



5 DOGS CREEK HOWLER

WADDIES IN WONDERLAND A WONDERFUL START TO 2004

Cowboys and cowgirls at the January match were put to work rounding up reindeer, holding off evil Eskimos and delivering toys to the town kids. Waddies in Wonderland, five fun stages designed by Dutch Bill, was a carry over from the rained out December match. The holiday-twist to the stages had everyone laughing and got the year off to a great start.

On bay two, after spending the night in jail, shooters put on a red Santa hat and carried a big bag gifts all the way through town while fighting off toy thief Bad Boy Bob and his gang. The Christmas sprit carried us through the stage that ended with a hearty (well, mostly)

California Smokey runs through town to deliver the Christmas toys.

“merry Christmas to all and to all a good night.”

When digging a post hole on bay four, some in posse one thought that we would never really work that hard. After all, that’s work

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THIS MONTH'S TOP 10

1. Pizmo Pete
2. Sudden
3. Coal Train
4. Snakebite
5. Geo Kid
6. Rooster
7. Buckaroo Banzai
8. Levi Longneck
9. Portugee Phillips
10. Cathouse Clark

NEXT MONTH

★ Saturday, January 31: Fun shoot, camp out and dinner

Afternoon shoot starting about Noon. This informal fun shoot is something new and if there is interest, we’ll do it each month. Kids are welcome. Call Cathouse Clark at 559-636-9789 for details.

Almost Dangerous is cooking dinner on Saturday night. RSVP to him at 760-376-4493 by January 28.

★ Sunday, February 1: Monthly match Classic TV Westerns Shooters’ meeting 9:30 a.m.

Five stages designed by Bearcat all with a Classic TV Western themes. He has some different things planned, so bring your cowboy spirit and enjoy the fun!

WORK PARTY! IMPROVEMENTS SET FOR BAY ONE

Thanks to the generosity of Tom Doodley Squat and Powder Bags, the train will soon be running again on bay one! New tracks and a new motorized cart have been donated by the duo.

But, before anything new can be installed, we have to remove what's currently in place. A work party is planned for Saturday, January 24

to remove the old tracks and prepare for the new ones.

If you can come and help, please let Portugee Phillips know — 559-739-8511. He can give you the details about what time to be at the range and what to bring.

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for hired hands. Word to the wise...he may look like a strong boy, but Full Choke is one lazy, slow moving worker. He obviously thought he was getting paid by the hour!

For those who were having a hard time with some of the targets (in other words, they kept missing), Dutch Bill provided opportunities for redemption with bonuses. By hitting the distant rifle target on bay four and roping Rudolph in the roundup on bay 5, shooters earned a five-second bonus.

Those bonuses helped Calgary Kate, Cathouse Clark and Mescalero appear to be clean for the day. Only one shooter, Rattlesnake Rip, truly shot the match with no misses. Just seems he had a little difficulty with procedurals.

Our top Waddie in Wonderland was Pizmo Pete who blazed through the stages in 230.09 with three misses. He narrowly edged out Sudden who finished in 231.48 with three misses.

All shooters in the top 10 completed the match in under 300 seconds. *What's the hurry boys?*

Welcome to Robert, affectionately dubbed Bald Bob by his friends, who successfully shot his first match. Despite a broken pistol, he had a good and safe day.

Next month Bearcat has a fun day planned, with all stages reminiscent of classic TV westerns.



Rudolph and all the other reindeer were nice and safe at the roundup when Deerskiner took his turn at the rope.

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47 SHOOTERS

CLASS	TIME	MISSES	CLASS	TIME	MISSES
MEN TRADITIONAL			MEN MODERN		
1. Pizmo Pete	230.09	3	1. Left Eye Luke	393.10	3
2. Rooster	274.89	6	2. Fourty-four	512.47	9
3. Buckaroo Banzai	284.89	7	3. Cherokee	687.62	18
4. Levi Longneck	292.87	3	MEN SENIOR		
5. Lumpy Grits	314.43	4	1. Sudden	231.48	3
6. Buckshot Butch	315.51	4	2. Geo Kid	268.77	7
7. Even Dozen	317.48	4	3. Missouri Drifter	352.77	9
8. Shorty	346.97	6	4. Deerskiner	636.58	7
9. Hennessey Hayes	350.53	7	5. Bob (no alias)	955.33	22
10. Smiley	372.38	10	CLASSIC COWBOY		
11. Dutch Bill	373.12	3	1. Cerro Gordo Kid	373.90	20
12. Bearcat	406.31	13	ELDER STATESMAN		
13. Hartford	437.89	9	1. Shenandoah Sherm	527.26	6
14. Stage Stop	438.57	7	2. Smokey	629.33	5
DUELIST			LADIES TRADITIONAL		
1. Portugee Phillips	289.03	3	1. Bodie Rose	310.68	17
2. Cathouse Clark	289.94	0	2. Emma Pistol	430.33	19
3. Remedy Jack	316.30	4	3. Ima Schofield	450.93	8
4. Rattlesnake Rip	334.31	3	4. Ida Mistum	501.27	20
FRONTIERSMAN			5. Laigha Tombstone	751.69	16
1. Fordyce Beals	522.88	14	LADIES GUNFIGHTER		
FRONTIER CARTRIDGE			1. Calgary Kate	440.75	0
1. Derby Slim	367.81	6	LADIES MODERN		
GUNFIGHTER			1. Cactus Cat	387.81	11
1. Mescalero	309.16	0	LADIES 49-ER		
MEN 49-ER			1. Stella Star	510.82	11
1. Coal Train	237.61	2	JUNIOR BOYS		
2. Snakebite	249.11	6	1. Doc Jones	336.26	7
3. Quick Justice	337.87	13			
4. Full Choke	435.69	4			

DOC JAMES IS HOME!

