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**The Mayor's Anvil:**  
**Forging Understanding**  
**By Mayor Fordyce Beals**

Mayor Fordyce Beals took some awesome photos at the SASS Western Regionals. Take a look and find your favorite cowboy & cowgirl.









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# **AUG/SEPT** **Shooting Schedule:**

Office opens at 8:00  
Shooter's meeting 8:30

Saturday, AUGUST 31  
9:00 a.m.

Sunday, SEPTEMBER 1  
9:00 a.m.



## **2024 MATCH** **CALENDAR**

**AUG 31-**

**SEP 1**

**OCT 5-6**

**NOV 2-3**

**NOV 30-**

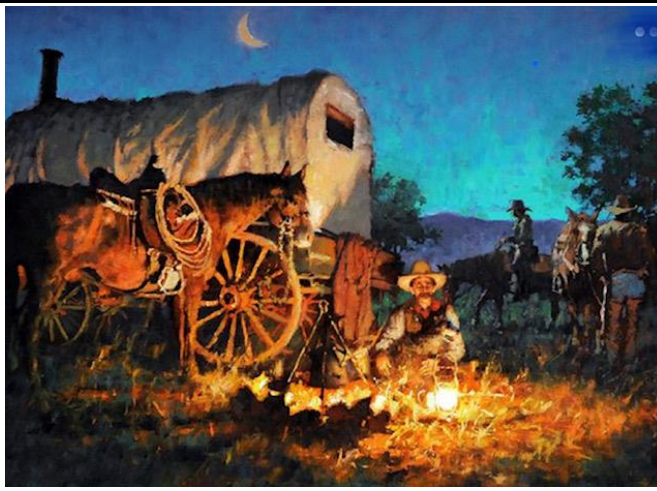
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## **2025 MATCH** **CALENDAR**

**JAN 4-5**

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# **COME JOIN US FOR SOME CAMPING FUN!**



**Friday Evening, (5:30-ish): Bring your favorite campfire appetizer to share.**  
**Saturday Evening, (6:00-ish): 5 Dogs Potluck. (Bring your favorite dish to share.)**  
**(Plates & utensils provided)**

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# THE AUGUST 3 & 4 MATCH

## Saturday Clean Shooters:



*Coyote Carson, Clint Steele, Lap Dog, DB Hawke, Dead Eye Maverick*



*And Fordyce Beals*



*Clint Steele, First Time 5 Dogs Shooter  
( note the Clean Shooter Dog in his hat band!)*

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# Sunday Clean Shooters:

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*Dead Eye Maverick, No So Dead Eye Maverick, Bad Man Bob, Coyote Carson*



*Saturday "Posse Up"*



*Bull McFearson, Dutch Longhorn, Utah Blaine*

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## **THE SHERIFF'S LOG**

Howdy all,

Here are some important announcements: the September match is actually on Saturday August 31<sup>st</sup> and Sunday September 1<sup>st</sup> (first Sunday of the month and preceding Saturday), it may be a little warm, but we will start at our regular times (Shooter meeting at 8:30 and shooting starts at 9:00), and the Gunfighter Throwdown will be held in October. But, on Saturday August 31<sup>st</sup>, after the scores are read Dutch Longhorn has put together a Wild Bunch match. So, bring out those guns and ammo for that!

Lots of things are going on at the range but first I'd like to thank Sam Ootie for some really fun stages for July. For those of us that went to the Western Regional those stages were helpful. They really helped Sam Ootie since he shot clean at the Western Regional! Congratulations Sam Ootie!

Buddy Love is writing the stages for the September match (remember it's on Saturday August 31<sup>st</sup> and Sunday September 1<sup>st</sup>). If you're going to Bordertown, or just want to have a good time shooting, Buddy Love's stages are the place to put lead down range. After scores are read have some fun shooting the Wild Bunch or playing some dominos with the potluck in the evening. The October match is being written by Buddy Love and it will be his 'Gunfighter Throwdown'. Anyone can shoot gunfighter style for one or more stages, or just shoot your usual style. It's all about having fun and bragging rights! He is also having a derringer shoot on Saturday after the scores have been read. Great ready for that.

