



5 DOGS CREEK HOWLER

LEPRECHAUNS, POTATOES AND GOLD...OH MY!

The luck o' the Irish was with 5 Dogs Creek for the March match. Despite the best efforts of snakes, potato rustlers and gold thieves to ruin the day, the town was saved by the likes of Irish cowboys Patty O'Cover, Blarneystone II, Patty O'Chair, Patty O'Table and MacAroon.

The green of the shamrocks adorning shooters and the props seemed to expand onto the surrounding hills. This was one of the rare months that the hills of 5 Dogs Creek are lush and the temperatures perfect. Irish eyes (and non-Irish as well) were definitely smiling on this glorious spring day.

The five stage match was courtesy of Hartford, Ima Schofield, Lumpy Grits, Stage Stop, Memphis Slim and Death Valley Drew. This crew of leprechauns definitely

put a lot of work into the match and, it showed. All the props were sprinkled with Irish wisdom, quotes and little known facts about leprechauns, banshees and the like. The story lines for each stage were clever and always provided a laugh or two.



Montego saves the potatoes. The hat must be a lucky charm!

For example, on bay two, it was hard to tell if the green "beer" got the shooters or the snakes. After pouring a glass of "beer" shooters were required to blast four snakes (plastic tubing) out of the marked box. Some of those snakes went flying with ease while others needed more work.

On bay five shooters rescued a bag of potatoes from a bunch of dirty no account potato rustlers. Remembering to carry that bag of potatoes throughout the stage

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THIS MONTH'S TOP 10

1. Deadly Tedley
2. Powder Bags
3. Sudden
4. Chama Bill
5. Snakebite
6. Coal Train
7. Ed Schieffelin
8. Little Fawn
9. Rowdy Yates
10. Majyk

NEXT MONTH

★ Saturday, April 3: Camp out, potluck and movie

This is sure to be a weekend of fun on the range. Saturday night's dinner will be potluck. Bring what you'd like to BBQ and a side dish to share. No RSVP required.

After the sun sets, kick back and enjoy this year's feature presentation...Rustlers' Rhapsody. If you have a heater or fire pit, bring it along to keep us all warm.

★ Sunday, April 4: Monthly match Shooters' meeting 9:30 a.m.

****Last month on winter hours****

Rustlers' Rhapsody

Based on the movie, Mescalero and Calgary Kate will have five fun stages. There will be a costume contest, so come as your best B-Western cowboy.

LUCK O' THE IRISH - MARCH MATCH

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defied those with very short-term memories. Not to mention the stage also required the use of a third pistol.

The luck o' the Irish was needed by all when it came to a bonus shot on bay six – shooting the potato that hung from a “tree.” Bonuses were awarded for hitting the tape or the potato with a final pistol shot. Mashed potatoes were a favorite.

Rum Runner must have found a four-leaf clover as he managed to work his way through the match without any misses. Even shot the pistol during one stage with one hand on the ROs head! (A “hands on your hat” thing, but he had no hat.)

Speeding through the day in the fastest time was Deadly Tedley. Little Fawn was the top lady shooter. Congratulations and nice shootin'!!

Hats off to Peso Bill and Shady Sadie, who despite their active club involvement, had yet to shoot a match. They



both did well and by all accounts enjoyed the day.

Next month Mescalero and Calgary Kate will put on the match. It will be a weekend long extravaganza starting on Saturday, April 3 with dinner and a movie. Dinner will be potluck. The BBQ will be going so bring

what you'd like to throw on the grill and a side dish to share. As soon as it's dark, kick back in your lawn chair and enjoy Rustlers' Rhapsody. If you have a heater or fire pit, bring it along as several will most likely be needed.

The match on Sunday will be based on the movie. Be sure to dress in your best B-Western attire, as there will be a prize. *Everyone loves prizes!*

**APRIL MATCH WILL REMAIN
ON WINTER HOURS!
SHOOTERS' MEETING AT 9:30 A.M.**

THE MOON IS UP - LET THE SHOOTIN' BEGIN!

The moon was rising, the town was quiet and then a shot rang out...and another, and another. Never fear. It was just 5 Dogs Creek's first night shoot.

Saturday night prior to the March match, Mescalero organized a single stage using pistols and shotgun. The loading and unloading tables were well lit and kerosene lanterns illuminated the front of the props along the boardwalk. The sparks were really flying, especially when Fordyce Beals took his turn using blackpower loads.

More than 20 shooters took aim in the dark, many trying their luck more than once. But, only Maggie Thom managed to clean the stage the first time through. While she has suggested that maybe she should shoot with her eyes closed from now on, all have discouraged her from the practice.

Thanks to David Olds for allowing us to shoot after dark and to Mescalero for leading the blind through the stage.

