## **Battle Born Rangers Newsletter**

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Pasco needs our good thoughts and prayers as he prepares to leave this world and move to the great beyond. He is heavily sedated and on a ventilator.

Its just a matter of time before we loose him.



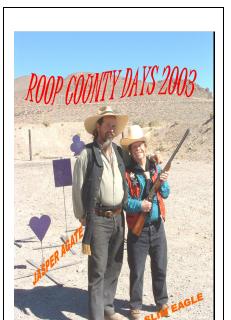
### From our club president -Bordello Fellow

On Vacation -Somewhere in the wilds of the west or points east of there

#### **Next Months Matches**

Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> BBR Saturday Cowboy match Aug 9<sup>th</sup> BBR Wild Bunch match Aug 10<sup>th</sup> BBR Cowboy Match Aug 17<sup>th</sup> SSS Cowboy Match at the Gulch Long Range To be announced

#### A word or two from your Secretary- Jasper Agate



Howdy all,

Hope your having a great summer. I know we are!! We just finished celebrating BeeBad's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday down at my sister's house down in hot Flat Sac. The weather surprised us and stayed mild with the highs in the mid 80's for the event. We had a Mexican feast with yours truly doing the cooking with the our son, Woody keeping everything moving and making sure I stayed on schedule. We couldn't have pulled it off without him and the assistance of his family. Their help was above and beyond!!

Before we left for BeeBad's celebration we had our July monthly matches. Thank goodness we have Flanigan Flats and Gold Rush Ali setting up and running our matches or we wouldn't be having them. Ali was tied up for the Wild Bunch match so I tried to fill her shoes and I

hope I did enough!! Derringer Dan was amongst the six shooters that showed up for the match and won for the second month in a row. Ali made it out on Sunday and was shooting with us after her busy week. We had 13 shooters join us for our Sunday shoot and Rough Rider Rich brought out his grand son Nevada Ranger. He did a fine job for his first shoot! We had four clean shooters amongst them was Ogallala who out shot everyone to win the match.

We had a long-range practice with four of us showing up. The facility is working out very well. We have to communicate with the public range to go down range past 200 yards but it was easy to do since they close the range down every 15 minutes so the folks on the public range can service their targets. We can shoot either close range with the first berm being at 50 yards and we can also shoot as far as we like with steel targets out to over 1000 yards. We had plenty of time to work on new loads and run them across 49er Preachers new Chronograph. That Chrono showed us Preachers load was just about perfection with a very slim velocity spread and the target confirming what the Chrono told us!! The other highlight of the day was a surprise from our good friend Ogallala Kid when he set a cased rifle in my lap after building up the hype for a long time before he told me to open the rug it was in. It was short so I could tell it wasn't a long-range gun in the case before me and when he finally allowed me to open it I was a little more than pleasantly surprised to find a Sharps Percussion rifle in my hands. This is a rifle that I have been lusting over since I got my '74 some 20 years ago. There is something about shooting that style of rifle that is very appealing to me and this little gem was a hoot to load and shoot!! Ever since Pueblo Mtn Tim let me shoot his percussion rifle. I admit that I can't remember what the name of the sliding breach action rifle he allowed me to shoot was. I do remember having to use an oven mitt on my off hand to keep it from getting burnt from escaping gasses! I do remember pushing a bullet into the breach and pouring loose powder into the chamber until full then closing the action, capping it before making it go BOOM. Back to the present- Ogallala goaded me into shooting at the chicken at 200 yards

with the promise of lunch on him if I could hit it. Well I missed but only by a couple of inches. It was close enough that he wouldn't let me try again with the same bet!!

Hope to see you on the range,

Jasper Agate

# From your Wild Bunch & Cowboy coordinator – Flanigan Flats

Howdy,

I hope this finds everyone in good health and spirits. Let's start off with the set-up for the July



monthly matches. We of course owe a huge thank you to Hawkeye Dick for the continued use of his trailer, without it set up and tear down would be a much more difficult proposition. In addition, I would like to send a hearty thank you out to Jasper, Make Your Mark, Rough Rider Rich, and Ogallala. The few continue to make these shoots possible for us. Saturday's Wild Bunch (WB) match was very hot. We had six people show up to shoot the match. I personally thought it was a good mix of easy stages and thinking stages. The match was AGAIN won by Derringer Dan, and not just by a little bit, 50+ seconds. Great job Dan!! I think this is three matches he has won in a row!!

