



5 DOGS CREEK HOWLER

SHOOTERS SPEED THROUGH TUSCON SMITH'S SEPTEMBER SHOOTOUT

Fast and faster was the name of the game at September's match courtesy of Tuscon Smith. The five stages were designed to be quick — a good thing given the day's climbing temperatures.

Congratulations to Tom Doodley Squat who showed us all how it's done in just 161.94 seconds. He was followed closely by Coal Train and Tuscon Smith. In fact, the top 10 shooters blazed away at an average of just 23.26 seconds per stage!

Throughout the day most of us were reminded at some point of the adage "no target is too big or too close to be missed." However, Quick Justice managed to make it through his first match with no misses — just one pesky procedural. Chama Bill had just one miss. Nice shootin'!

This was the final shoot (for a while anyway) for Blarney Stone and Miss Fire who are headed for Kansas. It was fitting that their last stage happened to be on their bay. Be sure to note in the scores

what a great day Miss Fire had. Poor Blarney Stone, but he was awfully proud of his bride.

Please welcome to the range Tyler Beals, Brenda Joy and Lead Rod who all safely completed their first match. We look forward to seeing you again!

THIS MONTH'S TOP 10

1. Tom Doodley Squat
2. Coal Train
3. Tuscon Smith
4. T-bone
5. Snakebite
6. Charlie One Horse
7. Tie Long
8. Chama Bill
9. Cathouse Clark
10. Haymaker

NEXT MONTH...

October 4-5: Work party; no monthly match

October 9-12: Annual Shootout at 5 Dogs Creek – SASS California State Championships

Experienced shooters are encouraged to join the fun and shoot the match. Don't be intimidated by the "championship" label. Registration forms are available online at www.cedarshadows.com or call Miss Becky at 661-323-5737. September 25 is the last chance to get signed-up!

If you are planning on attending dinner Friday or Saturday night (great fun for everyone!), tickets must be purchased by September 25. We have to provide the catering company a headcount in advance, so make your plans now to attend. Tickets can be purchased by using the shoot registration form.

LAW AND ORDER

Just a friendly reminder about the 170 rule, folks. We all had a great time in September and we had several new shooters. But, I noticed several shooters coming very close at times when drawing and re-holstering their pistols or moving through the stage with a rifle or shotgun. Watch yourself when moving to and from your gun carts. We all tend to get lax – just remember the muzzle should always be pointed in a safe direction. This is a serious issue and I do not want to get ornery about it, but I will.

Moving on...stage four (the railcar) has brought up some controversy. I contacted SASS and spoke to Hip Shot to clarify the issue of the "open shooter's box." He said there is no such thing. The rules are very clear – you CAN NOT move with a cocked gun at any time. He stated, "You must have one foot planted before you can cock any gun." That means the "basketball rule" is alive and well.

The state shoot is sneaking up fast, and I want to let all of our

members know that are going to be at the state shoot to be safety oriented and help me and the posse leaders keep our shoot a safe one. It is impossible for me and the posse leaders to catch everyone, so please help us out. Safety is the number one issue. If you see something unsafe or potentially unsafe, politely bring it to the shooter's attention, on of our range officers or myself.

Thank you

Cathouse Clark, Sheriff

HAPPY TRAILS TO BLARNEY STONE AND MISS FIRE

*On August 23, 45 members of the 5 Dogs Creek family joined together to wish Blarney Stone and Miss Fire well as they hit the trail for Kansas. Basque food, great friends and lots of laughs were a perfect send-off for great friends and club members who will be greatly missed! For the time, they can be reached at the following address:
Kerry & Vi O'Day, c/o Barbara Ruyle
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Williamsburg, KS 66095*

