



The Howler

at 5 Dogs Creek

May/June 2015

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From the 46 Connected Ranch

by Utah Blaine

Here we are now on the other side of the Shootout at 5 Dogs Creek/SASS California State Championship. Again, it all worked! Even though this was the last time we were going to be hosting the SASS California State Championship, its quality measured up in every way to previous years, thanks to the hard work of many of our Club members and the help of others who volunteered their time.

Lap Dog would like to thank Domino Blaze, Calico Blue, and Susie Cory for all their assistance with compiling the scores for the Shootout, and Leia Tombstone for her help and expertise!

I would also like to particularly thank Mad Dog Draper and Panhandle Red for the six days they spent "living" and working at the range before the Shootout started on Thursday, April 30. And they continued to work tirelessly throughout the duration of the Shootout.

Others who have also worked tirelessly the days just before and during the Shootout are Bo Bean, El Alacran Del Norte, Miss Foxy Schoolmarm, Fordyce Beals, Sam Ootie, Miss Barah Lee Misditt, the Mad Trapper of Rat River, Wanderin Rose, Bix Bender, Bones Brannon, Quick Draw Grandpa, and Bull McFearson. In addition, any number of other folks helped out in one way or another. Thank you to all of them!

As an aside, Bo and his golf cart, and Panhandle Red and his quad, saved a number of folks a great many steps up and down the range!

All of us should thank Montego Bay who maintains the 5 Dogs Creek website! He has worked for many years behind the scene but seldom gets the recognition he deserves! Everything you see on our website has been put there by Montego! He is the one who gets all of the stuff we send him posted in a timely manner! He is also the person that has constructed the website in such a way that allows other cowboys and cowgirls to post their comments about one thing and another on our website.

We will have the election for the members of the Town Council on Saturday and Sunday, June 6 and 7. We take a vote on both days in order to allow for those who will only be at the match on Saturday the opportunity to register their vote.

As I have indicated in a previous issue of The Howler, the following have "agreed" to run for office: Mayor: Miss Foxy Schoolmarm; Banker: Bull McFearson; Sheriff: Mad Dog Draper; Range Wrangler: Mescalero Those continuing on the Council will be: Territorial Governor: Professor Cubby Bear; Blacksmith: Bones Brannon; Storekeeper: El Alacran Del Norte, who will also assume the title of Alacran Del Rey; and Editor of The Howler: Kate Barlow.

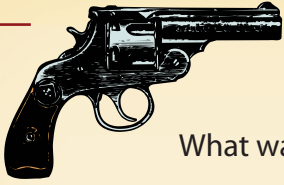
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by Fordyce Beals

What was said on the SASS Wire about the State match:

As a shooter - I'm impressed by the consistent improvements 5 Dogs have made to the main match. There was never more than one trick per stage, the targets were reasonable, with a hint of challenge - (except those damned dogs - grrr... ;-)) and the Shoot-off and couples event were a hoot!

I've been going to this shoot for maybe as long as they've been doing it and I want to thank them for all the years of great shoots. I wish 5 Dogs the best for the future.

And for those wanting something other than 'Stand and Deliver' and 'Up Close and Personal', there was good variety in target placing, spacing and size. Actually needed to use that odd bump on the end of the rifle barrel..... Enjoyed the two stages with 6+ shotgun targets, and stage 12 with shooter's choice for position and order of gun use (affected by the 'obstacle no-shoots' strategically placed).

Looking forward to the 5 Dogs Creek ANNUAL MATCH for 2016!

Great Job to all the folks at 5-Dogs. You have never failed to raise to the occasion and do a great job.

Thanks to all the 5 Dogs Creek members who did the work to put on this match. Many thanks to Bo Bean who helped me write the stages, I have never had so much fun shooting a match.

It is a rare opportunity that lets you get a do over and this months June 6 and 7th is your chance. 9 of the main match stages from the State match and the set up for the couples shoot are set to be shot again, including, "those ... dogs". Chances are that the weather will be not too hot and not too cold, so see you at 5 Dogs!

