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The Mayor's Anvil:

Forging Understanding

By Mayor Fordyce Beals

The Quest for the Perfect Shotgun Shell Crimp

Reloading shot gun shells includes sizing the hull, adding a primer, charging with powder, placing a wad, filling with shot, and crimping the shell closed. One small aspect is getting the crimp restored so shot stays inside the shell. Key to achieving this is to fill the powder wad and shot to the correct height inside the shell before crimping.

All listed smokeless shotgun loads specify all components and substituting components is not considered good practice as a tiny change can get the chamber pressure too high. Black powder and substitutes give the reloader more choices if you stay near a "square load", that is the volume of powder and shot are near the same.

So, for black powder shot shell loading getting the filling height correct allows a good crimp to be formed. To achieve this the wad needs to fill what's left inside the shell after the powder and shot are assembled. As I don't have all wad sizes in inventory, or the ones I got for free are too tall, sometimes I need to alter the wad to suit.



The red wad in the center is a popular choice for black powder shot shell loads. The pink wad on the right (got for free from a deceased reloader) is too tall. The answer is to cut the pink wad in half as on the left. That was easy to say but wads are a tough not easy to cut material. A utility knife can get the job done but requires a lot of force. Better is to use cable cutting pliers.



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THE SHERIFF'S LOG

Howdy All,

Fall is definitely in the air, and the weather was perfect for our October shoot. Buddy Love put on his annual 'Gunfighter Throwdown' and he did not disappoint! On Sunday there was an amazing number of clean shooters-19! Thank you Buddy Love and I'm sure everyone hopes you will put on The Gunfighter Throwdown again next year!

The November match is the annual She-Bang and if you have shot it before, you know how fun it is. If you haven't, don't miss out! The She-Bang is the annual charity match put on by the ladies of 5 Dogs Creek. They write the stages, collect prizes for the raffle and provide the hot hogs with all the trimmings for the Friday night dinner. All money raised through the sale of Dog Nabbits and raffle tickets will go to the Bakersfield based Ronald McDonald house.

Check out the flyer for all the information and the Facebook page. There's just too much to mention here!!

Also, November 22-23 is the California State Wild Bunch match at 5 Dogs Creek. 5 Dogs Creek will be having a cowboy match for all those who don't shoot Wild Bunch but plan to be at the range or just want to shoot another match. No awards, no early sign-ups or prepaying for the Cowboy match. Just show up each day and register by 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$20 for club members and \$25 for non-club members. Check out the Rough Riders Facebook page for more information.

Big Rolls BBQ serving lunch Friday, breakfast & lunch Saturday, lunch Sunday.

The holidays are right around the corner and Lucky Lu and Utah Blaine plan on making our Christmas's a little brighter by putting on the December match.

Wonder if Santa will be there?

A really big thank you to club members who showed up for the work party.

Domino Blaze, DB Hawk, Lucky Lu, Brandin Iron, Miss Barah Lee Misditt, Sam Ootie and Lap Dog put hours into making the range look good for the She-Bang. Thank you!

Winter shooting hours will change for Saturdays from December to March. The shooters meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. and shooting will start at 10:15 a.m.

Hopefully this will help our out-of-town shooters get to the range on Saturdays and not deal with any fog.

See you at the She-Bang,

Lap Dog

SHE-BANG

The ladies of 5 Dogs Creek would like to invite all you cowboys and cowgirls (and those that come out to be supportive) to the 18th annual She-Bang on November 1-2. For those of you who are not familiar with the She-Bang, the ladies put together a fun weekend with the stages written by different ladies, a great team shoot, and any other shooting you would like to try (.22s, BB guns and so on). Traditionally all the funds raised, through the sale of Dog-Nabbits and raffle tickets go to the charity the ladies pick out. This year it is the Ronald McDonald House, and the ladies of 5 Dogs Creek are excited to partner up with them this year.

Dog-Nabbits are sold to erase pesky misses so if you shoot 'clean', you are awarded a special dog. Dog-Nabbits sell for \$10 for 5 tickets and those tickets are only good for one day. You can buy 5 tickets the next day. If you don't want to use a Dog-Nabbit or are one of the fortunate shooters who shoot clean, all the unused Dog-Nabbits can be used for the raffle! Everyone who comes out, shooters and non-shooters, are given a raffle ticket and additional raffle tickets will be sold. All the prizes are donated by the ladies, and a cowboy or two.

