



# 5 DOGS CREEK HOWLER

## LITTLE FAWN AND CHAMA BILL TOP "HIGH NOON" MATCHES

Long before the toll of High Noon on the range of 5 Dogs Creek, folks were singing the praises of Hartford, Lumpy Grits, Stage Stop and Ima Schofield. Together they organized two fun five-stage matches and a movie night during the April match weekend.

On Saturday, under a perfect sunny sky, shooters were challenged with hitting flying birds and a rifle reload to take out an optional bonus target (which anyone with the cowboy spirit gave a try). Shooting from horseback on Bay 10 brought out lots of smiles as that prop hadn't been used in a while. *Fun to be back in the saddle!*

The match Saturday was won by Little Fawn, who is obviously

on target for a great run at End of Trail next month. No shooters cleaned the match without the use of bonus shots.

Saturday evening, with bellies full from the incredible spread at the potluck, everyone settled into their favorite lawn chair and enjoyed watching Gary Cooper and Grace Kelly in "High Noon" on the 5 Dogs big screen.



*Cowboys settled in for the evening and enjoyed watching High Noon on the 5 Dogs Creek big screen for movie night.*

Congratulations to new club member Bull McFearson and his wife Bethann who celebrated their one year wedding anniversary at the range that evening. Guess he's definitely got a keeper!

On Sunday, while the weather was surprisingly cool, the shooting was definitely hot. High Noon at 5

Dogs Creek featured some clever stages, including carrying a carpet bag throughout one stage and using three pistols (a real challenge for gunfighters) on another. On that stage Professor Cubby Bear, the only shooter to make it through the day with no misses, deserves style points for shooting only one pistol, but reloading it twice on the clock. Apparently he really likes shooting that Schofield.

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### COMING UP...

★ **Sunday, April 23:**  
**Work party**

All hands will be needed to spruce up the range prior to the annual match. *There will be lots to do!*

★ **Thursday, April 28 - May 1:**  
**Annual match**

**Must be registered in advance. Match schedule is available at:**

**[www.therowdywranglers.com](http://www.therowdywranglers.com)**

**Volunteers contact Nugget Nellie at (661) 821-1607**

# ANNUAL MATCH ROUNDUP

Later this month our club will be hosting its annual Shootout at 5 Dogs Creek. The match will take place April 28 – May 1 and experienced cowboy shooters are encouraged to join in the fun!

If you have never attended an annual match, this is your chance. Currently over 200 shooters are signed up and registrations continue to come in each week. If you plan to shoot, better get your name on the list before April 15 or a \$25 late fee will apply.

At a minimum come on out and see what all the excitement is about. While you are there, plan on volunteering some time to help out. *We'll need all the hands we can get!*

Here's what you can do :

- Help clean bays: rake shotgun hulls, empty trash cans, wack some of the big weeds etc.

- Be at the work party April 23. We'll be washing down tables and doing general clean-up. While most of the decomposed granite has been spread, there is still some that needs to be moved around buildings etc. Bring your rake and shovel.
- Volunteer to help during the match. Due to family circumstances, Miss Becky will not be able to attend. Help take some pressure off her by giving a few hours of your time to assist with setting up/taking down tables for the dinners, selling raffle tickets, scoring, answering general questions and much more.

Please contact Nugget Nellie at (661) 821- 1607 to let her know when she can count on you.

The Shootout at 5 Dogs Creek has become known widely in cowboy circles as a top-notch match. Your help is needed to keep it that way!!

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Chama Bill took top honors for the day. Congratulations! *Not an easy thing to beat the junior girl's category these days.*

Many thanks are due everyone who pitched in and helped with registration and other tasks throughout the weekend, especially Nugget Nellie and Emma Pistol.



*Top: Josiah Grant rides into town to save the day!*

*Left: Welcome to new 5 Dogs members Doll Maker and Burly Bear Fred.*

hammer is down on an empty chamber *or* a spent round. It is not against any official SASS rule to put shells in the chamber of a double or carrier of a '97 – so long as the action stays OPEN until stationary at firing position.

