE, SAM OOTIE, FORDYCE BEALS, BAD MAN BOB & BIG BAD BLAINE (NOT PICTURED, SAW—YER WOOD)
AND A SPECIAL RED CORVETTE AWARD WENT TO MONTEGO FOR BRAVING THE ELEMENTS AS THE LONE CAMPER*



Sunday Clean Shooters



LAP DOG & BULL MCFEARSON



SOME SATURDAY MATCH SNAPS



SUNDAY MATCH SNAPS



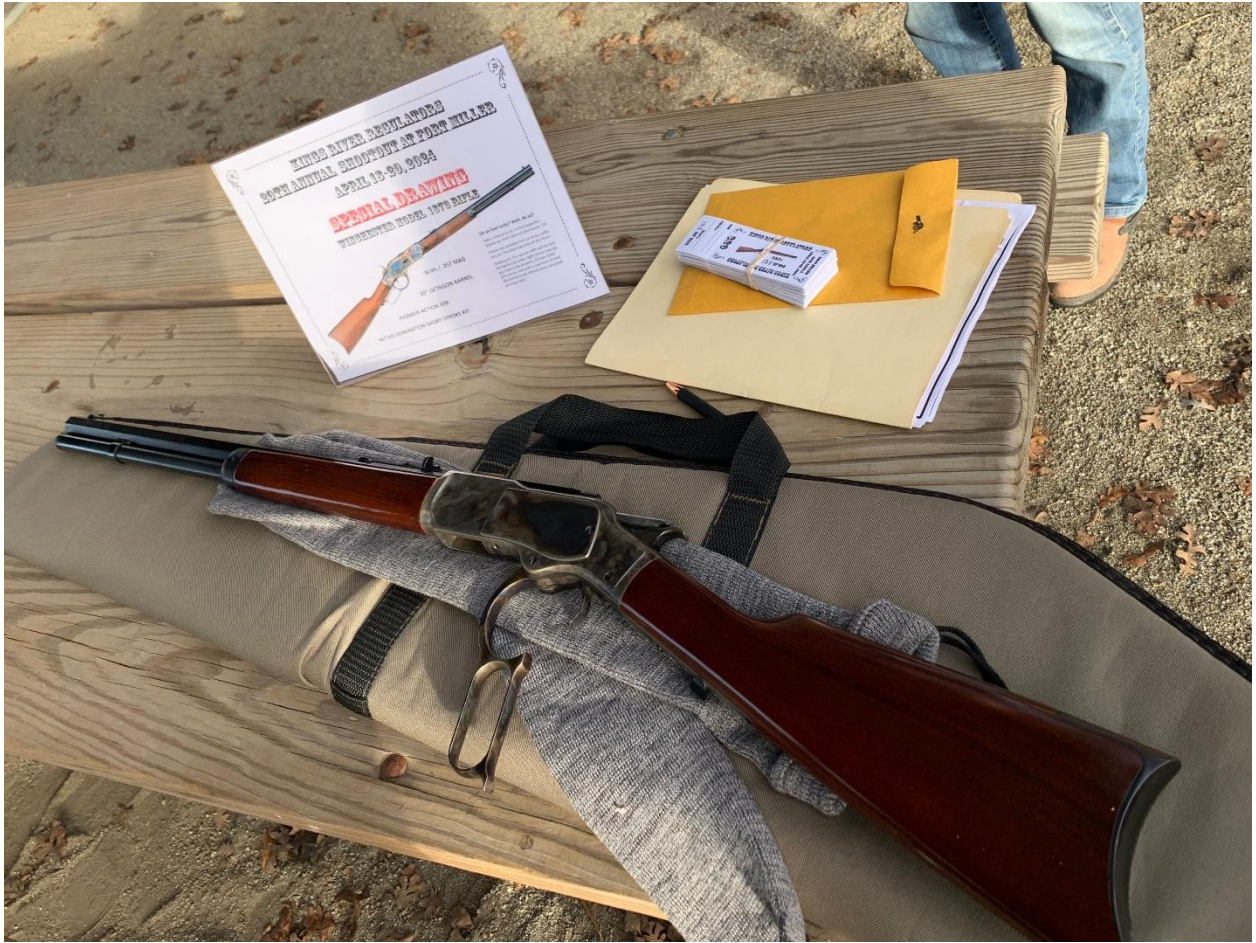
NOT ONLY OUR SHERIFF, BUT THE WEATHER QUEEN TOO!

GOOD CALL SHERIFF!



THE SUNDAY "NEFARIOUS NINE" WHO ALL PLACED FIRST IN THEIR CATEGORY





FORT MILLER HERE WE COME!



