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March Match & Membership Meeting Both Successful

By
Blarney Stone, Editor

The March Match weekend started with a great work party on Saturday. Lots of weeds were cut and some general maintenance done. Many, many thanks to Ten Bears for bringing his tractor with the large mower attached. If it hadn't been for everyone's efforts, we would not have been able to have a match on Sunday. Several bays were so covered with weeds that you could hardly see the targets. Thanks again to all who pitched in.

Nine Lives, you "done good" with the match design. The scenarios did require the shooter to think but you kept them fun. What else could anyone ask for? Certainly not Tom Doodley-Squat. He managed to shoot the whole match clean and won with an overall time of 171.03. Congratulations!

A General Membership meeting was held Saturday afternoon. Our Mayor, Portugee Phillips, presided. Miss Becky gave us a financial report outlining the monthly expenses vs. income, and showing the importance of the Annual/State Match income. Blarney Stone discussed e-mailing the newsletter to everyone with Internet access. This will save quite a bit of money each month that can be used for range improvements and other projects. Printed copies will still be sent to members without e-mail service. Portugee reviewed the dress code, emphasizing that all shooters must be in appropriate cowboy attire. He also announced that the next membership meeting would be held on May 3, at 2:00 p.m., after the work party.

Two motions were presented and passed. First, \$5000.00 was authorized to purchase a generator large enough for all the range buildings. We will have power not only for the annual match but also for each monthly shoot. The second motion passed allocated \$2500.00 for construction of an "adobe mission" on Bay 4.

Work parties are going to be held the Saturday before the monthly match from 8:00 Am till 12:00 noon. We'll need lots of help, especially with the persistent weeds. Please bring your rakes and weed choppers. Also, bring a shovel to fill in the squirrel holes. If we have many hands, it will make the work lighter and more fun. If you want to be more involved and feel a part of 5 Dogs Creek, come out for the work parties.

Although daylight savings time happens on Saturday night, April 5th, we will still have our shooter's meeting at 9:30 AM and the match begins at 10:00. Both of these times are Daylight Savings Time. We will start our regular summer hours in May (8:30 AM meeting and 9:00 AM match).

Several things were discussed concerning the Sunday Match. First, let's try to help Miss Becky and her crew in the registration office. For the April match, the registration office will be open from 8:00 AM until 9:30 AM. In May, the office will be open from 7:00 AM till 8:30 AM. Once the shooter's meeting starts, no more sign-ins. So don't be late and get left out.

If you are sharing guns and/or carts you must sign in early. Our matches are becoming so large that it's getting difficult to assign you (or your group) to a certain posse if you come late. The earlier you sign-in the better your chances of getting the posse you want.

If you feel the need to have a bite to eat during the matches, please bring your lunch or snacks with you to eat along the way. We cannot take "lunch breaks" because it makes the day run into late afternoon. And that makes it very hard for some of our members who have over 150 miles to drive home.

It was decided that shooters at the loading and unloading tables could continue their loading/unloading while people were down range. **BUT REMEMBER TO KEEP THE MUZZLES POINTED INTO THE BERMS WHILE AT THE TABLES.** And, please do not leave the loading table until called by the range officer holding the timer. He or she is the only one who can give the all clear and call for the next shooter.

Beginning in May, we will have a couple of stages set up for a practice fun shoot. We'll also be starting a "Goat Roper" shoot for the kids who are younger than the regular Junior class. Details on both of these will be in the next newsletter.

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SPECIAL EVENTS PLANNED

On Saturday evening, April 5th, dinner will be followed with a movie. First, dinner will be a potluck. Bring your choice of meat (steaks, chicken, hamburger or hot-dogs) to grill on the BBQ and bring a side dish/desert to share with others. Also, bring your own drinks, utensils, plates, etc.

After dinner, you will want to stay for a showing of Shanghai Noon. Mescalero and Calgary Kate are designing the April match around the film. So bring some popcorn and be ready to laugh.

Doc James has agreed to give a Range Officer I class as well as a RO II class. We hope to schedule these for a Saturday in May. Cost is \$10.00 per class. It is hoped that each 5 Dogs member will take the RO I as it increases the safety on the range. RO II is more advanced and you must have already had RO I. The plan is for Doc to hold the RO I class in the morning and

the RO II class in the afternoon. And no, Doc cannot allow someone to take both classes on the same day. Please Let Miss Becky or Blarney Stone know you would like to attend.

Letter from the Sheriff

This last month's shoot was a hoot and I did not hear any complaints to speak of, thanks so very much Nine Lives. It was a great shoot and we did not have to break out the new rope we had set aside. I guess we will save it for next month, which brings to mind the shoot will be hosted by Mescalero and his lovely wife Calgary Kate. From what I have heard it should be a great weekend and match.

I want to thank Miss Becky and Cactus Cat for all the hard work they did in the Assay Office for sign up's, we had a large amount of shooters last month and it is a lot of work to get these people signed up and put into posse's as they wish. This brings me to say that if you are sharing guns or equipment, **Please sign up early** so this can be arranged or if you want to shoot with your trail mates. Other wise you will be assigned to a posse and it will not be changed. Registration is a difficult task. I will be very protective of our banker Miss Becky and her helpers, so please help out and make this task easier for them.

This last month we got a lot done on the work party but there is still plenty to do so this next month get out to the range on Saturday if possible and get the bays cleaned up, the sooner we get caught up the easier it will be when we get started on the big projects. The weather is nice so now is a good time, remember when it gets hot it is no fun. Reminder the weeds that are around the areas of the main shoot spots need to be removed. This makes it easier to find the empty brass. Thanks to the ones who got the bays cleaned of all the weeds, like Kaweah Kid, sorry that I could not help out on our bay.

I want to thank everyone who is involved in this club, I know it takes teamwork to make the club work. If I did not say thanks personally, I have not forgotten I will get to you and say thanks. I wish to encourage any and all new shooters to come out to 5 Dogs Creek and enjoy our shoot and join our team and have a good time with our family. This is the best group of people that I have ever been around and I wish to keep it this way.

Sheriff Cathouse Clark

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YOU KNOW YOU ARE NOT A COWBOY WHEN:

(Repeat this for each line)

- You ask to take a bath and it's only Wednesday.
- You ask for a napkin and you still have a clean sleeve.
- You hear the word Sushi and know what it means.

You think the salad bar is real food...it's what real food eats!
You mount your horse on the right and vote on the left.
You raise your hand to a lady other than to help her down from a buggy.
You hear someone run down our country and you merely walk away,
(From Gary Brown, Cowboy Poet)



Who is this cowboy?

When was this taken?

If you have a picture you want to share in the newsletter, let me know.
We'll run them on a space available basis.

Thanks,
Blarney Stone

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COMING EVENTS

*SATURDAY April 5th—5 Dogs Match Weekend. Saturday work party with dinner Saturday evening (**RSVP FOR DINNER BY WED. 3-26!**).*

*SUNDAY April 6th—5 Dogs Monthly Match. **MANDATORY SHOOTERS MEETING AT 9:30—MATCH at 10:00***

SATURDAY BEFORE THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH—The California Desperadoes mounted shooters practice/pot shoot. Contact Pasqual Benito, a.k.a. Mickey Michel (661)323-0497.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH—Chorro Valley Regulators at San Luis Obispo/Morrow Bay. Call Riley (805)489-4989 for directions and times.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH—Kings River Regulators at Fresno Rifle & Pistol Club Range. Mandatory shooters’ meeting at 8:30 AM. Match at 9:00 AM. Call Leon Chisum (559)673-7416 for more information

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