

# Battle Born Rangers Newsletter

Fernley , NV

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**Please note:** I moved my article to the end of this newsletter because its rather lengthy and didn't want to take away from our regular contributors.

Thanks Jasper

**From our club president -Bordello Fellow**



Howdy All,

So fall has started to set in. Trees are changing colors, losing leaves, and frost on the shop roof. Mornings are a bit colder and the sky seems a bit darker blue. With that in mind the HPD shoot had 12 shooters. It was damp, cold, and a light rain. We ended up shooting only 3 stages before everyone decided to call it quits. There was a lot of Tom foolery going on. Lots of laughs, and just plain fun.

Then ROOP shot on Oct.8th. It was a beautiful day to shoot. Reminded me of the first shoot I came to here about 11 years ago. When I still lived up North, the October shoots were about standing in a puddle with gray skies for the next 6 months. Anyway, we had 11 shooters and we shot 6 stages on two bays. Another fun match.

My understanding was Silver State canceled their match. Seems a bunch of us were at Peaceful's End of track so they had limited shooters for a match.

Speaking of PEOT, it was another great match. Rained one night pretty hard but then everything cleared up and the shoot weather was near perfect. Well that is if you didn't follow a black powder shooter up to the loading table. Seems the humidity was a bit on the high side with no wind so the smoke just hung over the targets. Thanks Reno.

The Nevada contingent did well this year. Not counting side matches, Nevada came away with 6 first place awards, 4 second places, and 2 third place awards. Congratulations to: Derringer Dan, 2nd place Classic Cowboy, Dutch Dalton, 1st place Cowboy, Deadeye Dick, 1st place El Ray, Wylie Fox Esquire, 2nd place Elder Statesman, Nevada Star, 1st place Grand Dame, Make You Mark, 2nd place Senior, Bordello Fellow, 1st place Senior Duelest, Sherif Winchester, 3rd place, Senior Duelest, M T Chambers, 3 place Silver Senior, Two Time, 1st place, Senior Frontier Cartridge, Fanner Fifty, 1st place Senior Gunfighter, and Reno Slim, 2nd place, Tom Horn Repeater black powder. Hopefully I didn't miss anyone. Well done one and all.

While at PEOT, I talked with Juss Slim about a border war match. It seems the best time to do this would be the first or second week in May (2024). We talked a bit about location, days, etc. We agreed that the first one will be a one day match at BBR's home range in Fernley. We still have a few items to work out but tentatively this is a go for May. More to come as we work through the details.

RCD 2024 update: Just a reminder: **new dates for Roop County Days 2024: June 22 - 29, 2024.** As it stands now, June 22nd will be at SilverState for a 1 day match. June 23-24 will be Flanigan's WB/Teddy Roosevelt match. June 25-26 will be the Nevada State Black Powder Championship. Then June 27th will be side matches for RCD/Western States Tom Horn Championship. The main match will then be June 28-29.

We are collecting cowboy stuff for the raffle. So as you go through your cowboy gear, see if there are items you would like to donate. Also if you have some sort of skill/craft and would like to donate some of your work, it would be appreciated. I will be setting up a place in one of our storage conex's to hold donations until next year.

I had asked member's if they wanted to do belt buckles again for next years match. I have had two members tell me to keep the buckles and no other comments. So I will ask one more time, do you think we should award top category winners with belt buckles again for 2024? Let me know your thoughts.\_

December 2, 2023 will be the annual Christmas Party. It will be at the Silverland Hotel in Virginia City. Cost will be \$20 per person for a catered dinner. There should also be a "No Host Bar" for those of you who like to indulge. Virginia City holds their parade and fire works show the same day. Contact on this will be Jackpot Jerry.

Stage 8/9 update: The ore cart truck is done. There will be a work party on Saturday Oct 28th starting around 9:30 am. Our goal is to layout the track and decide where/how to make a mine shaft. In addition I would like to see what is needed to make a derrick.

