



THE 5 Dogs Creek Howler

Latest News, Updates, & More from the 5 Dogs Creek Range

Introducing the 2026–2027 5 Dogs Creek Town Council

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(Not pictured, **Range
Wrangler:** Brandin' Iron)



The Mayor's Anvil: Introduction

Hello Pardes,

My name is Ambs Aces SASS # 103511.

As the new Mayor of 5 Dogs Creek, I would like to take a minute of your time to introduce myself.

I have been a Cowboy Action Shooter for over 10 years and a Wild Bunch Action Shooter for 4 years. During this time, I have participated in countless monthly matches throughout the State, competed in numerous Regional, State, Annual and World Championship matches in California, Nevada, & Arizona.

I am also the founding member of the Rough Riders; a local club of Cowboy Action Shooters & Wild Bunch Action Shooters located in Atascadero California. I am a certified SASS Range Operations Basic Safety (ROBS), Cowboy Action Shooting (CAS), & Wild Bunch Action Shooting (WBAS) instructor. My passion and commitment to SASS runs deep.

I am honored to be selected as the mayor of 5 Dogs Creek. The 5 Dogs range is one of the best facilities I have had the pleasure of shooting at. It is filled with great memories and holds much promise. I have made a lot of great friends along the way. Most of them call 5 Dogs home, as do I.

As mayor my promise to you all is to do my utmost best to keep the club moving forward enshrining the future success of our club. My plan is simple but not without hard work ahead. We must make certain that our club remains a financial benefit to the owners of our facility. We can assure this by providing the best Cowboy Action Shooting & Wild Bunch Action Shooting experiences possible. Together we can offer a verity of action-packed, fun-filled events both large and small, ensuring our future success.

I look forward to the future and continued success of our club. I also look forward to working

with the Sheriff, Town Council, club members and facility owners on our future endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,

Your Pard

Ambs Aces



The Sheriff's Log:

Howdy All, Welcome to the first Sheriff's Log from Dutch Longhorn! I'm very excited to be the 5 Dogs Creek Sheriff. I'm grateful for the opportunity and hope to continue the excellent work put in by Lap Dog over the last few years to keep 5 Dogs Creek a great place to shoot!

The August match is being written by Sam Ootie, so be ready for some fast and fun stages. Sam's July match was a lot of fun, and he will be using the shady bays and some quick stages to get us finished before the heat sets in! Don't forget, August is our Paniolo match, so don't miss your chance to dress Hawaiian and bring a little Aloha to Kern County.

Lots of great matches coming up in the next few months as well! September will see the return of the Back-to-School match written by our new banker, Gunpowder N Grace. Bring your abacus and a map, some school time fun awaits. I know for a fact math and history will be represented. So come on out, have a good time, and who knows? You may even learn something.

October will be the **GUNFIGHTER THROWDOWN!!!!** I wrote that one in all caps because it is a really fun event you don't want to miss! Come on out and try your hand (or hands) shooting gunfighter. Don't be shy, this is a fun and supportive learning environment for people who want to try something new. The stages will be fun and fast no matter what shooting style you use, and Buddy Love has a couple of new wrinkles for this year's event.

November will be here before you know it, and the Ladies of Five Dogs Creek are already working to make the 2026 edition of She-Bang a great event! This year's charity will again be the Ronald McDonald House of Bakersfield. Potlucks, team shoots and raffles are already being planned, so make sure you mark your calendars for this shoot! Have a great time and help raise some money for a great cause. As always, plenty of free camping is available at the range, and as we move into cooler weather, we will have appetizers and potlucks galore.

Shoot fast and shoot safe!
Dutch Longhorn

August Match Schedule:

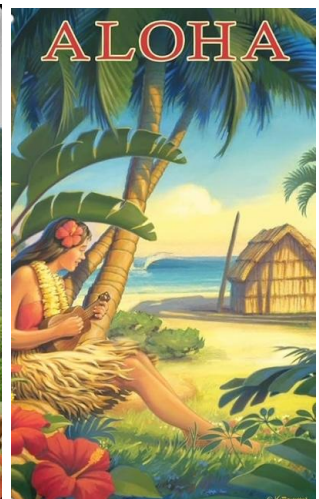
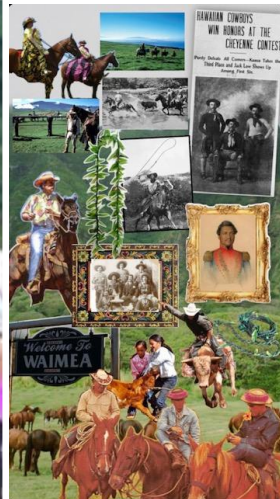
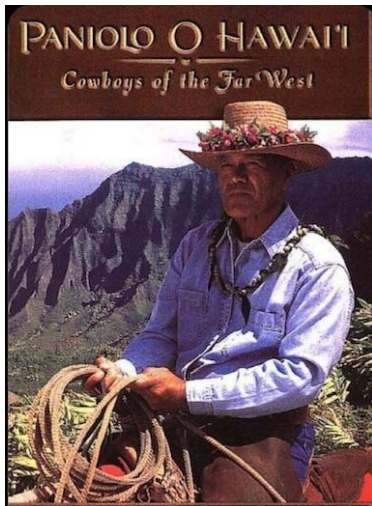
SATURDAY – August 1 ,2026	SUNDAY – August 2 ,2026
Office opens 8:00 Shooter's Meeting. 8:30 Match Starts: 9:00 • A membership Meeting will be held following the conclusion of the match.	Office opens 8:00 Shooter's Meeting. 8:30 Match Starts: 9:00