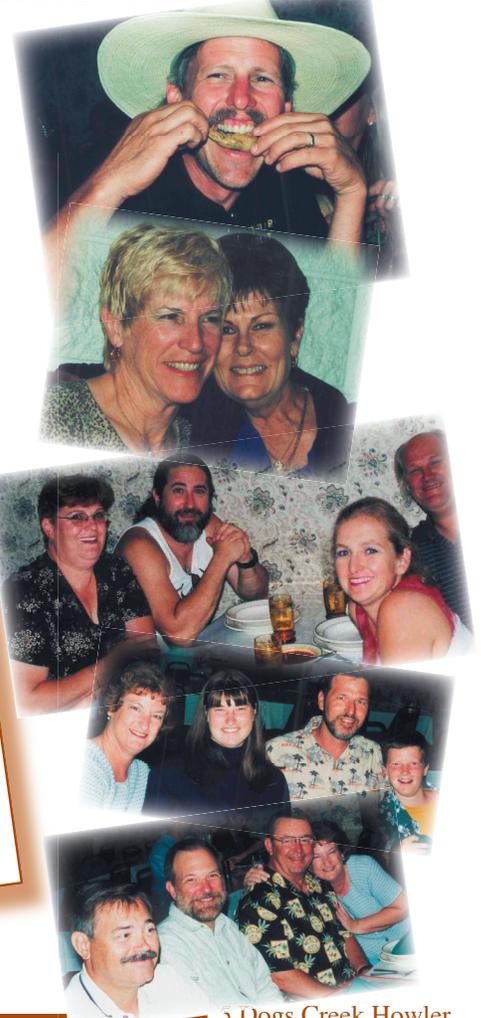
Dear 5 Dogs Creek Members,

Well, by the time you read this, Miss Fire and I will be in Kansas. While we're looking forward to the new challenges and adventures, we are going to miss all the 5 Dogs gang. Thanks again to the Board for the beautiful plaque and the life memberships. You caught us off guard with that Portugee and left me speechless. Cowboy Action Shooting 5 Dogs style is a lot more than just the monthly matches. It's about making new friends, working to improve the range and club and learning about the "Cowboy Way." This is doing things the way most of us were raised. Speaking honestly, working hard, helping your fellow member and generally being a good person. I could go on and on with examples but I'd be afraid of leaving someone out. But you know who you are and please keep practicing the "Cowboy Way."

I wish we could be here for the State Championships in October. This is a lot of fun but a whole lot of work. I would encourage everyone to volunteer to help out. If you're shooting, you can help during the down times. Getting the tables ready for dinner is a huge job. As Hoss as said, many hands make light work. So call or e-mail Miss Becky and offer to help. Don't worry, there will still be lots of time to browse the vendors and swap tall tales with your friends.

Finally to Miss Becky. Thank you for all you've done for Miss Fire and me, as well as for the whole club. Any time I've needed something, either as Newsletter Editor or as a friend, you've been there. Thanks.

Sincerely,
Blarney Stone



COWHANDS NEEDED TO VOLUNTEER FOR WORK PARTY, ANNUAL MATCH

For the past several months a hearty crew has been hard at work sawing, hammering, weeding and doing what is needed to spruce up the range. Thanks to everyone who has been lending a hand, with special acknowledgment to our dedicated mayor, Portugee Phillips, who has been tackling projects nearly every weekend.

Things are looking great, but there is still work to be done. If you can spare part of day or join the work party on October 4-5 for even a few hours your help will be greatly appreciated.

If you are at the range on your own and wondering what to do...

- nail down any loose boards on bays and building
- clean spider webs all over
- clean any areas that still have weeds
- tidy the restrooms
- haul broken targets to tool shed for fixing

At the work party here are some of the projects you can help with...

- build a fence for Bay 4
- sand and refinish tables and benches
- stuff shooters' packets
- repair targets (bring a grinder if you have one)
- all the items in the above list

Many volunteers will also be needed during the annual match on October 9-12. Weather you can help for a day or just a few hours, your efforts will be needed. Just check with Miss Becky and she'll gladly give you a job. It seems there is always something that needs to be done!

During the annual match, volunteers will be needed to...

- help with side matches on Thursday
- serve dinner on Thursday night
- sell raffle tickets
- monitor the gate to keep any public out of the shooting area and answer questions
- assist with scoring (collect score sheets from posses; computer input etc.)
- set-up and cover tables before and clean-up after dinner each night (this is a big job that generally falls to a very few...help!)
- assist with awards on Sunday

Maintaining a world-class range and hosting an exceptional event takes many hands. If you enjoy 5 Dogs, ride on out, lend a hand and help make it even better!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The CAS spirit has infected a few new victims within the past few months. Please welcome these new members to 5 Dogs:

- KC Drifter and Shady Sadie (aka Tom Lakey and Judy Williams) of Bakersfield
- Rattlesnake Rip (aka Rip Maselli) of Visalia. *Rip has actually been around for a while...glad he's finally joined up!*
- Quick Draw Granpa (aka Michael Cory) of Bakersfield

MAYOR GRANDPA

Mayor Portugee Phillips missed the September shoot in order to welcome his first grandchild to the world. The cowgirl-in-training, Skyler Bailey, was born on September 7. She weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce, was 20-inches long and immediately stole her grandpa's heart — and was looking for her first set of pistols.



