



5 DOGS CREEK HOWLER

WESTERN TV CLASSICS PROVIDE FUN FOR ALL AT FEBRUARY MATCH

February's match paid tribute to classic TV westerns including Gun Smoke, The Rifleman, Wild Wild West, Maverick, and Have Gun Will Travel. The five stages were designed by Bearcat who obviously put a great deal of thought – and evil creativity – into the day.

As The Rifleman, shooters saved the town from the Gatlin Gang. After 10 rifle shots from the hip and 10 more shots loaded on the clock, everyone had forgotten the Gatlin Gang. A

posse was forming and looking for Bear Cat! The bonus shot was a charcoal briquette hanging from a piece of string. Cheers all around for those that made that shot!

On Bay 4, Wild Wild West, shooters took the role of Artimus Gordon and accepted the assignment to protect the first family. You and the first family, Bill Hillary and Chelsea, were taken hostage (no shoot targets with a 15 second penalty per shot!). Rum Runner accrued four hefty penalties on this stage. *Poor shooting or partisan politics? You can make that call!*

Playing your favorite card game, seven card no peeky, on Bay 6 proved to be a fun challenge for all Mavericks. Shooting order was determined by drawing a red or black card. If you drew a Joker, just pray for help! There was also a five shot reload for your pistol, all meant for the dealer – a playing card posted in front of the shooting position.

Some of the other excitement for the day included shooting flying birds, and shooting shotgun from the hip.



The posse caught up with Bearcat and “thanked” him for putting together the match.

THIS MONTH'S TOP 10

1. Coal Train
2. Cathouse Clark
3. Even Dozen
4. Mescalero
5. Buckshot Butch
6. Kaweah Kid
7. Quick Justice
8. Rattlesnake Rip
9. Shorty
10. Montego

NEXT MONTH

★ Saturday, March 6: Fun shoot, camp out and dinner

Afternoon shoot starting about Noon. Kids are welcome. Call Cathouse Clark at 559-636-9789 for details.

Almost Dangerous is hitting the trail so Cactus Cat has volunteered to cook dinner on Saturday night. RSVP to her by March 3rd at 559-636-9789 or e-mail her at gclark@inreach.com.

★ Sunday, March 7: Monthly match Shooters' meeting 9:30 a.m.

The Luck o' the Irish at 5 Dogs

Five stages of blarney by Hartford, Lumpy Grits, Ima Schofield, Stage Stop and other hombres.

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5 DOGS CREEK SET TO HOST 2004 CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

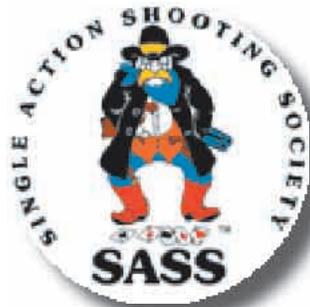
Despite conversation to the contrary, 5 Dogs Creek will indeed be hosting the 2004 California State Championships for the fourth consecutive year.

“We said that we didn’t want to do it again,” said Mayor Portugee Phillips. “But, then it appeared in the Cowboy Chronicle. News to us. Apparently, the Wild Bunch really want us to do it.”

Some things will remain the same for the 2004 event. The match will be scored by raw time. Side matches will be on Thursday, main match on Friday and Saturday, and top gun and awards on Sunday.

Some things will be different. The match will take place on our regular shoot weekend in October (rather than the second weekend). The dates will be September 30 through October 3. *Mark your calendar now!*

The match will also have 12 stages with 12 posses. The last few years the match has been divided into 18 or more posses split between a morning and afternoon schedule.



“We’re going to split bays two and four with a temporary berm,” Phillips said. “Having all shooters starting and ending at one time will make life much easier for our volunteers and for those inputting the scores. The posses will be larger, but we won’t be pushed to finish by a certain time.”

The match will be limited to 250 shooters. Members of 5 Dogs Creek who are experienced cowboy action shooters and SASS members are encouraged to both shoot the match and volunteer to help.

Registration forms will be available soon.

If you have any questions, concerns or ideas, please contact Portugee Phillips at (559) 739-8511

By the way, some have wondered why our article about last year’s match has not yet appeared in the Cowboy Chronicle. Everything was submitted last October and we have just heard from SASS that it will finally appear in the March issue.

WESTERN TV CLASSICS - FEBRUARY MATCH

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Thanks to bonus shots, Mescalero managed to clean the day. Cherokee escaped with only one miss for the match and Cathouse Clark had just two. Impressive performances by any account given the difficulty of the day.

Congratulations to Coal Train who finished the day in the top spot with only three misses. Fast and accurate! Little Fawn was the top female shooter for the day. Darn good shootin’ — and she’s still a junior!

The fun continues next month with the luck of the Irish – brought to you by Hartford, Lumpy Grits, Ima Schofield, Stage Stop and other hombres. Be prepared to gather potatoes, rid the town of snakes and save Leprechauns.