Doc James is continuing to recover from a stroke he suffered in October. He is now home, but doing lots and lots of physical therapy. Be sure to drop him a note...

Eldon "Doc" James
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COOKING UP FUN

The first Saturday of each month Almost Dangerous cooks up some dynamite grub for hungry cowpokes. He just needs to know you're coming ahead of time in order to plan the meal. RSVP to Almost Dangerous the Wednesday prior to the match. He can be reached by calling 760-376-4493 or e-mailing to dangerous@westernfiresupport.com.

NEW SIDE MATCH IDEA - SPEED SHOPPING!

This was posted on the SASS wire by Professor Cubby Bear, SASS #29,521L. Made me laugh so hard (mostly cause it's a great idea) that I thought it should be shared. This is edited slightly, so go to the SASS Wire for the full text. Enjoy! — Calgary Kate

As nearly every Match Director understands, side-match time is precious. There are a finite number of hours, minutes, and seconds to conduct the various side-matches. Meanwhile, however, our vendors and sponsors appreciate allowing the shooters, their significant others, and any wide-eyed spectators to spend as much time as possible in the vendors area, thereby increasing the risk of their encounter with the Item for Sale that they Simply Must Have.

The conflict seemed irreconcilable. The shooters cannot be shooting the side-matches and shopping at the same time. Well, I suppose they could, but all that gunfire would probably result in the sort of Inventory Reduction that our sponsors and vendors can do without. We can achieve Maximum Time Efficiency through Creative Multi-tasking. And thus was born (drum roll please):

The SPEED SHOPPING SIDE MATCH

Ammunition Requirements: Several un-maximized credit cards, a checkbook with writing tools, and/or a large collection of greenbacks. New versions of old greenbacks are permitted, even if they Look Stupid. Shoppers who equip themselves only with currency printed or coined prior to 1899 (to be spent at face value only) are permitted to enter the Sucker .. ah .. Classic Shopper division and to have their fool heads examined by a competent financial advisor.

Starting Position: The shoppers will begin with one hand on the wallet, pocketbook, or purse containing the aforementioned shopping ammunition. The shoppers will position themselves in the center of the vendor's area. The shoppers' off-hand may be filled with a map of the vendor's area, shopping list, bankruptcy filing papers, or any other non-firearm SASS-legal item. Gunfighter shoppers may have a checkbook in one hand and a writing tool in the other.

The Play: The Speed Shopping Side-Match Range Officer, also known as the Vendor's Best Friend, will gather the Spendthrifts .. ah .. Shoppers into the center of the vendor's area. Each shopper will be positioned to allow for a direct line of approach to a vendor area. If the number of shoppers exceeds the number of vendors, multiple assignments will be made. Outright bribery of the Speed Shopping Side-Match Range Officer is encouraged. Particularly creative or lucrative bribes will score points toward the coveted title "Huckster of the Match," which, when combined with a couple of bucks, will permit the purchase of a fairly high-grade cup of coffee.

At the beep, the shoppers will head for the vendors like a horde of locusts heading for a virgin cornfield. Knocking over Other Shoppers will be a ten second minor Safety Violation. Knocking

over and trampling other shoppers will be a fifty second Major Safety Violation, unless the victims have already maxed out their credit cards and emptied their wallets, in which case they are Fair Game. Purchases of firearms must be completed within the side match time limits, but also in full compliance with state and federal laws. (Warning: these requirements may be irreconcilable within the California Republic). The sale of the shopper's Immortal Soul to super-natural beings for extra cash to spend is considered "gamey" but is within the rules (and legal in California).

Completely Redundant purchases of the same item will result in a Procedural. However, extremely minor variations between the item will avoid this penalty. For example, a shopper who buys two otherwise identical new holster rigs that are different colors has not made a completely redundant purchase and avoids the Procedural. Or, as another example, a shopper who purchases two otherwise identical flags of different sizes is not subject to the Procedural.

Black Powder Shoppers are permitted to fill a vendor's tent with the smoke coming off their over-heated credit cards as they are run through credit card machines. A melted card will be handed off to the Range Officer for safe disposal. A ten point bonus will be assigned if the Fire Department is summoned.

Clothing purchases must conform to the correct size of the shopper or a member of his/her immediate family. Male shoppers purchasing feminine attire must declare the wife/girlfriend/daughter/ect. for whom the purchase is being made. Failure to do so will result in a Side-Match DQ and considerable public ridicule. Female shoppers are not subject to this requirement.

Speed shopping will continue until it is too dark to see and/or until bovines return to the domicile, whichever comes first.

Do the shoppers understand the course?

Are the shoppers ready?

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