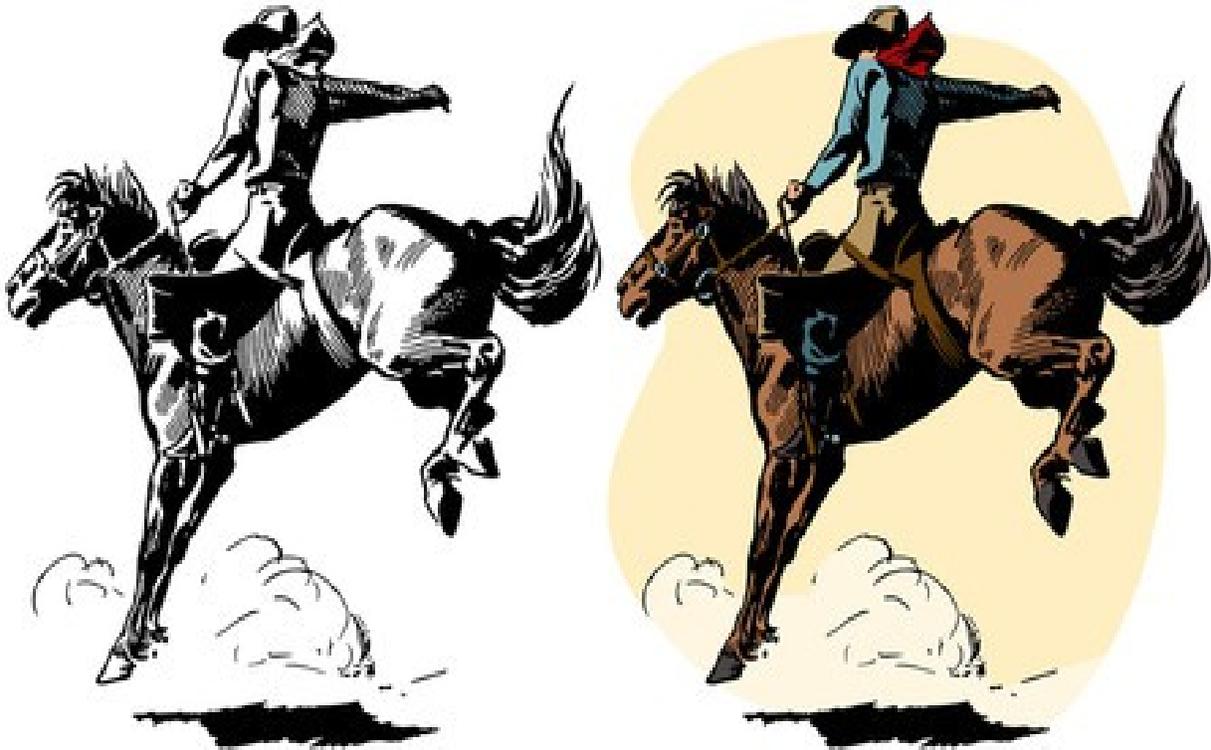


Battle Born Rangers Newsletter

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From our club president -Bordello Fellow



Howdy All,

It has been a busy month for me. First down south to shoot the Nevada State Black Powder match and the State Cowboy match. Then come home and turn around and head over to Peaceful's End of Track. Caught a cold while there so this put me a bit behind on this months news letter.

So lets jump right in and start with a little house cleaning. One of our members reached out to the SASS wire and asked questions about wild bunch shooting. He was interested in what people thought about shooting non-regulation guns in a wild bunch match. I think that was a good idea. To learn about what other clubs are doing and in general learning more about our sport. I applaud his efforts. Then someone fire off an email describing the "Open Category" created by a different BBR Board / Coordinator and why it was created. Some things were missing, left out , or they just didn't know in the email. First off, this person