This year, 5 Dogs Creek will be selling stage sponsorship for \$100 for each stage. Please contact Miss Barah Lee Missditt at 661-747-4936 or Lap Dog at 661-301-8288. Call or text us for more information.

All money raised through the sale of stages sponsorships, raffle tickets and Dog-Nabbits goes directly to the Ronald McDonald House.

Checks for raffle tickets, Dog-Nabbits or Stage Sponsorship that are made out to the Ronald McDonald House are tax deductible.

Look for more information regarding the round count and starting times for the meals in the November Howler.

The Ladies of 5 Dogs Creek look forward to seeing all of you at the range for the 18th Annual She-Bang November 1-2!!!



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5 Dogs Creek presents the 18th annual

SHE-BANG!

“KEEPING FAMILIES CLOSE”

November 1-2, 2025

The ladies of 5 Dog Creek in Bakersfield are back again for another ‘shenanigan’ filled weekend of shooting! Cowgirls and cowboys, y’all join us as we take our monthly match up a notch, or **two**!

SHE-BANG!

- 5 stages each day (two separate matches) *Come for one day or stay all weekend!*
- **On Saturday the office opens at 7:45 a.m., sign in by 8:30 a.m. and the shooters meeting at 8:45a.m.**
- **On Sunday the office opens at 7:45 a.m., sign in by 8:30 a.m. and the shooters meeting at 8:45 a.m.**
- Regular daily match rate: Members \$20; Non-members \$25.
- Everyone - shooters and non - shooters - will be able to enter into drawings for treasured items donated by the ladies of 5 Dog Creek.

We will be selling ‘dog-nabbits’ to erase some of those pesky misses and extra raffle tickets with the proceeds going to **The Bakersfield Ronald McDonald House.**



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SHE-NANIGANS!

- Hot dog it’s Friday and appetizers! The ladies will be providing the hot dogs and fixings, bring an appetizer to share if you would like.
- Team shoot after the match on Saturday, and other fun so bring some extra ammunition!
- Saturday night’s potluck is legendary, and this year’s theme is **FAST FOOD!**
 - Cowboy swap meet! All weekend, sell, buy, trade or barter your extra cowboy duds, gear or whatever.

Free camping on the range Friday-Monday.

No pre-registration. No party poopers!

For more information contact Lap Dog at djhansen70@outlook.com

“OCTOBER THROW DOWN FUN”

Photos By Utah Blaine



LUCKY LU (really)



Dirt McFearson



Miss Foxi Schoolmarm



Panhandle Red, Boots Stimboli, Bull McFearson



Cowgirls & Cowboys havin' fun



Miss Barah LeeMisditt & Dirty Hands



Utah Blaine gettin' it done!



Miss Leia Tombstone showin' smoke!



Domino Blaze, Fannie Oakley, Utah Blaine, Miss Leia Tombstone

NOVEMBER

Shooting Schedule:

11/1, SATURDAY

Office opens 7:45
Shooter's Mtg. 8:30
Match Starts: 9:00

11/2, SUNDAY

Office opens 7:45
Shooter's mtg. 8:30
Match Starts: 9:00

SHE-BANG 2025



2025 MATCH

CALENDAR

NOV 1-2

DEC 6-7

(Plz note Saturday
only start time change
to 10:15)

2026 MATCH

CALENDAR

JAN 3-4

FEB 1/31-2/1

COME JOIN US FOR SOME CAMPING FUN!



Friday Evening (5:00-ish)

Appetizers (Hot or cold)

Saturday Evening, (6:00-ish)

Bring your favorite potluck grub to share.

