



5 DOGS CREEK HOWLER

NOVEMBER MATCH A TRIBUTE TO B-WESTERNS

Fringe, rhinestones, fancy holsters, smiley pockets and yodeling (courtesy of Hitch Hinsdale). It doesn't sound much like a cowboy action shoot – more like a cowboy action hoot – but the November match had it all. A tribute to B-Western movies, it was fantastic to see so many shooters dressed in the spirit of the day. Seems everyone enjoyed the opportunity to tip their hat to the memory of Roy Rogers, Dale Evans, Gene Autry, Annie Oakley and so many others.

Shooters like the yodeling Hitch Hinsdale, Pony Pam, Nobel Pinkerton, Dirt McFearson, Bull McFearson and many others used the opportunity to acquire some new western attire. But, nothing says B-Western quite like shooting in a mask. Sunshine Kid, appearing as the Lone Rangerette, won the “spirit” award for the weekend.

On Saturday, M.C. Ryder challenged the group to try shooting in the B-Western category by trying at least

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Left: Sunshine Kid as The Lone Rangerette

Top: Howdy to the troops...B-Western style!

SATURDAY TOP TEN

- ★ Bo Bean
- ★ Even Dozen
- ★ Little Fawn
- ★ Badmann Bob
- ★ Geo Kid
- ★ Crusty Jim
- ★ Pocket Change
- ★ Mescalero
- ★ Calgary Kate
- ★ Gus “Pot” Ashcroft

SUNDAY TOP TEN

- ★ Crusty Jim
- ★ Badmann Bob
- ★ Sudden
- ★ Gunsmoke Slim
- ★ Even Dozen
- ★ Snakebite
- ★ Coal Train
- ★ Kaweah Kid
- ★ Geo Kid
- ★ Pocket Change

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four different shooting styles. (See accompanying article for details.) On Sunday, Dirt and Bull McFearson continued the challenge for bragging rights. Not surprising, they took things one-step further by including right-handed and left-handed duelist stages for five shooting styles.

After the match Saturday, Mad Dog Draper organized a work party to take care of some projects on the range. Many thanks to everyone who flew into action to get so much done in such a short time. Next month, we'll probably need to rake leaves so bring a pair of gloves and a rake. An hour or so of work by many hands makes a huge difference in the ongoing range maintenance.

With the work was complete, a hungry group enjoyed some great grub cooked up by Almost Dangerous. *Our hats off to you for a great meal!*

If that wasn't enough, after dinner cowboys enjoyed some fun on the big screen. A double feature of B-Western classics, of course. The sharpshooting Annie Oakley and the crooning Roy Rogers (complete with a choir of singing orphans) brought lots of smiles – and more than a couple of

laughs. Thanks to Stage Stop for sending the movie equipment even though he was unable to attend.

It was great to see Geo Kid and Josiah Grant on the range showing off the use of their new knees, and Big Hoss who had shed the cast on his arm. We wish the best to Crusty Jim as recovers from his knee replacement surgery. Also, please keep Cameo Kate in your thoughts and prayers as she finishes a final round of chemotherapy. *We'll see you back soon, Kate!*

Next month, the stages will be written by Big Hoss. Come ready for some serious fun.



Left: Buffalo "Vixen" sports a new look for the match.



Right: Katt R. Wallen was loaded...with fringe!

UPCOMING MATCHES

- ★ Stages for the December match will be written by Big Hoss. Bones Brannon will be putting on the January shoot.
- ★ If you are interested in putting on a match in 2008 there are still a few 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.
- ★ Registration applications for the Shootout at 5 Dogs Creek, May 1-4, 2008, is now available online. Better get signed-up quickly as we will sell out again this year!
- ★ Mark your 2008 calendar and support the annual matches at our sister clubs:
 - Shootout at Fort Miller in Fresno – April 17-20, 2008
 - John Wayne Shootout in San Luis Obispo/Morro Bay – September 11-14, 2008

M.C. RYDER'S B-WESTERN SHOW-OFF CHALLENGE

BY M.C. RYDER

Saturday, November 3rd marked the first, (but I hope not the last) edition of the Show-Off Challenge. One day driving home from the range I was inspired (possessed?) by the thought that since B-Western can shoot any style at any time, why not do it all in one match? Not only would it be fun, but it would encourage folks to try out different styles. I also thought it was in the spirit of the homage to B-Western movie stages that Calgary Kate and Mescalero had set up. By the way, they were great stages.

The rules to the Challenge are simple. You must shoot at least one stage in each of the following

styles: Traditional, Duelist, Double Duelist, Gunfighter. The remaining stage is the shooter's choice.

I was very pleased (and a little surprised) by the number of folks who signed up. Of course, maybe the wonderful prizes available provided additional motivation. I tried to cover most legal and not too immoral vices. First place had first pick, next second place, and so on.

Winners — prize

- ★ 1st - Calgary Kate — bottle of 3 Blind Moose wine
- ★ 2nd - Bones Brannon — six pack of Pyramid Hefeweisen Beer

- ★ 3rd - Montego — Quart of Ben and Jerry's ice cream
- ★ 4th Dirt McFearson — ten cigars from M.C. Ryder's personal collection

Folks told me they had a lot of fun, and enjoyed trying a different style than they usually shoot. I think it is good for CAS shooters to try a different style or category once in a while for a change of pace. I plan to do this again, but it may be a couple or three months from now. We will get the word out well in advance so you can prepare for it.

SLATE OF CLUB OFFICERS ANNOUNCED FOR 2008

With the well-deserved "retirement" of Almost Dangerous, Portugee Phillips and Miss Becky, we're thankful to the following folks for stepping up to fill some mighty big shoes.

2008 Town Council

Mayor: Dirt McFearson

Sheriff: Mescalero

Banker: Even Dozen

Shopkeeper: Burley Bear Fred

Newsletter Editor: Dollmaker

Obviously the Town Council members do not work alone. Work parties and membership support make everything possible. Mad Dog Draper has agreed to continue working as the Range Wrangler, a position created this year to coordinate range projects and ongoing maintenance. Conejo Karen says she'll keep up with the scores and Eve Nenjoy will coordinate the monthly match sign-ins.

There is more than enough work to do and when everyone takes a small piece we can accomplish a great deal.

Our sincere thanks to the long-time Town Council members who have led the club for nearly a decade. 5 Dogs Creek would not be the premier shooting club or facility it is without their incredible dedication, leadership and hard work. *We are in your debt!*