In response, several club members have requested we create a club rule formalizing our past practice. The Town Council feels that this issue

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# PROPOSED CLUB RULE BY MESCALERO

In the December issue of the Cowboy Chronicle an article by Quick Cal has prompted several club members to ask about certain match rules. The rules in question deal with moving with a loaded gun and loading a shotgun. The ONLY official rules states: "When changing locations during a stage, all firearms being carried must either have the hammer down on an empty chamber or a spent case or have the action open."

Many clubs (5 Dogs Creek included) have been enforcing what they widely believed to be an official SASS rule. We have treated drawing a pistol on the move or inserting rounds in your shotgun before you are stationary as moving with a loaded gun.

Despite our past club norm, there is in fact no official SASS rule that prevents drawing or re-holstering a handgun on the move, *provided* the

# APRIL 2, 2005 27 SHOOTERS

## CLASS TIME MISSES\*

CLASS	TIME	MISSES*
<b>TRADITIONAL</b>		
1. Lumpy Grits	247.45	2
2. Bo Bean	251.78	1
3. Montego	257.07	6
4. Cerro Gordo Kid	266.60	13
5. Even Dozen	280.37	13
6. Hennessey Hayes	334.57	12
7. Hartford	332.35	9
8. Stage Stop	333.08	9
9. Josiah Grant	352.95	9
10. Prof. Cubby Bear	423.64	8
11. Derby Slim	477.28	7
12. Death Valley Drew	494.97	13

### DUELIST

1. Onry Mike	443.36	4
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### GUNFIGHTER

1. Mescalero	262.44	3
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### 49er

1. Bones Brannon	222.93	0
2. Chama Bill	227.08	3
3. Marshal Mountford	377.55	2

### SENIOR

1. Geo Kid	243.55	7
2. Badfinger	251.50	11
3. Cooky Bob	453.98	12

### ELDER STATESMAN

1. Shenandoah Sherm	458.15	2
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### LADIES TRADITIONAL

1. Bodie Rose	275.14	12
2. Ima Schofield	335.61	4
3. Shell Shock	524.10	11

### LADIES GUNFIGHTER

1. Calgary Kate	305.68	5
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### LADIES 49er

1. Mudhen Millie	371.31	2
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### JUNIOR GIRLS

1. Little Fawn	202.63	6
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# APRIL 3, 2005 51 SHOOTERS

## CLASS TIME MISSES\*

CLASS	TIME	MISSES*
<b>TRADITIONAL</b>		
1. Renegade Kid	222.08	0
2. Shiloh	239.26	1
3. Sierra Rider	241.50	3
4. Bo Bean	243.70	1
5. Even Dozen	257.70	6
6. Lumpy Grits	257.61	3
7. Montego	258.66	5
8. Quick Justice	273.39	2
9. Prof. Cubby Bear	273.41	0
10. Hartford	301.93	7
11. Stage Stop	326.57	8
12. Hennessey Hayes	328.85	9
13. Bearcat	339.94	10
14. Washoe Sam	347.62	0
15. Roll N Stone	396.97	3
16. Delaware Slim	398.36	7
17. John the Undertaker	493.62	14

### DUELIST

1. Joaquin Rivers	392.32	1
2. Sgt. Buck	392.75	5
3. Peso Bill	416.72	7
4. Dutch Bill	424.88	8

### FRONTIER CARTRIDGE

1. Derby Slim	324.15	9
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### GUNFIGHTER

1. Mescalero	260.20	0
2. Shorty James	326.88	5

### 49er

1. Chama Bill	208.27	0
2. Kaweah Kid	221.94	1
3. Coal Train	230.95	0
4. Bones Brannon	247.76	2

### MODERN

1. Left Eye Luke	329.50	2
2. Dirt McFearson	390.23	0
3. Bull McFearson	446.73	7

## CLASS TIME MISSES\*

CLASS	TIME	MISSES*
<b>SENIOR</b>		
1. Geo Kid	232.73	1
2. Badfinger	239.47	6
3. Missouri Drifter	259.07	3
4. Tuscon Smith	263.20	9
5. Panhandle Jack	302.73	2
6. Felix	347.92	0

### ELDER STATESMAN

1. Shenandoah Sherm	470.49	4
2. Curley Donn	586.43	8
3. Buzzard	710.01	7

### LADIES TRADITIONAL

1. Ima Schofield	335.94	7
2. Emma Pistol	372.27	13
3. Shotgun Lynn	419.32	5
4. Sunshine Kid	437.75	19
5. Cameo Kate	503.40	3
6. Katt R Wallen	568.56	18

