



5 DOGS CREEK

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HOWLER

“Greetings and Salutations to All of You.”

This past weekend brought forth a splendid showing of delightful Cowboys and Cowgirls eager to show their abilities with weaponry of old. And indeed, skills were demonstrated. A special thank you goes out to Almost Dangerous and Portugee Phillips for their grand, yet still quite challenging, stage design. Bravo. I must say, I even had a miss or two due to the difficulties created by our talented designers. Oh come on. What would you expect from an editor named Goofy Gunman? I look forward to supplying all-ya'all (that's plural) with the info of the day.

This weekends shoot had it all, knock-downs with rifles, pistols at pigeons (clay that is), a 5 star shotgun shoot and even 10 round shotgun stage. Two posse's of 20 plus on Saturday and 3 posse's on Sunday. All this and a Superbowl weekend to boot. Go Steelers. A great time was had by all.

I want to thank Calgary Kate for your time and efforts with the Howler over the past several years. Don't think your getting' too far away. I look forward to picking your brain.



Welcome the newest cowgirl to the range. Dirt and Dyphicult McPherson proudly show off Kathryn. At less than 30 days old, pistol grip are proving hard to find. Could this possibly be the future “Havoc McPherson”? Time will



5 Dogs Creek welcomes a couple of new members to trouh. Boyd “Mad Dog Draper” Reedy and Joy “Evening Joy” Winthrop.

Up'n Comins'

Monthly's:

Chorro Valley
slosa.org/cvr/
2nd and 5th Sunday

Kings River Regulators
kingsriverregulators.com
3rd Sunday

Robbers Roost Vigilantes
robbersroostvigilantes.com
3rd Saturday

Annuals:

Shoot out at 5 Dogs Creek
May 4th—7th

High Sierra
May 25th—28th

Western States Championship
June 1st—4th

John Wayne
Sept 7th—10th

Fort Miller
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“Board Meeting and Dung”

A big thank you needs to go out to some good people. Several folks have put their hearts and backs into making 5 Dogs Creek the best place to play dress up and unload some lead. Given the chance, you should take the opportunity to offer a warm hand shake and smile to some of t They would appreciate it and any help you might be able to supply toward our efforts.

Several things were brought up at our last board meeting. Your input is strongly encouraged.

Shooter fees are going to be raised \$2.00 per person per day starting the first of June. The rest of the groups on the range have already made this increase. Dave is not raising our fees until after the annual.

If you are on the list to have the newsletter mailed to you, and want to continue, you need to let us know. The board decided that there will be a fee of \$10.00 per year to help offset the printing and postage costs. We will continue to offer the newsletter by e-mail and it will also continue to be posted on

www.therowdywranglers.com.

Prizes were discussed for the annual, so if you want a chance to win you had better get registered. I think you're gonna like 'em. They will be different from some of the past offerings.

For those of you who've not renewed your membership yet, 'tis just a helpful reminder. Get 'er done.

As you look around, you're gonna see some new projects to the range.

Take the time to thank those who work hard to make this a better place for all of us. If given the chance a little donation is always appreciated, in sweat that is.

We're looking for writers. Anyone wanting to submit articles or pictures for the Howler, please send them to me. My e-mail address is s.pendergrass@verizon.net. If you have ideas or items you would like to see, let us know those also.

Central California Range War is set for May 2006

A line has been drawn in the sand. The gauntlet has been thrown. Someone called someone a sissy and kicked dirt on his boots.

The resulting range war is on the horizon – a friendly feud where the winners get all the bragging rights and everyone else shoulders endless humiliation (at least until the next time!). Who will prove to be the tops guns for 2006? Kings River Regulators? Chorro Valley Regulators? 5 Dogs Creek?

The Central Valley Range War is coming! You better be there to stand-up for your posse.

Okay, that's probably enough drama...for now. In reality this is just a fun way to encourage a little friendly competition between our clubs and encourage greater participation in the annual matches of all three clubs. Here's the basic scoop:

The Central California Range War will be held each year during the annual match of the club that currently has claim to the coveted title of “winner.” The Range War will begin in May 2006 during the Shootout at 5 Dogs Creek. This is basically a match within a match. The Range War will have no impact on the standings of the annual match.

All club members registered for the annual match where the Range War takes place will compete for their respective club. No chickens allowed. Traitors who are members of more than one club must declare their allegiance to just one in advance of the match.

Everyone will have an opportunity to represent their club and all categories will be included equally.

For each stage of the annual match, five names will be selected randomly for each of the three clubs. That is, five random members of the Chorro Valley Regulators, five members of the Kings River Regulators and five members of 5 Dogs Creek will be drawn out of a hat to represent their club on Stage 1; another five names will be drawn for each club for Stage 2; etc. etc.

Once all names have been selected for a particular club, all the names for that club go back into the random selection. A smaller club may have some members competing more often than a larger club.

The competitors for each stage will NOT be announced in advance. All cowboys should be at the top of their game at all times.

