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2024**

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



Annie Oakley's Remington Beals .32 caliber single shot rifle.

Sold for \$5 by a relative in 1940, this rifle was once owned by noted sharpshooter Annie Oakley. Fewer than 800 of these rifles are known to have been manufactured between 1866 and 1868. This is the only known factory-engraved example.

The design was covered by three patents assigned to Fordyce Beals, Remington's firearms designer, in 1864-66. When the lever is lowered, the barrel slides forward to expose the breech end. Their lack of popularity in the period likely stems from the rather weak cartridges, only suitable for small game and short

ranges, and the fact that breech loaders were still received with skepticism despite what are now seen as obvious advantages. It has a dovetailed front sight, adjustable folding rear leaf sight, "BEALS PATENT JUNE 28, 1864, JAN. 30, 1866/E. REMINTON & SONS, ILION, NEW YORK." marked on the top of the barrel behind the rear sight, iron frame, and finely varnished buttstock with crescent buttplate.

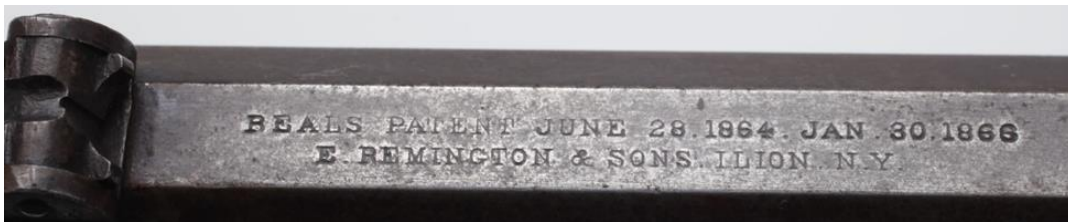
Annie Oakley was born Phoebe Ann Moses on August 13, 1860, in Darke County, Ohio. When Annie was five, her father died, and Annie's mother, Susan Wise Moses, worked long and hard at nursing to support her six children. The family seldom had meat for dinner until 1867, when Annie taught herself to shoot the family muzzle loader. Soon afterward, Annie started bringing home rabbits, squirrels and grouse. She became such an accomplished hunter that she began selling game to local merchants. One of Annie's customers, Cincinnati hotel keeper Jack Frost, persuaded her to compete in a live bird trap shoot with the famous shooter, Frank Butler. Annie won the shoot, killing 25 birds to Butler's 24. A year later, in 1876, Butler returned to Ohio and asked Susan Moses for her daughter's hand in marriage. Annie and Frank spent most of their 50 years of married life exhibiting her skill for audiences in North America and Europe. They worked at a variety of entertainment venues, including circuses and vaudeville shows, but perhaps the couples' most famous engagement was with Buffalo Bill Cody's Wild West Show, where they performed for 17 years.

During this period, she earned the nickname, "Little Miss Sure Shot" from fellow show performer and famed Lakota Sioux war chief, Sitting Bull. In this link you can see Annie shoot an early cowboy action stage: https://youtu.be/zbQn91Q_qEk Although she wraps her thumb around the stock each time she levers, she is no slouch. And though partially paralyzed after an accident in 1901, she continued to set shooting records and dazzle crowds for many years. Annie Oakley died in Greenville, Ohio on November 3, 1926.

(See included pictures ->)



Note that operating the lever moves the barrel forward and allows the extraction of the spent cartridge and reloading of the chamber





(Just announced: An early cowboy action shooter and one of the best firearms writers; Mike Venturino has passed on. Condolences to his wife Yvonne Venturino.)