### LADIES GUNFIGHTER

1. Calgary Kate	320.47	3
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### LADIES 49er

1. Mudhen Millie	391.74	2
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### LADIES SENIOR

1. Lady Gunner	339.48	4
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### JUNIOR GIRLS

1. Little Fawn	220.81	10
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### DID NOT FINISH

1. Moose McNoodle
2. Chase Wright

\* Misses include penalties and credit for any bonus targets.  
(misses+penalties-bonuses=total misses)

*Hats off to Emma Pistol who complied this month's scores!*

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# PROPOSED CLUB RULE - VOTING IN JUNE

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can only be resolved by a formal vote of the club membership. We are communicating the proposed rule now so that you can think it over. There will be a formal balloting process at the June 5 match. The proposed rule is:

**“For club-level matches, 5 Dogs Creek has adopted a more stringent safety standard than SASS. Shooters may not draw their pistols until one foot is stationary at the designated firing position. Shotgun shells may not enter the chamber of a double, nor be placed on the carrier of a pump shotgun, until one foot is stationary at the designated firing position. Drawing a pistol or placing a shell into a shotgun, while moving, will be penalized as moving with a loaded gun.”**

There are strong arguments for and against such a club rule. A quick summary would include:

**FOR:** “This is not a new rule. It merely puts in writing the standard we have followed for the past 10 years.”

**AGAINST:** “SASS rules already require a stage DQ for any shooter breaking the 170 plane or closing a shotgun with a round in the chamber. Let shooters be responsible for when they load or draw, recognizing there is a strong penalty to discourage any unsafe gun handling.”

**FOR:** “If we ever have an accident on the range, it will be a significant legal liability that we stopped enforcing a safety standard that had been normal practice for 10 years.”

**AGAINST:** “A revolver with the hammer down on an empty chamber, or a shotgun with the action OPEN, is in a safe condition. Only if the hammer is cocked, or the action closed, is there a safety issue...and SASS rules already call for a stage DQ for cocking the revolver or closing the shotgun”

**AGAINST:** “Don’t penalize the best, most competitive shooters by creating additional rules that slow them down.”

**FOR:** “If nobody is allowed to draw their handgun until at the firing position, it is a level playing field. Likewise... if everybody is required to load shotguns at the same location, it is a level playing field for all competitors.”

**AGAINST:** “Only the most experienced, safest shooters will be competing at a level where they will choose to draw or load on the move. The standard SASS penalties for unsafe gun handling will discourage any shooter from pushing the envelope beyond their skill level.”

**FOR:** “It’s not the most experienced, safest shooters we are worried about. It’s the less experienced shooters who will be tempted to sacrifice safe gun handling to shave a second off their time.”

**AGAINST:** “This is unfair and a procedural trap for any visiting shooters, who expect to compete under consistent SASS rules when they visit a SASS-affiliated club. It will mean we have to notify EVERY visiting shooter of a club-specific rule. And any visiting shooter who is DQ’d for following accepted SASS norms has a right to feel they have not been treated fairly.”

**FOR:** “The proposed rule is for club-level matches only. IF we ever host a state, regional or national SASS event, we will be required to follow standard SASS rules. On those rare occasions, we can avoid confusion by designing stages that inherently would not call for drawing or loading on the move.”

**AGAINST:** “Nobody wants to have any more rules than necessary to ensure a safe, fair, consistent and fun match. A special club rule is not necessary. Standard SASS rules are designed to provide a safe, fair, fun and consistent match.”

**FOR:** “Nobody wants to have any more rules than necessary to ensure a safe, fair, consistent and fun match. And individual clubs have the right to enact rules for their range. This has virtually BEEN our club rule for the past 10 years. This is no different than some clubs that prohibit tie-down or cross-draw holsters.”

As I said, there really are legitimate arguments on each side of this question. Think it over carefully. Discuss it with your pards. Then cast your vote on June 5. There will be an absentee ballot available for those of us unable to attend the June 5 match in person.

Be safe...have fun.

— *Mescalero*