



5 DOGS CREEK HOWLER

HATS OFF TO OUR LOCAL CHAMPS!

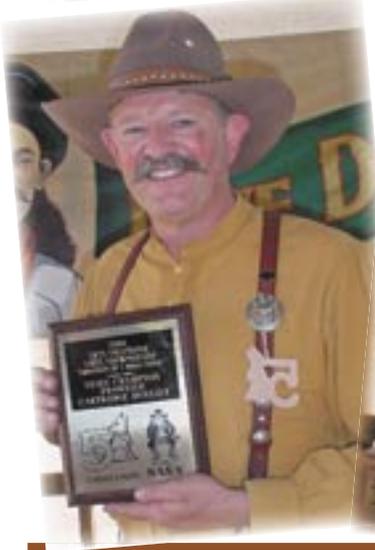
Not only does 5 Dogs Creek have club members who are some of the greatest cowboys in existence, but also some darn good shooters. During the Shootout at 5 Dogs Creek – SASS California State Championship they showed just how good they are.



Hats off and hearty congratulations to Bodie Rose who took first place in the Ladies Traditional category and captured the title of SASS Ladies California State Champion. Bodie has been working hard and is making 5 Dogs proud. *Congratulations!!*

Grinning from ear-to-ear, Snakebite earned top honors in the Frontier Cartridge Duelist category. *Well done, cowboy, and nice shootin'!*

Three cheers for Little Fawn who put her speed to work during the Ten-X Top Gun competition, the culminating event of the match. One-by-one shooters were eliminated until there was just one cowgirl left...Little Fawn. In addition to her BIG Ten-X trophy, she also took second place in the Junior Girls category.



While they didn't all take home awards, other club members shot well and enjoyed the weekend. A complete list of scores is available at: therowdywranglers.com.

NEXT MONTH

★ **Saturday, November 6:
Camp out and potluck
dinner**

Pack up your camping gear and the family for a fun camp out and potluck dinner. Bring meat to grill and a side dish to share. Enjoy some quality time with your 5 Dogs friends.

★ **Sunday, November 7:
Monthly match
Shooters' meeting
9:30 a.m.**

Smiley, with help from his trusty assistants Memphis Slim and Hartford, have a unique match planned for this month. It will be a north vs. south version of the War of Northern Aggression. The targets you shoot will depend of if you're wearing blue or gray! Black powder shooter will get major style points. Five, possibly six, stages...so come prepared!

**WINTER
HOURS BEGIN!
Shooters' meeting:
9:30 a.m.**

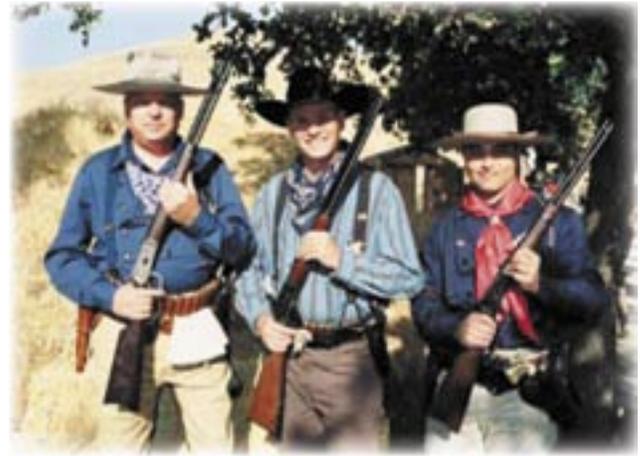
HATS OFF TO VALIANT VOLUNTEERS

For those of you who missed the annual match, there is no way around it...you really blew it! Feedback from participants made it clear that this was one of 5 Dogs finest events yet.

Quality matches don't happen without good leadership and a great deal of help! From helping set-up and cover tables to assisting with scores, we are all in the debt of those who volunteered to help throughout the weekend. The match could NOT have happened without you.



Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!



The Shootout at 5 Dogs Creek honored cowboys in Iraq. Each stage was an individual tribute to a cowboy action shooter (or CAS family member) who is serving or has served in Iraq. We were humbled to have three of those to whom we were paying tribute in attendance. Pictured above, left to right, is: U.S. Scout, Cyrus Cassidy and Manny Pistolero. They all traveled great distances to be with us for the weekend...Virginia, Colorado and Iraq respectively. We also were pleased to honor Brad Nielsen, son of our own Ima Schofield, who is set to deploy in early 2005.

Extra copies of shooters' books from the match with profiles of those we honored are available at the range.

