



5 DOGS CREEK HOWLER

SANTA HOSS RIDES INTO 5 DOGS CREEK FOR THE DECEMBER MATCH

Twas a month before Christmas, when all over the range
Cowboys were stirring, and dressing real strange.
The garland was hung on the stages with care.
No doubt St. Hoss had just been there.

The cowboys were ready to sling
some real lead.
While visions of clean stages danced
in their heads.
Maggie Thom in her 'kerchief
and Hoss in his cap,
Christmas spirit and joy was
definitely on tap.



When out of bay two there rose
such a clatter,
Golf balls were flying due to
shotgun splatter.
Away to the bay five I flew in a dash,
Tore out my pistol and threw down
in a flash.
The Texas Star was shining like new
fallen snow,
The tenth shot on a card before you
could go.

When what to my wondering eyes should
appear,
Spittfire Betty's first matches; ten stages
of cheer.
I knew in a moment that she would be hooked.
Cockeyed Slim's goose is definitely cooked.



SATURDAY TOP TEN

- ★ Bo Bean
- ★ Badmann Bob *(Clean match)*
- ★ Bones Brannon
- ★ Almost Dangerous
- ★ Mescalero
- ★ Dirt McFearson
- ★ El Alacran Del Norte
(Clean match)
- ★ Hennessey Hayes
- ★ Professor Cubby Bear
- ★ Ed Schieffelin

SUNDAY TOP TEN

- ★ Sudden
- ★ Snakebite
- ★ Coal Train
- ★ Geo Kid
- ★ Kaweah Kid
- ★ Rattlesnake Rip
- ★ Dirt McFearson
- ★ Hennessey Hayes
- ★ Badmann Bob
- ★ Almost Dangerous

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THANK YOU GIFT PRESENTED TO MAYOR ALMOST DANGEROUS

At the shooters' meeting on Sunday, club members presented Almost Dangerous with a token of our thanks for his leadership and dedication. Almost Dangerous received a scale model chuck wagon from the Franklin Mint and a display case. He also will receive a \$75 gift certificate to Cabela's for fishing gear ... or whatever he would like.



Special thanks to all our outgoing club officers: Almost Dangerous, Portugee Phillips and Miss Becky. *Our hats are off to you! Please don't disappear from the range. We'll definitely need your support and we enjoy your friendship.*



CHRISTMAS JOY AT DECEMBER MATCH CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

More rapid than eagles the cowboys they came,
St. Hoss whistled, and shouted, and called them by name.

“Now, Draper! Now, Dangerous! Now, Pony and Vixen!
On Conejo! On Cubby! On Geo and Schieffelin!
To the top of the target! To the end of the hall!
Shoot away! Shoot away! Shoot away all!”

St. Hoss sprang to his sleigh, the RO gave a whistle,
And away bullets flew with the force of a missile.
Santa wrote stages that were packed full of fun.
The weekend was good; there was even warm sun.

But we heard him exclaim, as he drove out that night,
“*Merry Christmas to all, and use your front sight!*”



Many thanks to Big Hoss for playing Santa this month and really dressing up the range. Each stage was decorated with garland and bows. Even the angry mule and horse were decked out for the festivities.

Snakebite to continue as Club's TG

Already on his way to Las Vegas for the Territorial Governor's Summit, Snakebite has agreed to continue representing 5 Dogs Creek. Snakebite has been an excellent Territorial Governor for our club and keeps us informed of changes being considered by SASS. His hard work on the behalf of cowboy action shooters is recognized throughout SASS. *Thanks, Snakebite!*



BEAR WITH HIM...

If you've never had the pleasure of shooting with Prof. Cubby Bear, you don't know what you're missing. He has an amazing talent for reciting his lines in a most memorable ways. Sometimes a story. Sometimes a poem. Sometimes a complete soliloquy. His "performance" is always good for a laugh ... or groan.

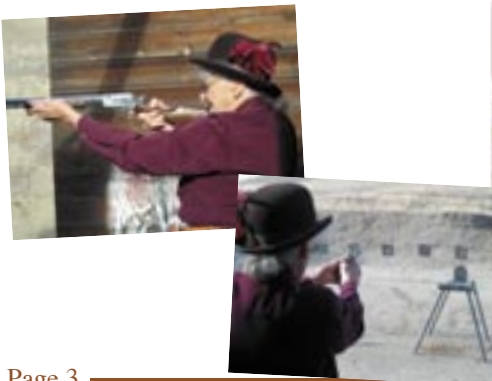
This month, a crowd favorite was about the dyslexic Santa who exclaimed, "Sleigh! Sleigh! Sleigh! Someone stole my Ho!"



GO, GRANNY KETTLE, GO!!

With just three months of shooting under her gun belt, Granny Kettle, at the young age of 81, cleaned her first stages at 5 Dogs Creek in December. Three to be exact.

She's been improving each month and proudly shot her first stage under 100 seconds. *Get 'em, Granny! We're proud of you!*



MATCH NEWS

★ Stages for the January match will be written by Bones Brannon. Peso Bill will be putting on the February shoot.

★ If you are interested in putting on a match in 2008 there are still two months up for grabs. You don't have to do it alone. Corral a pard to help out. Please step forward and let's start the new year with a good schedule of matches. Contact Mescalero at (661) 588-8978 or donkathymiller@aol.com if you are interested.