



HOWLERS

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A Successful April

By Blarney Stone, Editor

To say that April was a success is an understatement! Not only did we have a great match on the 5th, but also lots of donations were made for our troops in the Gulf (see the article from Calgary Kate).

The famous duo of Mescalero and Calgary Kate started the weekend with screening the movie "Shanghai Noon" on Saturday evening after the potluck dinner. They were also the match designers for Sunday and based their scenarios on this movie.

On Sunday we found out that it is possible to flip a playing card with a chopstick held in your mouth, that a well-placed rifle shot will cut a hanging "rope", and that a steel cowboy can dance if your shot was just off the mark. Congratulations to Chisler Wood for taking top spot overall. Well done to Calgary Kate and Mescalero for a fun match. And welcome to all the new shooters. We are glad you came and please come back.

Salute to 5 Dogs Members

By Calgary Kate

In typical 5 Dogs fashion, our members came to the rescue when called. Thank you for all the goodies and letters in support of the Touch of Home program for our soldiers serving overseas.

A special salute to Justice Loving who got his students in Fresno involved. The letters and gifts were incredibly moving.

In all, 5 Dogs brought in a pickup truck load of treats. This load will join about 1200+ cubic feet of donations from the Central Valley. Hats off to Emma Pistol and Quick Justice for helping sort the whole stash. It took 5 hours and lots of tears and laughter to make it through everything.

We have enough goodies but now donations for postage would help. Please make checks out to the Veteran's of Kern County.

If you have a friend or relative that you'd like to receive a box, bring their address—we'll pass it on. Thank you all again.

From the Sheriff
By Cathouse Clark

(Cathouse and Cactus Cat were unable to attend our April match. They sent this article about their niece, Tatum. And, yes, you should be proud of her.)

New Windsor-Washingtonville High School sophomore Tatum Clark looked outside and saw a group of peers cutting class to protest the war. “My heart stopped,” she said.

About 15 students were holding anti-war signs in front of the high school. Alone, Tatum walked outside and confronted the protesters.

“I asked them why they were there. Half of them didn’t even know,” Tatum recalled. “One of them was holding a sign that said ‘Have you seen my rights?’ I told her “I’ve seen your rights. My dad is fighting for them.”

Tatum’s father, Lt. Col. Kenneth Clark, is a Marine pilot. He left for the Middle East in February.

Tatum agrees that no one wants to go to war. But to see students speak out against the war...felt like an insult to her father.

She e-mailed her dad. From somewhere in the Middle East, he wrote back:

Tatum, Maybe you should post the names of the victims of the WTC as proof that those wish to sit idly by as their family, friends, and fellow Americans are slaughtered aren’t worthy of the right to protest or speak about anything that is American.

The e-mail lifted her spirits. “Getting the e-mail from dad made me feel good because he backed me up,” she said.

At Tatum’s family’s house, in (a) military complex, a picture frame sits on the coffee table. An inscription reads, “Home is where the Marine Carps send you.”

Of the protesters, she said: “Maybe they forgot who the troops are fighting for. Maybe they didn’t realize that the only reasons why they have the right to stand there and say what they want is because people like my dad are protecting their rights...”

In the same e-mail, her father brought the struggle to life:

Unfortunately, many of our flights have...brought back Marines in body bags and critically wounded. One Marine captain walked on board the aircraft with his hand missing. The kids doing the protesting have no idea what they’re doing and will never appreciate anything. I’m trying to stay as safe as I can. Love, Dad.

Editor’s note—All of us at 5 Dogs Creek pray for a safe return for Tatum’s father and all the soldiers. May God bless them all.

Range Officer Training Classes

Classes for Range Officer I and Range Officer II are tentatively scheduled for Saturday May 31. This is the Saturday of our June match weekend.

All members of 5 Dogs Creek are strongly encouraged to take the Range Officer I class. This will be held from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. The class covers range safety and Range Officer duties including timing, counting, and loading/unloading tables. This is valuable information all of us can use right away.

Range Officer II class will be held the same day from 12:00 noon till about 5:00 pm. You must have already completed RO I in order to take RO II. (SASS will not allow someone to take both classes in one day.)

Cost for each class is \$10.00 each and will be given by Doc James. Please contact Miss Becky to enroll in either class no later than Wednesday, May 21st

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COMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, May 3rd—5 Dogs Match Weekend. Saturday work party with dinner Saturday evening (**RSVP FOR DINNER BY WED. 4-30!.**)

**SUNDAY, May 4th—5 Dogs Monthly Match. SUMMER HOURS NOW IN EFFECT
MANDATORY SHOOTERS MEETING AT 8:30—MATCH at 9:00**

SATURDAY BEFORE THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH—The California Desperadoes mounted shooters practice/pot shoot. Contact Pasqual Benito, a.k.a. Mickey Michel (661)323-0497.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH—Chorro Valley Regulators at San Luis Obispo/Morrow Bay. Call Riley (805)489-4989 for directions and times.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH—Kings River Regulators at Fresno Rifle & Pistol Club Range. WINTER HOURS IN EFFECT. Mandatory shooters’ meeting at 8:30 AM. Match at 9:00 AM. Call Leon Chisum (559)673-7416 for more information