RANGE REMINDER NOTE

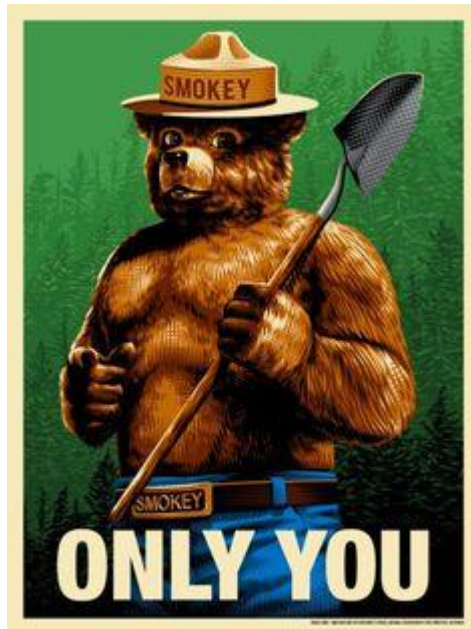
Fire Season is here!

It's getting hotter and drier out here. Some of you 5 Dogs veterans may already know what that means: **fire season** - (which started Friday, May 10th), 5 Dogs range will be checking rifle ammo for steel again, unfortunately. Steel rifle ammunition tends to create sparks when it hits our (the 5 Dogs Range) steel targets.

Steel pistol caliber ammunition is A-OK! If you aren't shooting rifles, we don't need to check what you're shooting. If you have any other questions or concerns, feel free to contact us and ask!

Cowboy action shooters with lead bullets are OK year-round.

- 5 Dogs Staff

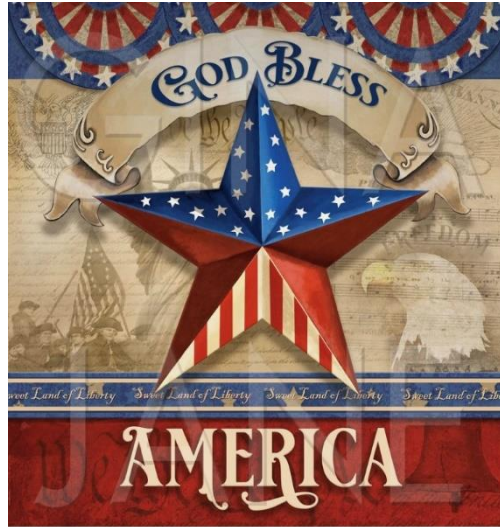


Monthly Shooting Schedule:

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

Saturday, JULY 6
9:00 a.m.

Sunday, JULY 7
9:00 a.m.



HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

2024 MATCH CALENDAR

JUL 6-7

AUG 3-4

AUG 31-

SEP 1

OCT 5-6

NOV 30-

DEC 1

COME JOIN US FOR SOME CAMPING FUN!



Friday Evening, (5:30-ish): Bring your favorite campfire appetizer to share.

(Due to the high summer heat, this activity suspended until the 8/31 - 9/1 match)

Saturday Evening, (6:00-ish): 5 Dogs Potluck. (Bring your favorite dish to share.)

(Plates & utensils provided)

THE JUNE 1 & 2 MATCH

Clean Shooters:



Brandin Iron, Shotgun Lynn, Badman Bob, Coyote Carson.
(Badman Bob was the ONLY clean shooter on Saturday!)



Some Sad Trail News



**Longtime 5 Dogs member and friend to all,
Cowboy Shooting icon, Bix Bender,
left his earthly trail Monday, May 13, 2024,
after a short illness. Born in 1940, Bix would have
been 84 years old on his birthday, July 16.**



The COWBOY'S Clothes

THE COWBOY'S COLORFUL COSTUME DIDN'T JUST "HAPPEN." EACH ARTICLE WAS DESIGNED TO PLAY A NECESSARY PART IN HIS ROUGH-RIDING LIFE ON THE WESTERN PLAINS.

HIS HAT IS WIDE-BRIMMED TO PROTECT HIM FROM THE SCORCHING SUNS AND THE DRIVING RAINS OF THE OPEN RANGE.

ALSO, THE HAT CAN BE A DRINKING CUP FOR HIM OR A WATERING PAIL AND FEED BAG FOR HIS CONSTANT COMPANION, HIS HORSE.

