



5 DOGS CREEK HOWLER

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATED WITH A BANG!

A small, but enthusiastic, group of shooters took part in the July match. The five stages written by Bodie Rose each included a great starting line to signal “shooter’s ready.” Bonus targets, on-the-clock reloads, creative shooting orders and the use of some targets that haven’t seen lead in some time also added to the fun of the day.

“She is only a bird in a gilded cage” was the line recited to start Bay 6. After 10 pistol shots on a large target, a single pistol reload rewarded some with a 10 second bonus for hitting a smaller target. The stage directions made it clear that the bonus shot was just a bonus;

miss doesn’t count as a miss...just a bummer.

Rifle reloads were part of the stage on Bay 7. The scenario started by saying, “Hey, that’s my mine your heading for” while sitting in the outhouse and firing off a few shotgun rounds while still seated. At the hallway entrance, 10 rifle shots were alternated between a target on the ground and the bell in the mineshaft. Two rifle reloads were meant for two additional targets at either side of the bay. The grand finale included 10 pistol targets all lined up for a quick...and fun... finish.

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THIS MONTH'S TOP 10

1. Powder Bags
2. Coal Train
3. Bodie Rose
4. Kaweah Kid
5. Three Fingred Dutchman
6. Bones Brannon
7. Mescalero
8. Rattlesnake Rip
9. Portugee Phillips
10. Ten Bears

NEXT MONTH

★ Saturday, July 31: Ladies meeting and potluck dinner

Ladies interested in helping organize the September match will be meeting at 4 p.m. to create the mischief.

Dinner will be potluck, generally around 5 p.m. or so. Bring meat to grill and a side dish to share.

★ Sunday, August 1: Monthly match & Cowboy swap meet Shooters’ meeting 8:30 a.m.

Get to the range early to get the best pick of cowboy goods. Bring your extra CAS clothes, guns, leather etc. to swap with your friends at 5 Dogs.

Five fun stages by Quick Draw Granpa. He promises to test your skills and make up for your lack thereof with some bonus targets.



*Welcome to the madness called cowboy action shooting...
Left: Kona Kid; Center: Shinola and Shenandoah Gentleman;
Right: Bad Shot Baxter*

REMEMBERING SMOKEY JOE

Cowboy action shooters recently lost one of the sport's finest gentlemen, California Smokey. Known to most at 5 Dogs Creek as Smokey Joe, Joe Burton passed away in his sleep at home on May 23 at the age of 77.

Smokey was one of the most kindhearted, honorable individuals you could ever hope to meet. He always arrived at the range well dressed with a big smile...and hugs for the ladies. His shooting attire was that of a tinhorn gambler (*his words!*), but the clothes couldn't hide his real personality.

A principled man, Smokey was a kind soul with a zest for life. Decent. Respectable. Considerate. Hard working. He epitomized "spirit of the game" and "the cowboy way" in every aspect of his life.

All those who knew him are blessed and will remember his virtuous character, wit, laughter and never-ending smile. He loved to share stories about his service to our country in World War II as a naval aircraft gunner. At cowboy matches, just for the fun of it, he often shot his shotgun from the hip like he used to do off the stern of navy ships.

Smokey had many hobbies that he fully enjoyed. In addition to shooting muzzle loaders, he enjoyed model trains, traveling, and he built

and flew radio-controlled model airplanes — some nearly as big as his back bedroom.

With a heavy heart, we say "happy trails" to Smokey Joe. We will carry his memory fondly.



PRAYERS AND WELL WISHES NEEDED

Almost Dangerous is at home recovering from recent surgery. He is doing well, but good wishes never hurt! If you'd like to drop him a note, please do so at:

Dan Anglin
949 Alta Sierra Road
Wofford Heights, CA 93285
phone: 760-376-4493

Also, Shadow, a former club mayor who significantly contributed to 5 Dogs success when the club was just getting started, has suffered a massive heart attack. He is currently in ICU in very critical condition. Both he and his wife, Elaine, are in need of your prayers.

