



# The Howler

at 5 Dogs Creek

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## From the 46 Connected Ranch

*by Utah Blaine*

As I mentioned in last month's column, most everything is in place for the **Shootout at 5 Dogs Creek/SASS California State Championship**. There are a few decisions which still need to be made, a few repairs yet to be done around the range, including the construction of a façade on the office roof for our 5 Dogs Creek sign. There is also general clean-up of the range that will need to be done beginning a couple of months prior to our shootout. I will let you know the work party schedule for general clean-up of the range by email and in the next issue of The Howler. In the mean time, if any of you would like to rack up some leaves, "kick" some weeds, or rack up some shotgun wads, please feel free to do so.

I would like to thank Coyote Carson for organizing a three stage Wild Bunch side-match on Saturday afternoon of our January match. Four people participated.

**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 February match, 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 an aside, we are still looking for a mayor, sheriff, a newsletter editor, and a banker, to take office June 2015. If you, or someone you know, is willing to serve, let me or anyone on the Town Council know. If anyone has any questions about any of these positions don't hesitate to ask the person currently serving in that office.

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, January 31 and Sunday, February 1.

### 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? Did you get a new 'smiley pockets' shirt for Christmas? If you answered yes to any of these questions then the February match offers a special option for you.

Come dressed in the "spirit" of B-western and, if you choose, sign yourself up to take part in the B-western challenge. Basically a match within the main match for bragging rights and valuable prizes, those taking the 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 recommended. If you only have a cross-draw, no worries. You will be able to stage guns as needed. It is also HIGHLY recommended that you have shot – or at least practiced – gunfighter and duelist previously. We will have a special short B-western briefing just before the regular shooters' meeting.

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 or Annie Oakley outfit. This is just a chance to try out the category and some different shooting styles.

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. Even if you don't choose to shoot in the challenge, come dressed in the spirit anyway. Show your sparkly side!

Questions? Contact Mescalero and Calgary Kate at donkathymiller@gmail.com

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## • • • • • • • • • • **The Sheriff's Log**

by Fordyce Beals

Bull McFearson put on the January 3rd and 4th 2015 match. Although cold during the night at the range, the weather cooperated and it was pleasant and fun shooting each day. Thanks Bull for all the hard work and fun stages including the great 7 target sweep! (single tap, double tap, single tap, double tap, single tap, double tap, single tap)

The January 31st and February 1 matches are sponsored by Calgary Kate and Mescalero. They are including the B Western challenge: one stage each day with one of the five possible B Western pistol styles. The five pistol styles are dualist strong side, dualist weak side, dual dualist, two handed, and gunfighter. The suggested shooting style for each stage will be recommended in the stage instruction.

Let me know if you are interested in sponsoring a match in 2015. [fordycebeals@live.com](mailto:fordycebeals@live.com)

## Clean Shooters



Saturday Clean Shooters (left to right): Tehachapi Hornn, Coyote Carson, and Dirt McFearson. Not pictured: Badman Bob.



Sunday Clean Shooters: Geo Kid.  
Not pictured: Badman Bob and Sinful.

## ★ Historical Note ★

The Michigan born showbiz team of Frank and Myrtle Chamberlain are hardly known today.

They began performing together in Wild West shows in 1897, the same year they were married. Frank and Myrtle were “ropers” and were once international sensations. By 1902 newspapers were calling Frank the “champion lassoer of America.” Myrtle could handle ropes herself and was widely billed as the “Queen of the Lasso” (Wild West 2014:16).

Their trick roping, which impressed audiences in the United States, Europe, and South America was only part of their act. Frank was also a trick shot expert. He could hit targets standing on his head, or holding a rifle upside down and shooting a pipe out of Myrtles mouth from 20 feet away (Wild West 2014:16).

Wild West: The American Frontier. December 2014. “Roping in the Crowds.” P. 16.



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