indicated that he thought the club member was “met...mixed reviews” at the last WB shoot. My investigation into this (talking to the shooters involved) provided information contrary to the above quoted statement. Second point is there are no rules written in the club by-lays pertaining to this subject. Yes, I looked. As for the matter of rules, BBR is a SASS affiliated club so all SASS rules apply. There is only one variance the club adheres to and that is Tom Horn category during Roop County Days. Think about this, there are written rules on the Tom Horn category, SASS rules, and nothing else. On a side note I have asked our TG, Wylie Fox to see what could be done to have Tom Horn become a recognized category by SASS. Other than that there are no “Written in Stone” rules. Yes a different BBR Board voted (?) on “Open Category” with the express purpose of attracting people without the proper equipment to try Wild Bunch with what they did have. It was intended for new shooters, not regular shooters with proper equipment. In addition, the “Open Category” would be timed for the shooters benefit but would not be counted (scored) in the match. That was the agreement at the time with a different board and Wild Bunch coordinator. As our Bi-Laws are written now the board does not have the authority to create a category or enforce past practices. This authority now lies with our Officers. They are the ones who set the standards for anything outside of SASS rules. Yes times are tough with all the shortages we face in our sport some things might need to be adjusted. This duty falls directly on the shoulders of our officers. It’s in their job description. If you have questions or concerns, please address it with the officers who are in charge of the shoot. They have the authority to show some flexibility as to what they will accept to accommodate a shooter. We the Board, stand behind our officers and their decisions as long as it’s fair to all the club members and guests. If at any time you feel the Officer in charge is not being fair, then feel free to email all three board members with what the issue is, how you approached it, and what the response was of the Officer in charge. With that information, the board can look into the issues and make recommendations. Besides Legal, Finance, and Insurance, the health and best interest of the club is the boards primary duties. All of the above was covered by Irish Ike’s email after the June elections. The membership voted and approved election results, job duties, and updated Organization Chart. Changes went into effect on 1, July, 2022.

So just a few other things. Would like to set up a meeting on Oct.29th for a debrief for RCD 2022. Would like a discussion on what we did right, what we did wrong, and where can we improve. Would also like a discussion on what next year is going to look like. If you helped, shot, or just want to be involved let me know if this date will work for you. I will look for a place to meet.

By now you should all know that Big Hammer Steve (Deaton) has passed. Mandie Deaton, Steves wife will have a Celebration of Life sometime next spring. If you have any pictures of Big Hammer shooting stages, they might be appropriate at the celebration. As a club, if you have any ideas on how we can help his family, please let me know. Losing a shooting pard is hard, losing a family member is heart breaking. Lets keep Mandie, Never Miss Mitch, and their family in our prayers. I received a card from Carol McNamara (Truckee T’s wife) thanking all the cowboys for welcoming her to the shoot and for the opportunity to sell cowboy clothing/accessories. She appreciated hearing comments about Truckee T. She said that Truckee T always told her what good people the cowboys were, now she knows it’s true. You should all be proud the way the club stepped up to help one of our own. I know I am! I am still exploring the idea of solar power to charge our electronics at the range. It would be helpful to not have to keep sending them home with someone. As I learn more, I will pass it along. Peaceful’s End of Track came to a conclusion and the Nevada Contingent did well. Lots of metal left California around the necks of some of our best shooters. It was a fun match as always. If you missed it, you should put it on your calendar for next year. Grizzly Pete Jake and crew always put on fun matches. Heck they would even let you be a

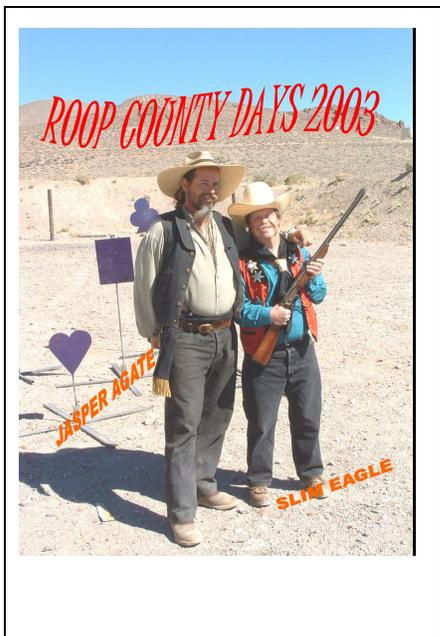
posse leader if you wanted too! The November 13 shoot will be the lunch shoot. This is for all club members (whether or not you shoot the match), past members, family members, or guests. Even members who have not shot in the past few years are welcome. Please let Jasper know if you have people attending so we can provide enough protein. Lunch provided after steel is put to rest. Fallon Kid said he would provide pulled pork sandwiches for everyone. If you would like something else to go with it, please bring enough to share.

