



# 5 DOGS CREEK HOWLER

## REVENGE OF PORTUGEE PHILLIPS

Revenge may not have been the intent of Portugee Phillips, match sponsor for May – it just felt that way. Apparently he decided that by showing his devious stage design abilities, others would be “encouraged” to plan matches during the summer months. In other words, if you don’t help there is more of this...and it gets worse.

The May match was full of mind numbing scenarios (especially for gunfighters) mixed with some new shooting sequences and props. For the first time, the new motorized ore cart on bay one was put to use. While the ride is smooth, shooting on the move provides a good challenge.

Portugee Phillips introduced shooters to a Nevada sweep of three targets – starting in the middle. Yes, that’s 2-3-2-1-2. Then, make it a double-tap Nevada sweep of three targets starting in the middle. Two pistol reloads and a bonus target added to the fun on stage three. Short- and long-range pistol targets in a Nevada sweep challenged

everyone on stage four. Has mind numbing been mentioned yet? While you had to think, it was great fun!



*Buzzard keeps his shooting on track while riding the new ore cart.*

The crowd favorite was stage five that featured 10 pistol knockdowns, shotgun with flying birds, and a very creative use of the swinging rifle target. In front of the swinger, Portugee strategically placed two “no shoot” targets that blocked the moving target as

it rotated. Shooters had to be quick or wait for the target to move into the open. Ingenious!

May welcomed two first-time shooters in our junior divisions. Wildcat Clark and Deadeye Dani are both to be commended for their safety and spirit.

Top gun for the day was Coal Train and Bodie Rose was the ladies champ. *Nice shootin’!*

In addition to the main match, Portugee went above and beyond and organized a fun match on

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## THIS MONTH'S TOP 10

1. Coal Train
2. Buckshot Butch
3. Cerro Gordo Kid
4. Bodie Rose
5. Nine Lives
6. Rattlesnake Rip
7. Terrible Ted
8. Kaweah Kid
9. Lumpy Grits
10. Little Fawn

## NEXT MONTH

★ **Saturday, June 5:**  
**Work party, Town Council meeting, and potluck dinner**

All hands will be appreciated for a work party beginning at 8:30 a.m. to install the roof on the stage area, clean up bays and other projects. Questions? Contact Portugee Phillips.

Everyone is invited to a club meeting at 4 p.m. to discuss club business and details about the October annual match.

Following the meeting, dinner will be potluck. Bring meat to grill and a side dish to share.

★ **Sunday, June 6:**  
**Monthly match**  
**Shooters’ meeting**  
**8:30 a.m.**

Five “close and fast” stages by Ten Bears. Be ready for something new and different!

# HAPPY TRAILS TO THE CLARK FAMILY

With great sadness, 5 Dogs Creek is saying farewell to the Clark family. They shot their last match with us in May and are hitting the trail for Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Cathouse Clark, Cactus Cat, Wildcat Clark and Alley Cat have long been top hands at 5 Dogs. Among their many activities and contributions, Cathouse Clark has served as the club's sheriff for the last two years and Cactus Cat corralled the vendors for last year's state match. She can always be found helping with monthly match registrations and also fills in as camp cookie on occasion (her brownies and chocolate cake are legendary!).

The entire family could always be found at work parties and the kids never turned down a good poker game. They all epitomize "spirit of the game" and will sorely be missed.

However, our loss is the gain of several CAS clubs near their new home. Keep in touch with the Clark's at their new home:

Gary, Cathy, Ryan and Christy Clark  
3904 N. Tamarack  
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815

*Happy trails and know that you will always have a home at 5 Dogs Creek!!*



*Cactus Clark, Cathouse Clark and Wildcat Clark at the May match.*

## FAREWELL DINNER FOR THE CLARKS

- SATURDAY, MAY 22
- 6 P.M. - CACTUS VALLEY  
4215 Rosedale Hwy in Bakersfield
- RSVP TO MISS BECKY AT 661-323-5737

# MIND NUMBING STAGES AT MAY MATCH

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*Shoot only the black as the arm swings the target behind the red tombstones!*

Saturday. Those that participated had a great time. *Hats off to Portugee!!* A special note of achievement for Bearcat who cleaned his first match that Saturday.

With the departure of the Clark family (see article on page two), Geo Kid stepped forward to serve as sheriff for the remainder of the year.

The May match was tremendous fun and Portugee achieved his main goal of getting match sponsors for the next couple of months.

### Upcoming...

In June Ten Bears will be creating five fast and fun stages. He notes that, for something different, those with 97s will be allowed to "stuff" them throughout the match. Bodie Rose volunteered for the July match, but a sponsor is needed for August.

