



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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Whiskey TF Bottles

Territorial Governor:

Leia Tombstone

(Back row)

Mayor: Ambs Aces

Shopkeeper: Lap Dog

Blacksmith: Fordyce Beals

Newsletter: Domino Blaze.

(Not pictured, **Range**

Wrangler: Brandin' Iron)



The Mayor's Anvil: Introduction

Hello Pards,

September Matches and Town Council Update

A big thank-you to every pard who rode in for the September Back to School matches! We had a terrific weekend on the range, with a fun set of stages put together by our educational staff and several sharp-shooting pards riding away with the coveted Red Apple clean shooter pin.

A special tip of the hat also goes to everyone who stayed after the Saturday match for our Town Council meeting. We covered plenty of trail, made several solid decisions, and set our sights on a strong ride into 2027. Our follow-up Town Council meeting will be held after scores on Saturday, October 3, 2026.

2026 / 2027 Projects

Star Link:

- We are working with the 5 Dogs Range operators to bring Starlink service to the 5 Dogs Creek office and range area. This will be a big step forward for safety by helping keep the lines of communication open when the need arises. Starlink will also help strengthen our accounting and match operations, keeping the outfit running smoother for everyone.

Target Corral:

- Our Blacksmith, Fordyce Beals, will be saddling up with fellow members to create a target corral in a central area of the range. This project will include a full target inventory and recommendations for any damaged targets. By clearing underutilized targets from the edges of the bays, we will reduce clutter and give the range a cleaner, sharper look.

2027 California State Championship of Cowboy Action Shooting:

- Now for some truly exciting news from down the trail! The Cajon Cowboys and 5 Dogs Creek have agreed to rotate hosting the California State Championship beginning in 2027. Our match application was submitted to SASS in August and

approved on September 1, 2026, making it official: the 2027 State Championship will ride into 5 Dogs Creek from April 28 through May 2, 2027. The match will be titled the Wild West Extravaganza, bringing back the spirit of an event hosted by 5 Dogs in 2001.

2027 California State Wild Bunch Championship:

- We have also begun conversations about partnering once again with the Rough Riders for the 2027 California State Wild Bunch Championship. Preliminary schedule dates are April 23–25, 2027, so there is more excitement waiting just over the next ridge.

Looking Ahead

I remain committed to helping ensure that 5 Dogs continues to be financially attractive to the owners while staying a top-notch, safe, and enjoyable home range for our cowboy shooting family well into the future.

We already have a great posse assembled, and there is always room around the campfire for more helping hands. With several action-packed and fun-filled matches coming our way, it will take a strong team effort to keep everything running smoothly. If you are able, saddle up, lend a hand, and be part of the momentum.

Upcoming Match Dates

Along with our great local matches, there are several big events coming up down the trail. Mark your calendars, check your gear, and get those applications in where needed:

- August 15, 2026: EOT applications became available, and applications are still being accepted. Be sure to get yours in before the match fills up. This will be the last time EOT is held in Arizona for the next five years, so do not let that stagecoach leave without you.
- October 3–4, 2026: The Old West Region Shootout at the World-Famous Double R Bar. Applications are now available.
- October 20–25, 2026: Bordertown, the Arizona State Cowboy Action Shooting Championship. The match has been filled, and a waiting list has been created, so keep an eye on the trail if you are hoping to ride in.
- November 1–7, 2026: Nevada State Wild Bunch and Cowboy Action Shooting Championship.

- January 15–17, 2027: Yuma Territorial Prison Breakout applications are currently available.

Looking forward to seeing y'all down the trail—and watching this great posse keep the dust flying and the momentum rolling!

Ambs Aces



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- Howdy All,

Ring, Ring, Ring...that was the school bell welcoming us to our September match! Gunpowder N Grace, and some special helpers, put together an OUTSTANDING match to get us into the school spirit! Between jazz hands, feather boas, spelling and probability, a great time was had by all! We had 9 clean shooters on Saturday, and 7 on Sunday.

