



# The Howler

at 5 Dogs Creek

• September 2011

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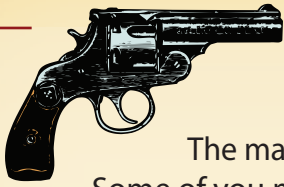
## mayoral musings from the trap line ...

by Mad Trapper of Rat River

*In case you are wondering, the Peter Principle is alive and thriving at 5 Dogs. After composing an absolutely brilliant newsletter for September, I sacrificed my poetic and compositional skills to rise to the position of mayor. So now you are stuck with someone who swore they would never take on such an important position. Oh, I didn't want the job, to be sure, but felt that our club was going to suffer immensely if someone didn't step up. So I bravely leaped into the breach. Now that the shock and awe is over WE have to get down to brass tacks. So I will now take this opportunity to ramble on and report to you that:*

- *The Howling Wolf will be returning for our annual match in May. Thanks to Gus Ashcroft and Brandy Rose for agreeing to participate. The match just wouldn't be the same without The Wolf and their special hosting skills.*
- *After a whole bunch of whining and begging on my part, Kate Barlow agreed to take on the newsletter. Given her skills as a graphic artist, and my lack thereof, you can now look forward to a sane newsletter once more. You all need to give her a big hug of appreciation but make sure Badger Clark isn't around when you do.*
- *I now have a new email address for club stuff. If you need to get in touch with me, please do so at: **mayor5dogs@yahoo.com** or call me on my new cell number **661-599-3850**. Hugs aren't necessary!*
- *Sam Ootie and Miss Barah Lee Misditt have agreed to once more to take on the awards for the annual. This is a big job and one they have performed flawlessly for the past two years. Please let them know how much we appreciate their effort.*

**So what about our annual?** *It is more than just the California State Championships. Quite frankly, it is our bread and butter. Without a successful and profitable annual we could not make all the improvements to the range that we enjoy the rest of the year. We have one of the best cowboy ranges of all. It can only remain so if we all pull together. So if you are not going to shoot the annual, for whatever reason, please know that we need you at the range working the match. If you are going to shoot, great, but you also need to step up and help in the preparations. Remember, we are all good will ambassadors for our guests and if everybody does a little nobody has to do a lot. Thanks for listening and now let the games begin.*



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by Fordyce Beals

The match for October 1 and 2nd is sponsored by Bones Brannon and Kate Barlow. Some of you may have enjoyed some of Bones targets before; I think they are like no other.

I have safety checked all the Stage instructions for She-Bang. It looks to me like the best She-Bang ever. The Women of She-Bang have written a match that balances fun stages with bonus targets and a few intricate stages. This is a match not be missed on November 5 and 6th.

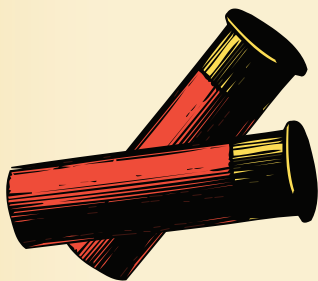
The Sheriff is calling for a posse of volunteers to sponsor monthly matches next year. The Sheriff thinks that many of this year's volunteers will want to write stage for 2012 matches. I am also accepting one day only match sponsors who will team with another. For those thinking about sponsoring a match for the first time I give a list of what is needed to be done:

Write stages for Saturday and Sunday and get them safety checked by the Sheriff before the match. Set up and paint targets at each bay to match the stage description. On the day of the match place 5 loading tables and carpets at shooting positions. Attend the walk thorough on the mornings of the matches. After the match move the tables for the next day. Put the tables away at the end of the match. You and one helper get to shoot free each day of the sponsored match.

To get the Sheriff to work on your case email him at [fordycelea@live.com](mailto:fordycelea@live.com)



**BRING YOUR LOPPERS & GLOVES ON SATURDAY OCT. 1.** We need to trim the lower portions of the oak trees so we can maneuver on the range. Trimmings need to be carried beyond the fence line so Dave Olds can pick them up with his tractor. Should only take 30 minutes max. if we have about 10 volunteers.



**CALL FOR RANGE PROJECTS:**

Do you have something that you think needs to be done to improve the range? This can be anything from building a new prop, improving a bay, building maintenance etc. If so, email your ideas to Quickdraw Grandpa. It would also help if you can estimate cost, materials needed etc. ALL improvements must be approved by the town council BEFORE beginning a project.

**CLUB CLASSIFIED SECTION and NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS:**

If you have guns, boots, or other dry (or not so dry) goods that you would like to list for sale in the newsletter, please send the information and pictures to [kate.dora@hotmail.com](mailto:kate.dora@hotmail.com)

- **Pictures** should be submitted in one of the following formats: JPG, TIFF, PDF, or PSD.
- **Text** should be submitted in a Word document or sent as plain text in an email message.
- **DEADLINE:** by the 20th of the month for the material to appear in that month's newsletter.