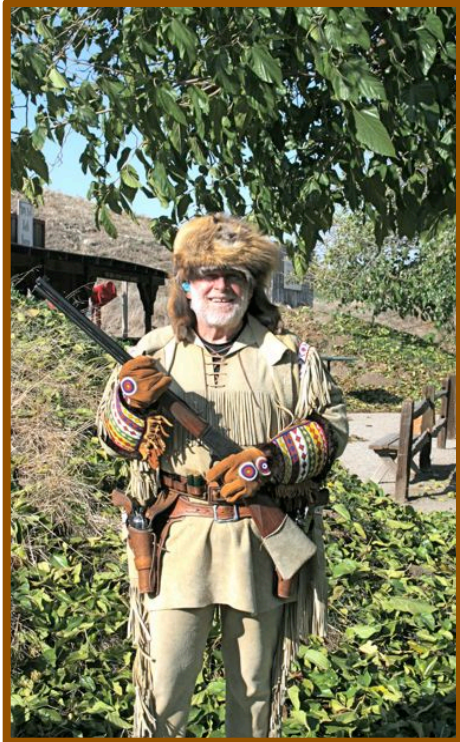




5 DOGS CREEK HOWLER

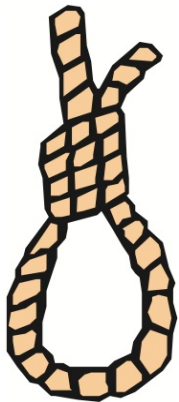


from the trap line

The track has been laid, the coal car is full, the fire is hot, there's plenty of steam and the wheels are just beginning to turn. The town council and volunteers are busy getting things together for our annual Shootout At 5 Dogs Creek. As you know, a new crew is running the engine this year and will need both your patience and, most of all, your help. As we leap into the breach and try new things, mistakes will be made and we hope you will support our approach even if "it's not the way we've done it before." Please know that this train will not run without your commitment, both in terms of participating in the match, and/or volunteering to help run the match. If you have shot monthly matches, you are welcome to get on board and shoot this match. Any SASS member can participate. You need not be intimidated by the title California State Championships. It takes a lot of hands to run a railroad (annual match) and we need cowboys and cowgirls alike to leave the platform and ride the rails with us. We will be riding on a train called The General and each stage will be dedicated to a general from the Civil War. Just to keep it "fair and balanced", there will be six union stops, and six confederate stations on the railroad line. So now we need engineers, conductors, track checkers, and morse code operators. But most of all, we need passengers and volunteers. "All aboard as we speed our way to 5 Dogs Creek." Don't be left at the station."



May you and your loved ones have a blessed Christmas and I pray you will have a "bang-up" New Year.



There's gonna be a hangin'

Well, not really. But we are going to have a new gallows unveiled on Saturday, December 31, 2011. It's under construction now. Dutch Bill and his crew promise it will be done if all lawyers, OSHA bureaucrats, and other incompetents stay out of their way. Give them a wide berth, OR ELSE!

The B-western challenge is back!

Have you ever wanted to try different shooting styles in the same match? Are you a fan of fringe and bling? Are 'smiley pockets' on your Christmas wish list? If you answered yes to any of these questions then the **January match offers a special treat for you.**

Come dressed in the "spirit" of B-western and declare yourself cowboy (or girl!) enough to take part in the B-western challenge. Basically a match within the main match for bragging rights and valuable prizes, those taking challenge will shoot five stages using five different shooting styles.

What? You can't name five different shooting styles?? Try traditional, gunfighter, right-handed duelist, left-handed duelist and double duelist.

With safety at the forefront, two strong-side holsters are required. It is also HIGHLY recommended that you have shot – or at least practiced – gunfighter and duelist previously. There's no need to comply completely with B-western costuming requirements, but be in the spirit as much as you can. Don't buy new clothes (unless you need an excuse), just go through your closet and put together your best Roy Rogers and Annie Oakley outfit. This is just a chance to try out the category.

So if your spurs jingle-jangle-jingle, you shoot standing in the saddle, and you've got a hankering to croon along with a guitar on the open range, then you're a B-western junkie in the making. Show your stuff in January!

Questions? Contact Calgary Kate at donkathymiller@aol.com



The sheriff has okayed some side match shooting on either Friday and/or Monday over the New Year weekend, weather permitting. There could also be some long range happenings as well. Huckleberry Flash is still trying to put some targets together that are suitable. So bring your 22's, BB guns, 45-70s, 38-55's and lots of ammo for your regular match guns too. Shooting on Friday or Monday will require payment of the range fee.

