



# 5 DOGS CREEK HOWLER

## 5 DOGS CREEK - HOME OF THE SINGING COWBOY (FOR APRIL, AT LEAST)

Singing, shooting and sheep. The April match was a tribute to the singing cowboy and the B-western genre. Organized by Mescalero and Calgary Kate the match actually began on Saturday night with the range premier of Rustlers' Rhapsody.

The screen went up and when the sun went down, the movie rolled. About 40 movie lovers seemed to enjoy Tom Berenger as the fast-drawin', fancy-dressin', singing cowboy Rex O'Herlihan. If you've never seen this spoof of B-westerns (yes, that is possible!), you must add this to your classic western collection.



*Maggie Thom took home the prize and coveted title of Best Dressed for the day.*

start a range war by shooting the guns out of their hands – from the hip...with a pistol! After drinking warm “gin” (served with a human hair, of course) shooters again shot the guns (clay birds) out of a villain’s hands. The poor bad guys had very sore hands by the end of the day. Ironing shirts and riding Wildfire added to the fun.

For the first time in a match, shooters had an opportunity to take aim at the falling tombstone targets built by Even Dozen. The graduated sizes (big to small)

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## THIS MONTH'S TOP 10

1. Powder Bags
2. Snakebite
3. Chama Bill
4. Mescalero
5. Bones Brannon
6. Hellfire Hank
7. Quick Justice
8. Even Dozen
9. Missouri Drifter
10. Lumpy Grits

## NEXT MONTH

★ Saturday, May 1:

**Fun shoot, camp out  
and dinner**

**Shooters' meeting 10 a.m.**

Portugee Phillips is putting together five stages for Saturday. More informal than Sunday, but wear your cowboy duds.  
*Cost is \$7 paid to the range.*

Almost Dangerous is cooking dinner on Saturday night. RSVP to him at 760-376-4493 by April 28.

★ Sunday, May 2:

**Monthly match**

**Shooters' meeting  
8:30 a.m.**

Five stages of fun by Portugee Phillips.

**Summer hours  
start in May!!  
Shooters' meeting  
at 8:30 a.m.  
Match starts by 9 a.m.**

# WELCOME BACK TO DOC JAMES!!

There were many hugs, smiles and tears of joy when Doc James and Frisco Frankie arrived at the April match. They both looked great and were a welcome sight!



Doc suffered a stroke in late October and has been working hard each day on his recovery. He is starting to regain movement on his

left side and faces physical therapy with absolute determination. His perseverance and will are inspiring.

Doc indicated that the many cards he's received from 5 Dogs members and from cowboys throughout the country have helped to keep his spirits up.

Please keep Doc James and Frisco Frankie in your thoughts and prayers. Cards and phone calls are still deeply appreciated.

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## SINGING COWBOYS SAVE 5 DOGS - APRIL MATCH

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proved to be challenging for many. The new target is a welcome addition to 5 Dogs Creek.

The overall match winner was Powder Bags who ran through the five stages in an impressive 212.47. The top women shooter was Ima Schofield. *Congratulations!!* Hats off to Rhonda who successfully shot her first match. She is still in need of an alias and Mrs. Hartford just won't do!

A hearty welcome to recent new members Bob Henry of Farmersville and Lynn Porter of Bakersfield. We look forward to welcoming you to the 5 Dogs Creek family and having fun helping you pick an alias.

*Hot tip for new cowboy shooters... around this bunch, you better pick an alias quickly or one will be "selected" for you.*

Load up lots of ammunition for the first weekend in May as Portugee

Phillips is putting together a match for Saturday and another for Sunday. You can shoot one day or both.

The five stage match on Saturday will be more informal, but be sure to wear your cowboy duds. Shooting will cost only the \$7 range fee that is paid to the 5 Dogs range.

On Saturday take the time to meet assemblyman-hopeful Dean Gardner who is challenging Nicole Parra in the November election. He'll be at 5 Dogs all day for a "meet and greet."

The Sunday match will be our regular monthly match featuring five different stages. Remember that we will begin shooting on summer hours — shooters' meeting at 8:30 a.m.

