

Battle Born Rangers Newsletter

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From our club president -Bordello Fellow



Greetings and Salutations everyone,

Saturday's (9/5/26) Cowboy match had 8 shooters. The weather was perfect with very little wind and temperatures running in the mid 70's. As match director for this one, I modified stages from the Siuslaw River Ranger's July match. Seems I'm a bit out of practice so had to do some last minute corrections, like just about every stage. Regardless, we all made it through the shoot and everyone seemed to have a good time.

Flanagan asked if we could start set-up at 8am with shooting shortly thereafter. It worked well as we started shooting just before 9am. Will try again next week for the Wild Bunch match. Saturday (9-12-26) Wild Bunch match was a lot of fun. The setup time was 8 am and most everything was set as I arrived at 7:50 am. Some minor adjustments and hay bails were all that was needed. Wylie Fox gave us four stages of fun. I have not shot WB for a number of years so this was like a new adventure for me. I had forgotten how fun it is to blaze away with a 1911.

Still can't hit the broad side of a barn but had a gas trying. Flanagan gave me a few pointers and about the last stage I was starting to get the hang of it. Still had more misses than anyone. Weather was perfect with a light wind towards the end of the match.

Sunday's cowboy match was again the brain child of Wylie Fox. 6 stages of fast fun stages. Well except one that was a bit slow. 1 shotgun, 5 pistol, 1 shotgun, 5 rifle, 1 shotgun, 5 pistol, 1 shotgun, all on yep you guessed it 1 target. It may not have been fast but it was fun. Everyone seemed to laugh through the whole stage. Still smiling about it today. It was fun running the clock and helping the shooters, providing coaching. Starts with shotgun in hand, As timer operator after first shot goes down range it goes like this, "Pistol, Shotgun, Rifle, Shotgun, Pistol, Shotgun. I think the shooters shooting the 97 had an advantage over the doubles. Was some confusion over which barrel shots first on a double. We found out fast how it all worked. Thanks Wylie, it was a lot of fun!

Just a reminder our annual Christmas Party is scheduled for 12/5/2026 at Carson Valley Inn. I will provide more information as we get closer to December.

See you at the range,
Bordello

From your Wild Bunch & Cowboy Coordinator- Flanigan Flats

Howdy all,

September is mostly behind us. Our first match of the month was provided by Bordello on 5 September. We had eight shooters join us for the very interesting stages. Bordello did a great job filling in for Rough Rider Rich and the stages were up to Rich's standards.

Our old tables from the Fernley match made a reappearance on the place of the folding tables we have been utilizing since our move to the Washoe County Shooting Facility. They received new tabletops that were professionally constructed in the Champion Upholstery shop by Hawkeye Dick with an assist from Make Your Mark. I heard one well-traveled shooter comment that they are the "best table tops he has seen". They definitely add a touch of class to the stages. The match was won by Make Your Mark and there wasn't any clean shooters.

The following Saturday, 12 September was our Monthly Wild Bunch (WB) Match. The stages were provided by Wylie Fox and they were an awesome mix of challenging and fun. We had seven shooters

join us and several volunteer helpers. Thank you May, Adel, Wild Bill Berry, Gold Rush Allie and Flat Iron Flora for coming out and picking brass, counting and keeping score. Your selfless help is what makes these monthly WB matches a success. The match was won by JJ and again there was no clean shooters.

Sunday, 13 September was our second monthly cowboy shoot. The stages were again provided by Wylie Fox and were definitely a great mix of challenging and fun stages. We had 12 shooters join us for a great day of laughs and shooting. The match was won by Make your Mark and the "no clean" shooter trend continued.



Thanks to everyone who came out and joined us for the September matches. The 8AM set-up/9ishAM shooter's meeting is working out well. Tear downs have been especially smooth. Thank you to everyone who has helped with both the set-ups and tear downs.

See you all in October!!!

Flanigan Flats

Next Months Matches

Oct 3rd 8am Set Up& BBR 1st Sat Cowboy Match

Oct 10th 8am Set Up & BBR Wild Bunch

Oct 11th -9 am BBR Cowboy

Oct - 18th 8:30 SSS's Cowboy Match at the Gulch

TBA - BBR's Long Range Match

From your TG and Cowboy & Wild Bunch Trainer – Wylie Fox Esquire 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

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

At the September Wild Bunch match there was a discussion about some CAS and WB rules being different. It was decided to leave as-is.