HIS GAY NECKERCHIEF IS BOTH A TOWEL AND A MASK. TIED ACROSS HIS NOSE AND MOUTH, IT SHIELDS HIM FROM THE CHOKING DUST AND THE SMOKE OF COOKING AND BRANDING FIRMS.

CONTINUED ON INSIDE BACK COVER...

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*5 Dogs Perfect Cowboy Style - Mad Trapper of Rat River & Bull McFearson,
our fabulous "Storekeeper"*

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RANGE WRANGLER NEWS



Utah Blaine

There are several cowboys and cowgirls to thank for their help on the range, since the last newsletter. Brandin Iron and Lucky Lou helped with some raking and hoeing of grasses and weeds. Of course, as usual. D B Hawke and Domino Blaze did an enormous amount of work hoeing, raking, and hauling it all outside the fence. and D B helped me set of seven of the stages, those not rented out, for the June match.

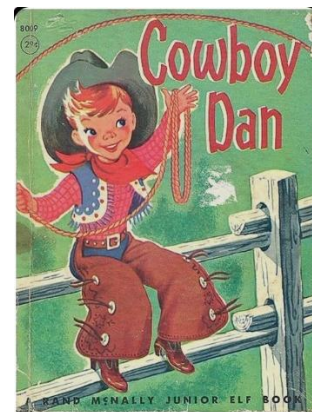
Subsequently, the Thursday before the June match, Lap Dog painted all the targets, and between the two of us we were able to move the plate rack from the side of the bay and get it set up in its proper position. (Something to remember in the future, is to make sure the back of the plate rack is up high enough that the back targets don't fall down when hitting the first one or two on the rack.)

Once again, it is important, exceedingly important, for the bay proprietors to maintain their bays. Many thanks to a couple of the bay proprietors who are doing a great job keeping their bays cleaned up. Considerable effort was expended by D B Hawke and Domino Blaze getting grasses, weeds, tumble weeds, cleared from the fence to the false fronts. Thanks to Sam Ootie who had earlier spayed both outside of and the interior of the bays, there was far less effort involved in clearing the weeds from these areas. Still, it is a continuing task to keep the grasses and weeds down. There are some that seem to return even when there is no moisture whatsoever.

On another note, I will no longer be Range Wrangler after our match in July, the time to elect new officers. Several officers will be continuing in their positions, providing no one steps up to run against them: Mayor, Sheriff, Storekeeper, and Newsletter Editor.

Unless someone steps up, the positions of Range Wrangler and Blacksmith will remain vacant. Be assured I will continue to help on the range as I and a few others have always done. For me it is just part and parcel of being a 5 Dogs Creek member.

Sam Ootie will be writing the scenarios for July; he always writes good ones! So, saddle up and make your way to 5 Dogs Creek for the July cowboy/cowgirl match.



(Pssst....guess who had a birthday May 18th?)

THE SHERIFF'S LOG



Howdy All,

Great crowd, great weather, greater stages! Couldn't ask for a better match in June. The weather cooperated, Utah Blaine wrote some challenging and some fun stages, and there was lots of visiting with friends. There was a great crowd of campers, that number will get very small until September when the weather cools so no appetizer Fridays until then. We had one shooter who we hadn't seen in quite a while, good to see you Shotgun Lynn. And we hope that Jim Bean will be able to get away and start shooting regularly with us. Good to see them both.

Sam Ootie is writing the stages for July and August with the goal of channeling Sinful's mind so everyone will be ready for the Western Regionals in August. Sam always writes stages that move quickly and tries to keep us in the shady bays. Since we are 'cowboys and cowgirls', cowboy attire will need to be worn in July. August is our 'Paniolo' shoot which honors our Hawaiian cowboys. So, cowboy clothes in July and Hawaiian attire (closed toe shoes please) in August. Great times coming up at 5 Dogs Creek!

