

# Battle Born Rangers Newsletter

Fernley , NV

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**Special notice: At the end of this document you will find the Requirements and Categories for two of our up coming matches. Please read before you fill out your applications, which are being finalize as I write this and will come to you in the next email we send out, for both Roop County Days and the NV State Black Powder match.**

**From our club president -Bordello Fellow**

Howdy All,

Hope you all had a wonderful holiday season, spending time with friends and family. Well here we are in a new year with mother nature sending snow, rain, bitter cold, and wind . It seems Ms. Nature has a sense of humor, bring her best on shooting dates. So BBR and SSS has had to cancel every match in January. We did try to have a practice last weekend and with seven hardy shooters showing up. Steel was hung, guns were loaded, and shots were fired. I lasted about 15 minutes or 20 pistol rounds before I could not feel my fingers or toes. Did not even holster up, just put a few rounds down range and called it a day. Have no idea how long anyone else lasted. It was mentioned that the wind only picked up after we started shooting. See mother nature does have a sense of humor.

It was brought to my attentions that RO1 and RO2 classes were offered up and no one responded. Yes even me. With the upcoming RCD's annual match and our monthly matches, we need qualified TO's to help out. Wylie's classes are a great experience and I have learned something new every time I attend one. There have been several times when someone brings up something that the answer is not clear. Wylie will research and reach out for answers and email to the group what the correct call is and why. With more people in attendance, the more diverse the views, questions, and opinions are. Which helps everyone learn more about our sport. These classes do explain a lot about cowboy action shooting, and the more you know the better you become. I have authorized the club to pay costs for club members and to provide lunch to all who attend. So the only thing you are out, is a little time. As for me, as long as my schedule permits, I will attend every training I possibly can.

I put out a survey on Facebook asking if everyone would approve replacing our plate rack in bay three. The response was dismal at best. We had 17 respond and 3 were not club members. So that left 14 votes. 12 for spending \$3k to replace and 2 to not replace. Thinking we did not make quorum, I scrapped the vote. Doing research on what constitutes "quorum", I found out that it should be spelled out in our bylaws. So in reading over our bylaws it is not defined. With that in mind, I will be sending out another survey in an email to all members (46) asking again about replacing the plate rack, then question 2: what should our bylaws say about quorum, and lastly at what level of expenditure does the board have to go to the membership for a vote. It was suggested that instead of a dollar amount, it could be a % of our current account funds. So there will be a place where you can write that in if that is what you think your board should do. I will post the results in the next news letter. Speaking about Facebook, it seems a spammer has gotten into our account and posted spam with malware attached. We are working on resolving these issues. As always, if you do not know them, don't open any links. Roop County Days Annual shoot dates have been set. I posted this on our Facebook page. In addition, I held a meeting last week and got a group together to start the planning. We had several questions to answer like match directors for all the different shoots, costs, and design of all the applications. Cost for this years shoots was based on what we spent last year. Reviewing my notes and taking in to consideration garbage, water, food, awards, etc., added it all up then divided it by shooters and came up with a figure. Which came to \$169.83. Net loss was \$29.85 per shooter. So total loss before adding in the Fernley Grant was -\$1,193.80. This was the driving factor which the board applied to this years shoots. At this time emails are flying back and forth with application outlines. Goal is to have them out by February 5th. Watch our facebook page or go to the Northern Nevada CAS web site. We have a whole week of shooting scheduled. Starting Saturday, June 17th up in Gold Hill, Silver State Shootist will host a cowboy match and has a lunch planed. Yes Big Bore Optional! On Sunday/Monday, June 18/19 we will hold the Wild Bunch/BAM match. Yes Big Bore optional included. Flanigan Flats is the match director and based on his work from last year, you can expect a fun and challenging shoot with lots of lead going down range. Tuesday & Wednesday, June 20/21 will be the Nevada State Black Powder Championship. Knowing the match director, this shoot should be a hoot. 10 stages with nothing but smoke and flames, with expanded categories. Did I mention that this would also be Big Bore Optional. Wait until you see the application with all the different ways to shoot this. Should be an exciting match. Thursday, June 23 will be speed side matches. Might even be a Pickle Shoot, who knows? Friday & Saturday will be the Roop County Days cowboy shoot including the Western States Tom Horn Championship. Yes you got it, Big Bore Optional! So dust off those big bore shooten Irons and get them ready. One last note, I need members to step up and help out with the work load. We need greeters, Water & Ice provider, and a multitude of other chores.

Please let me know how you can help or Annual Shoot.

## From your Secretary – Jasper Agate

Howdy all,

BeeBad and I hope you all had a wonderful New Years and are staying warm and dry with electrical power. We lost ours for a little over 10 hours. Being a former Boy Scout I had the generator all set to go with plenty of gas and we enjoyed a quiet New Years Eve watching movies snug as a bug in a rug with the heater blasting away!!

We lost another month of matches for both Long Range and our ROOP monthly cowboy match. The weather gremlins seem to have it out for us!! I hope this isn't a pattern for the up coming months!