Now that the weather is finally cooling off, it's time to get those potluck recipes ready to go! There will be a potluck at the October match for sure, and Buddy Love is putting together a Dutch oven cookoff.

The October match is the GUN FIGHTER THROWDOWN!!!!!! I put it in all caps again this month because, for the third month in a row, you don't want to miss this fun event. This is your chance to come out and shoot gunfighter style in a fun, supportive environment! (A little gunfighter tip I overheard, practice by eating with your off hand.) Great stages are being written no matter what your shooting style, and there will be some additional fun events.

The November match is being written by Bull McPhearson. Get ready for a great time and some fun stages. The Saturday of the November match is Halloween, so be sure to wear your costume. I'm going to dress up as a classic cowboy this year.

As reported last month. SheBang will be coming in December this year! Once again, the proceeds will be going to the Ronald McDonald house of Bakersfield. The ladies

are putting together an excellent program of shooting fun, two days of raffles, DogNabbits and loads of food! You don't want to miss this one.

In other events, 5 Dogs Creek, along with the Rough Riders out of Atascadero will be hosting the Wild Bunch California State Match the weekend of November 20-22. Get those 1911's ready to go, it will be a great time, and for those of us who don't shoot Wild Bunch, there will be a cowboy match run in conjunction the same weekend. Last year was a really fun time, and I know the crew is working hard to make this year's event even better.

Looking ahead to New Year's weekend, a three-day event is being planned! Get yourself ready for a fun event with some new and unusual side matches. I'm hearing some rumors about a night shoot and glow in the dark paint :)

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

October

Match Schedule:

SATURDAY – October 3, 2026

Office opens 8:00

Shooter's Meeting. 8:30

Match Starts: 9:00

Town Council Meeting after scores are read.

SUNDAY – October 4, 2026

Office opens 8:00

Shooter's Meeting. 8:30

Match Starts: 9:00

2026 Match Calendar

- OCTOBER: 3rd & 4th 2026 (Gunfighter Throwdown)
- OCTOBER: 31st and NOVEMBER 1st, 2026
- DECEMBER: 5th & 6th 2026 (Ladies Annual "SHE-BANG" & Fund Raiser for the Bakersfield Ronald McDonald House)



5 DOGS CREEK
BUDDY LOVES
GUNFIGHTER
THROWDOWN

OPEN TO ALL SHOOTERS
REGARDLESS OF THEIR CATEGORY!

OCTOBER 3RD
(5 STAGE MATCH)

OCTOBER 4TH
(5 STAGE MATCH)

DRY CAMPING IS AVAILABLE AND FREE!
SO HITCH UP THE WAGON AND SETTLE IN.

SATURDAY EVENING POTLUCK!
BRING A DISH FIT FOR HUNGRY COWPOKES AND TALL-TALE TELLERS.

LOCATION:
5 DOGS CREEK
20238 WOODY RD.
BAKERSFIELD, CA. 93308

Mosey on over and join us for two full days of Cowboy Action Shooting at its finest.

The Buddy Love Gunfighter Throwdown is a much-anticipated annual shindig that encourages—and dares—shooters to try their hand, or hands, at a match gunfighter style.

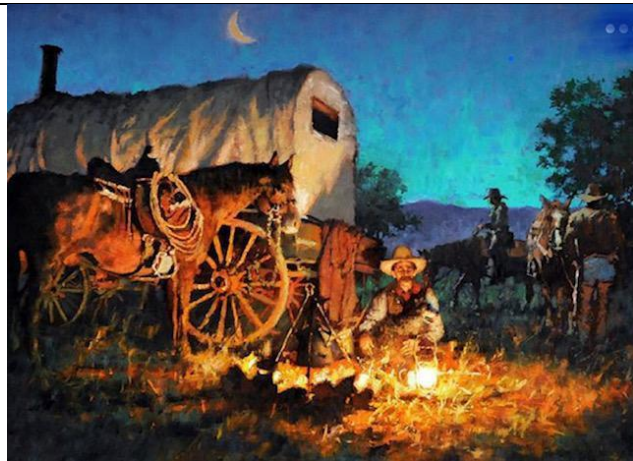
The stages have been penned by the Gunfighters of 5 Dogs Creek and promise to be fun, friendly to gunfighters, and kindly disposed toward every category in the corral.