The She-Bang is back for the November match, read the Howler or watch Facebook for more information. But I can tell you Tiaras, Triggers and Toys will be a lot of fun and a busy weekend. So, make your plans to come and shoot with us and maybe get a 'dog'. All money and toys raised, or donated, will go to the charity Toys for Tots.

There will be a work party to get ready for the She-Bang in September or October. More information about the day will be provided at a later date via email, Facebook or in the Howler. See you at the range,

Lap Dog



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# WRANGLING RANDOM NEWS FROM THE RANGE

By Utah Blaine



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## Thoughts About 5 Dogs Creek, Etc.

I am, of course, no longer Range Wrangler and no one has stepped up to take over that position. Until someone does, I thought I would write about one thing or another I happen to see going on that might need attention from the members of the club.

When last I wandered around the range, I noticed that there were a few things that could use some tender loving care. On some of the Bays there are a few weeds of one kind or another that plague them even absent any rain. There are also divots around some of the targets that could use some attention. And there are always shotgun wads on the Bays that could be raked up. As an aside, I've mentioned these "tasks" to a couple of 5 Dogs Creek members who have said "of course" they will come out to the range and help with them. No time scheduled, yet.

I also happen to notice that there are needed repairs to a few of our false building fronts. Of course, these repairs will have to wait until cooler weather. As I was wandering around the range, I also noticed that the false building fronts, and perhaps a couple of the other buildings could use some weatherization attention one of these months before it gets so cold it would have to wait until next spring.

As a final note, and one having nothing to do with 5 Dogs Creek, I came across a very interesting article in the July 2024 issue of the *Cowboy Chronicle* (p. 50), which I imagine many of you have already read. I'll just mention the title of the article and a quick note about the location where Deadwood Miner shoots. The title: "Happy Trail Marker At Age 94 [my emphasis] This Cowboy Is Still Going Strong." The article goes on to say: "A longtime member of the Wartrace (Tennessee) Regulators, Deadwood had been regularly shooting Cowboy matches and Wild Bunch for several decades." The article goes on to say: "This hardy range warrior rarely misses a match, even at the noble age of 94—a rare feat indeed." Yes, it certainly is a rare feat indeed!

For those of you still upright and mobile, saddle up and join us at 5 Dogs Creek for our regularly scheduled monthly match Saturday August 31 and Sunday September 1. As we always say, we shoot the first Sunday of the month and the preceding Saturday. This is one of those occasions where the last day of the month is a Saturday and the first day of the month is a Sunday. But this is way too much musing on my part. So, adios and wishing you all good days and good shooting.

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# **TRAIL NEWS:**



## **2024 SASS Western Regionals (W. R.) Winners**

**(Submitted by Miss Barah Lee Misditt)**

Chick Ma – Best Working Costume – Woman, Ladies Senior Duelist – 1<sup>st</sup> – W. R. Champion

Sinful – Townie Best Dressed – Man, Speed Pistol – Men 1955 – 1964 – 2<sup>nd</sup>,

Speed Shotgun – Men 1955-1964 – 2<sup>nd</sup>, Senior – 2<sup>nd</sup> – W.R. Champion

Big Bad Blaine – 100/125 Yard Lever Pistol Caliber – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 400-Yard-Long Range

Smokeless – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 49'r – 4<sup>th</sup>

Limpin' Leroy – 400-Yard-Long Range Smokeless – 1<sup>st</sup>

Lap Dog – Speed Rifle – Ladies 1954 & Below – 2<sup>nd</sup>,

Speed Shotgun – Ladies 1954 & Below – 2<sup>nd</sup>, Grande Dames – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Sam Ootie – Clean Match, Cattle Baron – 4<sup>th</sup>