Jim and Elaine Appleton
19925 S.E. 243rd Place
Maple Valley, WA 98038

INTERESTED IN A SHOOTING SCHOOL?

Tequila, EOT world champion, and recently seen on Shooting Gallery on OLN, has a traveling shooting school available. Snake Marquez has contacted him regarding teaching a class and he is willing to come to Five Dogs! The first class will be open first to woman shooters, juniors, and those new to the sport.

Only 15 spots are available on a first come, first deposit received basis. The date is October 9-10. His class is two days, a full day on Saturday and a half day on Sunday. The cost is \$275.00 plus the two-day normal range fees. A non-refundable deposit of 50% secures your spot (refunds are given only if Tequila cancels or reschedules only).

If you are interested contact Snake Marquez at (661) 588-3258 for details and to get on the class list.

This is a profile I wrote about Smokey that ran in the February 2001 issue of The Howler. — Calgary Kate

CALIFORNIA SMOKEY: HE CAN SHOOT 'EM DOWN AND KEEP 'EM FLYING

California Smokey, aka Joe Burton, loves things that fly. Sometimes he likes to shoot them down and sometimes he helps them in for a safe landing.

“I fly model airplanes,” said Joe, who has an impressive customized shelf built onto the bed of his truck for carrying his planes, some of which have a wingspan of close to seven feet. “I built my first plane when I was 10 years old and started flying again about 13 years ago.”

He flies his planes up to four times a week in the hills near Mesa Marin Raceway and now races with other model plane enthusiasts. The maiden voyage of his newest racing plane, which he expects will reach speeds up to 130 miles per hour, is on course for the very near future.

Flying and shooting became part of Burton’s everyday life while in the Navy.

“I joined the Navy in 1944 and was trained as a gunner on a torpedo bomber. The day I completed training, the Japanese surrendered. I guess they knew I was coming,” Burton said with a laugh.



During operational training, Burton spent eight weeks on a shotgun range. “We shot so much that we actually got bored shooting skeet,” he said. “We would shoot clay pigeons from the hip just for fun.”

Now, at age 74, Burton still loves to shoot from the hip and often shows cowboys at 5 Dogs Creek how it’s done. And, he seldom misses.

“Shooting is fun for me. My days of winning may be gone, but I really do like to shoot,” said Burton who used to shoot sporting clays and varmint matches and continues to actively participate as a muzzle-loader.

Introduced to Cowboy Action Shooting about six years ago, Burton seldom misses a match. He is known to most 5 Dogs Creek citizens as Smokey, but recently changed his alias when he became a SASS member to California Smokey.

“The name Smokey Joe was given to me when I was shooting sporting clays,” he explained. “At station four I would hit the clay pigeons and there would just be nothing left. They would say that I ‘really smoked’ and the name just stuck.”

Although he grew up on a dairy farm, he does not fancy himself as much of a cowboy. However, he is always armed with a smile and a kind word, and California Smokey epitomizes the “spirit of the game.”

California Smokey has fun at the January 2004 match.

