



5 DOGS CREEK HOWLER

"CHRISTMAS AT THE RANCH" BRINGS WINTER WEATHER AND HARDY SHOOTERS

BY SHORTY JAMES

Cheers to Howdy Doody who set up five excellent stages for each day, with a few diabolical twists that had everyone smiling and frowning at one time or another. Stage 4 on a frigid Saturday called for double-taps with the rifle through each of the five windows of the caboose – amazing how brain-fade affects one faced with such a simple-sounding task performed under pressure! Then there was the "Five Armed Bandit" to knock off with the rifles, the elusive coyotes, and some thinking stages to keep the 15 Saturday shooters alert

and entertained. Having just one posse resulted in everyone chipping in to help run the stage. It also gave us a chance to talk to everyone - including some out-of-towners. Top shooter on Saturday was Bo Bean.

A nice turnout Sunday resulted in three posses attacking a very challenging course of five new stages along the same theme as Saturday. The election was wrapped up after the pledge of allegiance. It was pretty cut-and-dried since all the

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Left: Mayor Almost Dangerous jokingly checks the noose at the shooters' meeting.

Top: Left Eye Luke shows off his ranching "skills."

Left: Hats off to Howdy Doody for writing the December stages!!

COMING UP...

★ Saturday, December 31:
Fun match and New Year's Eve fandango

Shooters' meeting - 9:30 a.m.

Mescalero is writing 10 stages (five each day) inspired by the movie "Quigley Down Under." Be prepared an emphasis on your rifle!

Come on out and ring in the New Year with your friends. A huge bonfire is planned, maybe some cards and possibly a hootenanny. Bring your camping gear and long-johns and let's get 2006 kicked off in grand style.

Almost Dangerous will be cooking a fabulous dinner. Cost is \$10 and will be served around 4 or 4:30 p.m. Family and friends are welcome

You must RSVP by December 24 by calling him at (760) 376-4493 or e-mail to: dangerous@westernfiresupport.com

(Just a reminder, that if you RSVP and for some reason no-show you will still need to pay for your reservation as food was purchased and prepared based on your response.)

★ Sunday, January 1:
Regular monthly match
Shooters' meeting - 9:30 a.m.
Five more Quigley stages of fun shooting brought to you by Mescalero.

"CHRISTMAS AT THE RANGE"

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candidates were unchallenged. A unanimous "AYE" vote confirmed the club officers for 2006. Congratulations to new officers Portugee Phillips (sheriff), Ida Mistum (newsletter editor), Snakebite (territorial governor), and relative newcomer Burly Bear Fred (storekeeper). Almost Dangerous accepted a second term as mayor, Even Dozen continues as blacksmith and Ms. Becky remains banker. Basically, a pretty rough crew, except for Ida Mistum and Ms. Becky of course! Many thanks to incumbents Mescalero, Calgary Kate, and Ten Bears for their many efforts this past year to run and promote 5 Dogs Creek.

Knock-down targets seemed to be the order of the day on Sunday, with the "Texas Death Star" claiming many victims. Shooting it with a pistol seemed more than some were up to, but the grousing stopped when Cameo Kate cleaned the stage with her '38s – way to "cowboy up" to that challenge! Bay 9 was started on the timer by roping a calf before the shooting started. I won't mention any names, but if we want to put the "cow" in "cowboy" we'd better all throw a practice rope on our carts. The ropin' was closely followed by two pop-up targets that came pretty easy except to those of us who gave free advise to others on how to "just shoot it at the top, when it's sitting still." You would think I would learn to keep my advise to myself! Anyway, it was a beautiful fall day and everyone seemed to have a great time.

Welcome to new member, Eve Nenjoy from Coalinga – who joined our club this weekend after visiting last

month to watch. I guess she liked what she saw, and I'm sure everyone will make her feel at home at 5 Dogs. I neglected to get the names of the scorekeepers, but thanks a million for your help. Also, we appreciate our out of town guests and want you to keep coming back.

There was a speedy bunch on Sunday as the top five cowboys all shot under 200 seconds. Tom Doodley-Squat took top honors. Pocket Change had an impressive day taking the top spot for ladies and placing 11th overall. *Good shooting!*

Kudos to Shorty James for writing this match summary in my absence. Thanks for stepping up to help! — Calgary Kate



Burly Bear Fred will serve on the Town Council as the club's new storekeeper.

TERRITORIAL GOVERNOR SUMMIT REPORT

BY SNAKEBITE

This years TG summit was as I expected, FAST AND FURIOUS. It has proved to be the most far reaching summit to date. There were about 300 clubs represented at the summit this year. That is a record. I'm pleased that the numbers have increased. It takes a bit more work, but gives us a very broad base of support when we do come up with something. Here are the results, and some comments.

Item #1 Should all SASS State and higher championships be required to honor all SASS categories even if there is only one participant?
Yes=242, No=52, Abstain=1

Item #2 Should all rule changes passed at the TG summit go into effect as of March 1 of the following year? Yes=293, No=2, Abstain=0

Item #3 Should all BP categories be changed to add the following statement in the shooters handbook?

