



5 DOGS CREEK HOWLER

110 SHOOTER STAMPEDE INTO TOWN FOR FEBRUARY MATCHES

The range was full of cowboys in February, with many taking advantage of the beautiful weather to camp out for the weekend. It was great to see so many faces that have been absent for a while and welcome new shooters to the CAS family.

The weekend was made for those who love their shotgun. With 30+ shotgun targets to take out on Saturday and another 32+ on Sunday, shoulders are still aching.

On Saturday, 41 shooters enjoyed a picture perfect day to shoot five stages courtesy of Portugee Phillips. The top shooter of the day was El Lazo who sped through the stages in an impressive

163.29. New cowboy Josiah Grant managed to clean the match. Is it fair that someone so new to the sport already cleans a match? *Congratulations!*

Shooting his first match, Bob learned probably the biggest lesson of the day. The lesson? Never show up to the range without an alias. Jingle Bob. Just Bob. Bob Wire. Feather Boa Bob. Butterbrickle Bob. Bodacious Bob. Bobby Pin. The list went on and on. No wonder he didn't make it back on Sunday!

The range was packed on Sunday with 69 shooters participating in
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A 5 Dogs "Howdy" to Bet-he-has-a-real-alias-soon Bob, Shotgun Lynn and Howdy Doody!

COMING UP...

★ **Saturday, February 26:**
Work party - 9 a.m.

Need to spread the last of the decomposed granite. Bring rakes and shovels to help fill in corners and next to buildings.

★ **Saturday, March 5:**
Fun match, RO I course and dinner

Shooters' meeting - 9:30 a.m. Portugee Phillips is putting together a five stage fun match. Cost is \$10.

Mescalero will be teaching an RO I course. All shooters should take this class. RSVP to him at 661-588-8978. Cost is \$10

Almost Dangerous will be cooking dinner. RSVP to him at 760-376-4493 no later than March 2. Cost is \$8.

★ **Sunday, March 6:**
Regular monthly match

Long range - 8 a.m. on Bay 1
Shooters' meeting - 9:30 a.m. Deerskiner Ron and Shenendoah Sherm will have five stages...St. Patrick meets Louis L'Amour. *Bring your luck-o-the Irish.*

WORK PARTY SET FOR FEB. 26

Many thanks to Almost Dangerous, Calgary Kate, Cameo Kate, Delaware Slim, Ida Mistum, Josiah Grant, Kaweah Kid, Miss Becky, Mescalero, Portugee Phillips, Shorty and Smiley for helping to spread decomposed granite and assemble new targets at the January work party.

A big “YEE-HAW” to range owner David Olds for working the tractor through the morning and saving a lot of backs!

In all 75 tons of decomposed granite was spread through the gathering areas and under the shades near the cook shack, registration area, and restrooms. Low spots were filled in several bays as well. Be sure to

thank these folks the next time the ground is wet and you are no longer growing taller with each step thanks to an accumulation of muck on your boots.

Feeling a bit guilty that you weren't there to help maintain the range that you enjoy using? Well, you can redeem yourself beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, February 26 to help finish the job. Two more loads of decomposed granite are on the way.

A tractor will be available to the heavy lifting, but bring your rakes and shovels to help fill in corners and next to buildings. With many hands the job should be complete in just a couple of hours.

MARCH RO CLASS

Mescalero will be teaching the SASS Range Operations Basic Safety Course (RO I) immediately following shooting on Saturday, March 5. He will be discussing safety rules, the role of Range Officers, counters, match procedures and much more. Every cowboy action shooter who sets foot on the range is encouraged to attend.

In order to be sure there are adequate class supplies, please let Mescalero know by March 1 if you plan on attending. He can be reached by calling 661-588-8978. Cost of the class is \$10. *If you shoot, you should take this course!*

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stages designed by Big Hoss. El Lazo again was at the top of the heap...and this time with a clean match. *Congratulations, cowboy!* Chama Bill and Professor Cubby Bear also managed to hit everything they aimed at (or got lucky!). Impressive shootin' all around!

Please tip your hats to the newest members of 5 Dogs Creek who shot their first match this weekend. In addition to Bob, welcome to Shotgun Lynn who has been watching from the sidelines for months and Dick Weed who in real life is the owner of Valley Gun in Bakersfield. Others newly joined members are Shell Shock, Chase Wright, Cooky Bob, Shiloh, Howdy Doody and Shiloh. *Welcome to you all!*

March will be here in a flash. Portugee Phillips (who is apparently seeking sainthood or martyrdom) will again have five stages for Saturday.

On Sunday, in honor of St. Patrick's Day, Deerskinner O'Ron and Shenandoah O'Sherm have promised a Louis L'Amour meets St. Patrick set of five stages. Snakes and potatoes are sure to be part of this classic in the making. *O'my.*



Tip your hat to Dick Weed, Chase Wright and Shiloh. Welcome to 5 Dogs Creek.

