



HOWLER

May, 2003

FROM THE MAYOR

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW:

□ Almost Dangerous, aka, Dan Anglin a long time member of our club and our “Camp Cook” has personally purchased, and made available to 5 Dogs Creek, the following items without cost to the club:

Water Heater (for the shower)	\$1500
Partial Construction Cost of the Cook Shack	\$900
Oven/Stove	\$400
Dutch Ovens/Dishes/ Pots Pans, etc.	\$750
BBQ	\$250
Numerous other miscellaneous items (lanterns, ice chests, shelving, etc.)	\$500

5 Dogs Creek is very grateful to Dan for his willingness to purchase these items and make them available to the club. In order to help reimburse Dan for part of his costs and the cost of the food needed for Saturday night dinners we have increased the dinner price to \$8.00 per person. This money goes directly to Dan and not to the club. This last month only 25 of the 40 people, who sent an RSVP for dinner paid, we will now be making up dinner tickets for everyone.

□ Dinner tickets will be given out to all persons that have sent an RSVP to Miss Becky for dinner. The tickets will have your name on them and they must be purchased prior to dinner. If you don't RSVP there will be no ticket, no ticket – no dinner.

□ If you RSVP (no later than the Wednesday prior to dinner on Saturday night) and you don't show up you will still be obligated to pay for dinner (for yourself and/or guests) because food has already been purchased for you.

□ The dinner menu is always at the discretion of the cook and he doesn't know what he will be serving until prices are checked for the meat on shopping day.

□ Beverages and dessert are not part of the meal – so if this is important to you.....bring your own. Although at times Cactus Cat and Bodie Rose have provided us with munchies/desserts, which is always a treat, – it's been at their own cost and it is not a requirement.

□ Because onions/spices are a part of Dutch Oven cooking for large groups these are usually a part of the Saturday night dinner. If you don't care for onions, etc., please plan on bringing your own food.

□ There will be approx. 15-16 shooters on each match posse. More than that number makes it very difficult for posse to finish in a reasonable amount of time – less than approx. 15 shooters cuts the

posse short of help. Each posse needs three to four counters, a timekeeper, scorekeeper, loading table, unloading table and three shooters always loading.

☐ Some of the people working in the registration booth for sign-ups are also shooters and must be able to leave the area in order to prepare for the match – please help them out by arriving early for registration.

☐ The registration booth will close the windows at the beginning of the shooters meeting so it's important that you sign up for a posse as soon as you arrive on the range. You can then return to your campsite or vehicle for your guncart, ammo, etc. You must be registered for the match, have your guncart, etc, ready to go before the meeting begins.

☐ If you are sharing guns, carts, or you want to shoot with a friend be sure to sign up early in order to make sure you can shoot together. Each of you must come to the registration booth to sign in and pay your fees. There will be no holding of spaces for those that have not signed in.

☐ Work parties will begin at 8:00 am Saturday morning and we will work until approx. noon then we will break for lunch. For those of you that would like to get in some practice shots you may do so in the afternoon after lunch. This is the only time during the month you may shoot on the range without paying a \$7.00 fee to 5 Dogs Range.

☐ When you come to a work party remember to bring some tools (hammer, shovel, rake, etc.) and don't wait for someone to tell you what to do. Take a look around..... weed, rake, repair, clean, clear spider webs, sweep, etc.

☐ If you know of someone that would like to shoot with us but has never participated in the sport – they MUST do a walk through with the Sheriff on Saturday afternoon before Sundays match or they will not be able to shoot in the match

☐ Remember – our game is “Cowboy Action Shooting” and not only must your guns and ammo be right – your dress needs to be right too. No tennis shoes, work boots, baseball caps, T-shirts, etc. You need to wear the proper clothing to fit the game. Practice the “Spirit of the Game”

If anyone has any questions or concerns please give me a call @ 559-583-7967 or email donovan007@attbi.com

5 Dogs Creek is a great club and we all need to work together for our continued success.

Thanks to everyone for all of your dedicated hard work and contributions.

Portugee Phillips
5 Dogs Creek Mayor

SHERIFF NEWS:

Last month I put on the match, I personally hope everyone had a good time. I tried to set the stages to the same time frame so we could finish early and be on our way in the early afternoon. It is important the stages be set for the summer months to be fun, challenging and quick for the hot months so we can get outa here before we melt.

The issue of safety, and safety, safety, this does not mean SASS, but the SASS rules will apply to this range and our shoots. I would like to reinforce the importance of safety at our range. All of us need to be familiar with the rules and how they work, I would strongly suggest both old and new shooters try to attend a level one R.O. course, this course will help you better understand the safety issue and how the R.O.'s run the stages and why they give the penalties and scores that they do. All new shooters will get with the Sheriff on the Saturday workday at 1:00 pm to go over the safety rules and the range rules and

procedures. I would like to inform everyone that I will do my best to see that we put on a safe and fun shoot at our range.

Let's all have fun and have safe shoots. If there are any questions please feel free to call me. Cathouse.

GENERAL WORK WEEKEND AND MONTHLY MATCH INFORMATION:

Thanks to the last couple of monthly matches. April, Calgary Kate and Mescalero for the great match they worked hard and had lots of fun. For the May month, thanks goes to Cathouse Clark working between the rain and the band stage, he put on a 6-stage match that was fun and quick... May is the Hartford Group. Remember a bad shoot means a hanging....

Work crew May 31, (June 1st is the first Sunday). The work crew objective will be to finish the band stage, start the electrical, and clean the bays.

The Bays to be clean will be the stages that will be used for the match. The bays that will be used are 5 through 10. We need to make sure that the bays are safe, holes filled, weeds cut, shells and trash to be cleaned up and taken to the outside of the fence for pick up, or to the trash cans.