Better bring your luck and be prepared for a little more than a little blarney.

Shootin’ from the hip — as Bearcat tries to escape the posse’s justice!



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41 SHOOTERS

CLASS	TIME	MISSES	CLASS	TIME	MISSES
MEN TRADITIONAL			CLASSIC COWBOY		
1. Even Dozen	291.26	10	1. Almost Dangerous	365.85	11
2. Buckshot Butch	295.81	11	MEN SENIOR		
3. Shorty	323.38	6	1. Missouri Drifter	335.38	11
4. Montego	333.39	4	2. Deerskiner	465.29	10
5. Bearcat	384.44	13	3. Forty Four	509.67	10
6. Doc Ferguson	399.37	11	4. Felix	548.83	5
7. Doc Bury 'Em	491.41	15	ELDER STATESMAN		
8. Bear Tracks	588.49	11	1. Shenandoah	593.43	14
DUELIST			2. Buzzard	599.09	8
1. Cathouse Clark	277.50	2	LADIES TRADITIONAL		
2. Rattlesnake Rip	319.93	8	1. Emma Pistol	508.89	26
FRONTIER CARTRIDGE			2. Mudhen Millie	510.43	15
1. Snake Marquez	383.60	11	3. Maggie Thom	570.57	19
2. Derby Slim	414.04	9	4. Sunshine Kid	677.55	27
GUNFIGHTER			5. Laigha Tombstone	752.31	18
1. Mescalero	294.84	0	LADIES GUNFIGHTER		
2. Rum Runner	396.55	9	1. Calgary Kate	432.56	11
3. Full Choke	470.74	14	LADIES MODERN		
MEN MODERN			1. Cactus Cat	571.20	32
1. Left Eye Luke	381.03	6	CLASSIC COWGIRL		
2. Cherokee	447.79	1	1. Vixen	589.84	19
MEN 49-ER			LADIES SENIOR		
1. Coal Train	254.84	3	1. Lady Gunner	474.62	7
2. Kaweah Kid	303.31	13	JUNIOR GIRLS		
3. Quick Justice	312.32	10	1. Little Fawn	380.52	17
4. Bones Brannon	357.48	10	<i>My sincere apologies to Little Fawn who was inadvertently left off the list of scores when they appeared in the newsletter last month. — Calgary Kate</i>		
FRONTIERSMAN					
1. Desert Dawg	343.25	3			
2. Cerro Gordo Kid	480.20	25			
3. Fordyce Beals	528.43	15			

*Congratulations to
Vixen & Snake Marquez
on their engagement!*

IN A COWBOY'S EYE

BY ANNIE THOM

In a cowboy's eyes,
The sky is his brother,
The earth is his father,
Independent his mother.

In a cowboy's eyes,
Codes are a way of life.
Codes of courtesy, codes of the West,
Codes of the hunting knife.

In a cowboy's eyes,
The wide open range is home.
A place of cattle, coyotes and songs,
Things you could never tame with a comb.

In a cowboy's eyes,
A horse is a heaven-send.
Friendship is valued greatly,
A thing you cannot rend.

In a cowboy's eyes,
Hardships are not always needed,
But a cowboy goes through them.
I have not heard of many who have heeded.

In a cowboy's eyes,
Color has no meaning.
They rode side by side,
Against a fence they both could be seen leaning.

Oh, cities spring up everywhere,
But the West never dies.
The land will always be open and free
In a cowboy's eyes.



If you have Western trivia, poetry, stories or other items you'd like to share with the 5 Dogs Creek membership, don't be shy. Just sent your submissions to Calgary Kate at kathymiller3@aol.com.

MOVIE NIGHT IN APRIL

Enjoy Western movies? Enjoy shooting? Put them together and what could be more fun?

Mark your calendar now for Saturday, April 3 and join your pards at 5 Dogs Creek for the premier showing (on the range, anyway) of the classic Western comedy *Rustlers' Rhapsody*.

The Wild West goes wacko when the greatest fast-drawin', fancy-dressin', silver-spurred, geetar playin', singing cowboy movie matinee idol Rex O'Herlihan (Tom Berenger) hits the saddle. Classic Western stereotypes and clichés get turned on their ear when our fearless hero, fully dressed in white and atop his dancing horse Wildfire, rides into the tackiest town west of the Pecos to do good deeds and defy desperados.

If you've never seen this funny poke at B-Westerns, you are in for a treat.

We'll cook up some grub (probably pot luck), put up the screen, light a campfire or two, pop some corn, pour an adult beverage or two and enjoy. Just like the drive-in only better -- cause you're on the range!

Naturally, all the stages for the match on Sunday, April 4 will be based on the movie. B-Western attire would be most appropriate! In fact, let's make a contest out of it...complete with a prize for our best Rex O'Herlihan.

For more information about this once in a lifetime opportunity (unless we do it again next year), call Mescalero or Calgary Kate at (661) 588-8978.

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