Community Eating @ January Shoot



Garbage Soup

Don't let the name turn you off. It's delicious! Bring your favorite sausage for the pot and the caterers from Rat River will do the rest.



New Years Potluck

Do you have a traditional food for the New Year? Please bring it and share with everyone



Hot Dog Roast

Bring yer own, roast yer own! Condiments and hot chocolate provided.

Friday 5pm

Saturday 5pm

Sunday 5pm

Sheriff Speak by Fordyce Beals

The December 31 and January 1 match is sponsored by Mescalero, who wrote the stages that won the Woolly Award for 5 Dogs Creek last year. This is a match not to miss, any mistakes you make on Saturday can be corrected with New Years resolutions on Sunday!

Wandering Rose is setting up side match shooting opportunities outside the December 31 and January 1 main match for those who come to the range early and stay the day after the match. Who can resist shooting plastic cowboys (or other targets she comes up with) with a .22 - .45?

Last months match sponsored by Hennessey Hayes caused Leia Tombstone (sponsor of the up coming February match) to tell me that she had several stages where she was in the "Zone" on autopilot with the guns and targets flowing from start to finish. She was elated and asked me how to capture that feeling every time and the best I could do was show her an old quotation from Munenori on awareness:

"Whether the student practices swordsmanship, archery, calligraphy, or tea ceremony, any conscious understanding of the practice that remains in the mind will only cause conflict during a performance."

I am not sure if she understood but thanks Hennessey for providing the venue for moments like this.

The Sheriff is looking for volunteers - Scoring at State Match and July, August, September match sponsors.

Fordyce Beals
fordyceleia@live.com



**Hey Hombre! See da sheriff!
He said he would help us put
some lead downrange.**

No Grin Zone

Side match shooting and practice stages going on before and after the main match can be a lot of fun. We are here to shoot and more shooting is more fun. However, the club is responsible, and therefore liable, for happenings on our range the days we are there. **The town council hereby requests that any and all shooting on the cowboy range, outside of the main match, must go through the sheriff or a designated range officer BEFORE any shooting occurs. This protects everyone including those who wish to shoot. No big deal, just check with the sheriff first.**

Thanks for you cooperation.

The Town Council

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Available when you register next month or online at the website.

\$35.00 Single \$50.00 Family



The Magnificent Eight

It was a very expensive dog day on Sunday as there were eight, count 'em, clean shooters. Hennessey was given a dog even though some protesters said he practiced the stages for weeks after he wrote them. Don't know for sure, but probably true.

Long Feather, Mudhen Millie, Hennessey Hayes, Sinful, Raspberry Hayes.
Front row: Mescalero, Mad Dog Draper, Wanderin' Rose

The Leaves Must LEAVE!

There will be a work party after the main match on Saturday to make all the leaves go away. Please bring your leaf rakes and plan on spending some time on the chain gang. We just have to get them on the other side of the fence and Mr. Olds will handle them from there. If you haven't a rake, we will supply one, but do bring your work gloves. The club cannot be held responsible for blisters on your shooting hand(s).





The fastest and the bestest

Sinful won the much coveted Christmas Reindeer for being the fastest shooter at Sunday's match. He was well under 100 seconds for 5 stages. Wow! In a very special moment, Hunter Hays gave another reindeer to the person best exemplifying the cowboy spirit. The crowd applauded and cheered as Mad Dog Jack went up to receive this most deserved award. Congratulations to you both. Bet you didn't have a reindeer in your trophy case before now did you? Thanks to Hennessey and Raspberry Hays for continuing this Christmas tradition.

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Start 2012 with a clean garage!

C'mon folks we need those bottle and cans. It's not that hard to throw them in the pickup or trunk. So far the Recycle For Five Dogs is a dismal failure. Maybe you didn't have enough warning. Remember the club only gets \$5.00 of the \$14.00 you pay to shoot. Most clubs get to keep the entire shooting fee. The town council is trying to make improvements in the range, your range, but we need your help. Amen.

Blaine Buys Brandy Bottle

In a quick auction at the shooter's meeting on Saturday, Utah Blaine was the winning bidder for a bottle of "special" brandy donated by the Howling Wolf. He bid \$35 but paid \$40 as a donation to the club. The surprising aspect of this is the fact that Mr. Blaine is a total teetotaler. Guess his relatives will enjoy the brandy at Christmas dinner. Thanks Utah.