Work/clean up crews will be Sat. May 31, from 8-12 noon. Work crews can start earlier to avoid the heat. NO SHOOTING BEFORE AND DURING THIS TIME. Shooting will be after 12 noon, and this month practice bays are 1 thru 3. Other ideas for work crew??? Bathrooms, wiped down, trash dumped, and floors cleaned. Especially after all the mud. Showers- for those of you who use it, on those special occasions.... They need spiders cleaned out and dusting to mud cleaning etc. etc. Trash pick up... Basically anytime that you see trash please pick it up.... That is before, during, and after the match. We provide some rakes, shovels, carts, and 1 weed eater. Bring your own or grab on the other items.

We appreciate your help and we need your help. Any help that you do for the club, just makes this club bigger and stronger. Our monthly matches are 50 to 70 shooters. Many of the other clubs for their monthly matches pull this amount. It takes a lot of time and hard work to make this work. We have one of the best clubs around and all of the work is greatly appreciated. Maintenance is required and your help is needed. Not only for the monthly matches but especially for the state shoot when we really need your help so think about that, we will have 300 shooters for the State Match....

Thank you for all the help,

Cactus Cat and Cathouse

The Great Five Dogs Raid

By Hartford

While you were out on the range chasing out some stray sheep, you were jumped by a band of renegade Indians and captured. You don't know what horrible fate awaits, but the chief's daughter, Princess Many Dogs Lift Leg On Face, who was taken by your obvious manly ways, comes to you with an offer you can't refuse. Marry her or be forced to become shepherd.

While pondering your decision, not an easy one, you receive word that the peaceful little settlement of Five Dogs has been taken over by the Cowboys. You must escape and save the ranch! And your life. And your future!

With the help of the princess, you break out of the teepee and find your guns are luckily stashed where you can shoot your way out of the camp!

You make your way to the old adobe, but you find a bunch of the bad guys are already there. You get engaged in a gun fight, and are holding your own, but soon run out of ammo! Luckily, your trusty burro and your spare revolver are they're waiting for you, so you retrieve it and shoot your way clear.

You arrive in town undetected and stop at the undertakers to make sure they've got enough coffins, but you hear the gang coming. Luckily, there's an empty coffin right there, so you jump in and pretend to be residing in it. As soon as it's clear, you jump out and engage the gang. Just in the nick of time, you enter the building and see that they are holding Hoss, the curmudgeonly old undertaker, and are preparing to give him and his assistants an early tour of their own graves. You deal with them and ride on.

You stop at the Albatross Creek mine, where the gang is preparing to steal the gold ore. You take care of most of the gang, but their leader gives up just before you take him down. Or does he? Quick as the rattlesnake that he is, he goes for his hidden gun, but before he can strike, you shoot it out of his hand! Another bunch of the gang on the hillside starts shooting at you, and you empty your rifle on 'em. Just then, a shot rings out, barely missing you. There's one more guy hidden in the mine itself! Luckily, you have a spare round on you which you use to take out this last bad hombre.

You find a few stragglers hidden in one of the abandoned buildings, but a few of them up on the hillside won't come out from behind cover and shoot it out face- to- face, so you're forced to take cover yourself and shoot at them from behind the walls. Luckily, the walls stop their bullets and you escape unscathed.

By now your pore old burro is getting pretty durn tired, so you ride up to the livery to get a fresh mount. Behind the building you find that the last of the gang has gotten there first and are holding the territorial governor and town mayor hostage. The gang threatens to throw the hostages into a pit of snakes if you don't let them go. Your eagle eye shooting saves the day once again as you down the gang members without even scratching the hostages. Luckily, you have a shotgun handy and you kill all of the snakes, before riding out of town one last time.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

YOU MUST RSVP IF YOU ARE INTERESTED!!!!

Doc James will be giving two RO classes for all shooters on the range Saturday, May 31st.

RO 1 (this class is recommended for all shooters and covers the rules and procedures of Cowboy Action Shooting) The class will begin @ 8:00 am, Saturday, May 31st, on the range.

The cost is \$10.00 per person and must be paid by the time the class starts. \$5.00 of this cost is a SASS charge and the remaining \$5.00 is to cover printing costs, etc.

RO 2 (this class is for all shooters who have successfully completed the RO 1 class). The class will begin approx 1:30 pm. The cost is \$10.00 per person and must be paid when the class starts.

Requirements: You must be a SASS member to receive SASS credit for this course and you may not take RO 1 and RO 2 classes on the same day.

SATURDAY DINNER RESERVATIONS

Dangerous Dan will be cooking another one of his famous dinners on Saturday, May 31 after the work party and RO classes. Please make sure your dinner reservation is in to Miss Becky by Wednesday, May 28.

See ya there!

ELECTED OFFICERS OF FIVEDOGS CREEK

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COMING EVENTS

*SATURDAY May 31st—5 Dogs Match Weekend. Saturday work party with dinner Saturday evening (**RSVP FOR DINNER BY WED. 5-28!**).*

*SUNDAY June 1st—5 Dogs Monthly Match. **MANDATORY SHOOTERS***

MEETING AT 8:30—MATCH at 9:00 (Summer hours)

SATURDAY BEFORE THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH—The California Desperadoes mounted shooters practice/pot shoot. Contact Pasqual Benito, a.k.a. Mickey Michel (661)323-0497.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH—Chorro Valley Regulators at San Luis Obispo/Morrow Bay. Call Riley (805)489-4989 for directions and times.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH—Kings River Regulators at Fresno Rifle & Pistol Club Range. Mandatory shooters’ meeting at 8:30 AM. Match at 9:00 AM. Call Leon Chisum (559)673-7416 for more information