2026 Match Calendar

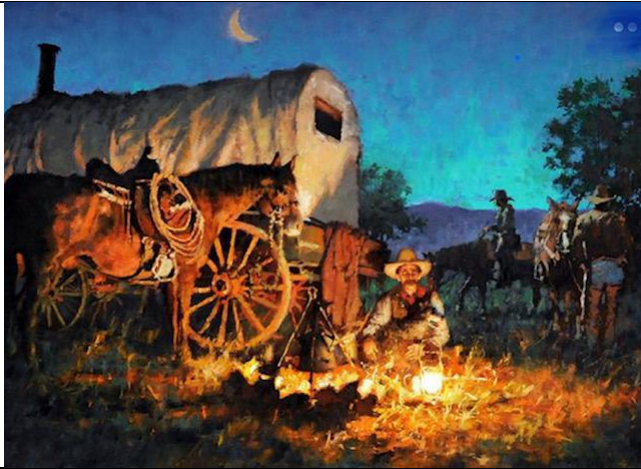
- AUGUST: 1st & 2nd 2026
- SEPTEMBER: 5th & 6th 2026
- OCTOBER: 3rd & 4th 2026 (Gunfighter Throwdown)
- OCTOBER: 31st and NOVEMBER 1st, 2026 (She-Bang)
- DECEMBER: 5th & 6th 2026

August Match: Paniolo (Dress Hawaiian)

The paniolo, or Hawaiian cowboy, brings a proud island twist to the old western trail. Long before the American cowboy became a legend of the mainland West, Hawaiian riders were learning to rope, ride, and work cattle across rough volcanic slopes, green pastures, and open ranch land. Their traditions grew from the skills of Mexican-Spanish vaqueros who came to Hawai'i in the early 1800s to teach horsemanship and cattle handling, and over time those lessons became a style all their own—part ranch hand, part island storyteller, and all grit. For our August Paniolo match, dust off your boots, add a splash of Aloha, and ride into the day with flowers, bright shirts, cowboy hats, and the easy spirit of the Hawaiian range.



COME JOIN US FOR SOME CAMPING FUN!



- Friday “Appetizers”
- Saturday Evening Potluck (6:00-ish)

Bring your favorite potluck grub to share. Plates & utensils provided.

Saturday July 4th, 2026, Clean Shooters.



Ambs Aces, Shatterhand, Lap Dog, Daisy Crockett, Coyote Carson

Sunday July 5th, 2026, Clean Shooters.



Utah Blaine, Sam Ootie, Shatterhand, Badman Bob



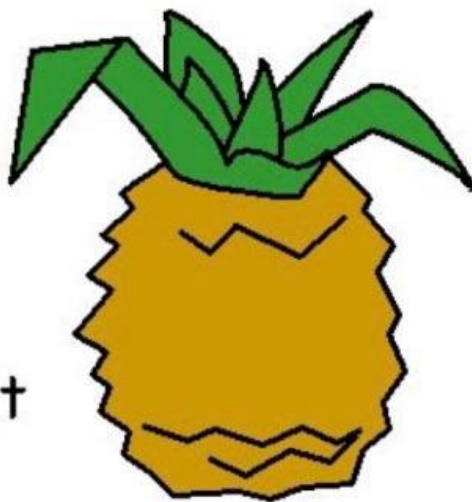
Territorial Governor's Report:

(Watch for Leia Tombstone's wise words of wisdom here soon.)

Hawaii Word Search

C O C O N U T O I C N B N H I
P M A C A D A M I A N U T O H
Q I U E X J O S H G V O S N A
I F N K N N K I U N V W H O M
E N I E A E B H U R A Q A L I
L J J C A I N S S V F B R U H
F Q L N S P T Y E E D I K L A
N O B C X A P S U A U L N U M
V A U I E H Z L J P Q L V G V
J S K P T Z P E E R T M L A P

coconut
hibiscus
Honolulu
lei
luau
macadamia nut
mahi mahi



nene
palm tree
pineapple
shark
sun
surfing
volcano
waves

Range Wranglers Notes:

(Brandin Iron's News here soon.)