With the holidays behind us it's time to get back to work on some details for the club that have been put on hold during these days of friends and family. As far as I know we don't have a stage writers schedule in place and don't have any stage writers volunteering except for Georgia Blues January HPD match and our wonderful Web Master who has put stages in for February and March for both HPD and ROOP. That means we need to schedule the stages out for the rest of the year. If you've never written stages we have lots of help for you on our website. The info is on the bottom of the little box that you click on to see the scores and such on the left hand side of the page. Before we shoot the stages of a newer stage writer one of us seasoned hands needs to review your work for flow and safety concerns. We all started out with ideas for the perfect stages at one time or another and it can be nerve racking to have a problem on your creations and a mentor can save you from what some of us had to learn the hard way!! I still remember writing some "different" stages and have the posse leader look at me and said in front of the whole posse that "this is the worst stage I've ever seen" and I was, as you could imagine, devastated!! That's one of the reasons for the review before you plan on setting up all your hard work! One Idea I can give you is to find a partner to write a match with. It's a fun way to spend some time with a "pard" and bounce ideas off of one another. Your board and coordinators are there for you for ideas and help, just reach out and we'll be there for you. I'm sure you are going to hear this a lot in the up coming months that this is your club and we need you all to step up and lend a hand in the running of your club!!! Unfortunately none of us are getting any younger and your help is essential for us to move forward in the plans that are in place for the club to make this year one of the best we've ever had.

If any of you have the desire to become aspiring writers for your club please feel free to send your copy to your editor for inclusion in our monthly newsletter. There's no format that needs to be followed. It can be about anything that you have a passion for. If you write something that you want edited I have a person that is very good at it and it's not me!!! In all these years of writing I have MY editor (BeeBad) read and correct each and everything I write. She laughs a lot and corrects my spelling and grammar but she always leaves my content alone.

If you have inkling to give it a go please do so, it can be very satisfying!!

That's all for now, see you on the range,

Jasper

**Editors note:** Please don't submit your articles in PDF form. It takes me forever to copy and change them to get said copy into your newsletter. Thanks for your understanding!!!!

## **From our Territorial Governor - Wylie Fox**

### **Rule Changer vote**

I received 21 votes from our members. Thank you to all who voted. Of those votes;

Item 1: Removing the verbiage that prevents Young Gun from shooting gunfighter style in Young Gun category. Yes-4 No-16 No vote-1

Item 2: Changing the black powder used for the "smoke" standard for black powder categories. Yes-3 No-17 No vote-1

Representing BBR, I voted No on both items.

If interested you should read some of the threads on the SASS Wire concerning these two items.

The initial reasons for not allowing Young Gun category to shoot gunfighter was for safety reasons. There was no evidence that the safety issue has been resolved. If any Young Gun category shooter wishes to shoot gunfighter, then they are welcome to shoot in the Gunfighter category (not aged based).

The black powder issue was offered because the powder used for the standard, Goex, is no longer available (at this time). What is interesting, many shooters have studied the smoke from various powders and loads, but I do not recall ANYONE mentioning a shooter ever being challenged and the Goex standard load used as a reference to the challenge. It appears that black powder shooters are self-governing, ie. "How about MORE POWDER?" comments.

### **Hot thread on the SASS forum.**

<https://forums.sassnet.com/index.php?/topic/343130-wtc-gun-knocked-off-loading-table/>

This is worth reading by everyone. Pale Wolf stated that whoever knocks the loaded firearm off the table will earn a MDQ. This is a reminder to everyone to be mindful at the loading table.

### **RO Courses for 2023**

Below are the dates of the RO courses. Please email be which one(s) you plan on attending.

RO II: April 29, 2023 in Fernley. The course has two parts, in class and at our range. You must have participated in SASS for six months. I personally recommend that Cowboys who are regular TO's should be current with the RO II course.

RO I refresher emphasis, May 13 in Fernley or ?: The course is all the classroom.

RO I new emphasis, May 20 in Virginia City ?: The course is all the classroom.

**Specific details will be published at least a month before the course.**

**From our Wild Bunch Coordinator – Flanigan Flat**

**Howdy all,  
Jasper here for Flanigan---**

I just got off the phone with Flanigan whilst on the road. He is stuck on the side of the road with a temp of -11. Yep, you read that right MINUS 11 degrees!!!! He wants to know if you are going to participate in this Saturdays, Feb 3rd Wild Bunch match. If so please respond to him so he can determine if he has enough shooters to have a match or whether he should cancel. He will make his decision by Thursday PM and get back to you on Friday.

Please contact him by email or text:

Flanigan Flats

E-mail- [haleyanthony@hotmail.com](mailto:haleyanthony@hotmail.com)

Text – 910 670 3705

As you know the January match was canceled so not much to report there. What is new and exciting is SASS has sanctioned a new category for us. Please see the latest cowboy chronicle for the details. The short explanation is Teddy Roosevelt category is a reality and we'll start shooting it in March. So read the article and limber up those big bores and join us for some new fun!!!