FEBRUARY 6, 2005

41 SHOOTERS

CLASS	TIME	MISSES*
TRADITIONAL		
1. Bo Bean	235.54	1
2. Even Dozen	236.03	5
3. Lumpy Grits	258.79	3
4. Swedish Cowboy	271.40	10
5. Derby Slim	286.83	3
6. Memphis Slim	344.60	11

CLASS	TIME	MISSES*
DUELIST		
1. Snakebite	175.47	2
2. Powder Bags	175.52	4
3. Hoss	272.56	1
4. Portugee Phillips	304.14	9
5. Cockeyed Slim	310.74	11
6. Bob	473.81	10

CLASS	TIME	MISSES*
FRONTIERSMAN		
1. Howdy Doody	345.24	5

CLASS	TIME	MISSES*
GUNFIGHTER		
1. Mescalero	217.24	2
2. Rum Runner	298.62	3
3. Shorty James	363.31	6

CLASS	TIME	MISSES*
49er		
1. El Lazo	163.29	4
2. Chama Bill	220.01	2
3. Bones Brannon	231.14	1
4. Peso Bill	394.96	8
5. Marshal Mountford	466.03	7

CLASS	TIME	MISSES*
MODERN		
1. Badfinger	238.14	5
2. Rattlesnake Rip	245.79	2
3. Prof. Cubby Bear	278.37	1
4. Left Eye Luke	337.11	6

CLASS	TIME	MISSES*
CLASSIC COWBOY		
1. Almost Dangerous	317.83	6

CLASS	TIME	MISSES*
SENIOR		
1. Sudden	216.18	7
2. Tucson Smith	260.26	8
3. Geo Kid	269.84	10
4. Deerskiner Ron	408.70	4

CLASS	TIME	MISSES*
ELDER STATESMAN		
1. Shenandoah Sherm	572.92	5

CLASS	TIME	MISSES*
LADIES TRADITIONAL		
1. Ima Schofield	361.83	7
2. Mudhen Millie	409.10	4
3. Maggie Thom	435.49	9
4. Cameo Kate	468.90	5

CLASS	TIME	MISSES*
LADIES DUELIST		
1. Ida Mistum	324.26	12

CLASS	TIME	MISSES*
LADIES GUNFIGHTER		
1. Calgary Kate	319.60	5

CLASS	TIME	MISSES*
LADIES 49er		
1. Katt R Wallen	558.30	30

CLASS	TIME	MISSES*
JUNIOR GIRLS		
1. Little Fawn	228.94	10
2. Deadeye Dani	353.99	8

CLASS	TIME	MISSES*
NO CATEGORY		
1. Josiah Grant	314.34	0

FEBRUARY 7, 2005

69 SHOOTERS

CLASS	TIME	MISSES*
TRADITIONAL		
1. Shiloh	198.06	1
2. Prof. Cubby Bear	234.12	0
3. Black Raven Bob	237.80	3
4. Lumpy Grits	264.10	1
5. Bo Bean	267.56	6
6. Swedish Cowboy	269.37	5
7. Sierra Rider	285.29	6
8. Montego	288.46	3
9. Doc Fergerson	325.98	4
10. Smiley	329.64	14
11. Buttonwillow Flash	343.26	3
12. Hartford	343.97	7
13. Bearcat	355.92	11
14. Even Dozen	360.45	20
15. Stage Stop	410.22	13
16. Dickweed	412.53	8
17. Delaware Slim	453.60	14

CLASS	TIME	MISSES*
DUELIST		
1. Powder Bags	188.19	5
2. Snakebite	231.10	12
3. Hoss	268.51	1
4. Quick Justice	306.58	5
5. Dutch Bill	442.62	7
6. Cockeyed Slim	462.04	27
7. Onry Mike	506.63	6

CLASS	TIME	MISSES*
FRONTIERSMAN		
1. Howdy Doody	366.62	1
2. Fordyce Beals	500.45	18

CLASS	TIME	MISSES*
FRONTIER CARTRIDGE		
1. Snake Marquez	391.64	11
2. Derby Slim	393.94	11

CLASS	TIME	MISSES*
GUNFIGHTER		
1. Ten Bears	250.34	1
2. Mescalero	284.31	8
3. Rum Runner	326.00	5
4. Shorty James	378.29	9

CLASS	TIME	MISSES*
CLASSIC COWBOY		
1. Almost Dangerous	346.00	9

CLASS	TIME	MISSES*
49er		
1. El Lazo	151.83	0
2. Chama Bill	228.97	0
3. Levi Longneck	275.20	7
4. Kaweah Kid	275.76	10
5. Bones Brannon	286.72	8
6. Peso Bill	467.18	11

CLASS	TIME	MISSES*
MODERN		
1. Badfinger	257.92	11
2. Left Eye Luke	345.29	8

CLASS	TIME	MISSES*
SENIOR		
1. Sudden	200.87	2
2. Geo Kid	242.45	4
3. Missouri Drifter	270.75	3
4. Felix	383.37	1
5. Longfeather	387.06	10
6. Deerskiner Ron	430.65	3
7. Chase Wright	616.93	5