Range Notes:

Sass Pocket Range Officers Card Print and cut out for range use

SASS® Range Operations Basic Safety Course	Pocket RO Card — Current as of January 2024 "MSV" Minor Safety Violation = 10 Second penalty "SDQ" = Stage Disqualification; "MDQ" = Match Disqualification		M	S	M
			S	D	D
			V	Q	Q
Empty or live round in magazine, action, or on the carrier of the long gun in which it was loaded, or an empty in the chamber of a long gun- after the next firearm is fired, or if last firearm, put down on the unloading table.			X		
Empty long guns that slip and fall but don't break 170 or sweep anyone			X		
Cocking a revolver before it reaches 45 degrees downrange			X		
Leaving the stage anytime between when the first and last shots have been fired on the stage				X	
Leaving the firing line after stage has begun before all firearms have been verified as clear				X	
Loading at other than designated location				X	
Holstering or staging revolver with hammer cocked (not fully down) or down (on a live round)				X	
Any dropped unloaded firearm on the firing line				X	
Discharge impacting 5-10 feet from shooter, while on the firing line				X	
Cocked revolver leaving shooter's hand				X	
Changing location or leaving the designated loading area with a live round chambered in a long gun with the action closed				X	
Unsafe gun handling (fanning, etc.)				X	
Use of illegal or illegally-modified firearm				X	
Dry firing at the loading or unloading table(s)				X	
Violation of 170 rule (without sweeping anyone)				X	
Sweeping anyone with unloaded firearm				X	
Arriving at the designated loading area with uncleared firearms after completing a stage within the same day (assessed on the previously completed stage)				X	
De-cocking to avoid a penalty if cocked at the wrong time, position or location				X	
Not adhering to loading or unloading procedures				X	

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Shooting on the move (shooting multiple shots during continuous movement)				X	
Leaving the designated loading area with a RIFLE having a live round under a cocked hammer/hammer down on a live round				X	
Staging or discarding a long gun containing a live round in the chamber (once it leaves the shooter's hands)				X	
Use or presence of outlawed/illegal items				X	
Dropped gun (loaded)					X
Discharge impacting within 5 feet from shooter, while on the firing line or any discharge away from the firing line. Any discharge in the loading or unloading areas.					X
Sweeping anyone with loaded firearm					X
Willful failure to comply with a “cease fire” or “Stop” command given by, and while under the positive control of, the CRO/TO					X
Any two (2) stage DQ penalties or 2 F.T.E./S.O.G.'s during the course of a match					X
Belligerent attitude/unsportsmanlike conduct					X
Shooting under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or impairing medications					X
Leaving the firing line with a malfunctioning firearm unless under direct supervision of a match official					X
Shooting out of category. e.g., Not wearing the correct items in Classic Cowboy or not making enough smoke in B/P Categories 1st violation is a procedure, 2nd violation is SDQ, 3rd violation is MDQ			P	2	3
Procedural: Unintentional errors caused by confusion or mistakes. 10 seconds; no more than one procedural penalty may be assessed per stage. Failure to Engage/Spirit of the Game: Willfully shooting a stage other than the way it was intended in order to gain a competitive advantage, not meeting the Ammunition Power Factor or willfully disregarding a non-shooting procedure. 30 seconds. Reshoots are granted for failure of props/match equipment; Range Officer impeding shooter progress; or timer failure. Reshoots for failure of shooter equipment or firearms may be granted at the discretion of the Match Director (except at annual or state/regional champion-ships and above). Only safety penalties carry over. Restarts shall be allowed for a competitor to achieve a “clean” start, up to the point at which the first round goes down range. Multiple restarts by the same shooter, that in the judgment of the R.O. are seen to be taking advantage, will not be entertained as they are not in the spirit of the game.					

Link to Shooters Handbook

<https://sassnet.com/uploads/downloads/Shooters%20Handbooks%20-%20CAS/CAS%202025%20SHB%20-%20%20Vers%2027.9%20-%20May%202025%20%20-%20FINAL.pdf>

Wandering Around with Utah Blaine

QUEEN LILI'UOKALANI

(1838–1917)

• The Last Queen of Hawaii •

Who Was Queen Lili'uokalani?

Queen Lili'uokalani, born Lydia Lili'u Loloku Walania Wewehi Kamaka'eha, was the first and only queen regnant and the last monarch of the Kingdom of Hawaii. She ruled from January 29, 1891, until her overthrow on January 17, 1893.

Basic Facts

- **Full Name:** Lydia Lili'u Loloku Walania Wewehi Kamaka'eha
- **Reign:** January 29, 1891 – January 17, 1893
- **Born:** September 2, 1838
Honolulu, O'ahu, Kingdom of Hawaii
- **Died:** November 11, 1917
Honolulu, Hawaii (age 79)*

Rise to the Throne

- Named heir apparent to her brother King Kalakāua in 1877
- Became Queen of Hawaii after Kalakāua's death in January 1891

After the Monarchy

- Imprisoned after a royalist uprising in 1895
- Hawaii was annexed by the United States in 1898

Music, Culture & Legacy

- Talented composer of over 150 songs, including "Aloha 'Oe"
- Wrote memoir "Hawaii's Story by Hawaii's Queen" @
- Founded Lili'uokalani Trust (1909) to care for orphaned Hawaiian children






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