On Saturday, June 5 there will be a work party starting about 8:30 a.m. to put a roof on the stage area and other projects. Many of the bays need some cleaning up and some

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## 49 SHOOTERS

CLASS	TIME	MISSES*	CLASS	TIME	MISSES*
<b>MEN TRADITIONAL</b>			<b>MEN SENIOR</b>		
1. Buckshot Butch	226.57	2	1. Terrible Ted	275.19	5
2. Cerro Gordo Kid	237.38	9	2. Missouri Drifter	288.93	6
3. Nine Lives	264.50	10	3. Geo Kid	302.77	9
4. Lumpy Grits	275.73	1	4. Hartford	381.28	1
5. Cathouse Clark	290.60	11	5. Felix	385.78	1
6. Bearcat	292.18	1	6. Bear Tracks	575.00	20
7. Smiley	301.45	9	<b>ELDER STATESMAN</b>		
8. Portugee Phillips	316.84	12	1. Curley Donn	527.52	8
9. E. D. Warner	335.93	18	2. Buzzard	759.81	15
10. Doc Ferguson	355.11	3	<b>LADIES TRADITIONAL</b>		
11. Memphis Slim	356.19	10	1. Bodie Rose	250.56	12
12. Quick Draw Granpa	413.37	8	2. Ruthless Ruth	305.75	6
13. Geezer	422.34	18	3. Little Elk	394.33	18
<b>DUELIST</b>			4. Ima Schofield	400.92	10
1. Hoss	320.01	4	5. Ida Mistum	461.22	19
2. Stage Stop	394.41	13	6. Laigha Tombstone	676.55	19
3. Cockeyed Slim	413.14	23	7. Help Me Rhonda	739.69	21
<b>FRONTIERSMAN</b>			<b>LADIES MODERN</b>		
1. Derby Slim	415.91	9	1. Cactus Cat	398.09	18
2. Fordyce Beals	480.66	13	<b>LADIES GUNFIGHTER</b>		
<b>GUNFIGHTER</b>			1. Calgary Kate	375.77	12
1. Mescalero	277.97	7	<b>LADIES SENIOR</b>		
2. Ten Bears	283.97	6	1. Lady Gunner	364.14	3
3. Full Choke	418.83	12	<b>JUNIOR BOYS</b>		
<b>FRONTIER CARTRIDGE</b>			1. Doc Jones	301.37	14
1. Snake Marquez	388.98	10	2. Wildcat Clark	579.15	21
<b>MEN 49-ER</b>			<b>JUNIOR GIRLS</b>		
1. Coal Train	212.85	3	1. Little Fawn	276.06	10
2. Rattlesnake Rip	267.56	5	2. Deadeye Dani	684.45	21
3. Kaweah Kid	275.43	8	* Misses include credit for any bonus targets.		
4. Tres Pinos	338.49	6			
<b>CLASSIC COWBOY</b>					
1. Almost Dangerous	287.91	5			

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weeds are starting to show their ugly leaves. Many hands make light work...and more fun.

That afternoon there will be a Town Council meeting at 4 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Club news and

information about the upcoming state championships will be discussed. If you can't make the meeting and have issues for discussion, please contact Portugee Phillips in advance. A potluck dinner will follow. Bring meat to barbecue and a side dish to share. *Hope to see you there!*



# THANKS FROM SASS MEMBERS IN IRAQ

Thanks to many of you, our families and other local organizations/schools, efforts to send care packages to soldiers serving in Iraq continue. Most care packages have gone directly to SASS shooters or to family members of SASS shooters. Here are couple of recent thank you notes. — Mescalero and Calgary Kate



**From Blackcat James**  
SASS #29509  
SFC Otis M. Webster  
160th Military Police  
Battalion  
Camp Bucca, Iraq

Thinking of you!  
JUST WANTED TO  
SEND A BIG THANK YOU  
TO THE COWBOYS AND  
COWGIRLS OF 5 DOGS  
CREEK FOR ALL OF THE  
SUPPORT. I APPRECIATE  
THE WONDERFUL CARD AND  
LETTER AS WELL AS THE PICTURES  
AND GOODY BOX. ANYTIME YOU ALL  
ARE OUT MY WAY E-MAIL ME FIRST  
AT Blackcat\_James@yahoo.com OR IF  
YOU JUST WANT TO TALK. YOU ALL  
ARE THE REASON THIS NATION IS  
THE GREATEST IN THE WORLD.  
THANKS AGAIN,  
Blackcat James BLACKCAT JAMES AND  
O.M. WEBSTER SFC OTIS M. WEBSTER JR.

May 16, 2004

Dear Kate, Mescalero and the 5-Dogs Creek Outfit,

Please accept my deepest (though belated) thanks for your EXTREMELY kind gifts, in the form of the package, letters and photos! While the sundries were both delicious and helpful, the letters, poster and children's cards literally brought tears to both my and my medics' eyes. You can't imagine how helpful it is to receive such kind words from folks back home.

Things here in eastern Baghdad, as in the rest of Iraq, remain quite "sporty." Despite this, and the Abu Ghraib debacle, the vast majority of US and Coalition forces remain focused on the mission (peace and security for Iraq, and less of a terror threat for US), and conduct our business on a level that would bring pride to all Americans.

I dearly would love to visit your club someday, and from the looks of last month's Chronicle, it looks like you have a first rate outfit! Here's hoping for 2005...

Hope to hear from you from time to time — especially regarding SASS and 5-Dogs goings' on — it is a comfort to receive occasional reminders that there actually is still a world out there! If you have an email newsletter, please put me on your server, if it isn't too much trouble...

Once again, my deepest thanks.

Very respectfully,  
Doc Vermillion, SASS #26419

Bob

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