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Mayor Avoids Own Hanging

By

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5 Dogs Creek Mayor Portugee Phillips designed the stages for our August match. At the Shooter's Meeting, Portugee modeled the latest in Cowboy Action Shooting fashion, a hangman's rope. He reminded everyone that if they did not like the stages, he was to blame. Well, he escaped unharmed, barley.

Some of the stages were "test runs" for the upcoming State Championship and there might have been a little bit of confusion on the rifle shooting sequence on one stage. But the other stages went off like clockwork. Remember that that's what these tests are for, to uncover problems. So a tip of the 5 Dogs Hat to Portugee for all the work he put in on setting up the shoot.

Congratulations to Snakebite for being the overall winner. His final time was only 181.28 seconds, with just 1 miss. That's over 47 seconds faster than anyone else. Hope you shoot like that in October.

Speaking of the California State Championships in October, there is still a lot of help needed. See the Sheriff's article about the upcoming work parties. Miss Becky can use help with the mountain of work she has. Dangerous Dan will need some help setting tables and serving dinner. The list goes on and on. Please see one of the Board Members and offer some help. If you're shooting, offer to help somewhere during the morning or afternoon your posse is off. Don't worry, there will still be time to visit all the vendors, talk with old friends and make new friends. So, please help!

As announced at the last Shooter's Meeting, this will be my last newsletter as Editor. Miss Fire and I have the opportunity to move out of state. We've sold our house and as soon as it closes escrow we will hit the road. It's tough to leave a great group of people like 5 Dogs Creek but it's time to move on. Calgary Kate has agreed to take over the newsletter and she'll start with the September issue. We'll miss you all.

Work Party a Great Success.... Still more to be done....

We would like to thank all of those who had showed up to help the Mayor's work party on Aug 9. These are the things that got done. All the bay's windows now have a table that is attached. Cathouse and Portugee Phillips did that great task, without great bodily harm, only a splinter or two. Bay's 9 and 10 are looking good, all the way to the fence line.

Thanks to Missouri Drifter, Kentucky Woman, Mudhen Millie and Cactus Cat. Boy did we share some great stories, and learn to use a new tool. Mudhen Millie went wild on the Hulaho, she had never used one. She was so impressed, she is putting that on her Christmas list. Cactus Cat and Kids did Bay 7. A new fence was constructed around the cooler at the cook shack.

Thanks go out to Chama Bill and a new member Quickdraw Grampa. All the tables and benches were pressure washed, so they will be ready for some sanding. Ladies I want you to know there about 12 black widow spiders less at 5 Dogs... I am still having a hard time sleeping at night... My kids, and nephews hammered all the nails in the walkway. We all had a great time, sore muscles, but look and see what just this small work party got done.

Aug. 23 and 24, another work party is scheduled. Some will bring out the trailers. The bays need to be finished. Bay 1 needs lots of work. Bay 2, the Mayor's bay, needs help. He has been so busy with all his Mayor's duties that the work on the bay has fallen behind. Let's get together and help him out. Any other bay let's pull together and get them done. Weeds along the fence. The Stage railing needs to be done. Sanding and finishing the tables and benches. Also the unloading tables need to be painted. Construction project in Bay 4. The targets need to be repaired (Ten Bears will be doing that Labor Day weekend).

Thank you to all of you who came out and helped out. The range is looking good. Come out and help whatever day you can if only it is a couple of hours. Bring your tools, rakes, shovels, hoes, hammers, paint brushes, etc. Call the Mayor if you have any questions. Love to see more of you there, more there the more we can get done.

Cactus Cat and Cathouse Clark

Editor's note—According to the Cowboy Chronicle, there is a good chance that Judge Roy Bean will be at our State Championships. A friend sent me the following about the real Judge Roy Bean.

Judge Roy Bean was both feared and revered for the frontier justice he dispensed from his saloon in Langtry, Texas back in the late 1800's. He proclaimed himself "The Law west of the Pecos."

This is the record of the sentence he pronounced on a convicted rapist-murderer:

"JOSE MANUEL MIGUEL GONZALES, in a few short weeks it will be spring. The snows of winter will flow away, the ice will

vanish, the air will become soft and balmy. The annual miracle of the years will awaken and come to pass.

But you will not be there.

The rivulet will run its soaring course to the sea.
The timid desert flowers will put forth their tender shoots.
The glorious valleys in the imperial domain will blossom as the rose.

Still you will not be there.

From every treetop, some wildwood songster will carol his mating song. Butterflies will sport in the sunshine. The gentle breezes will tease tassels of the wild grasses and all nature will be glad.

But you will not be there to enjoy it.

Because I command the sheriff of the county to lead you away to a remote spot, swing you by the neck from a knotting bough of some sturdy oak and let you hang until dead.

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COMING EVENTS

SATURDAY September 6th—5 Dogs Match Weekend. Saturday work party with dinner Saturday evening **(RSVP FOR DINNER BY TUESDAY 9/2).**

SUNDAY September 7th—5 Dogs Monthly Match. **SUMMER HOURS NOW IN**

EFFECT—MANDITORY SHOOTERS MEETING AT 8:30—MATCH at 9:00

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. SUMMER HOURS IN EFFECT. Mandatory shooters’ meeting at 8:30 AM. Match at 9:00 AM. Call Leon Chisum (559)673-7416 for more information