Plates & utensils provided

SATURDAY CLEAN SHOOTERS



(10/4/25)

WTF BOTTLES, ATASCADERO PISTOLERO, BOOTS STIMBOLI, BUDDY LOVE, CHICK MA, COYOTE CARSON, DUST BOWL DEBBIE
FANNIE OAKLEY, FORDYCE BEALS, LAP DOG, PANHANDLE RED, SAM OOTIE

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SUNDAY CLEAN SHOOTERS



(10/5/25)

ATASCADERO PISTOLERO, BADMAN BOB, BIG BAD BLAINE, BUDDY LOVE, BULL MCFEARSON, CHICK MA, COYOTE CARSON, DIRT MCFEARSON, DIRTY HANDS, DUSTBOWL DEBBIE, FANNIE OAKLEY, FORDYCE BEALS, JOSIE ALBUQUERQUE, LEIA TOMBSTONE, MISS BARAH LEE MISDITT, PANHNADLE RED, SAM OOTIE, SNAKE, And "FIRST CLEAN MATCH" FOR SASSY GRANDMA

Territorial Governor's News:

(Watch for the Professor's wise words of wisdom here again soon.)



Professor Cubby Bear
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Range Wranglers' Notes:

(Brandin Iron's News here soon.)

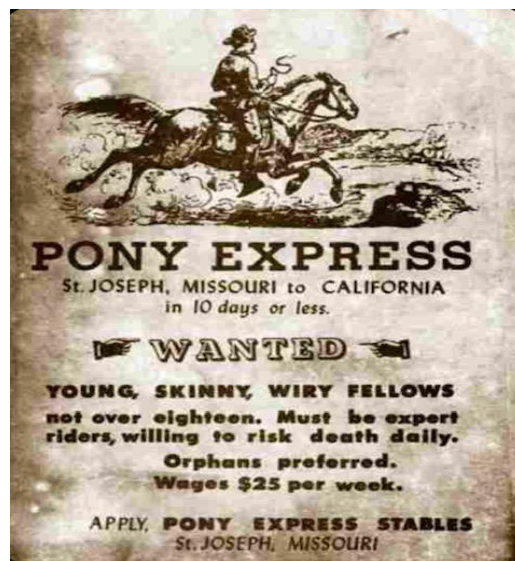


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Mayor Fordyce's Range Notes:

The SASS Shooter's Handbook Review:

The SASS Shooter's Handbook Review: The SASS Shooter's Handbook has 7 pages of Firearm Covenants. The basics are:

Original and replicas may be used in competition provided they are in good, safe working order. In each of the respective sections, allowed modifications are listed. Just because a manufacturer designs a part or firearm for this sport or just because a firearm is available, does not necessarily mean it is legal for competition. Only the modifications referenced here as allowed are approved. All others are illegal.

SIGHTS All Firearms - Sights must look like sights available during the cowboy era. Bead, blade, simple post, or otherwise approved front sights (such as the XS Cowboy Express) made of materials such as steel, iron, ivory, faux ivory, brass, gold, pewter, copper, or silver are allowed. - Colors other than those of the materials referenced above or any "fluorescent" materials may not be applied to either front or rear sights. - Rear and front sights may be "blacked," painted, or plated in the colors of the previously listed materials. If blacking, paint, or plating is applied to a revolver front sight, it must cover the entire rear surface of the sight to give the appearance of a solid material. - All rear sights may have their openings adjusted. - The front sight may be raised or lowered to bring point-of-aim and point-of-impact into alignment. - The back of the front sight may be serrated

Levers may be wrapped or padded with leather or faux leather. Leather includes suede, faux leather would include anything that looks like leather.

Revolver Calibers - Must be centerfire cartridges of at least .32 caliber and no larger than .45 caliber or percussion calibers of at least .36 caliber and no larger than .45 caliber. - Must be in a cartridge commonly available in revolvers. Examples include, but are not limited to, .32-20, .32 Magnum, .357 Magnum, .38 Special, .44 Magnum, .44-40, and .45 Colt. (Includes some semi-auto pistol cartridges, e.g. 9mm, 10mm, and .45 ACP).

Rifle Calibers - Must be centerfire of at least .32 caliber and not larger than .45 caliber. - Must be in a caliber commonly available in revolvers. Examples include, but are not limited to, .32-20, .32 Magnum, .357 Magnum, .38 Special, .38-40, .44-40, .44 Special, .44 Magnum, and .45 Colt. The only allowed exceptions are the .25-20 and .56-50. No rifle calibers such as .30-30 or .38-55 are allowed.

Shotgun Gauges - Side-by-side, single shot, and lever action shotguns must be centerfire of at least 20 gauge and no larger the 10 gauge. Slide action shotguns must be centerfire of at least 16 gauge and no larger than 12 gauge.