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ADOPT-A-BAY

Use your creativity to help make 5 Dogs Creek even better! The following individuals have “adopted” bays and are responsible for the props and keeping it clean — with the club’s help at work parties. If you or a group of friends are interested in adopting a bay, contact the Mayor.

Bay 1: <i>Please adopt me!</i>	Bay 6: Cerro Gordo Kid & Bodie Rose
Bay 2: Hanford Gang	Bay 7: Cathouse Clark & Cactus Cat
Bay 3: <i>Please adopt me!</i>	Bay 8: Hartford & Memphis Slim
Bay 4: <i>Please adopt me!</i>	Bay 9: Cerro Gordo Kid & Bodie Rose
Bay 5: Hoss	Bay 10: Mescalero & Calgary Kate

COMING EVENTS

Saturday, October 4

5 Dogs Creek work party, campout and dinner. *RSVP for dinner by Tuesday, October 1 to Miss Becky.*

Sunday, October 5

No monthly match! 5 Dogs Creek work party

Thursday, October 9 — Sunday, October 12

5 Dogs Shootout: SASS CA State Championships
SASS California State Mounted Championships

Second Sunday of each month

Chorro Valley Regulators at San Luis Obispo/Morro Bay — for details call Riley (805) 489-4989

Third Sunday of each month

Kings River Regulators at Fresno Rifle and Pistol Club; mandatory shooters’ meeting at 8:30 a.m., match begins at 9 a.m. — for details call Cole Chance (559) 673-7416

SHARE YOUR IDEAS...

Is there some aspect of the club that you’d like to know more about? Want clarification on a SASS or club rule? Have some great trivia you’d like to share?

Your ideas for the newsletter are more than welcome. Just contact Calgary Kate and she’ll be more than happy to include your suggestions (plus she might just do a little dance knowing that you actually read this!).



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51 SHOOTERS

CLASS	TIME	MISSES	CLASS	TIME	MISSES
<u>MEN TRADITIONAL</u>			<u>FRONTIERSMAN</u>		
1. T-Bone	184.59	8	1. Wild Cat John	245.52	3
2. Charlie One Horse	190.40	6	2. Snake Marquez	371.27	9
3. Chama Bill	196.04	1	3. Doc Ferguson	379.93	9
4. Cathouse Clark	198.59	5	4. Tyler Beals	388.74	5
5. Nine Lives	212.95	10			
6. Buckaroo Banzai	219.40	6	<u>MEN SENIOR</u>		
7. Levi Longneck	227.35	4	1. Tucson Smith	181.12	3
8. Buckshot Butch	232.17	5	2. Missouri Drifter	222.76	2
9. Cerro Gordo Kid	243.35	16	3. Geo Kid	253.69	10
10. Bearcat	262.73	3	4. Deerskiner	393.88	5
11. Doc James	271.27	10	5. Lead Rod	455.43	10
12. Memphis Slim	272.96	7			
13. Hartford	286.27	8	<u>ELDER STATESMAN</u>		
14. Dutch Bill	302.94	3	1. Curley Donn	466.05	13
15. Sugar	352.07	5	2. Shenandoah	428.61	6
<u>DUELIST</u>			<u>LADIES TRADITIONAL</u>		
1. Tom Doodley-Squat	161.94	3	1. Bodie Rose	243.70	14
2. Tie Long	194.04	8	2. Cactus Cat	303.81	10
3. Haymaker	205.93	5	3. Emma Pistol	310.59	14
4. Hoss	279.83	8	4. Lady Gunner	330.77	12
5. Almost Dangerous	298.81	20	5. Miss Fire	331.31	6
6. Keysville Ken	332.66	10	6. Mudhen Millie	401.49	7
			7. Brenda Joy	622.33	24
<u>FRONTIER CARTRIDGE</u>			<u>LADIES DUELIST</u>		
1. Snakebite	185.39	9	1. Peppershot	208.71	8
2. Blarney Stone	376.47	17	2. Calgary Kate	290.83	4
<u>GUNFIGHTER</u>			<u>JUNIOR GIRLS</u>		
1. Mescalero	216.71	2	1. Little Fawn	253.87	13
2. Ten Bears	241.25	8			
<u>MEN 49-ER</u>			<u>CLASSIC COWGIRL</u>		
1. Coal Train	176.52	2	1. Vixen	435.73	14
2. Rattlesnake Rip	218.27	3			
3. Kaweah Kid	219.98	8			
4. Quick Justice	230.19	2			