.... From the 46 Connected Ranch - continued ...

If there is anyone who would like to throw their hat in the ring to run for any of the above positions, please let me know post haste!

The newly constituted Town Council will assume their official duties as of July 1, 2015.

Finally, let me say that as I walked the stages during the Shootout any number of cowboys and cowgirls commented it was too bad we were not going to be hosting the State Championship in the foreseeable future. Many also commented that they have always very much enjoyed the match over the years, the way it is organized, and the effort we put into making it a good experience for everyone. These same sentiments have also been expressed on the SASS Wire and in the comment section on the 5 Dogs Creek website. You can be proud of the effort you all have expended over all the years, and it has been considerable, that 5 Dogs Creek has hosted the SASS California State Championship.

Until we meet again, keep your horse shod, your guns clean, and your powder dry. We look forward to seeing you on June 6 and 7.

A big THANK YOU to all 5 Dogs Creek volunteers!

Without volunteers to make things happen, there would be no club.

★ Historical Note ★



The bodies of Bill McCarty and his son, Fred, after they were slain in the McCarty gang's last bank robbery. (Image: Museum of Western Colorado)

The End of the McCarty Gang

On a hot stifling September 7, 1897 just 15 minutes after the Farmers and Merchants Bank opened in Delta, Colorado, Bill McCarty and his son Fred were conducting business, with their guns in hand.

The head cashier, Andrew Blachly lets out a yell and when told to be quiet he yells again, apparently trying to warn the lawyer who has an office in the rear of the bank. Blachly

correctly assumes the two robbers will try and leave through the rear of the bank. Fred is upset with Blachly's behavior and shoots him at point blank range, killing him instantly (True West 2015:38).

Tom McCarty, Bill's brother, is holding the horses in the alley behind the bank. Fred has shoved a handful of currency in a bag under his shirt and grabs a bag of coins. When Fred mounts his horse he drops the bag of coins, but with \$700 in cash still on him they ride "hell for leather" to exit the alley. But hardware merchant W. Ray Simpson hears the commotion and rushes outside with his Sharps rifle.

He sees the robbers about a block away and fires at the last man; the bullet blows the top of Bill's head off and he topples from his horse. Simpson runs to Bill's corpse while reloading his rifle. Fred is almost out of town; however, thinking his father is only wounded he wheels his horse around. Fred fires three shots at Simpson, but Simpson takes aim and fires, hitting Fred in the head and killing him instantly; the shot is estimated to have been taken from over 100 yards away (p. 38).

Tom is luckier; he was in front of Fred yelling for him to "come on." When he sees his nephew killed he spurs his horse ahead. Simpson fires a third shot, misses Tom but hits his horse in the leg; still, Tom is able to make his getaway. The alley is littered with the cash the McCarty's have dropped along the way (p. 38).

Andrew Blachly, the murdered cashier, left behind a wife and their eight sons, ranging between the ages of one to 15. Andrew's brothers helped his widowed wife by financing college for seven of the children; three of them went on to earn advanced degrees (p. 41).

Bell, Bob Boze and Mark Boardman. May 2015. "A Dust-Up in Delta: McCarty Gang vs. W. Ray Simpson, *True West: History of the American Frontier*. Pp. 39-41.

Clean Shooters at 2015 SASS California State Championship



Clean and Smooth Main Match

Bucket of Blood

Buddy Love

Coal Train

Grizzly Peak Jake

Gus Ashcroft

Hoot

Kaweah Kid

Latin Gun

Limpin' Leroy

Rev Barry M Deep

Saw-Yer Wood

Sierra Rider

Six Packin' Jan

Swedish Cowboy

Tex Fiddler

Waterloo

Wobblin Bob



Clean and Smooth Plainsman

Speedy Mc Draw



Clean and Smooth Wild Bunch

Wobblin Bob

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