Not hankerin' to shoot gunfighter? No trouble at all. Shoot your regular category, or any category that suits your fancy—we won't get our spurs in a twist.

★ BUDDY IS ALSO PROMISING ★
FUN SIDE EVENTS
AND OTHER ACTIVITIES SURE TO KEEP THE WEEKEND LIVELY, LOUD, AND GRINNIN' LIKE A POSSUM IN A PEACH BARREL.

ON SUNDAY, AFTER THE SCORES ARE READ AND THE DUST HAS SETTLED,
BUDDY LOVE
WILL PRESENT THE 1ST ANNUAL
"5 DOGS CREEK GUNFIGHTER OF THE YEAR"
AWARD AND BUCKLE—
SO POLISH THOSE IRONS AND BRING YOUR BEST SWAGGER.

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, September 5th Clean Shooters



Sam Ootie, Brandin' Iron, Sawyer Wood, Ambs Aces, Panhandle Red, WTF Bottles,
Badman Bob, Snakebite, Big Bad Blaine

Saturday, September 5th Clean Shooters



Buddy Love, Coyote Carson, Snake, Vixen, Johnny Ringworm,
Leia Tombstone, Dutch Longhorn

Range Wranglers Notes:

(Brandin Iron's News here soon.)



Territorial Governor's Report

Leia Tombstone

Stage in instructions say:

10+ Pistol, 0+ Shotgun

With pistols, shoot 10 knockdown targets. Any targets left standing may be made up by reloading handguns or using the shotgun.

How shooter shot stage:

Shooter uses both pistols and knocks down 8 targets, puts empty pistols on table, picks up shotgun and knocks down the two standing targets. Puts down shotgun, picks up handguns and holsters them.

Are there any penalties incurred? If so, what is the penalty?

Answer on Territorial Governor's Private Forum:

Revolvers are returned to leather (re-holstered in a safe condition) at the conclusion of the shooting string, unless the stage description specifically directs otherwise (e.g., "move to the next position and set gun on table or prop"). A shooting string is defined as shots from one type of firearm prior to the next type of firearm engaged.

(SASS Shooters Handbook page 15)

Procedural (P) infractions include:

Not returning revolvers to leather (unless otherwise specified).

(SASS Shooters Handbook page 22)

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 championships 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-%2020Vers%2027.9%20-%20May%202025%20-%20FINAL.pdf>

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THE ROUGH RIDERS
SASS WILD BUNCH & COWBOY ACTION
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CHAMPIONSHIP

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NOVEMBER 20-22, 2026

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SASS WILD BUNCH ACTION SHOOTING ★ **THIS IS A SASS SANCTIONED MATCH** ★
VALID SASS MEMBERSHIP IS MANDATORY

SO MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SAVE THE DATE! ★

MORE INFO AND APPLICATIONS COMING SOON!