As you may be aware, 5 Dogs Creek has been working on updating the By-laws. In June the members did not make any changes so now they go to the membership to vote to accept the new By-laws. That vote will be on Saturday at the July 6th match Town Council meeting. If you'd like to vote but can't make the match, please email Montego (montego@therowdywranglers.com) and he will make sure the Mayor gets your vote and it is counted. As club members, your voice and your opinion matters, so please vote!

Also in July are the club elections. No one has stepped up to fill any of the positions, so the current Town Council is willing to take another year on the TC. However, Utah Blaine is hanging up his Range Wrangler badge so that position, as well as Blacksmith are open. Read your By-laws for the duties of each position, it's not as intimidating as it seems. After all, I've been the Range Wrangler!

Stiches said he would be back in August so if you need any bags for ammo, a new gun belt, or even cuffs (the list is almost endless) Stiches will be able to help you out.

If you come out to shoot at the range, we are asking that you pick up your brass. As you know, 5 Dogs is renting out four of our bays to make a little extra money. The brass is not being picked up and the only way to know if it's them or us is for all our members to pick up their brass. But it is also a safety issue. If one of our shooters slips on brass (even .22s) during a match it could be a very serious issue. We want you to use the range, just pick up after you are finished.

On a very sad note, we lost a very fine shooter and true gentleman in May. Bix Bender passed away after a very brief illness. He will be missed by all!

See you at the range,
Lap Dog

TRAIL NEWS



After a long absence, some familiar faces joined us this weekend including:



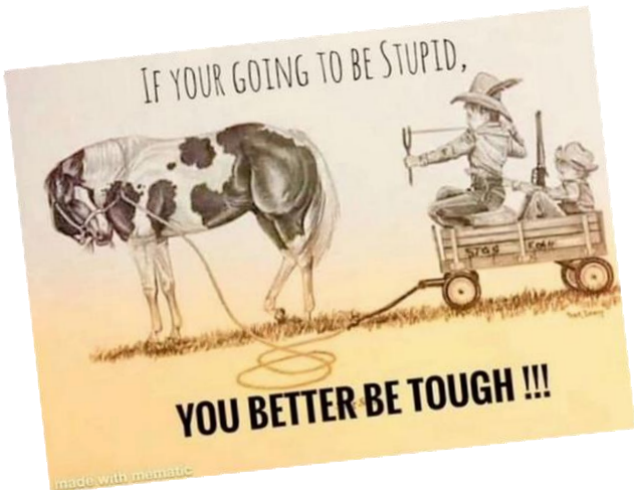
Mad Trapper of Rat River, Huckleberry, & Wanderin' Rose

Wanderin' Rose even brought some of her beautiful cookie creations to share:





Here's to a GREAT Summer!



Territorial Governor's News:

(Watch for the Professor's wise words of wisdom here again soon.)

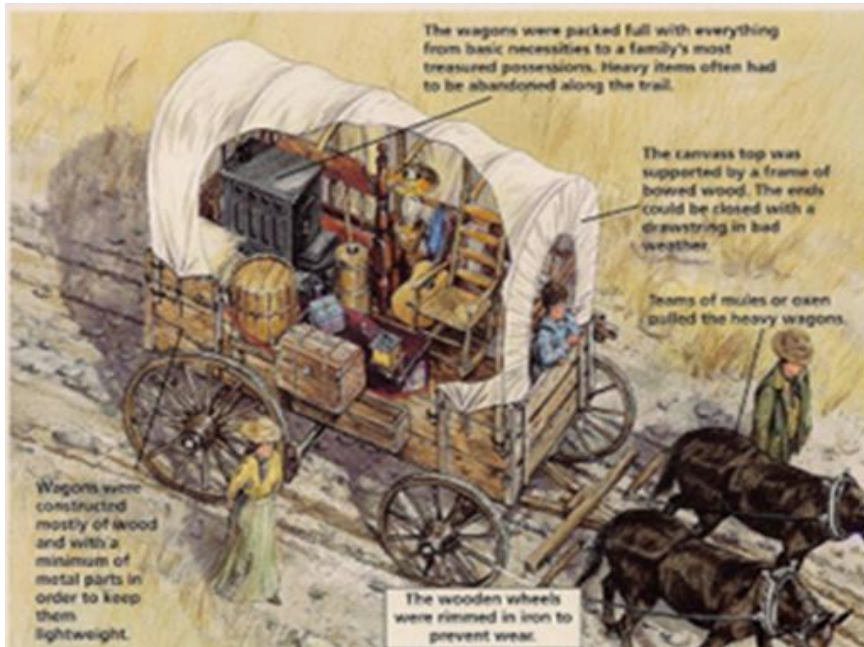
"Thank you for the honor of serving our club as Territorial Governor."

