

The logo features a stylized number '5' on the left, with a white dog's head and neck integrated into the top curve of the '5'. To the right of the '5' is the text '5 DOGS CREEK' in a smaller, orange, serif font. Below this, the word 'HOWLER' is written in a large, bold, orange, serif font. A thick orange horizontal line runs across the bottom of the text.

5 DOGS CREEK HOWLER

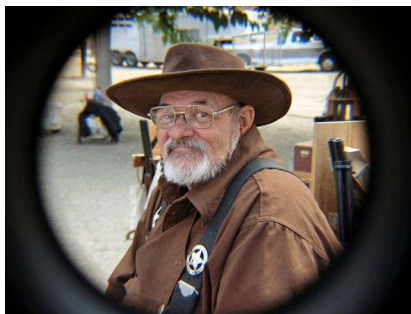
June 2009 Edition

Howdy Folks:

The June match at 5 Dogs was really a great event with toned down excitement for everyone. Since the California State match is over for this year and we've all had some time to relax and contemplate the next few months' shooting matches, we can look forward to some fun times in the near future. We have the 4th of July weekend coming up and as always everyone looks forward to having a great celebration at the range. Of course we can't really shoot off any real fireworks but we can expect to see some fine action on the bays and have some great fun doing it. As always bring plenty of ammo and be prepared for a fun filled weekend. Since the temperature is rising now be sure to stay hydrated and keep some cool rags handy if possible.

Since potlucks are always so much fun lets do another one for the 4th. Bring your favorite forth of July dishes and enjoy a great ending to a celebration of our counties Independence Day. Pot lucks usually start around fiveish.

We had some visiting shooters join us this month and hope to have them back with us really soon. Though I don't have photos of them all here are a few from Saturday.



Just a note to let you all know, we did get the California State shoot out again for 2010. So get your thinking caps on folks and jot down any ideas for any improvements to this years event. Bring them to the next meeting at 5Dogs or give them to any council member for consideration. It's never to early to start on next years planning programs

Our July match falls on Independence Day so it seems like an appropriate time to show a little support for the troops. With temperatures rising in Iraq and Afghanistan, salty snacks and drink mix are in high demand. If you are able to this month, toss a couple packages of beef jerky and drink mix in your shopping cart. Please make sure the drink mixes are the small packets of presweetened mix such as Gatorade, Crystal Light or Kool-Aid (not the big can with a scoop).

Bring your items to the July match and we'll include them in care packages. Thanks. Mescalero and Calgary Kate

What does the Fourth of July mean to you?



Independence Day is the national holiday of the United States of America

commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

At the time of the signing the US consisted of 13 colonies under the rule of England's King George III. Leading up to the signing, there had been growing

unrest in the colonies surrounding the taxes that colonists were required to pay to England. The major objection was "Taxation without Representation" -- the colonists had no say in the decisions of English Parliament.

Rather than negotiating, King George sent extra troops to the colonies to help control any rebellion that might be arising. The following timeline will give you a crash course in the history that led to the signing of the Declaration of Independence and America's break from British rule.

1774 - The 13 colonies send delegates to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to form the First Continental Congress. While unrest was brewing, the colonies were far from ready to declare war.

April 1775 -- King George's troops advance on Concord, Massachusetts, prompting Paul Revere's midnight ride that sounded the alarm "The British are coming, the British are coming."

The subsequent battle of Concord, famous for being the "shot heard round the world," would mark the unofficial beginning of the American Revolution.

May 1776 -- After nearly a year of trying to [work](#) out their differences with England, the colonies again send delegates to the Second Continental Congress.

June 1776 -- Admitting that their efforts were hopeless, a committee was formed to compose the formal Declaration of Independence. Headed by Thomas Jefferson, the committee also included John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Philip Livingston and Roger Sherman.

June 28, 1776 -- Jefferson presents the first draft of the declaration to congress.

July 4, 1776 -- After various changes to Jefferson's original draft, a vote was taken late in the afternoon of July 4th. Of the 13 colonies, 9 voted in favor of the Declaration; 2, Pennsylvania and South Carolina voted No; Delaware was undecided and New York abstained.

John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress, was the first to sign the Declaration of Independence. It is said that he signed his name "with a great flourish" so "King George can read that without spectacles!"



July 6, 1776 -- The Pennsylvania Evening Post is the first newspaper to print the Declaration of Independence.

July 8, 1776 -- The first public reading of the declaration takes place in Philadelphia's Independence Square. The bell in Independence Hall, then known as the "Province Bell" would later be renamed the "Liberty Bell" after its inscription - "Proclaim Liberty Throughout All the Land Unto All the Inhabitants Thereof."

August 1776 - The task begun on July 4, the signing of the Declaration of Independence, was not actually completed until August. Nonetheless, the 4th of July has been accepted as the official anniversary of United States independence from Britain.

July 4, 1777 -- The first Independence Day celebration takes place. It's interesting to speculate what those first 4th festivities were like. By the early 1800s the traditions of parades, picnics, and fireworks were firmly established as part of American Independence Day culture.

Happy Fourth of July folks and let Freedom Ring!