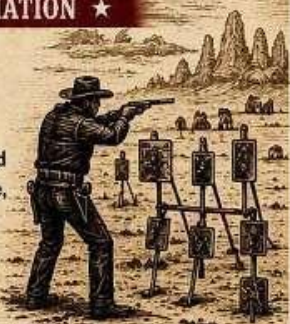
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NOVEMBER 20-22, 2026
Brought to you by The Rough Riders
at
5 DOGS CREEK RANGE
 20238 Woody Road • Bakersfield, CA 93308






★ MATCH INFORMATION ★

- ★ 10 Challenging Stages
- ★ Modern, Traditional, Ladies Modern, & Traditional
- ★ Senior categories must have at least 5 shooters to be offered
- ★ Onsite dry camping is available, first come first served
- ★ Potluck dinners on Friday & Saturday
- ★ Tri-tip BBQ included on Sunday during awards



★ CATEGORIES (CHECK ONE) ★
OR TWO IF SENIOR

☐ Modern

☐ Traditional

☐ Ladies Modern

☐ Ladies Traditional

☐ Senior

Senior categories will be offered with a minimum of five competitors.



★ SHOOTER INFORMATION ★

Name _____

Alias _____

SASS # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

★ POSSE REQUEST ★

Posse With _____

★ CAMPING & BBQ ★

DRY CAMPING

☐ Yes

Onsite dry camping available on a first-come, first-served basis.



ADDITIONAL BBQ GUESTS

Number of Guests _____



★ FEES ★

SHOOTER ENTRY FEE

\$95.00

PER SHOOTER

Includes:

☒ Warm-Up Match

☒ Side Matches

☒ Sunday Awards BBQ

★ PAYMENT INFORMATION ★

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

The Rough Riders

MAIL PAYMENT TO:

The Rough Riders
 PO Box 487
 San Miguel, CA 93451

★ MATCH EVENTS ★

 Friday Potluck Dinner

 Saturday Potluck Dinner

 Sunday Tri-Tip Awards BBQ Included

★ CONTACT INFORMATION ★

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THIS IS AN OFFICIAL SASS SANCTIONED MATCH.

★ ALL SASS RULES APPLY. ★

MUST BE A CURRENT SASS MEMBER TO QUALIFY.




STEP BACK IN TIME AT THE FOURTH ANNUAL

5 DOGS WILD WEST

EXTRAVAGANZA

WALK THE STREETS OF THE OLD WEST





LAFFIE
MAGIC & TALES
OF THE WEST



BELINDA GAIL
AND WILDWIND
SWEETHEART OF
THE SAN JOAQUIN



GRUPO FOLKLORICO
ESCUELAS UNIDAS
MEXICAN FOLK DANCING



JIM BROOKS
TEACHING THE ART
OF COWBOY ROPING



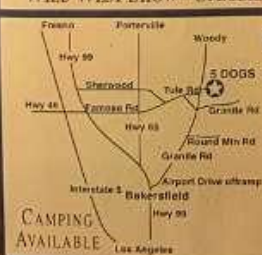
SINGLE ACTION SHOOTING SOCIETY CA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
AND
SASS MOUNTED SHOOTING CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



OCTOBER 12, 13, & 14, 2001

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OLD WEST SKILLS & HISTORY REENACTMENTS • ANTIQUE HORSE DRAWN EQUIPMENT • MOUNTAIN MAN RENDEZVOUS
WILD WEST SHOW • SPECIAL DISPLAYS FROM THE KERN COUNTY MUSEUM COLLECTION • PONY RIDES & FARM ANIMALS TO PET