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37 SHOOTERS

CLASS	TIME	MISSES*	CLASS	TIME	MISSES*
MEN TRADITIONAL			FRONTIER CARTRIDGE		
1. Powder Bags	176.93	8	1. Snake Marquez	399.03	9
2. Coal Train	218.48	7	CLASSIC COWBOY		
3. Three Fingered Dutchman	245.80	6	1. Almost Dangerous	298.38	8
4. Ten Bears	275.60	12	MEN SENIOR		
5. Even Dozen	277.74	7	1. Tuscon Smith	305.51	14
6. Cerro Gordo Kid	286.10	11	2. Long Feather	369.74	6
7. Dutch Bill	349.34	0	MEN MODERN		
8. Bearcat	366.82	19	1. Farmer John	380.64	4
9. Quick Draw Granpa	376.94	4	LADIES TRADITIONAL		
10. Shenandoah Gentleman	434.10	14	1. Bodie Rose	221.28	8
11. Bad Shot Baxter	454.44	5	2. Dirty Sally	329.03	6
12. Kona Kid	545.72	21	3. Little Elk	334.36	16
13. Peso Bill	627.94	20	4. Ida Mistum	384.13	18
DUELIST			5. Vixen	542.84	37
1. Smiley	492.74	24	6. Laigha Tombstone	580.06	18
FRONTIERSMAN			7. Shady Sadie**	582.38	12
1. Fordyce Beals	452.85	19	8. Shinola	661.89	23
GUNFIGHTER			LADIES GUNFIGHTER		
1. Mescalero	263.00	2	1. Calgary Kate	351.11	8
2. Full Choke	369.95	9	LADIES SENIOR		
MEN 49-ER			1. Wind Dancer	497.42	17
1. Kaweah Kid	225.76	5	JUNIOR BOYS		
2. Bones Brannon	257.28	4	1. Doc Jones	287.17	16
3. Rattlesnake Rip	264.34	1			
4. Portugee Phillips	268.44	9			

* Misses include credit for any bonus targets.

**Shady Sadie has changed her alias to: Katt R. Wallen

DON'T FORGET!! COWBOY SWAP MEET AT THE AUGUST MATCH

If your closet is getting full or you're looking for some new cowboy goodies, you won't want to miss the August match.

Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday (probably most folks will be around on Sunday) just stake out a table and sell, trade, barter or give away your extra clothes, gun carts, guns, leather and other cowboy related items.

ATTENTION LADIES...

Your help is needed to organize the stages for the September match. A mischief planning meeting is set for Saturday, July 31 at 4 p.m.

Currently an idea to base all stages on Annie Oakley is being considered. Be sure to watch or rent some reruns!

If you can't make it out on Saturday, call Calgary Kate ahead of time with your ideas.

JULY MATCH IS SUMMER FUN FOR COWBOYS

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At the undertakers on Bay 8, shooters started with a whiskey bottle in hand as they recited, “Whoa, I see dead people.” With one hand over head in a first, shooters yelled “Remember the Alamo” before moving to the up to the false front adobe on Bay 9.

At the Indian encampment on Bay 10, shooters began the stage with both hands on their hat and yelling, “Captain, they’re circling the wagons.” Lots of movement on this stage made it exciting, despite the heat.

With temperatures pushing triple digits, the heat did have some cowboys heading for the shade. *It is summer – don’t forget to drink that water and share the posse work!*

However, the rising mercury did not deter new shooters from joining the fun. Please be sure to extend a hearty 5 Dogs welcome to new club member Bad Shot Baxter from Taft. Kona Kid from Bakersfield shot his first match. (It should be mentioned that Kona Kid is Miss Becky’s son.) Also, visiting our club for the July match was Shenandoah Gentleman and his wife Shinola. *Hope to see you all back next month!*

The heat of the day also did not slow down the match winner, Powder Bags. Despite the best efforts of his posse to distract him, he blazed through the entire five stages in 176.93. The top lady shooter for July was Bodie Rose who also finished third overall.

Dutch Bill was the only shooter to clean the match. He got the bonus shot, too! This was his second ever clean match. *Congratulations!!*

Special thanks to Full Choke for bringing some mighty tasty watermelon to cool everyone down after the shoot.

Quick Draw Granpa will write the stages for the August match. He plans on using Bays 1 – 5 as they have the most shade. This will be another fun match, setup to



What would the 4th of July be without watermelon? Hats off to Full Choke (right) for a refreshing end to the day!

Taking a bite out of summer (above l-r): Dutch Bill, Fordyce Beals and Laigha Tombstone

test your skills and give you a couple of chances to add bonuses to your score.

He warns that this is his first attempt at this, so no hard feelings...just fun. *Thank you, Quick Draw Granpa, for stepping up and helping out!*

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