**Top: Movie night...just like the drive-in, but better cause we're on the range!**

**Bottom: Keyesville Ken proves that real cowboys do iron their shirts.**



# 5 DOGS CREEK - APRIL 4, 2004

## 47 SHOOTERS

CLASS	TIME	MISSES*	CLASS	TIME	MISSES*
<b>MEN TRADITIONAL</b>			<b>CLASSIC COWBOY</b>		
1. Hellfire Hank	265.25	8	1. Bearcat	352.43	15
2. Quick Justice	277.87	11	<b>MEN SENIOR</b>		
3. Even Dozen	291.35	11	1. Missouri Drifter	293.83	9
4. Lumpy Grits	294.66	12	2. Hartford	306.88	10
5. Major Gregor	299.28	12	3. Felix	339.94	2
6. Montego	305.22	7	4. Deerskiner	370.68	8
7. Dutch Bill	368.76	4	5. Long Feather	460.72	21
8. Quick Draw Granpa	413.22	21	6. Tehachapi Bob	733.23	12
<b>DUELIST</b>			<b>ELDER STATESMAN</b>		
1. Powder Bags	212.47	7	1. Shenandoah Sherm	492.51	10
2. Hoss	297.18	6	2. Buzzard	667.85	10
3. Joaquin Rivers	298.11	6	3. Curley Donn	DNF	
4. Stage Stop	373.32	14	<b>LADIES TRADITIONAL</b>		
5. Keyesville Ken	476.33	19	1. Ima Schofield	341.37	8
<b>FRONTIERSMAN</b>			2. Sunshine Kid	426.09	20
1. Snake Marquez	407.23	14	3. Little Elk	434.84	28
2. Fordyce Beals	447.70	18	4. Mudhen Millie	455.98	11
3. Derby Slim	477.49	20	5. Emma Pistol	478.52	23
<b>GUNFIGHTER</b>			6. Annie Thom	508.53	13
1. Mescalero	262.10	2	7. Maggie Thom	605.05	27
2. Ten Bears	328.16	21	8. Laigha Tombstone	626.12	19
3. Rum Runner	337.53	8	9. Rhonda	758.04	29
4. Shorty	364.75	11	<b>LADIES GUNFIGHTER</b>		
5. Full Choke	446.26	15	1. Calgary Kate	386.77	11
<b>MEN MODERN</b>			<b>LADIES SENIOR</b>		
1. Left Eye Luke	366.17	12	1. Wind Dancer	513.14	23
<b>FRONTIER CARTRIDGE</b>			<b>CLASSIC COWGIRL</b>		
1. Snakebite	242.42	14	1. Vixen	537.79	21
<b>MEN 49-ER</b>					
1. Chama Bill	256.79	4			
2. Bones Brannon	264.48	8			

\* Misses include credit for any bonus targets.

### THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

In Miss Becky's absence, Emma Pistol, Ima Schofield and Nugget Nellie took charge of registration for the April match. They did a magnificent job!

*Thank you ladies for a job very well done!!*





## ALL PLAY AND NO WORK? UNFORTUNATELY, NO.

If you haven't already, be sure to give Dave Olds a hearty "yee-haw" for spraying the weeds on the range this year. Mudhen Millie may be lamenting the fact that she doesn't get to use her new hula-hoe, but everyone else is elated.

However, no weeds means there is more time for repairing false front buildings, building a shed for the new ore cart, refinishing the picnic tables, digging out the collapsed long-range target, building fencing on top of bays one or two and other projects. Maintaining and improving a quality cowboy range doesn't happen without significant sweat equity. As with any project, many hands make the work lighter and a lot more fun. *Do what you can to contribute to the range where you have all the fun!*

Portugee Phillips will be letting everyone know when work parties are planned. However, if you have time during the week or on a weekend, you don't have to wait for a work party. Call Portugee and he will be happy to let you know what can be done to. He can be reached at (559) 739-8511.

## WANT TO SHOOT THIS SUMMER? BE A MATCH SPONSOR

Match sponsors are still needed for June, July and August. Posse up with a friend or two and volunteer to put together stages for one month.

There are a lot of good cowboys out there who have yet to step-up to sponsor a match. It's not hard to do and there is lots of help available. How sad will we all be if there is no match this summer because no one wanted to help?

Don't be shy. Call Portugee Phillips and let him know you'll be happy to take a month!

## ANNIE THOM AWARDED SASS SCHOLARSHIP

"Oh my gosh!!" That's all a very excited Annie Thom could say when asked about receiving a SASS scholarship. The \$3,000 award, given by the SASS Scholarship Foundation, will nearly pay for her first quarter at CSU, Monterey in the fall.



Annie Thom's application for the scholarship included an essay about what the second amendment means to her personally, a photo of her wearing her SASS badge, and letters of recommendation.

Annie Thom plans on becoming an English or history teacher. Of course, they'll probably call her Cheryl Karloy. *Congratulations and good luck!*

Thanks to all members who have supported the SASS Scholarship Foundation through fund-raisers and donations. The foundation is a non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to provide financial assistance to deserving SASS members like Annie Thom.

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