Well that's enough for this month. See you on the trail.....

Bordello

From your Secretary – Jasper Agate

Howdy all,



It's been a crappy month for us loosing friends!! We lost Big Hammer (Steve Deaton) to cancer and I got a call from Fanny Seabride that her husband Big Pete (Dan Alley) has passed as well. Mandy, Big Hammer's Wife put on Face Book that they are planning a memorial in the spring, no word From Fanny about a service or memorial for Big Pete. As soon as I hear anything I'll pass it along. Lets all stay healthy and keep on shooting!!! I have heard from Never Miss and he has his guns and might be able to join us soon. I'll keep you apprized of his needs to shoot with us.

Soon after ROOP County Days we headed down to Sac to visit with my sister then up to Orland to celebrate our son Woody's 39th birthday. We had a ball with them. Our next stop was the wonderful match Helldorado in Ukiah, Ca. The Helldorado Rangers put on a very fun match. If you ever get the chance go down and join them, you won't be disappointed. Before you sign up for that match you need to know that

it is a VERY challenging course of fire. They only had one clean shooter, my friend Slow Fuse, and he had to use his Mulligan to do so. Yes they offer a Mulligan for \$10.00 that if you don't use you can put it in a drawing for a prize that was worth much more the initial cost of the mulligan. They borrowed our Tom Horn rules and 8 of the 12 stages are big bore friendly. Like us they have numerous potlucks and unlike us they have a band on Friday night after dinner comprised of their club members and they were a HOOT!!!!

Looks like fall might just be upon us with the chance of rain for the weekend. I for one am ready to embrace some cooler wet weather. My reloading bench is a mess from the last few matches and I still have one long range match left to shoot. I have a couple of weeks to make 100 or so 45/90's to be ready for the Buffalo Hump Match down in Las Vegas. I'll start gearing up for the World Championship long-range match down in Phoenix in March after that. That's a whole bunch of days of shooting!!

We should be having a board meeting with all invited pretty soon to discuss the up coming matches next year. Our fearless leader has some cool ideas for the matches, but is going to need a lot more help to pull it all off.

That's all for now, keep your powder dry and stay healthy!!

Jasper

Next Months Matches

Nov 5th Wild Bunch

Nov 6th HPD Cowboy

Nov 12th Long Range- BP Gong Match

Nov 13th ROOP Cowboy

Nov 20th Silver State Shootists

From your Wild Bunch coordinator – Flanigan Flats

Howdy all,

We had 6 shooters come out to the October 1st Wild Bunch (WB) monthly match. The weather gods really smiled on us and gave us a very pleasant mild and sunny day. It is with great joy that I'm able to say that Brazos won the match and shot his third clean WB match. It is freaking awesome that



Brazos won the match, and more impressive that he shot his third clean WB match of the year! Everyone please congratulate him when you see him!!

Make your Mark made his WB debut and had a very respectable match and even showed all of us how to shoot stage 2 with a time of 46.51, 6.62 seconds quicker than the next closest shooter (Brazos) on that stage. It was very impressive for a first time WB shooter. I think he is hooked. We were also joined by Washoe Zephyr who seemed to have a smile on his face all day long. It was great to see and shoot with him again. I hope we see a lot more of him at upcoming WB matches.