Shotgun Requirements Any side-by-side or single shot shotgun typical of the period from approximately 1860 until 1899 with or without external hammers, having single or double triggers is allowed. . Lever action, tubular feed, exposed hammer shotguns of the period are allowed, whether original or replicas. The only slide action shotgun allowed is the Model 1897 Winchester shotgun.

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WANDERIN' AROUND with Utah Blaine

Little Known Story from the Wild West



Laura Bullion 1901

At 15, Bullion left home and headed to San Antonio, where she took up as a prostitute in the brothel of Madam Fannie Porter. At the brothel she was known as Della Rose. But this was not just any brothel, it was a hotbed of crime. There were frequent visits by some of the notorious outlaws in Texas, including two known as Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. (Harvey, p. 2). Laura became an outlaw and a member of Butch Cassidy's Wild Bunch gang. She helped out by selling stolen goods, and forging signatures on documents. She was known for her feminine charms, but her face had some masculine features. After a bank robbery or train robbery, she would change into men's clothing. The law was looking for a young woman, but dressed in men's clothes, the law thought they were seeing a young man. Butch Cassidy's crew named her the "Thorny Rose of the Wild Bunch" (HubPages, p. 1).

The "Thorney Rose of the Wild Bunch" was arrested November 1901 in St. Louis, Missouri, was convicted of robbery and sentenced to five years in prison for her participation in the Great Northern train robbery. She was released from the Missouri State Penitentiary on September 19, 1905, having served three years and 10 months of her five-year sentence (Wikipedia, p.1).

In 1918 she moved to Memphis, Tennessee, claiming to be a war widow and using assumed names. She supported herself as a householder, a seamstress, and then later supported herself as a drapery maker, dressmaker, and interior designer. Her fortunes went south, so to speak, in the 1940s, and was without an

occupation. She died in 1961 of heart disease at a hospital in Memphis. She was interred at the Memorial Park Cemetery in Memphis (Wikipedia, p. 1).

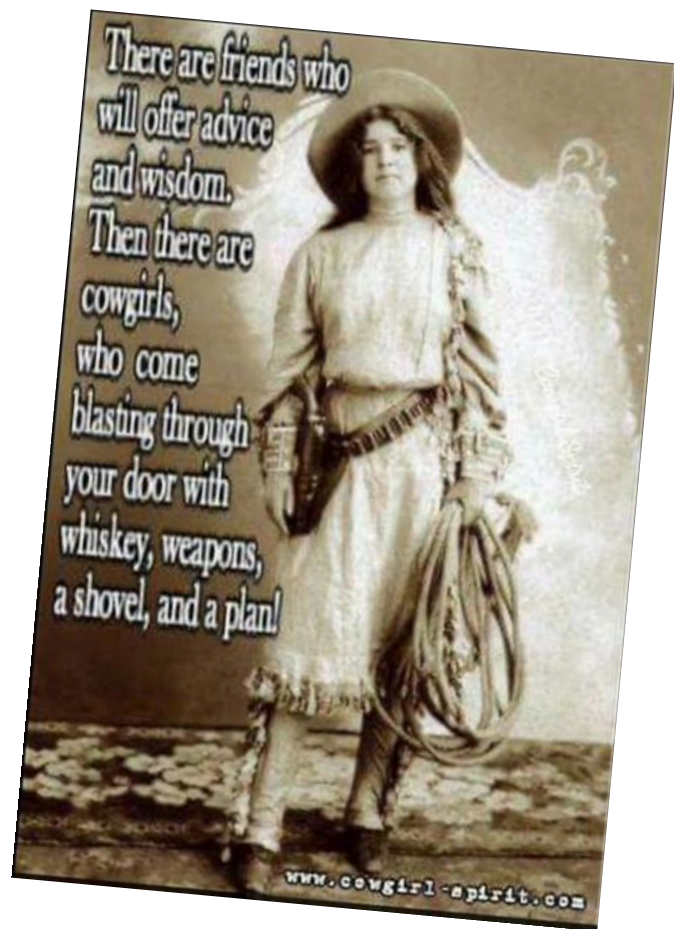


Grave marker at the Memorial Park Cemetery

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See y'all at the "SHE-BANG"