

# Battle Born Rangers Newsletter

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## From our club president -Bordello Fellow

Howdy all,



Well seems August has been a barn burner. We moved targets from Nevada Jame's place to the range on Friday, July 31 and then again on August 7. First trip Hawkeye Dick brought out his trailer and Flanagan brought out the club's trailer. We filled up both trailers with Tombstone racks, Plate racks, Texas star, and any other reaction targets we could fit on the trailers. We also grabbed all the table frames and loaded them too. Then proceeded to fill in with what ever we could fit around the targets and table frames. I took the tires off the little garbage trailer and had them repaired at a local tire shop. We all met up at the range and unloaded everything. We finished around noon, just before it got real hot. The next Friday we met again at Nevada Jame's an hour earlier to beat the heat. I thought this was going to be an easy load but was I ever wrong. I forgot about all the long range targets. There are some big heavy targets that needed to be moved and all were loaded onto the trailers. Once again Hawkeye brought out his trailer, I had the club

trailer, and Make Your Mark brought his little trailer. We also installed the repaired tires on the garbage trailer and not sure who hauled it out to the range. All trailers were full of our remaining targets and gear. In addition we removed a lot of junk and hauled it to the range drop box. It was quit the parade of trailers loaded and heading towards our range. I want to personally thank all the members who showed up and helped load & unload all our gear. Hawkeye Dick, Flanigan Flats (also ramrod for the job at hand), Jasper Agate, 49er Preacher, MT Chambers, Flat Iron Flo, Justice Coldsteel, Make Your Mark, and Brazos. Seems there were a couple more but memory is not working too good. So if I missed you please let me know and I will fix it in the next newsletter.

The Saturday (Aug.1st) shoot had 10 shooters. Rough Rider Rich as usual, gave us some great stages and a couple of sweeps that I don't think many have seen before. It was fun and fast with no clean shooters for the match. Seems we were all done and targets put up just after noon. Weather was dang near perfect. Sunday's cowboy shoot (Aug. 9th) had 8 shooters. Flanigan gave us fast easy stages hoping to beat the heat. As it was by stage 5 people were showing signs of over heating so we called it a match. Two clean shooters, Gold Rush Allie and Flanigan Flats. By the time we got the steel put up, it was hot. Just a note, as we were putting up steel we could see smoke in a couple of areas around the range. With all the table frames back on the range, Hawkeye Dick volunteered to make some new tops for them. He brought out some cloth samples and we chose material and colors for the tops. It was agreed that our tables are at a better height then using the plastic tables. So we should be using our old steel tables in the near future. Thanks Dick, looking forward to the new tops!

After the shoot we (Jasper, Flanigan, God Rush, and myself) met with Makala to talk about next steps in building our range. Makala talked about putting the safety berms next to the long range area. Seems she found some from the GSR project. Once that is completed her intentions are to push an access road from the main entrance to where are bays are going to be built. She also met with the county commissioner about the main road conditions. The county now has it on their radar to repave the road in the future. Seems the fires have put a crimp on all the above tasks. There were other issues talked about but have since been canceled. Will post more when things change. On the drive home, Pyramid Hwy was closed just before the Wild Horse holding pen turnoff. Ended driving back around Pyramid Lake coming back onto I80 just West of Fernley. It made for a long day. The next couple of days was touch and go with fires all around the range. Seems we all got lucky with no fire damage to anyone's equipment or buildings.

Lets hope there are no more fires in the near future and I will see you at the next shoot.

Bordello

## From your Secretary -Jasper Agate

Howdy all,

Seems like I've been in and out of town all summer, I did make the Aug Cowboy match and it was HOT!!! Our match director called the match after 5 stages and I agreed with his decision!! We all need to take care of each other when it's as hot as it was. We had one member that had a little too much sun and it scared me into the realization that we need to take precautions against the heat. I've made sure I have a couple of cooling towels and a new battery powered fan that will be with me on hot days. Rough Rider

Rich continues to have the best attendance of all our matches. I have a prior obligation that keeps me away from his matches.. I keep hearing about fun challenging stages on that first Saturday and one of these days I'll make it to his match. I really enjoyed Flanigan's stages on the following Sunday. He

always seems to come up with something new and different. I don't know what our wonderful stage writers will have in store for us next month but you can be sure that they put a lot of thought into the match.



We were all ready to shoot our long range in Aug but those pesky fires had other plans for us. The range was in one of the evacuation zones. A few of our members were either evacuated or were told to be ready to bug out in a minutes' notice. Having been evacuated twice in the last 25 years of living in the Washoe Valley I can tell you first hand that it's pretty scary time!! Luckily, none of our affected people lost anything in the fire, just some sleep and maybe the addition of a few grey hairs!!

Flanigan wants to try something a little different and wants to meet at the range at 8am on the Saturdays of our set up so we'll be out to the range an hour earlier

for Sept.