CLASS	TIME	MISSES*
ELDER STATESMAN		
1. Shenandoah Sherm	513.70	8
2. Buzzard	700.53	2

CLASS	TIME	MISSES*
LADIES TRADITIONAL		
1. Bodie Rose	250.74	10
2. Ima Schofield	347.87	4
3. Emma Pistol	378.05	12
4. Mudhen Millie	425.09	1
5. Shotgun Lynn	427.34	6
6. Vixen	440.50	11
7. Sunshine Kid	446.05	7
8. Maggie Thom	490.35	14
9. Laigha Tombstone	561.65	12
10. Hot Flash	723.57	23

CLASS	TIME	MISSES*
LADIES GUNFIGHTER		
1. Calgary Kate	354.61	4
2. Nellie Pathfinder	409.07	11

CLASS	TIME	MISSES*
LADIES 49er		
1. Katt R Wallen	688.01	31

CLASS	TIME	MISSES*
LADIES MODERN		
1. Scarlett Sara	347.07	9

CLASS	TIME	MISSES*
LADIES SENIOR		
1. Lady Gunner	353.33	9
2. Wind Dancer	585.80	24

CLASS	TIME	MISSES*
JUNIOR GIRLS		
1. Little Fawn	234.72	8
2. Deadeye Dani	436.80	14

CLASS	TIME	MISSES*
DID NOT FINISH		
1. Moose McNoodle		

* Misses include penalties and credit for any bonus targets.

Three cheers for Emma Pistol who complied this month's scores!

MATCH RULES

CLARIFICATION

BY MESCALERO

In the December issue of the Cowboy Chronicle an article by Quick Cal has prompted several club members to ask about certain match rules. Many of us (myself included) have been enforcing “rules” that don’t actually exist...though widely believed to be official SASS rules.

The rules in question deal with moving with a handgun and loading a shotgun. The official rule states: “When changing locations during a stage, all firearms being carried must either have the hammer down on an empty chamber or a spent case *or have the action open.*”

Despite our past club norm, there is no SASS rule that prevents drawing or re-holstering a handgun on the move, *provided* the hammer is down on an empty chamber *or* a spent round. It is not against any rule to put shells in the chamber of a double or carrier of a '97 – so long as the action stays OPEN until stationary at firing position.

Keep in mind:

- COCKING the handgun before you are stationary at the firing position would constitute an *immediate* stage DQ.
- BREAKING the 170 (a concern since most of our bays require movement parallel to the firing line) is an *immediate* stage DQ.
- If you CLOSE the action BEFORE stationary, it would be an *immediate* stage DQ.
- An empty left in the chamber or carrier at the END of a state is still a minor safety violation.

This has NOT been our club norm in the past. So, if you plan on drawing, re-holstering or loading your shotgun on the move, it is a good idea to alert the RO in advance. Additionally, if stage instructions are explicit about where to draw/holster, you must adhere to those instructions.

It is always up to the shooter to exercise good judgement and the RO to take immediate action if anybody violates a safety rule. If you have any questions, please contact me. *Be safe!*

WANT A 5 DOGS T-SHIRT?

5 Dogs Creek will be ordering T-shirts again for club members only. The shirts will need to be paid for in advance and Miss Becky will be collecting for them at the March match. The shirts will be delivered at the April match. Miss Becky has had many requests from members to get more shirts and so here’s the deal...

The shirts will be navy blue with white ink and printed on both sides. The dog with the bandana and number five will be small on the front over the heart. The back will have the five dogs dressed as cowboys and it will be large. There will be no date printed on them. Members can order any size and the shirts are available with short or long sleeves. A minimum of 24 shirts is needed to place an order.

Here are the prices:

Short Sleeve

Small to X-Large: \$11.00

XX-Large: \$12.00

XXX-Large: \$13.00

Long Sleeve

Small to X-Large: \$14.00

XX-Large: \$16.00

XXX-Large: \$18.00

In April when everyone has their new shirts, it will be too late to order, so don’t miss out! Questions? Contact Miss Becky.

OUT AND ABOUT

Don’t limit your shooting to just once a month!

If you can, support local monthly matches and annual matches in our area!

Chorro Valley Regulators

San Luis Obispo

Monthly match:

2nd and 5th Sunday

Annual match:

John Wayne Shoot,
Sept. 9-11, 2005

Contact:

Fillmore Coffins,
805-528-6705

Kern River Regulators Fresno/Clovis

Monthly match:

3rd Sunday

Annual match:

Fort Miller Shootout,
October 13-16, 2005

Contact:

Slick Rock Rooster,
559-299-8669

There is still time to register for the Shootout at 5 Dogs Creek. Registration forms are available at the range or online at www.therowdywranglers.com.

Hi Felix! ☺