Professor Cubby Bear (cubbybear29521@aol.com)



Professor Cubby Bear

DON'T MISS THIS!



“Prairie RV” Travel Packing Tips



SOME COWBOY TRAVEL NOTES:

WELLS, FARGO
AND COMPANY 1875 EASTBOUND
— Stage Coach —
SCHEDULE FROM SAN FRANCISCO:

Leave Daily for the
Sierra Gold Camps
Tri-Weekly for Reno
& Virginia City
Monday for Arizona



Passengers ride inside all the way
on all routes **EXCEPT** Arizona run.
Depending on road conditions, pas-
sengers may be required to walk
approx. three miles over summit.

Fast Stock * **Six-Horse Concords** * **Best Time**

(Made your summer vacation plans yet?)

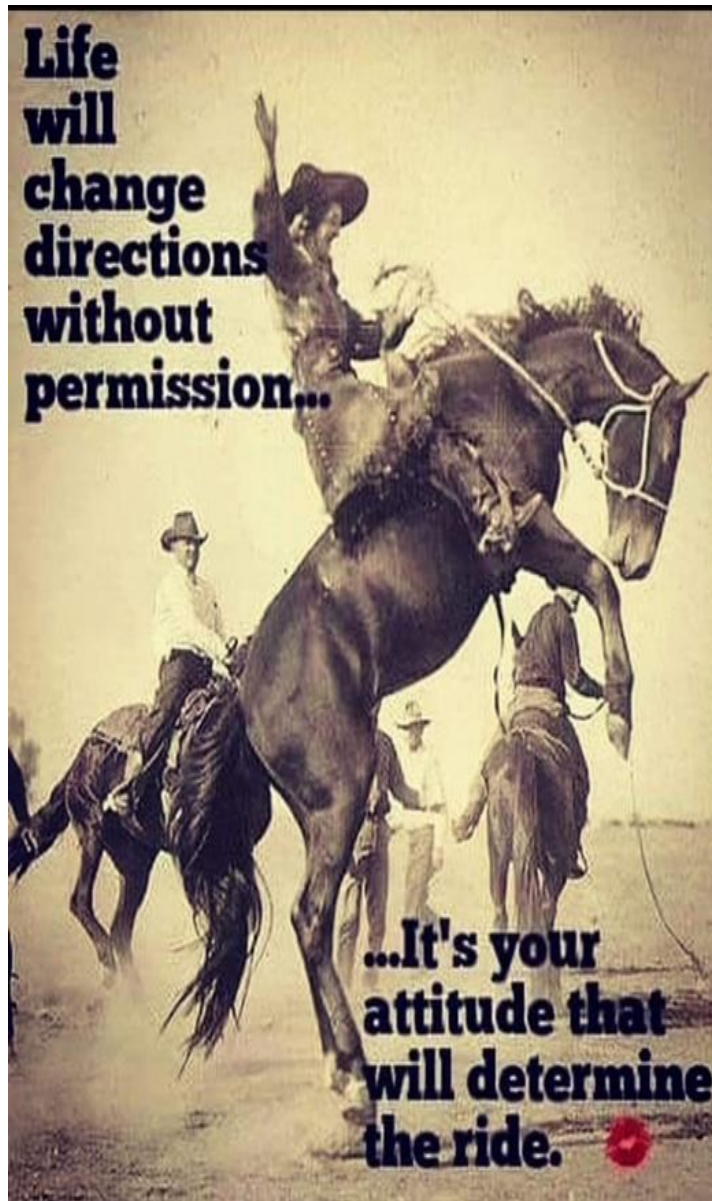
June Brides?