Sunday's Cowboy match was even hotter than Saturday. It was well over 100 degrees. There was a breeze that helped out considerably. We had 13 shooters brave the heat and join us. I had a cooler full of water and ice. About a case and a half of water and every single water in the cooler got drank. Good job on staying hydrated. I thought that it was

another great match. Everyone else must have thought so as well. We started voting after the 4<sup>th</sup> stage to decide on shooting one more stage and the consensus at every vote was to keep shooting. The match was won by Ogallala. Brazos, Hawkeye Dick, Make Your Mark, and Ogallala all shot the match clean. Rough Rider Rich's grandson Nevada Ranger joined us for his first match. He was great to posse with and hopefully we get to see a lot more of him in the future. Tear down went great. Thank you to everyone who hung around and helped out with that.

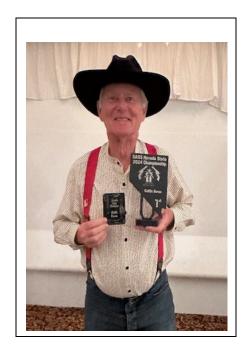
There was a RO, now Range Operations Basic (ROB) class on 19 July that was taught by Wiley Fox. I believe there were nine people present for the class. I for one do wish more of our shooters would have attended. If anyone has the opportunity, I highly recommend they attend one of these ROB courses. The slide show is a big improvement over the previous SASS RO course and the material and discussions were very informative and valuable. Thank you Wiley for continuing to educate us and keeping us informed.

Next month's shoots are as follows: Saturday 2 August will be a COWBOY match, shooters meeting at 0900. Set-up for that match will be on Friday 1 August at 0900 in front of the Conexs on the west side of the range. The following Saturday 9 August will be a WILD BUNCH match with the shooter's meeting at 0900. Set-up for that weekends matches will be Friday 8 August at 0900 in front of

the Conexs on the West side of the range. Sunday 10 August will be a Cowboy match with the shooter's meeting at 0900. If possible, please come out and help us set-up. Any and all help is greatly appreciated. I hope to see you all on the range,

Flanigan Flats

## From your TG and R.O. Trainer - Wylie Fox Exquire



#### **RO** Training

There were nine students.

Gold Rush Allie
Flanigan Flats
Hawkeye Dick
Make Your Mark
Flat Iron Flora
M.T. Chambers
Ogallala Kid
Jasper Agate
Brazos

We were able to complete the ROBS course. On 16 August we will do the two additional modules, CAS and WBAS.

SASS is working on creating modules for RO II.

#### **COWBOY & Wild Bunch Issues**

Jackpot Jerry used Practiscore for the July SSS match. I believe that SSS will use it in the future. He also used it to mirror the scores at the July BBR match. In both uses all went well.

#### WTC (What's the Call)

At the BBR July match there was an incident involving a rifle and only 9 shots fired. The SASS wire has a posting with basically the same issue.

https://forums.sassnet.com/index.php?/topic/388014-wtc/

As expected, there are many opinions regarding how to handle the issue. As PWB pointed out in the SHB bottom of page 17

Long guns will be emptied and discarded with their barrels pointed safely downrange. This condition may be corrected on the clock, prior to the next round being fired. If the long gun is

not discarded empty prior to the next firearm being fired, only the shooter may return to open and/or clear the firearm at the end of the stage under the observation of the TO.

Should an empty casing/hull be ejected or found in the action or chamber, or a live round on the carrier of an open action, a Minor Safety Violation (MSV) will be assessed. However, if the action is opened, and a live/unfired round is ejected, a Stage DQ (SDQ) will be assessed for a long gun with a "live round under a cocked hammer having left the shooter's hands". In this case, there is no opportunity to correct this condition before firing the next firearm, as the penalty takes effect upon leaving the shooter's hands.

- o If the long gun is the last firearm used, it must be cleared prior to it leaving the shooter's hand(s) at the unloading area.
- o This does not apply to firearms shot out of sequence, made safe, and then restaged.

#### On a personal note

In 2017 I was informed that I have cataracts and I should get them removed....Cataract Surgery!!! Yeah, really nah not me.

Well I have succumbed to the reality and will have both eyes done in August. I asked if I could get Ted Williams eye sight (he was 20/15). The Doc said uhhh lets plan on 20/20.

I am sharing this because after both eyes are done, I will no longer need spotters, I will now be able to see my own misses.