"It is expected the blackpowder competitor shall contend with smoke-obscured targets. To insure this, all shotgun, revolver and rifle power charges must produce smoke equivalent to a base line load of

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15 SHOOTERS

CLASS	MISSES*	TIME
TRADITIONAL		
1. Bo Bean	6	239.91
2. Rollinstone	2	337.03
DUELIST		
1. Prof. Cubby Bear	5	259.38
2. Portugee Phillips	9	300.88
3. Mad Dog Draper	14	482.77
GUNFIGHTER		
1. Shorty James	6	258.2
CLASSIC COWBOY		
1. Almost Dangerous	4	256.95
49er		
1. Burly Bear Fred	7	326.02
2. Creek Marley	8	408.50
FRONTIERSMAN		
1. Fordyce Beals	5	374.43
FRONTIER CARTRIDGE		
1. Howdy Doody	2	354.63
FRONTIER CARTRIDGE DUELIST		
1. Doc Wallraven	17	684.97
LADIES TRADITIONAL		
1. Cameo Kate	10	432.46
2. Laigha Tombstone	6	486.18
LADIES 49er		
1. Doll Maker	16	547.97

DECEMBER 4, 2005

46 SHOOTERS

CLASS	MISSES*	TIME
TRADITIONAL		
1. Bo Bean	1	189.16
2. Chattan	0	190.21
3. Marshal Freedom	2	204.22
4. Even Dozen	5	209.51
5. Swedish Cowboy	12	217.02
6. Doc Ferguson	4	255.73
7. Bulldog	4	274.64
8. Hennessey Hayes	4	282.39
9. Rollinstone	5	293.13
10. Smiley		DNF
DUELIST		
1. Michigan Bob	3	222.31
2. Prof. Cubby Bear	3	252.85
3. Hoss	6	262.48
4. Portugee Phillips	7	270.83
5. Dutch Bill	5	345.86
6. Mad Dog Draper	13	447.34
GUNFIGHTER		
1. Tom Doodley-Squat	1	160.13
2. Ten Bears	9	244.69
3. Shorty James	5	264.90
4. Full Choke	7	333.80
CLASSIC COWBOY		
1. Almost Dangerous	6	256.13
49er		
1. Kaweah Kid	3	218.97
2. Burly Bear Fred	4	281.59
3. Bearcat	9	296.90
4. Creek Marley	1	313.18
FRONTIERSMAN		
1. Fordyce Beals	11	408.33
FRONTIER CARTRIDGE		
1. Derby Slim	9	303.17
2. Snake Marquez	8	326.81
3. Howdy Doody	21	450.14
FRONTIER CARTRIDGE DUELIST		
1. Doc Wallraven	14	635.63
SENIOR		
1. Sudden	2	162.63
2. Crusty Jim	2	165.36
3. Tucson Smith	9	249.22
4. Long Feather	3	310.43
5. Hawkeye O'Riley	9	319.18
MODERN		
1. Bull McFearson	3	253.51
2. Left Eye Luke	9	306.02
ELDER STATESMAN		
1. Felix	3	336.96
2. Buzzard	5	665.69
LADIES TRADITIONAL		
1. Cameo Kate	2	350.70
2. Vixen	11	398.65
3. Laigha Tombstone	6	399.02
LADIES 49-ER		
1. Doll Maker	18	526.35
2. Eve Nenjoy	21	619.70
LADIES SENIOR		
1. Pocket Change	5	229.2
2. Wind Dancer	8	474.78

*Many thanks to Madam Wu,
Keeper of the Pigs
(aka Micki Anglin)
for tabulating the scores
this month.*

* Misses include penalties and credit for any bonus targets.
(misses+penalties-bonuses=total misses)

If you have time the week before the January match, Almost Dangerous will be camping out at the range and could use a hand moving lumber for the New Year's Eve bonfire. Please let him know if you can help out.

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15 grains by volume (1cc) of ffg blackpowder.” Yes=245, No=49, Abstain=1

Item #4 Should B-Western be made official? Yes=222, No=70, Abstain=3

This category was changed and is now unique. It is the only category at this time where a competitor can shoot ANY style on any stage.

Item #5 Should any competitor be allowed to protest a non-safety issue (miss, procedure, equipment, etc) on another shooter? Yes=6, No=289, Abstain=0

Item #6 Should any competitor be allowed to protest a safety call on another competitor? Yes=21, No=270, Abstain=4

Item #7 Should we allow competitors in the FC category the option to choose to shoot GF style?

Yes=156, No=133, Abstain=6. This must be sent out for ratification since it did not get a 2/3 pass vote.

Item #8 Is a shooters age determined by the advertised start date of the match? Yes=287, No=8, Abstain=0

Item #9 Should the practice of putting the hammer tie down strap of the holster under the hammer (between the hammer and the frame) be allowed? Yes=18, No=276, Abstain=1

Item #10 Should we change the issue (safety penalty) of empty shells left on the carrier of an open shotgun or rifle to a no call issue? Yes=126, No=168, Abstain=1.

Item #11 This is the Modification item. It was tabled until a mods committee could be formed and a recommendation submitted. I am on the committee.

Item #12 Should the Uberti 1873 Percussion Pistol be allowed as a Main Match Pistol? Yes=165, No=119, Abstain=11. This item will be sent out for ratification

Item #13 Should revolving percussion rifles be allowed as Main match Rifles? Yes=20, No=267, Abstain=8

That's about it for the summit, I'm honored to have represented you, and hope you a satisfied with my efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
Snakebite, SASS #4767
Territorial Governor

If you have questions about any of these items or other issues the TGs may be considering, please feel free to contact Snakebite (Doug Gilmore) at 559-787-2943 or by e-mail at snakebite4767@yahoo.com

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE FOR 2006

It's time to renew your membership to 5 Dogs Creek. Membership dues can be paid at the January match or sent to Miss Becky (Becky Jennings) at 6113 Cochran Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93309.

Dues for 2006 remain \$35 for an individual or \$50 for a family (*family members must be living in the same household*). Next year match fees for members will be \$12 on both Saturdays and Sundays.

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