WTC (What's the Call)

2026 Peaceful's End Of Track

Cowboy

Deadeye Dick: 1st Shootist

Derringer Dan; 1st Senior, **Top Man shoot off**
Dutch Dalton: 1st Classic Cowboy
Fallen Grace: 4th Ladies Silver Senior
Fanner Fifty: 1st Senior Gunfighter
Make Your Mark: 1st Silver Senior
Mosebee: 2nd Senior Dualist
Nevada Starr: 1st Cattle Baroness
Ray B Jameson 1st B Western
Reno Slim: 1st El Patron
Sheriff Winchester: 1st Senior Dualist
Two Timer: 2nd 49'er
Wylie Fox: 1st Frontier Cartridge

Wild Bunch

Deadeye Dick: 2nd Senior Modern
Derringer Dan; 2nd Classic Senior Modern
Fallen Grace: 1st Classic Ladies Senior Traditional
Fanner Fifty: 1st Classic Elder Statesman Modern, **1st Wild Bunch Overall**
Make Your Mark: 1st Classic Senior Modern
Mosebee: 1st Classic Elder Statesman Traditional
Ray B Jameson 5th Elder Statesman Modern
Reno Slim: 1st Elder Statesman Traditional
Wylie Fox: 2nd Classic Traditional

TG minute notes from Triple Classic 2026

(I have edited what is below. Please contact me if you would like the full minutes. These are items that might be presented at future TG meetings. Please share with me your comments.)

Discussion Items:

1. Shadow Shooting at the Loading Table

The Range Officers Committee (ROC) is currently drafting official handbook verbiage to eliminate the practice of "shadow shooting" at the loading table.

2. Junior Category Age Parameters

The upper age limit for the Junior category will be modified from "16 and under" to "18 and under." This rule change is scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2027, and will be updated in the shooter's handbook.

3. Proposed "Young Gun" Category (Ages 18 to 25)

The general consensus among attendees is against further splitting the Cowboy category, though the discussion remains open for future consideration.

4. Clarification of "Gun in Hand"

Clarifications defining "gun in hand" and what actions constitute a firearm leaving a shooter's hand were highlighted in the 2026 shooter's handbook.

This topic resurfaced on the Wire forum via a post by Pale Wolf that appeared to contradict the newly updated handbook guidelines. Misty addressed this to ensure all members are aligned on the official handbook definition.

5. Long-Range Rifle Cartridge Legality

Discussion occurred regarding the legal status of the .444 Marlin cartridge for big bore long-range rifle events. (Lassiter presented)

Additional discussion focused on establishing cartridge categorization standards based on physical dimensions, such as a brass length of 2.1 inches and bullet diameter limits restricted between .38 and .45 caliber.

6. Side Match Rules at EOT and Sanctioned Matches

Discussion surrounding side match formatting rules, specifically focusing on the transition of the End of Trail (EOT) match to Oklahoma City and whether shooters should be allowed to run matches all day for score.

The group suggested that SASS could establish standardized side match rules specifically for the World Championship without enforcing those mandates across all SASS-sanctioned local matches.

Training Modules and Member Portal Integration Updates – Misty Moonshine

Video-Based Timer Operator (TO) Training Module

SASS is developing a standardized, video-based TO training module to be hosted directly on the SASS website.

Member Portal and "Iron Horse" Software Integration

SASS is evaluating technical options to track member completion of the online TO training video.

TO Recruitment, Safety Standards, and Video Content

Finding volunteers to act as TOs is currently difficult due to the high pressure and verbal criticism received from shooters over perceived "bad calls."

The video will explicitly cover the "170" safety rule.

Spotter Training and Target Dynamics

There is an established need for standardized spotter training, as some spotters currently struggle to accurately hear or see target hits.

Pocket RO Card Redesign and Distribution

The Pocket RO card was redesigned from its traditional small card format into a full-sheet document for the 2026 edition to improve readability.

Match Director's Guide and Shared Club Resources

Overhaul of the Match Director's Guide

Immediately following the launch of the TO training video, SASS will begin developing a completely updated Match Director's Guide.

Shared Club Documentation and Safety Resources

SASS aims to compile and distribute successful, club-created administrative templates.