Leia Tombstone – Ladies Frontier Cartridge – 2<sup>nd</sup> W. R. Champion

Fordyce Beals – Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter – 5<sup>th</sup>

Dirt McFearson – Gunfighter – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Hicks Mountain Honey – Ladies 49'r – 4<sup>th</sup>

Dirty Hands – Senior – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Miss Barah Lee Misditt – Ladies Silver Senior – 5<sup>th</sup>

Utah Blaine – El Patron – 4<sup>th</sup>

Roger Rapid – El Patron – 2<sup>nd</sup>

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# **More Western Regionals News**



*Chick Ma, Lap Dog, Miss Barah Lee Misditt, High Dollar*

## **Four of the Top 16 Ladies**

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# **MORE TRAIL NEWS:**

Dutch Longhorn wants everyone to know that a “Three Stage Wild Bunch Mini Match” will be held on Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, after the regular Cowboy Match. Everyone is welcome and there will be extra 1911 rounds for those who want to try it out. You can use your regular match rifle and shotgun or try out one of 1897’s that will be available to borrow for the shotgun.



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# **Territorial Governor's News:**

## **Territorial Governor's Report**

### **2024 SASS Regional Championship-Chorro Valley Shoot-Out**

On August 8, 2024, I attended the Territorial Governors' Meeting at the Chorro Valley Shoot-out. I am writing to report on the discussions and voting as well as provide my analysis.

**First Item:** Winchester 1873 in B-Western. This topic was previously vigorously sponsored by one particular Territorial Governor who feels strongly that the exclusion of "tricked-out" 1873 Winchesters is contrary to the source material (lots of Cowboys in B-Western movies use the '73) and competitively unfair. The opposing view (involving essentially everybody else) was that anyone wishing to shoot a '73 and dress in B-Western attire is free to do so, just not in a distinct category. It was also argued that that creation of the B-Western category was a carefully balanced trade-off of privileges and obligations. It was also pointed out that the "costume categories" (B-Western and Classic Cowboy) seem to generate much more controversy than participation. TGs at the 2024 match had agreed to formally inquire with the SASS main office regarding the reasons for the original exclusion of the '73. It was reported that the inquiry was made but no response has been received.

The particular TG sponsoring the motion was not in attendance at this meeting due to a scheduling conflict (he was teaching an RO class in the next tent). In his absence, the TGs voted not to pursue the previously authorized inquiry and to otherwise drop the effort to amend the rules to allow the use of the 1893 Winchester rifle in the B-Western category.

**Second Item:** Classic Cowboy Gunfighter. A different TG reported that he had been asked to ask the TGs to consider recommending a rule change authorizing the Gunfighter shooting style in the Classic Cowboy category. The prior discussion regarding the balancing of privileges and limitations in the "costume categories" and the relative lack of participation in the categories was again discussed. The request to recommend consideration of a rule change was voted down.

**Third Item:** Rimfire Category. Many local clubs have begun to allow various local/alternative main-match categories involving the use of .22 revolvers and rifles in lieu of the standard equipment. This was in addition to the allowance of .22 firearms for Junior/Buckaroo shooters. It was reported that allowing a Rimfire category lowers the financial entry barrier for new shooters (who typically thereafter acquire main match firearms and participate in the established categories) and provides an opportunity for physically or financially impaired shooters to continue participation. The problem of spawning additional sub-categories with additional burdens on tournament sponsorship was noted. There was a consensus that any Rimfire alternative category should have only gender-based sub-categories (Rimfire and Ladies Rimfire). With that caveat, a motion was passed to recommend to the SASS administration that an alternative Rimfire category be formally authorized, including State-and-above matches.

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**Fourth Item:** Convention participation. It was reported that the SASS administration is not participating in shooting sports conventions. It was reported that the barriers to participation are both logistical (time, travel and personnel) as well as financial (convention booths are expensive). It was generally agreed that if such participation was out-of-reach for SASS Administration, it was probably equally out of reach for individual clubs. However, it was felt that, despite these logistical and financial problems, convention participation is an under-used source of potential participation. It was felt that the option of local clubs cooperating with each other to share the logistical and financial cost of convention participation should be explored and the SASS administration asked to authorize such efforts and indicate whatever level of support it was willing to provide. TG Governor Monty Montana was authorized to investigate and report further.