Until next month,  
Bordello

<p><b>Next Months Matches</b></p> <p>Nov4<sup>th</sup> Wild Bunch</p> <p>Nov 5<sup>th</sup> HPD Cowboy</p> <p>Nov 12<sup>th</sup> Long Range</p> <p>Nov 13<sup>th</sup> ROOP Cowboy</p>
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## From our Wild Bunch coordinator -Flanigan



Howdy all,

Thank you to the 5 shooters who joined us for the October monthly Wild Bunch (WB) match on 30 September. The match was won by Flanigan Flats closely followed by Mosbee. It was very nice to shoot with Mosbee and Grace again. The day started out with a bleak forecast of cold temperatures and rain that didn't appear until we were all well on our way home. In all actuality it turned out to be a very pleasant morning for the match. We utilized the Bordello for all 4 stages, that were provided by Flanigan Flats. Because of the low number of shooters and the fact that I really enjoyed the stages I think we may see them again in the future.

I want to take a moment to thank mother nature for the break in the weather, my beautiful bride Gold Rush Allie who handled the score keeping and money collecting business for us. Wild Bill Berry who came out and did a stellar job picking up our brass for us. With only 5 shooters and the associated posse duties the two of them really made this monthly WB match the success

that it was. It would be exponentially harder to pull these matches off without them. So, I want to extend a very heartfelt, THANK YOU to them for all they do, and continue to do.

Our next WB match will be on 4 November 2023. Rumor has it that Gold Rush Allie may make her WB debut during this match. I hope to see you all there. Set-up at around 8am and followed by a quick shooters meeting about 9amish.

Flanigan



# From our Territorial Governor- Wylie Fox

There was a TG meeting at the Nationals (Land Run) on October 10th. Maybe some day Starr and I will attend, until then I must rely on the notes from those who did attend. As of today 20 October there has been NO comments regarding the meeting on the TG forum.



I am still awaiting the news regarding Wild Bunch announcements.

SASS did reply to the message sent from the Western Regional TG meeting. The reply included,

1) Disconnect with the TG body- and with the ROC as well. Misty takes full responsibility including her role in the lack of communication. She feels there is no need to rush to a decision without considering it from all angles to ensure there are no unintended consequences.

- 2) She is committed to the TG Program.
- 3) She will consider hosting an online (Zoom) TG meeting – likely in late October after Land Run. (note: I think the 10 October meeting used Zoom, but being at Railroad Flat there was no cell reception. An agenda was not provided.)
- 4) She when on to thank us for reaching out to her and her advisory board.

The SASS forum did not have any “hot” issues, to share this month

The Nevada State Match did not have a TG meeting. I spoke to a few TG’s about downrange long guns. The feeling is EVERYONE needs to keep the muzzles pointed straight up and preferably above your shoulders.

## 2024 RO Courses Dates (subject to change)

RO I -- 13 April 2024 Focus on refresher students  
RO I -- 11 May 2024 Focus on new students  
RO II -- 8 June 2024  
WBRO -- 20 July 2024

Both RO I courses are the same material and anyone is welcome to attend either or both. The RO I for new students will focus along the material as developed for the course. The RO I refresher tends to be a bit looser providing in depth discussions sponsored by the students. It is my goal to have ALL club members take the RO I course every two to four years. If you never taken a SASS RO I course or it has been three plus years from your last class, please make an effort to attend.

The RO II course is half in the classroom and half on the range. If you are a TO (hold the clock) please make sure to attend the RO II course every two to three years.

Everyone who shoots Wild Bunch should take the WBRO course.

The courses will be held at the Fernley Library starting at 9AM.

There is NO charges for members of Battle Born Rangers or Silver State Shootist.

Please contact Wylie for enrollment.