Hope to see you on the range,  
Jasper Agate

| Next Months Matches   |                                       |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Sept 5 <sup>th</sup>  | 8am BBR 1st Sat set up & Cowboy match |
| Sept 12 <sup>th</sup> | 8am Wild Bunch Set up & Match         |
| Sept 13 <sup>th</sup> | 9am BBR Cowboy                        |
| Sept 20 <sup>th</sup> | 8:30 SSS's Cowboy Match at the Gulch  |
| TBA                   | Long Range                            |

# From your Wild Bunch and Cowboy coordinator – Flanigan Flats

Howdy.

Well August was a month, a very long and hot month. We got two of our conexas moved over into the vicinity of bays 11 and 12 in July. So, the next logical step was to start getting our stuff located in one central place again, and to be frank I think Kelly was ready to get our heavy crap out of his yard. We started the process there on the Friday before Rich's Saturday shoot. Hot doesn't begin to describe the day. It was an extremely grueling morning but we made a big dent in it with just a small fraction of the numbers that brought it there.





Rich's Saturday shoot was the next day of course. I for one was still feeling the effects of the day before. It was our first morning of set up in a long time, so we went with a 7:30 am show time. I think we had some learning points, but it worked out well. Ten shooters joined us for the match. Rich as always provided us with some interesting and thought-provoking stages. Thankfully, there was just a bit of a breeze and we finished up right before it got really hot. The match was won by Wylie Fox Esquire.

The following Friday found another small group of us back at Kelly's house to get the remainder of our stuff. It was as you might have guessed, another extremely hot day. I was a bit more prepared with my hydration and did a much better job keeping up with it. We worked hard and got everything onto trailers and into the back of trucks. Then proceeded to caravan out to the range and unloaded everything. Some progress was made towards getting organized.

Saturday was the Wild Bunch match. We did the 7:30 am show time again. Some of the lessons from the previous week were applied and set up went very well. Four shooters joined us for yet another very hot August day. I think we had as many helpers as we did shooters. Gold Rush Allie ran the timer for us. May, Adel and Wild Bill Berry did a fantastic job of keeping our brass picked up and returning it to us. Thank you for all of the help and support, we could not continue to host the Wild Bunch matches without your dedicated help and support. The match was won by Flanigan Flats. That afternoon the Bug fire started beside 395 just south of the California border check point. Gold Rush Allie and I were evacuated from our home that evening. We loaded up the important things, the gun cart, main match cowboy guns, and the associated gear and left our home in the hands of God. Thank you to everyone who offered us a place to stay and help. Your thoughts were very much appreciated. We went to Gold Rush Allie's parents house in Spanish Springs.

The following Sunday was the August Cowboy match. It was as you can guess, HOT!! Eight shooters joined us for the match. As stated above by Bordello, by the time we got to stage five we had shooters showing significant signs of imminent heat injury. So we cut the match just a little short. The match was won by Hawkeye Dick. Gold Rush Allie and Flanigan Flats both shot the match clean. I think tear down after the match went well.

The board with myself present had a short meeting with Makala about up and coming happenings at the range, Just before our departure another fire started between the BLM mustang corrals and Winnemucca Ranch Road that closed Pyramid Highway in both directions. Luckily the road was closed after Range Road, and we were able to detour around the fire utilizing Range Road and Winnemucca Ranch Road. Gold Rush Allie and myself were still under an evacuation order so we returned to her parent's house until the evacuation order for our valley was lifted later that evening.

The Hawk fire last weekend was... another terrible catastrophe for Washoe County and the North Valleys in general. Gold Rush Allie and I were not in an evacuation zone but our main route to Reno (395) was cut-off and we were in a position where if we left our home we were not going to be allowed to return. I just want to say thank you and God bless to the fire fighters and first responders for all of their

hard work and sacrifices this past month. I also think we need to pray for everyone who lost their homes or were otherwise impacted by all of the fires this month.

I hope to see all of you on Saturday September 5<sup>th</sup>.,

Flanigan

From your TG and Wild Bunch & Cowboy  
instructor – Wylie Fox



## RO Training

It is looking like April-May 2027, for the next training classes. I would like to see those members who have not been to a training lately, attend in 2027. The value goes well beyond the slide show. It is the comments from the experienced members that has the greatest value.

## COWBOY& Wild Bunch Issues

There was a TG meeting at the Northwest Regional. The only issue that brought forth any discussion was the cost to take the new SASS courses as a refresher. Currently the cost to retake the courses is the same as taking it for the first time, \$25 + \$5. Before the new courses were published the course fee structure was \$25 for first time and \$10 for refresher. It was suggested to start a petition campaign, which was challenged as SASS is a private company and can do as it wishes. I suggested that we (TG's from the NW) send meeting notes to SASS suggesting that have a lower fee for refresher courses might encourage members to take the refresher. In doing so, SASS as a whole could improve safety. The meeting was adjourned without any action taken.

I will be attending the SASS Arizona Championships in October. Assuming there will be a TG meeting, please send me your wished – comments – suggestions.

## WTC (What's the Call)

# 2026 Northwest Regional Champions

Fanner Fifty: Cattle Baron Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter

Nevada Starr: Cattle Baroness

Jeremiah Jonathan: Classic Elder Statesman Traditional Wild Bunch