The times for those selected for each stage will be totaled (inclusive of misses/bonuses). A panel of three – one member of each club – will tally the scores to keep each other honest. The club with the fastest total time wins, will keep the yet-to-be-determine-but-highly-coveted award and will host the Range War at their next annual match.

Stinking Rules:

Have fun.

Good-natured trash talking is highly encouraged.

5 Dogs Creek is ready to start their dynasty of wins.

Questions? Contact Kings River Kid, Solvang Shootist or Calgary Kate.

Just Plain Bull Stuff:

Mudhen Millie won the club award for "Bird Killing". Rumor has it that if ya need a bird kilt, she's your gal. For more stuff on that, call her, I can't be responsible for how big that bird is today.

There will be a general membership meeting after the shooting on Saturday next month. This is a work-party meeting to finish the shade and club business.

This month was Millie May's first ever match! Gratz ;)

Several people had clean matches! Too many to name individually, but look at the score sheets. Yee Ha. Wait, there must be some kind of scoring error, my name is missin. I couldn't have missed that much. Sights must be off or a rock in my boot or somethin.

We are on winter hours. So the match starts at 10am with a 9:30am shooters meeting.

Some people ordered & got their "Natural" tan long sleeve 5DC T shirts. They look great. If anyone wants to order a blue or light beige "Natural" long sleeve T shirt, see Miss Becky to place an order, we need to order enough to meet the minimum order.

The Hartford Gang (Hartford, StageStop, Sunshine Kid & Montego) are putting on the March match. Bring some extra ammo, just in case you need it.

Annual Membership dues are due; if you haven't already taken care of that, please do.

More & more people are arriving at the range on Friday evening & camping both Fri & Sat nights. It's a fun and friendly scene. No extra charge. :-). Weather is a little chilly at night, but that's what campfires are for. Come out and have a good



Big Thanks. Almost Dangerous, Slap Happy, Coal Train, Even Dozen, Comejo Karen, Mad Dog Draper, Smiley (Straw Boss), Dirt McFearson, Bull McFearson, El Alacron Del Norte, Foxy Schoolmarm, Kaweah Kid, Dutch Bill, Cooky Bob, Derby Slim, Burly Bear Fred, Cockeyed Slim (Our favorite deputy, Woody) and a "Little Havoc." It's folks like you that make it possible for all us to shoot.

Dear Readers

Recently I had the opportunity to capture a reunion of 2 Vietnam vets who met about 36 years ago, on film.

Their story is not only unique in itself, being that they both survived Vietnam, but that they both met so far from home. Tom Lacy flew a huey and transported soldiers in and out of the jungle on missions. The other, John Middleton was a crew member on a huey with the navy. John and his crew were shot down over Vietnam and were rescued by Tom and his crew.

Now I know that this story is similar to many told about the Vietnam War and the survivors, but this one has a little twist.

Both Tom and John are members of the sass association (single action shooters society) and live less than 100 miles apart at this time. Tom a.k.a. Peso Bill lives in Wasco and is a member of the 5 Dogs Cowboy Shooters club at 5 Dogs range in Bakersfield. He recently joined the Chorro Valley Regulators in Morro Bay. John a.k.a. John Ketchum has been a member of the Chorro Valley Regulators for 2 years and lives in Lemoore. They met at the Halloween match in October. Both thought they knew the other and upon questioning each other realized that they knew each other from Vietnam. After 36 years and so much happening in their lives, to meet up at a shooting match where they are both members of the same club and living so close together is pretty awesome. What a small world we live in but also a great one!!!!

Hellen Christensen
a.k.a.
Doll Maker
Sass # 64375

Saturday Feb 4th, 2006

| <u>Alias</u> | <u>Misses</u> | <u>Total Time</u> |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| <u>Frontier Cartridge</u> | | |
| Snakebite | 3 | 194.08 |
| Howdy Doody | 13 | 345.02 |
| <u>Classic Cowboy</u> | | |
| Almost Dangerous | 6 | 242.62 |
| <u>Men's Gunfighter</u> | | |
| Rum Runner | 1 | 323.67 |
| Mescalero | 5 | 335.10 |
| Fordyce Beals | 13 | 450.23 |
| <u>Men's Traditional</u> | | |
| Bo Bean | 13 | 242.76 |
| Even Dozen | 10 | 251.93 |
| Doc O'Bay | 6 | 271.09 |
| Montego | 3 | 271.67 |
| Derby Slim | 7 | 301.63 |
| Josiah | 15 | 329.76 |
| Slap Happy | 7 | 342.09 |
| Stage Stop | 14 | 355.11 |
| Death Valley Drew | 7 | 473.93 |
| <u>Men's 49'er</u> | | |
| Bones Brannon | 4 | 236.05 |
| Chama Bill | 1 | 239.08 |
| Rattlesnake Rip | 6 | 251.02 |
| Hombre Viejo | 6 | 279.77 |
| Empty Chamber | 10 | 303.68 |
| Creek Marley | 8 | 394.85 |
| Burly Bear Fred | 21 | 410.64 |
| <u>Men's Duelist</u> | | |
| Cockeyed Slim | 11 | 277.52 |
| Hoss | 3 | 299.38 |
| Goofy Gunman | 12 | 319.51 |
| Mad Dog Draper | 11 | 377.82 |
| <u>Men's Senior</u> | | |
| Sudden | 3 | 196.81 |
| Geo Kid | 6 | 226.68 |
| Tucson Smith | 21 | 313.15 |
| Harry Morse | 14 | 481.56 |
| <u>Elder Statesman</u> | | |
| Shenandoah Sherm | 6 | 477.14 |