**From your Editor -Jasper Agate**



Howdy all,

We had real light attendance for both the matches in October hopefully we'll have more people around for the Nov shoots! A few of us will be down in Southern NV for the first couple of matches in Nov shooting

the fun Buffalo Hump match. The match director goes out of his way to see that all attending have a good time and we've been going since its inception and wouldn't miss it!

**Changing the subject** : I wanted to tell you all about our latest trip. It had nothing to do with cowboy shooting but was it ever a blast!! We boarded a big jet and flew to New Orleans, LA. There were 7 of us, all family with our son Thomas' (or for those of you that have been around for awhile Woody) new instant family of a 10 year old Renee and 12 year old Riley both girls and his partner Alex along with my dear sister, Cathy and BeeBad of course. This trip was in celebration of Woody's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday. My how time flies!!!! We got to the city with no problem and we picked up a mini van that held all of us including our luggage. I wish someone would have gotten a picture of that! Thom had been to the city before and he and Alex had an agenda of some of the best food and sights that we would cram into not enough days but we got by. We went to a generic restaurant for dinner it was family owned for the last number of decades. There's something about a Na'Oleans drawl that is unlike anything you've ever heard before and this dinner house was full of different families of every color and ages speaking over each other in their pleasant accent it was quite colorful! It wasn't a surprise that I ordered Fried Chicken and everyone including the kids got something different. We all shared passing plates around the table, back to the B&B to rest up for our adventure the next day.

Thom took us to the open-air seafood market Westwego Shrimp Lot the next morning. We had Riley with us and she was fascinated by the blue crab that had escaped it's enclosure and was wandering around the parking lot. We perused around all the different vendors and settled on ½ bushel of oysters, 2 beautiful blue fish, a whole bunch of very lively blue crabs and the deal of the day 7 pounds of JUMBO head-on prawns for \$5.00 a lb. Back to the house to prep the fish then off to the city for beignets. We found the world famous Café Du Mone and had their classic take on the French delight. The girls in Thomas' family were in heaven and we had to order seconds for them. As far as I was concerned they were powdered doughnuts although dipped into the chicory laced coffee they weren't too bad! We then went to the Central Grocery for their iconic Muffuletta. Thom got a huge chuck and we all sat in the Jackson square park and indulged in the very good sando and the sights of the square. The St Peters Cathedral was in the background and caught all of our attention. We went in and were in awe of the beauty of the 18<sup>th</sup> century masterpiece. We wandered around on some of the side streets shopping in the quaint little shops. We headed home to cook a very tasty blue crab gumbo and to catch up on some sleep we missed on the long trip over.

We took the next morning off and the girls on Thomas' side of the family went in for more beignets. We had PO Boys for lunch at Domilise Po'Boys, which had been in the same family for 3 full generations. Unbeknownst to me a beef Po' Boys is quite classic and they had a few different renditions of that. I glanced at the menu and ordered a shrimp, as I normally would, whilst taking in all the history all over the walls of the establishment. It wasn't until I studied the menu that I noticed that they had a Roast Beef and Shrimp Po' Boy I could have and probably should have ordered. Although I didn't have any problem of the one I was served!! After that wonderful lunch we headed over to the WW2 museum and spent the next few hours perusing the 5 different buildings that composed the museum. Our youngest was totally fascinated with the building that had a number of different planes from the era hung from the ceiling with 3 or 4 story's of cat walks for us to get some views you wouldn't see, definitely worth going to the museum and spending at least a half a day wondering around. The youngsters had plans for the night and left us old farts to our own devices that turned into quesidillas and an early bedtime!!