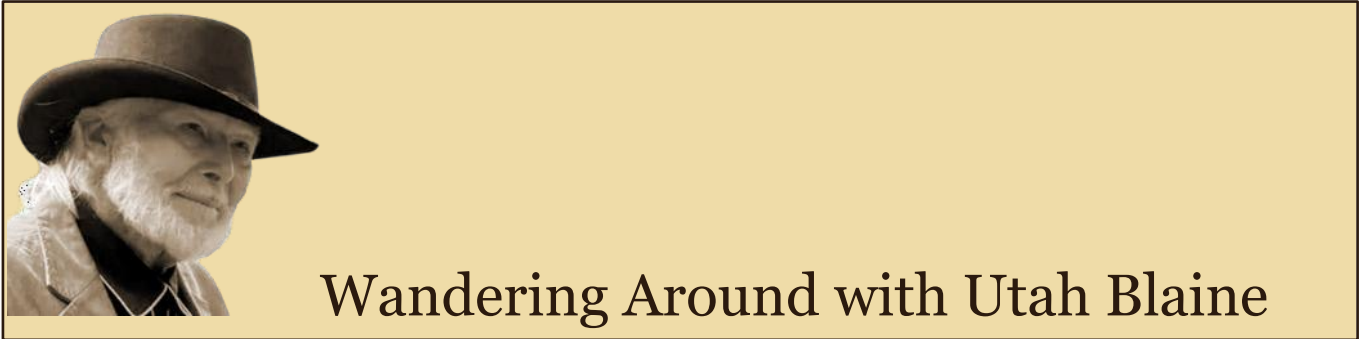
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- HML (661) 589-0840
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E-MAIL: becky@etrier.net
ALL OTHER INQUIRIES • 5 DOGS RANGE- (661) 399-7296
20238 WOODY ROAD, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308



(Watch for Utah's Wanderings here.)



Under a spreading chestnut-tree

Blacksmith Fordyce Beals

Historic Samuel Knight Wheel Powers the gold rush in 1875

Leia and I were snowboarding at Mammoth Mountain and saw a shaft on pillow block bearings rising out of the snow, so I parked and took some pictures. The flat belt drive pulley had a lot of width indicating substantial power and the turbine wheel buckets were different from the modern Pelton wheels I had seen before.



We did not see the historic marker under the snow but found it online:



Samuel Knight came west to California from Maine in 1863. The pressurized water jets used in hydraulic mining at that time could have shown Knight the power of moving water. His Knight Wheel patented in 1875 was a kind of water turbine where a low flow, high head stream, (typical in the Sierra Nevadas) feeds a high-pressure nozzle aimed slightly off-center to the curved iron buckets that caught the water. The Knight wheels ~65% to 70% efficiency was a commercial success. By the 1890s, more than 300 Knight Wheels had been produced and were in widespread use across the Western United States. Knight's technology established the core mechanics for modern impulse hydro-turbines and transformed industrial operations across the American West and laid the groundwork for modern hydro-turbines.

The curved shape of the buckets forced the incoming water jet to execute a complete U-turn within the bucket. By reversing the direction of the water, kinetic energy was transferred to the wheel, allowing the water to drop away at near-zero velocity. Optimal efficiency was achieved when the outer rim moved at approximately half the speed of the water jet.





The hand wheel allows the jet of water to be adjusted and stopped.

Knight wheels were used throughout the Sierra Nevada to power heavy stamp mills, hoist equipment, and air compressors for deep-shaft gold mines.

Knight Foundry: In Sutter Creek California (near Sacramento), established in 1873 by Samuel Knight, this extraordinary facility includes the unique historic equipment and machinery, still in place in its original context, just as it was during its Gold Rush-era heyday. It became one of the West Coast's premier industrial machine shops. Today, the Knight Foundry stands as a historic landmark and is one of the few remaining intact water-powered foundry and machine shops in the United States. During the California Gold Rush, the foundry was just one of many such in the area, producing items necessary for the times, such as mining equipment and streetlights for the growing region. As the years passed and the gold was exhausted, the foundry stayed in business by creating specialized parts that could not be easily mass-produced. Additionally, Knight invented several other types of mining equipment, with the foundry having a total of eight patents for machines designed in his shop.



Designated as a National Historic Mechanical Engineering Landmark, a California Historical Landmark, and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Knight Foundry is one of the best-preserved 19th-century industrial-age workplaces in the United States. It was in continuous operation in Sutter Creek, California for 123 years, from its founding in 1873 until 1996.

Donated to the City of Sutter Creek California in 2016, it is now maintained and operated as a historic site by the non-profit Knight Foundry Alliance, offering self-guided tours and live demonstration days to showcase 19th-century industrial metalworking.