5 DOGS CREEK - MARCH 3, 2004

67 SHOOTERS

CLASS	TIME	MISSES*	CLASS	TIME	MISSES*
MEN TRADITIONAL			MEN 49-ER		
1. Lumpy Grits	283.70	1	1. Chama Bill	250.65	0
2. Montego	285.67	0	2. Coal Train	260.03	8
3. Levi Longneck	290.96	3	3. Quick Justice	292.63	9
4. Bull Dog	297.96	0	4. Kaweah Kid	302.94	8
5. Tres Pinos	299.69	2	MEN SENIOR		
6. Buckaroo Banzai	306.25	11	1. Sudden	235.38	6
7. Even Dozen	313.33	6	2. Missouri Drifter	277.21	3
8. Shorty James	324.78	4	3. Hartford	286.22	0
9. Doc Ferguson	340.97	3	4. Geo Kid	331.84	13
10. Hennessey Hayes	353.27	10	5. Felix	409.80	4
11. Quick Draw Granpa	367.91	8	6. Deerskiner	416.25	9
12. Stage Stop	368.83	8	7. Okie Bill	438.96	14
13. Dutch Bill	390.81	5	ELDER STATESMAN		
14. Bear Tracks	445.39	4	1. Terrible Ted	296.57	3
15. Death Valley Drew	482.30	15	2. Curley Donn	521.70	6
16. Cherokee	556.04	12	3. Shenandoah Sherm	534.35	5
17. Peso Bill	610.66	14	4. Buzzard	672.94	4
18. Tehachapi Bob	800.92	21	LADIES TRADITIONAL		
19. Memphis Slim	DNF		1. Bodie Rose	301.98	20
DUELIST			2. Ruthless Ruth	313.15	5
1. Deadly Tedley	210.04	5	3. Emma Pistol	384.48	15
2. Portugee Phillips	292.46	7	4. Ima Schofield	409.69	7
3. Cathouse Clark	304.18	10	5. Mudhen Millie	448.59	4
4. Hoss	304.87	5	6. Ida Mistum	458.73	19
5. Cerro Gordo Kid	417.26	31	7. Little Elk	462.58	27
FRONTIERSMAN			8. Maggie Thom	507.29	13
1. Snake Marquez	407.07	7	9. Vixen	552.61	15
2. Fordyce Beals	483.14	10	10. Leigha Tombstone	695.00	19
GUNFIGHTER			11. Shady Sadie	933.60	37
1. Rowdy Yates	267.50	2	LADIES GUNFIGHTER		
2. Mescalero	291.23	1	1. Calgary Kate	385.78	4
3. Ten Bears	320.69	12	LADIES MODERN		
4. Rum Runner	333.46	0	1. Cactus Cat	359.41	8
5. Full Choke	429.85	12	LADIES SENIOR		
MEN MODERN			1. Lady Gunner	357.41	7
1. Ed Schieffelin	260.07	3	JUNIOR GIRLS		
2. Majyk	276.58	2	1. Little Fawn	260.19	7
3. Left Eye Luke	408.04	6	JUNIOR BOYS		
FRONTIER CARTRIDGE			1. Doc Jones	334.08	15
1. Snakebite	253.87	6	NO CATEGORY LISTED		
			1. Powder Bags	227.09	9

* Misses include credit for any bonus targets.

THANKS FROM IRAQ

In recent months we've signed cards, taken pictures and asked for donations to send care packages to SASS shooters who are serving in Iraq. We recently heard from US Scout and thought you might like to hear some of his adventures. These are excerpts from some recent e-mails. — Calgary Kate & Mescalero

February 18, 2004

Box arrived about a week ago and it was very popular. Shared it out amongst folks. They got a big kick out of the photos (so did I) and the fact that people that don't actually know me would send photos of themselves in cowboy attire. Seems natural enough to me, but then SASS is one big family. ...

It's been an interesting month. We've been hit three times so far and it's only mid-month. Last attack was 3 mortar rounds about 100 yards away. I was outside at the time and it was a bit on the exciting side — kind of like an AD if you get my meaning. ...

Thanks again for the care package and my best to all those in the 5 Dogs Creek.

Regards, US Scout
Baghdad

February 21, 2004

Had a trip out West (the Iraqi West) to visit the Sheikh of Sheikhs. We're talking the top-dog himself. We sat and around and talked of politics, history, and falconry for a couple of hours, drinking tea and turkish coffee. For lunch he laid out 8 huge platters (about 3 feet across) piled high with rice and vegetables, and a sheep on top. We're talking 8 sheep here! Roasted and served with the head and all. You eat with your right hand, molding the rice and such into balls and then popping it into your mouth, and pulling strips of meet off the sheep. We did this standing around a long table. It was a hoot!

We got mortared the other day. I was out in the necessary at the time and the room shook something fierce. Its rare we get shot at during the day — usually they rocket the airfield at night (we're in the line of fire). The mortars landed about 100 yards away.

Thanks for all the support you are providing. Its hard to express in words what we feel when the letters, cards and packages arrive.

Regards, US Scout

MOTORIZED ORE CART INSTALLED ON BAY 1

Hats off to Powder Bags and Tom Doodley Squat for donating a motorized ore cart for bay 1! They donated the car, motor and tracks. A work party made it operational. It is a smooth ride and will be a lively addition to our monthly and annual matches. *Thanks!!*



Above left: Powder Bags (at left) takes the ore cart for a test run. Right: Portugee Phillips brings in the ties while Quick Justice and Dutch Bill work on assembling the track.



March 1, 2004

... Since you liked the sheep meal story, I've attached a photo of the spread we got. You can't see me — I'm in the back with my hand reaching into the rice (or maybe grabbing some meat). The sheikh is the old man standing at the wall in the rear. The troops on the right are some of our helicopter crews who flew us out for our visit. They had no idea what they were getting into. The Arab in black (in the back on the right side) was the one chowing down on lamb's ears. ...
Regards, US Scout