RANGE WRANGLER NEWS

As I mentioned in the last Newsletter, the order of the tasks needing attention:

First, completion of the roof/awning over Bay 3. But **second**, before that happens, the posts securing Bay 3 must be pulled back to make them straighter, so that Bay 3 does not lean forward. And **third** is the task of replacing the boardwalk, or securing the boardwalk, in front of the bathrooms. **Fourth** is to secure a new roof over the five round, long range distance targets. **Fifth** is to secure the railroad ties above the long-range buffalo target; a couple seemed to have fallen from the roof. **Sixth** is to dig out around the bell target, secure it so that it will swing loose. Perhaps we can figure out some way to prevent dirt from piling up around the bell target. **Seventh** 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. The **Eighth** task is to make sure the roofs on the bays are repaired and made secure.

Again, just a reminder to those of you who are Bay Proprietors, it would be good to make sure weeds are cleared out of your 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.**

Looking forward to some warmer weather to get these projects taken care of. I plan on going out to 5 Dogs Creek for a week or so around the third week of March to try and get a few things done and perhaps do a little light clean up. I would welcome anyone who is available to join me and maybe we can make some progress on a few of the heavy tasks. Keep in mind starting February 23 there are four Bays that are being rented out and may have other shooters on them during the time 5 Dogs is open, Friday through Monday: Longhorn Saloon, 5 Dogs Livery, Wild Dog Card Room, and Little Bay. See you at the range.



Utah Blaine

THE SHERIFF'S LOG



Howdy All,

The February match had a few 'misfires' but it was held on both days. Saturday started out cold and breezy but wasn't too bad, for a February. Coyote Carson wrote the stages and those going to End of Trail had a chance to warm-up as Coyote's stages were fast and engaging. Montego was the only one camping, arriving on Friday night; he decided to head back Saturday after the shoot since rain was predicted. Good thing he did, the wind was pretty ferocious on Sunday! The tumbleweeds were rolling down the range, an occasional hat went flying, but the nine shooters hung in there and finished all five stages! There were two clean shooters, so the wind wasn't affecting everyone's bullets!!

Let's see if the Leprechauns are out and creating mischief in March, Fordyce Beals is writing the stages.

A big thank you to Miss Barah Lee Misditt and Montego for working so hard on updating the Bylaws. The Town Council reviewed the draft at the Town Council meeting in February. Miss Barah Lee Misditt and Montego will be making the changes the Town Council recommended and sending the revised Bylaws to the Town Council members. There will be a Town Council meeting on Saturday March 2nd and the Town Council members will either vote to approve the Bylaws or send them back for more revisions. If the Bylaws are approved, they will be emailed to all club members to review. In April there will be another Town Council meeting for members' input as to changes that may need to be made. If there are changes, in May there is a Town Council meeting for club members to approve those changes and in June they will be voted on. If at the April meeting there are no changes, all Bylaws will be considered approved and at the May Town Council meeting the Bylaws will be voted on. If Town Council members send the Bylaws back for more revisions in March, the entire process is pushed out one month longer.

It is a lengthy process, but it must be done correctly. The Bylaws are very outdated, and the new changes will reflect how the club operates now and hopefully in the future. If you can't make the meetings, you can email your thoughts and changes either to myself or Mayor Beals. When the final vote takes place, you will be able to vote by email.

If you are not a club member, now is a good time to renew your membership so that your opinion will matter with the changes in the Bylaws. You can download the application from the website or renew online. Or renew the old-fashioned way, at the range!

Another issue are the changes the 5 Dogs Shooting Range owner, David Olds, is making regarding the cowboy range. Keep in mind, he is making these changes because he needs to bring money in to keep the shooting range open. Since 5 Dogs Creek has not brought in extra money for him in years (since the club stopped sponsoring the state match and not having an annual) he needs to make the cowboy range earn him a little more money than what comes in from a monthly match.

He is renting out five of our bays to shooters who are willing to pay extra. His guys will bring them down and set up targets the shooters have purchased from the gun range. They are not using our targets and the bay is supposed to be inspected after the shooters leave to ensure the shooters weren't shooting our targets or props. It's not ideal for us, but the reality is cowboy range sits empty because not many of our club members are at the range shooting on days there isn't a match. So, unless the club makes the range owner more money or someone donates money in our name to him to offset the costs, this is what the future looks like.

5 Dogs Shooting Range did increase the fees they collect from us to \$15 per shooter, which is the reason 5 Dogs Creek has raised fees. But as we all know, the rising costs of everything from insurance to diesel for the tractor to cut down weeds has necessitated that cost increase.

One final note, the club is trying to pull targets from the bays that will be used during the month by 5 Dogs Shooting Range so if the call goes out to help move targets to the berms, please help out.