The next day we took the Algiers Point Ferry across the great Mississippi and it docked on the French Quarter side close to the paddleboats which played the calliope most of the day. We took both trolleys for a very interesting view of the town. Being close to Halloween a lot of properties were decorated "to the 9's". We were riding and it was time for the schools to end their day and I was amazed at the amount of kids that used the trolleys to get to and from school. For lunch this day we were treated to another truly iconic establishment. Tucked away in what some would say not the best part of town was Dooky Chase. I'm not sure how long they've been around but they had pictures of Martin Luther King dining there. Less thrilling to me, they had pictures of Obama as well, but the coolest thing was the art they had in every room. The walls were full of paintings, pencil and chalk drawings from the master to the grade schoolers. In fact they had given our girls a coloring page and fun items to do whilst waiting for the BEST food out on our trip, while waiting our older girl made a drawing signed it and wrote that it was for the establishment if they wanted it. Now to the food they served us. We all ordered something different but a number of the dishes came with a piece or two of fried chicken and it was the BEST fried Chicken I've ever tasted!! We all got different sides to go with the entrees as well. I started with the leg and it was juicy and fell off the bone. I went to the breast next and to my surprise it was very juicy and tender. The entire table food was damn good including all the desserts and cocktails we tried!! We walked back to the trolley and took another tour of the town. We ended up walking the Quarter once more and it was full of individuals on most of the corners with some kind of amplified music playing and either singing to the music or accompanying it with a guitar, horn or some other instrument. There was a young singer on one corner whose voice was angelic and captivating and I stood there watching and listening for the longest time. The kids came up and gave me a shake to remind me that there was more than this woman's beautiful voice going on!!!

The following day we had a marvelous brunch at a place in the market district called Gris Gris. It had an eclectic menu and once more everybody ordered something different. I ended up with a cup of gumbo, fried chicken gizzards appetizer and a Caesar salad for my entrée that made the rounds about the table. After our feast we headed out of town for a pontoon boat ride (BeeBad was too scared to ride the air boat and she made the reservations!!) on the mighty Mississippi. It was a couple of hours and we actually saw a 3' gator. I teased BeeBad asking her where the guide put the batteries in the gator? I told her I watched him in the back of the boat with a remote activating the gator, but I don't think she believed me!! We stopped at an amazing Butchery shop on our way back to the B&B. It was well after lunch-time and the place was hoppin'. I ended up buying a whole bunch of charcutery. I bought three kinds of sausage, country pate, soprasata, capicola and some outstanding duck confit! I still have plenty in the fridge at home!! While heading into the shop my sister noticed some food on a table of one couple having lunch. On our way out the gentleman with the interesting dish asked where we were from in that welcoming NOLA drawl. He then said "Y'all on the west coast eat to live and we live to eat". I got a huge smile on my face and said "You don't know me very well!!" and assured him we knew exactly what he was talking about and that was our mantra as well! We went home to another fabulous dinner cooked by our family. The next day we took the ferry across once more and picked up the trolley to go see the French Market it kind of reminded me and my sister of our time spent in the flea markets of northern CA as youths. It was the kind of place you don't take your hand off your wallet while pursuing their wares. After our trip through the market the oldsters took the youngsters to the Audubon Aquarium while their parents went off to do some shopping without the kids. After a fairly long day we all headed back to the house just to have the younger family head back out to the ferry for some time in the city as our trip was winding down

The next morning we spent our time cleaning up and packing. On the way out of town Thom and Alex had us drive to a small mom & pop place for our final meal in New Orleans. We were taken around back and thought it was there way to hide the obvious tourists from the locals and boy was I wrong. Before we started ordering a large group of senior women started to arrive. It kind of reminded my of the Red Hat Society ladies with all of them dressed impeccably. Turns out it was a birthday party for one of them. They had a refined kind of ruckus behavior about them and they were fun to listen to! The youngster who was taking care of us didn't have much experience serving tables. We took it easy on her but she still had to go into the kitchen to find answers to our numerous questions. At one point in time she said "Y'all know, I'm going to have to go and ask my mom about that one" and it all became perfectly clear we found the quinsensial family restaurant for our final meal on a great trip!!

We had our ups and down that you always have when you get a group of people together, but all in all it was a marvelous trip and I'd do it again with my family.

I don't think too many people could say that after about a week and a half together.

Jasper