SHOOTOUT AT 5 DOGS CREEK - 2005

With the 2004 annual match now complete, there's no time to waste before working on details for 2005.

What's the hurry? Glad you asked...

Over the past year there has been a great deal of discussion among club members about the desire to continue hosting the state championship. While it is a nice honor for 5 Dogs Creek, it is also a great deal of added work to meet the requirements of a "SASS sanctioned" event. After four years, the time has come to let another club take over.

Additionally, there have been ongoing conversations with the leadership of the Kern River Regulators in Fresno and the Chorro Valley Regulators near San Luis Obispo, about the timing of annual matches. This year annual matches for all three clubs were held within a four-week period. As we often draw many of the same shooters, it makes it difficult for all matches to be well attended.

Bottom line...

- The Shootout at 5 Dogs Creek will no longer be the SASS state championship.
- The Shootout at 5 Dogs Creek will still be a high quality annual match with many of the same match features shooters have come to enjoy.
- The Shootout at 5 Dogs Creek will take place in the spring in an effort to ensure greater attendance at ALL the annual matches in the area.

The date has been set...April 28 – May 1, 2005. The registration form now available and includes a discount if you sign-up before the end of January. Club members are encouraged to shoot the match and participate in the fun.

Fortunately, Portugee Phillips, Ida Mistum, Almost Dangerous, Ten Bears and Miss Becky have volunteered to serve on a committee to help coordinate the details. *Contact one of them if you want to help out!*

TOWN COUNCIL NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

If you haven't had enough of elections in recent weeks, this is your lucky day. It's time to nominate members to lead 5 Dogs Creek for 2005. All Town Council positions are open for nominations. Complete the nomination form below and submit it at the November match. If you'll miss the shoot, you can send your nomination to Mayor Portugee Phillips at the address listed.

Once nominations are received, Portugee Phillips will contact all those who have been named to determine their willingness to serve on the Town Council. Those good souls who say "yes" will be placed on a ballot for an election at the December match. The new town council will be announced at the end of the match on December 5 and will officially take office in January.

When considering your nominations (self-nomination are okay, too!), please remember that the annual match responsibilities have been removed from these positions and will be run by a sub-committee. Many people have expressed an interest in doing more for the club, but don't want all the responsibility that comes with the annual match.

Obviously the Town Council members do not work alone. Work parties and membership support make everything possible. There are some specific areas where help is needed: registration and sign-ins at the monthly matches; compiling scores at the end of the match; maintaining and updating the membership roster. If you can help in one of these areas, please speak up or note it on your nomination form.

TOWN COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES

In a nutshell, here are the basic duties of each town council position according to the club bylaws:

Mayor

Presides at Town Council meetings; guides the membership in setting and achieving realistic goals; thinks of the "big picture," the internal health of the club and the relationships between the club and outside elements such as range, community, SASS and other clubs.

Sheriff

Responsible for the production of all club sponsored monthly matches; reviews all match scenarios to ensure that they are safe and that they adhere to SASS guidelines; runs the club's safety program; provides the club with a team of qualified timers and scorekeepers by training members in the techniques of scoring matches and classifying shooters.

Banker

Receives all match fees and other sources of income; writes and co-signs checks, pays bills with Town Council approval; balance the books and submit a written financial report to the Town Council each month; assures that all club checks have the signature of two members of the Town Council; make recommendations about the club's financial status.

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NOMINATION FORM FOR 2005 TOWN COUNCIL

Mayor: _____

Sheriff: _____

Banker: _____

Storekeeper: _____

Blacksmith: _____

News Editor: _____

Territorial Governor: _____

Submit your nomination at the November match or send it to Albert Pimentel/Portugee Phillips at 5948 W. Crowley Court, Visalia, CA 93291.

NOMINATIONS

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Storekeeper

Acquires all needed consumables and maintains inventory; leads the group that researches, develops and maintains non-steel props and facilities.

Blacksmith

Leads the group that builds, researches, develops and maintains steel targets and props. (It is helpful if this individual has welding skills or access to someone who can weld.)

News Editor

Serve as club's information manager; responsible for editing, writing and production of a monthly newsletters of general circulation for club members; advise club offices and members on issues of information or club public relations.

Territorial Governor

Represents our club at SASS Territorial Governor meetings. Gathers comments, needs and proposed rule changes and communicates these to the SASS Board of Directors. Must be a SASS life member.



TOWN COUNCIL

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*A few photos from the Shootout at 5 Dogs Creek.
From the top: Almost Dangerous; Sgt. Buck; Chama Bill;
Cathouse Clark (It was wonderful to have the Clark's
back on the range...even if the visit was all too short!)*