See you at the range,
Lap Dog



Territorial Governor's News:



Professor Cubby Bear

Strange Noises from the Not-So Secret Laboratory

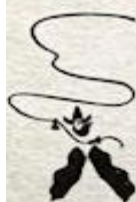
Calendar Year 2024 has begun with three changes in the SASS rules regarding rifles. The first change is the most significant. Under the former rule, initially staging a rifle with a cocked hammer was a serious safety infraction warranting a Stage Disqualification (SDQ). This was true regardless of whether there was a live cartridge under the cocked hammer. This remained true even if the rifle was staged right next to an “open and empty” shotgun with its hammer(s) cocked over empty chamber(s). By a vote of 260 to 35, this penalty has been removed. Staging a rifle with cocked hammer over a live cartridge is still a violation. The Timer Operator (TO) may instruct the shooter to open the action enough to verify that the chamber is empty and may, but need not, instruct the shooter to lower the hammer. But if the chamber is clear, there is no longer a violation.

By a vote of 265-30, the second rule changes allow a hammer-cocked but empty-chambered rifle to be moved from the loading table or an initial staging position to another position without penalty. Again, if the chamber is clear, there is no violation for the cocked hammer.

Finally, the rules regarding wrappings on the lever of a lever-action rifle have been relaxed.

Wrappings need no longer actually be of leather or other natural materials. By a vote of 253 to 42, it is now sufficient that the wrappings look like leather or other natural materials.

DON'T MISS THIS!



2024 Applications will be posted

on the Bordertown Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/bordertown2017

and on the Bordertown website at www.BORDERTOWNCAS.COM

No Later than NOON (Tucson Time)

MARCH 24, 2024

**The 2023 Bordertown Board of Directors
wishes to thank all of the shooters!**

It's the shooters that help to make Bordertown such a great match.
We hope you enjoyed your time here as much as we enjoyed having you with us.

Last but not least a HUGE Thank you
to all of the folks who volunteered their time and energy to help put this match together.
We truly couldn't have done this without you!



**See all of you next year at
BORDERTOWN 24 OCTOBER 22-27, 2024**

St Patrick's Day

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Y T B P G T	N Z K C F O	CLOVER
N K W G E R J Z G	E Y X G T V B B L	GOLD
H S L X H E H O N	B O E P C O W D D	GREEN
P O U M O E J W T L	P W E L L W G P U L	HOLIDAY
S F C K B N E R N J	W P U E C P T P C O	IRELAND
S F K S H A M R O C K	O N K G M A O N Y Z G	IRISH
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M V S T J F E T C		MARCH
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R T M B E S H F C Q P V Q L H B C I N I O		RAINBOW
U K X L V O S F W R I O L A D R Z N W N C		SHAMROCK
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"The History & Doxology of the Wild Rag"

By Keely Covello

3/29/2021

It's an iconic symbol of the Wild, Wild, Wild West; a dapper accessory in floral or bright colors that stand out against the denim and leather uniform like a sunset over the plains: The big silk scarf tied around the cowboy's neck. Although the kerchief is a real simple accessory, these little squares of cloth came in handy for many reasons, serving in a pinch as potholders, dust masks, drinking water strainers, race flags, horse blinders, emergency saddle rigging, sunburn protection, tourniquets, tablecloth, dish towel, or gun cleaning rag. In fact, the wild rag might just be about the most versatile piece in a rancher's wardrobe.

Wild rags, (also called bandanas, neck rags, neckerchiefs, buckaroo scarfs, *mascadas*) came into use around the mid-1800s, fashioned out of patterned flour sacks and used for added warmth and protection on the dusty trail. Eventually silk became the upgraded fabric of choice. Silk wicks well, stays warmer than cotton or wool, and (much like cowboys) gets softer with age.



The standard dimensions for wild rags is around 30-40" though they can be as large as 50". Styles vary by wearer; some prefer big and bold patterns like floral or paisley, other opt for solid colors or even black.

SCARF KNOTS

SQUARE KNOT

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② SQUARE KNOT
③ PULL

36" FOLD HERE 36"

FLAT KNOT

PULL

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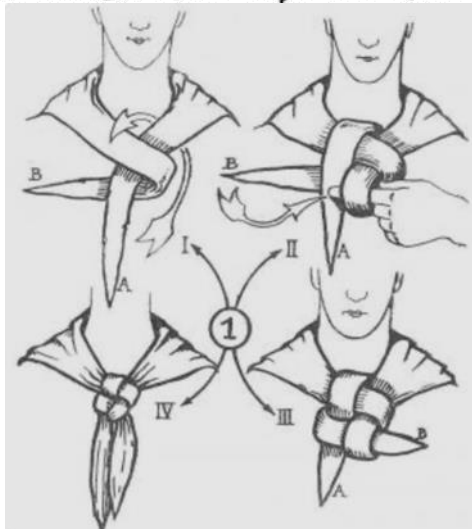
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SLIDING (Bow Tie)

AND TIGHTEN

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May you troubles be less
And your blessings be more



And nothing but happiness
Come through your door.