**Guess Who Recently Celebrated Their
59th Wedding Anniversary?**

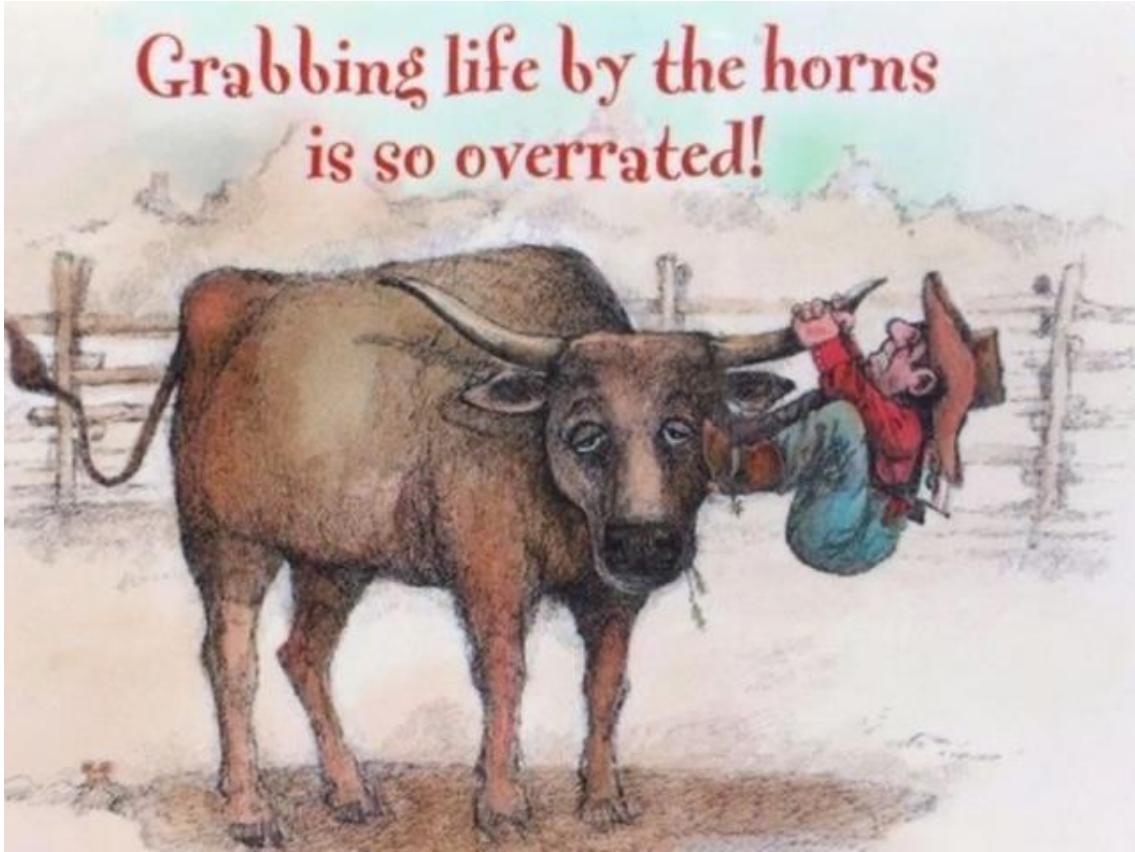


Congratulations!





Grabbing life by the horns
is so overrated!





God Bless America

God bless America Land that I love

Stand beside her and guide her

Through the night with the light from above

From the mountains to the prairies

To the oceans white with foam

God Bless America my home sweet home