Take care and stay warm,

Jasper for the workingman, Flanigan

**From our good friend – Fallon Kid**

“JUST SOME INFO: There is a new gunsmith in Fallon who has just moved here from bay area. I used him to turn down hammer spurs on my 51's. He seems willing to learn and tackle specialty work. The hammers cost me 30 bucks each but I had removed them so he did not disassemble the gun. I feel just this modification should cut 40 seconds off my stage. Really! Also if anyone wants work done I can pick up at match and get them to him. Anyway he is:

**Grants Gun Garage 775-867-8070 office 775-699-5829 Cell”**

### Next Months Matches

Feb 4th Wild Bunch

Feb 5th HPD Cowboy - Georgia Blue

Feb 11<sup>th</sup> Long Range- Lever gun

Feb 12<sup>th</sup> ROOP Cowboy – Jackpot Jerry

Feb 19<sup>th</sup> SSS – To be announced

## Special Notice:

## 2023 State BP Match Categories & Requirements

### **Nevada State BP Championships Requirements**

- 1) May be shot with BP or any SASS approved substitute
- 2) Any SASS legal SASS main match pistols – except for the Tom Horn Repeater and Tom Horn Single Shot categories that must use 40 caliber or larger pistols. Cap & Ball can be shot in any category.
- 3) Pistols sequence must be shot in accordance with category

4) Must use a side-by-side, single shot (with or without hammers) or lever action shotgun in all categories. \* **Except Tom Horn Open\***

5) For the Tom Horn Categories-You must use a SASS recognized rifle caliber repeater or rifle caliber single shot as described in the shooters handbook under long range or precision rifle - excluding Bounty Hunter (see requirements below)

6) Rifles for the Frontier Cartridge categories –Any SASS legal pistol caliber rifle

7) Plainsman – Shot according to SASS rules

8) Tom Horn Bounty Hunter – to include any SASS legal pistols and any 30/30-rifle caliber lever gun

9) Tom Horn Open Category– Any SASS legal pistols and any SASS legal rifle caliber lever or single shot \* **1897's are allowed \***

### **Nevada State BP Championships Categories**

Frontier Cartridge                      Mens    Ladies    Senior

Duelist                                      Mens    Ladies    Senior

Gunfighter                                Mens    Ladies    Senior

Frontiersman                              Mens    Ladies    Senior

Plainsman East or West	Mens	Ladies	Senior
Cattle Baron / Baroness			
El Patron / La Patrona			
El Ray / LaReina			
Tom Horn Repeater	Mens	Ladies	Senior
Tom Horn Single Shot	Mens	Ladies	Senior
Tom Horn Bounty Hunter	Mens	Ladies	Senior
Tom Horn Open Category	Mens	Ladies	Senior

## 2023 Tom Horn Categories & Requirements

### **For those of you who want to know more about our Tom Horn category Requirements and Categories -**

It is not a SASS recognized category. Tom Horn is our very own category that we have been shooting on this range for a long time. It's not for everyone, but those who participate seem to have a ball. It was originally a BLACK POWDER category, but over time we've let those with that new fangled powder join us. Tom Horn requires you to use a rifle caliber lever or single shot rifle on the big bore targets. The Requirements and Categories are listed below.

### **Tom Horn Requirements**

- 1) May be shot with BP or any SASS approved substitute OR that heathen smokeless
- 2) Any main match pistols 40 caliber or larger - Except for Tom Horn Bounty Hunter and Tom Horn Open category Cap & Ball legal in all categories
- 3) Pistols may be shot in any SASS legal style
- 4) Must use a side-by-side, single shot (with or without hammers) or lever action shotgun in all categories. \* **Except Tom Horn Open\***
- 5) The Big Bore Targets are clearly marked in the stage descriptions
- 6) You must use a sass recognized rifle caliber repeater or rifle caliber single shot as described in the shooters handbook under long range or precision rifle. Except in the Tom Horn Bounty Hunter Category
- 7) Tom Horn Bounty Hunter – to include any SASS legal pistols and any 30/30-rifle caliber lever gun
- 8) Plainsman – Shot according to SASS rules

9) Tom Horn Open Category– Any SASS legal pistols and any SASS legal rifle caliber lever or single shot \* **1897's are allowed** \*

## **Tom Horn Categories**

Tom Horn Repeater Black Powder	Mens & Ladies
Tom Horn Repeater Smokeless	Mens & Ladies
Tom Horn Single Shot Black Powder	Mens & Ladies
Tom Horn Single Shot Smokeless	Mens & Ladies
Tom Horn Bounty Hunter Smokeless	Mens & Ladies
Tom Horn Bounty Hunter Black Powder	Mens & Ladies

## **New this Year-**

Plainsman	Mens & Ladies
Tom Horn Open Category Black Powder	Mens & Ladies
Tom Horn Open Category Smokeless	Mens & Ladies