**Analysis:** No action from 5 Dogs Creek is currently needed. Two of the three proposed category changes were voted down decisively. There appears to be a strong consensus against any new categories or category changes UNLESS there is some expectation of increased participation. There is some hope for a Rimfire category, although allowing rimfire shooting on a case-by-case basis in the existing categories may acquire most of the anticipated benefit. Additionally, there is no pending proposal for 5 Dogs to participate in a multi-club effort to attend any particular shooting sports convention.

I anticipate further discussion of these and other issues and forthcoming TG Meetings. I will endeavor to keep you informed.

Professor Cubby Bear



Professor Cubby Bear

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# **9 Things You Should Know About the 9/11 Attack**

## **Aftermath:**

(edited from a September 10, 2013, "Current Affairs" article by Joe Carter)

This September 11, 2024, marks the twenty-third anniversary of the worst terrorist attack ever on American soil. Here are nine things you should know about what happened in the aftermath of the events on September 11, 2001:

1. It took 99 days - until December 19, 2001 - for the fires at Ground Zero to be extinguished.
2. Cleanup at Ground Zero wasn't officially completed until May 20, 2002. It took 3.1 million hours of labor to clean up 1.8 million tons of debris at a total cost of cleanup of \$750 million.
3. There were 20 people pulled from the rubble in the two days after the attack. On the day following the attacks, 11 people were rescued from the wreckage, including six firefighters and three police officers, Two Port Authority police officers were also rescued after spending nearly 24 hours beneath 30 feet of rubble.
4. The total number of 9/11 victim deaths rose to 2,752 in January 2009, when the New York City medical examiner's office ruled that Leon Heyward, who died the previous year of lymphoma and lung disease, was a homicide victim because he was caught in the toxic dust cloud just after the towers collapsed.
5. More than 1,000 people who have lived or worked near ground zero, including first responders, have been diagnosed with cancer related to the attacks, according to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.
6. Most of the steel from the World Trade Center wreckage was sent to New Jersey salvage yards where it was broken down and sent all over the world for reuse. Nearly 350,000 tons of the steel was sent to be reused in small- and large-scale tributes, including 7.5 tons for use in the Navy battleship USS New York. (One of these 9/11 Memorial steel tributes can be seen in Bakersfield at the entrance to the joint facilities of the Bakersfield Fire and Police Departments, at 1315 Buena Vista Rd). (cont.)



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7. For the first time in history, all nonemergency civilian aircraft in the United States were grounded for three days. The lack of condensation trails (contrails) from jet aircraft caused the average temperature across the U.S. to rise by an average of 1.8- & 2- degrees C.
  8. A longitudinal study of 38 women who were pregnant on 9/11 and were either at or near the World Trade Center at the time of the attack found that those who developed Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) following exposure to the attacks had significantly lower cortisol levels in their saliva than those who were similarly exposed but did not develop PTSD. The children of women who were traumatized as a result of 9/11 subsequently exhibited an increased distress response when shown novel stimuli, suggesting that the effects of the trauma were passed on to the children prior to birth.
  9. On September 13 a worker at the site, Frank Silecchia, discovered a 20-foot cross of two steel beams amongst the debris. The beams were dubbed the “Ground Zero Cross” and became a spiritual symbol for the families of the victims and workers who cleaned up the debris.



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# 9/11 Photos



Credit: Unkn



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Marcy Borders by Stan Honda



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— "The lesson of 9/11 is that America is truly exceptional. We withstood the worst attack of our history, intended by our enemies to destroy us. Instead, it drew us closer and made us more united. Our love for freedom and one another has given us a strength that surprised even ourselves."

RUDY GIULIANI

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Mayor Giuliani (cr: CNN)