| <u>Class / Shooter</u> | <u>Misses</u> | <u>Total Score</u> |
|----------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| <u>Ladies 49'er</u> | | |
| Mudhen Millie | 3 | 400.61 |
| Dollmaker | 20 | 649.32 |
| <u>Ladies Gunfighter</u> | | |
| Calgary Kate | 11 | 323.15 |
| <u>Ladies Traditional</u> | | |
| Sunshine Kid | 8 | 352.14 |
| Laugha Tombstone | 7 | 423.67 |
| Shell Shock | 4 | 454.17 |
| <u>Junior Girl</u> | | |
| Little Fawn | 6 | 170.64 |
| Deadeye Dani | 10 | 305.33 |

Here we have the oldest and the youngest shooters at 5 Dogs. Deadeye Dani and Shenandoah Sherm pose after Saturday's match. You're never too old or too young to have a great time together and still manage to learn something. Deadeye wants to start shooting



with Sherm's accuracy. Sherm wouldn't mind havin' some of that speed. But the big question on everyone's mind is: "Does that vest hangin from the tree come in my size?" I guess this means the gap isn't so big after all. Fun for all ages. Welcome to 5 Dogs.

Sunday Feb 5th, 2006

| Class / Alias | Misses | Total Time |
|----------------------------------|--------|------------|
| <u>Frontier Cartridge</u> | | |
| Snakebite | 3 | 171.92 |
| Snake | 6 | 350.06 |
| Howdy Doody | 10 | 357.32 |
| <u>Frontiersman</u> | | |
| Derby Slim | 4 | 396.94 |
| <u>Classic Cowboy</u> | | |
| Almost Dangerous | 3 | 234.41 |
| <u>Men's Gunfighter</u> | | |
| Mescalero | 7 | 279.09 |
| Rum Runner | 4 | 299.60 |
| Fordyce Beals | 7 | 382.89 |
| <u>Men's Traditional</u> | | |
| Bo Bean | 0 | 192.94 |
| Even Dozen | 2 | 202.89 |
| Shiloh | 0 | 204.44 |
| Montego | 0 | 243.80 |
| Buttonwillow Flash | 2 | 268.73 |
| Stage Stop | 11 | 344.75 |
| Slap Happy | 14 | 346.50 |
| Bear Tracks | 5 | 502.79 |
| <u>Men's 49'er</u> | | |
| Chama Bill | 3 | 212.15 |
| Bones Brannon | 2 | 220.10 |
| Coal Train | 6 | 225.23 |
| Kaweah Kid | 3 | 229.52 |
| Hombre Viejo | 0 | 260.60 |
| Burly Bear Fred | 0 | 305.57 |
| Bearcat | 9 | 320.21 |
| El Alacran Del Norte | 9 | 434.8 |
| <u>Men's Duelist</u> | | |
| Cockeyed Slim | 12 | 265.71 |
| Dirt McFearson | 0 | 287.72 |
| Hoss | 14 | 315.34 |
| Dutch Bill | 4 | 363.31 |
| Mad Dog Draper | 9 | 366.10 |
| <u>Men's Senior</u> | | |
| Sudden | 0 | 166.70 |
| Geo Kid | 5 | 209.69 |
| Crusty Jim | 10 | 233.64 |
| Tucson Smith | 17 | 302.15 |
| Peso Bill | 10 | 332.86 |
| Cooky Bob | 13 | 438.50 |
| Harry Morse | 17 | 531.14 |

| Class / Alias | Misses | Total Time |
|----------------------------------|--------|------------|
| <u>Elder Statesman</u> | | |
| Felix | 2 | 385.47 |
| Shenandoah Sherm | 0 | 429.21 |
| Buzzard | 6 | 680.86 |
| <u>Ladies 49'er</u> | | |
| Mudhen Millie | 1 | 338.13 |
| Eve Nenjoy | 9 | 415.41 |
| Katt R. Wallen | 20 | 481.01 |
| Dollmaker | 16 | 593.19 |
| <u>Ladies Gunfighter</u> | | |
| Calgary Kate | 6 | 320.7 |
| <u>Ladies Traditional</u> | | |
| Sunshine Kid | 3 | 345.09 |
| Laugha Tombstone | 6 | 399.86 |
| Vixen | 17 | 443.00 |
| Milli Mae | 7 | 671.99 |
| <u>Ladies Senior</u> | | |
| Pocket Change | 12 | 268.04 |
| <u>Junior Girl</u> | | |
| Little Fawn | 13 | 229.83 |

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