



# The Howler

at 5 Dogs Creek

November 2014

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## From the 46 Connected Ranch

*by Utah Blaine*

It is now time to turn our full attention to the **Shootout at 5 Dogs Creek/SASS California State Championships on April 30 – May 3, 2015**. We have already confirmed and have in place several key elements for the Shootout. By the time you read this newsletter you should be able to access these dates and the registration form on our website.

There is still much planning and preparation to be done, so don't be surprised if I or one of the Town Council members calls and asks for your help with one or another of the several tasks yet to be done. Among such tasks are driving spiders, snakes, ground squirrels, gophers, and wild dogs, and herding cattle from the remnants of cattle drives of the Old West, out of our ghost town. All of this will be a challenge since these critters don't readily show themselves; driving out the wild dogs and rounding up the cattle will likely be especially problematic, for both may themselves be ghostly in nature.

On a more serious note, the success of the Shootout depends on the help of a great many cowboys and cowgirls. So when "the call comes," please help out however you can, as you have always done in the past. And thank you again from myself and all members of the Town Council for stepping up to make last year's Shootout, and all of those in previous year's successful events!

Saturday afternoon of our November match Coyote Carson organized a three stage Wild Bunch side-match. He is going to again put together a Wild Bunch side-match on Saturday afternoon of our December match. The side-match is designed to provide an opportunity for those who have not shot Wild Bunch find out what it is all about. It is also an opportunity for more experienced Wild Bunch shooters to keep their hand in the game. So, any SASS legal lever action rifle and shotgun may be used. You will, however, need a Model 1911 in 45 ACP. So, bring extra ammo! One Wild Bunch stage will usually involve 10 rifle rounds, six shotgun rounds, and as many as 20 pistol rounds with five loaded into each of four magazines. There will be three stages, so plan your ammo accordingly; of course, all bullets must be lead, no jacketed ammo allowed.

Please renew your membership! Dues are \$40.00 for a single membership; \$55 for a family membership. You may pay your membership dues at the 5 Dogs Creek Office at our regularly scheduled monthly match in November or December, or you may download the membership form from our website and send it with your check made out to 5 Dogs Creek, P.O. Box 22305, Bakersfield, CA 93311.

As I have mentioned in each issue of The Howler for the past couple of months, it is not too early to start thinking about officers for 2015-2016. We know there will be at least three positions to be filled: mayor, sheriff, and banker, and possibly Range Wrangler. I urge you to start giving serious thought to who might be willing to assume these positions for 2015-2017. The Town Council would like to have those willing to serve in these positions on board shortly after the first of the year, certainly before our annual Shootout. As an aside, past officers are always a willing source of support and available to offer valuable counsel regarding any number of issues. During my tenure as mayor, past mayors and others have been a tremendous help!

## Our official address:

**5 Dogs Creek**

**P. O. Box 22305**

**Bakersfield, CA 93311**

- Just a reminder: We are now on **Winter Hours!** The office will open at 8:00 AM for registration; please register by 8:45 AM. The mandatory shooters' meeting will be at 9:00 AM. The main match event will commence immediately following the shooters' meeting.

- All you cowboys and cowgirls out there keep your horse shod, your guns clean, and your powder dry. **We look forward to seeing you all Saturday, December 6 and Sunday, December 7.**



## ★ Historical Note ★



"Gold, Gold, Gold! Everybody talked about it, and Alaska, the Yukon, the North. I itched to go." - Klondike Kate

Gambling halls, saloons, brothels, and dance halls were a staple of the tent city mining towns of the West; however, it wasn't long before miners and merchants were looking for more "polished" entertainment. "Theaters, backstreet halls, tents, palladiums, and jeweled box-sized play houses" were soon filled with "operas, arias, verses for Shakespeare and minstrel tunes." In this atmosphere there were several notable women entertainers in the "boom towns throughout the West" (Enss, True West, 2014:29).

**Loretta Crabtree** was one of these entertainers. She was eight years old "when she began her career as a singer, dancer and comedy actor." In all her roles on stage she "was the soul of mischief and merriment" (P. 29).

**Lola Montez** "attracted thousands of star struck audiences. She was trained as a Spanish dancer and defied convention by wearing "flesh colored tights and knee-high dresses of flamenco that fanned out as she spun around the stage." Her personal life was as controversial as her dancing. One critic called her "the incarnation of brave wickedness and splendid folly" (P. 29).

**Kate Rockwell** was known professionally as "Klondike Kate" or as the "Flame of the Yukon." In a low, sultry voice she sang songs of faraway places, in a form fitting red sequin gown, and played to packed audiences nightly (Pp. 29-30).

One stage performer, **Pauline Cushman**, born Harriet Wood in New Orleans in 1833, spied for the Union Army in the Civil War. President Lincoln commended her for her service. She died at age 60 and is "buried in Officer's Circle at the Presidio National Cemetery in San Francisco" (P. 30).

The lives of these women entertainers are much richer and more varied than the exceedingly brief synopsis presented above. And there are many other notable women of the West: explorers, teachers, warriors, captives, outlaws, and business women. Perhaps some of these will be mentioned in future historical notes. The full reference for the above information and for additional reading, if any of you are interested, is Enss, C. 2013. "Branded but Unbroken: Thirty-two Tenacious Women Who Left Their Mark on the Old West." True West, December 2014:29-33.

### CLUB CLASSIFIED SECTION and NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS:

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- **Pictures** should be submitted in one of the following formats: JPG, TIFF, PDF, or PSD.
- **Text** should be submitted in a Word document or sent as plain text in an email message.
- **DEADLINE:** by the 14th of the month for the material to appear in that month's newsletter.