I want to thank Wild Bill Berry and Gold Rush Allie for coming out and picking brass and scoring. Their hard work and commitment to our blossoming WB program is very heart warming. November 5th is the next WB match, we would love to see as many people come out and shoot the match as possible. If there happens to be someone who is curious about possibly shooting WB but doesn't have a suitable 1911, Winchester 1897 or Model 12 shotgun in 12 gauge, or a cowboy rifle in .

40 Cal or bigger (38-40 is approved) please reach out to me via text, 910-670-3705. I can help with appropriate ammo and have a couple spare guns I'd be willing to let someone try, as I'm sure do others do. Or if coordinated before hand you could possibly use some other type of semi-auto handgun in 45 ACP or other caliber using lead only ammo of course, and only loading 7-round magazines. The same new WB shooter could use a modern pump action shotgun and a pistol caliber cowboy rifle in any other than approved WB caliber. The shooter utilizing non-WB approved guns would not be scored for match purposes. The above provision is only to set the WB hook, and if said hook is set the shooter will be encouraged to seek the proper equipment as soon as possible. Also, it has been brought to my attention that some current WB shooters are forecasting that they may in the future have a problem procuring reloading supplies for the WB guns they are now shooting. When that forecasted problem becomes reality, they are encouraged to come to me and together we'll try and find a valid solution or work around.

See you on down the trails.

From Wylie Fox – our Territorial Governor

Starting Positions



For some shooters (I include myself) how you start the stage can make a difference. The only specified starting position is SASS Default. All the remaining starting positions are subject to discussion. So, let's discuss.

SASS default: If no starting position is stated then it is SASS default. Stand upright, hands at side & not touching gun.

Simple?

Wrist may touch gun. Hands maybe on holsters. Body maybe angled. Neck maybe twisted or bend.

Gun(s) in-hand or Gun in-hand: In-hand is a phrase that the gun is ready to use. Either one or both hands. The (s) is used to allow the shooter the option to hold one or both pistols for example. Ready to use is up to the shooter. This included aiming the gun(s) at the target. Long gun in hand allows the shooter to use one hand on the gun and the other hand anywhere NOT touching other gun(s) or ammo.

Gun in hands: Both hands must be used to control the gun(s).

Hand(s) touching gun(s): This is wide open. Your choice of one or two hands and which gun(s). The issue that occurs is when the rifle is on the table and shooters wrap fingers around gun. If so that would be “gun in-hand”, see above. IMHO, touching gun means the fingers are NOT bent in any manner as to facilitate the retrieval of the gun. I do not like this phrase as it leads to the TO being a “hard-ass” with the shooter. I would suggest “flat hand” or “finger” to accomplish the same starting position.

Hand(s) on table (or any prop): This too has interpretation issues. Without further explanation I would use my finger(s) and just touch.

If the hands were meant to be flat on table, then that should be specified.

Holding bag of gold: Holding is a lot like “in-hand”. As long as you have control you are holding, it need not be lifted off table.

At the ready (hovering): Pretty much anything goes as long as you do not touch gun(s) and/or ammo.

Hands on hat: The hands (fingers) are ON the hat, that is ABOVE the rim. Wearing a hat is not required, fingers touching head above the ears would be reasonable.

Hands touching hat: As long as the fingers from both hands touch anywhere on the hat.

Hands holding hat: There is a big assumption that the hat is on your head. As a posse marshal during walk throughs, I ask if the hat can be held say at waist level, then dropped ATB. Mostly the reply is NO, hat must be on head. No hat, hold ears, hair or touch head.

Low surrender: Hands are at shoulder level and flat.

Texas surrender: Hand(s) holding revolver(s) while still in holster. I use my strong hand on my weak side revolver, ready to draw. Weak hand is at-the-ready.

Thumbs in belt: Just make sure you do not touch gun(s) or ammo. I put my thumbs in shotgun belt with fingers wrapped near the shells, ready to grab.

There are many other starting positions. When the stage is read, I suggest you ask questions. Some stage-writers, clubs & matches may have other specific definitions. When writing stages, be prepared for someone to interpret your instructions to best suit themselves. Be specific.

