

Battle Born Rangers Newsletter

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A tribute to a wonderful couple

I miss "Imus Offen" often.

A few years ago, in Salt Lake City the top shooter shoot-off was Imus Offen versus The Grim Reaper. The 10 11 4+ shoot off came down to the last faller plate. Imus Offen did not miss he nailed it, and The Grim Reaper with a stern look walked away defeated! Imus, with his typical spirit continued to



enjoy his friends and the spirit of our game for several years. In mid-October 2025 once again, Imus was matched against the Reaper in Reno in the top gun shoot-off. Imus had unbelievable support as he approached the stage. Again 10 11 4+ was the stage. They were even after the pistol; Imus got his last of 10 rifles before Reaper so far, no misses. Imus missed a shotgun and needed to engage again. The door was open for Reaper. Reaper did not lose this time. Imus was not able to get off the last rifle shot, his equipment failed.

Tim was a happy person, often. He was polite, kind and shared joy

with all. He was the poster boy of Cowboy Action Shootings. The next time you feel like being negative, please STOP, think of Imus he would thank you for that.

May the FORCE be with Patience Myazz and family,
Wylie Fox Esquire



From our club president -Bordello Fellow

Greetings,

We have lost another cowboy this month. I receive a call from Patience (Karen O'Fallon) that Imus (Tim) was in ICU at the hospital and he had been getting chemo therapy and was not

responding well to the treatments. He was very week and sick. She wanted me to get the word out to the Club. I let her know I was only a phone call away if she needed anything, day or night. Then on the 16th I receive a text message from Fanner at 9:20 AM, "Tim is gone". Just breaks my heart. Imus was always fun to shoot with and just a great all-around cowboy. He will be missed. Please keep Karen and their family in your prayers.



Well as you can see, we made it back from our big road trip. Seems we were in 20 states and traveled 9,085 miles. Tired and glad to be home Our first shoot of the month was Saturday October 4th. The weather was perfect and we had 14 shooters. Stages and Match director was Rough Rider Rich. His first time doing this for BBR. He use to do it at his home club before moving here. It was a fun and interesting match. Just had a hoot!! Thanks Rich, judging from all the smiles, it was a great match.

Our annual Christmas Party is coming up on December 5 at the Carson Valley Inn. All our members and friends are invited. Below are the particulars for this event. Room Reservations: For a King, No-Smoking, 1-2 person room is a group rate of \$79. Call either (775)783-6629 or (800)321-6983. Other online numbers will not work for the special group rate. Use group number "5025" or group name "Walker River Resort". Dinner will consist of a choice of 2 different salads, mixed winter greens with Vinaigrette Dressing and fresh Romaine Lettuce Hearts with Caesar dressing. The 3 side dishes will be Mashed Potatoes, Herb Rice Pilaf and Green Bean Almandine. The 3 different entrees will be Pork Tenderloin with Cranberry, Pan Seared Chicken Breast and Atlantic Salmon. Cost for the banquet will be \$50 per person, pre-paid and RSVP to Gold Rush Allie. If you wish to for go the RSVP and pay at the door, the cost is \$65 per person. Please remember the banquet room only holds 50 people. It is possible you could be turned away. To contact Allie, you can see her at the shoots to RSVP and pay, or make other arrangements with her. You can also mail or email her. The address to send funds and RSVP is, Alissa Haley 18294 Goose Lake Drive, Reno, NV. 89508. Phone -775 771 7241 email -alice_12_92@yahoo.com **Please make the checks out to Battle Born Rangers or BBR** Once again Eldorado (Patt Bagen) set this up at the request of both clubs. I want to personally say "Thanks Pard !!" and I really hope the snow holds off so you can see what your efforts have accomplished. I'll buy you a drink.

As far as club news, don't have much. Seems we're in a holding pattern until range management gets moving on our bays. I do want to get at least one conex moved over to the bays we do shoot. Want to mention how much I appreciate Hawkeye Dick for all the times he has brought out his trailer to move steel. Thank you and because we don't want to take advantage of his generosity, BBR bought a 16' flatbed trailer. This will make it easier to set steel.

Another note, Jasper got someone to service our porta potty on a monthly basis. Thanks Jasper!!! I noticed some incorrect info on our Face book and Web page and am working to get it corrected.

Hope to see you at the next shoot,
Bordello



From your Secretary – Jasper Agate

Howdy all,

I meet the O'Fallon's at the great High Sierra Shootout a number of years ago. Fanner Fifty had been excitingly telling us that his Brother in-law and sister in-law were going to join us as guests that year. I met the most pleasant man wandering around the range camera in hand snapping pic's here and there and it was Tim, Fanner's brother in-law. Ole Ufda, Rex T. Dog and myself were coming in from shooting that afternoon and we ran into the photographer; Tim. He asked if he could take a picture of the three of us. We looked at each other and replied sure why not as long as you're not afraid of us breaking your camera taking a photo of the three troublemakers!!



Wandering around the camp later that afternoon I saw a couple of HUGE pit bulls romping around a camp. They looked so inviting and friendly that they drew me in to them. What a treat they were. Having just lost Trudy, our lovable old girl Springer cross, I was in dog love heaven!! Low and behold it was the camp of Imus and his lovely wife Patience. She was Karen at that time and soon there after came up with the unique cowboy name of Patience Myazz. Their camp was warm and inviting and I probably made a nuisance of myself going back for more dog love!!

Imus surprised me awhile later with three framed pictures of the three troublemakers and now it hangs in a place of honor in my gun room. Not only does it remind me of some great times with our fellow cowboy shooters I have the fond remembrance of the great photographer who presented the photo to me and my compadres.

Over the next number of years we met at our range and Patience always had a great big hug for me. It turns out that both Imus and I were going through some health issues and when they could come out she always had a hug and question on how I was doing. They jumped into the club with both feet, taking on responsibilities that required them to “learn the ropes” at an accelerated rate. Their wasn't a job that needed doing that either one of them wasn't ready to lend a hand with a smile on their faces!

Imus, I'll miss your smiling face and that quick wit of yours to crack a joke when things got a little tense. You were always there when your health permitted to do the heavy lifting that some of us just couldn't do anymore.

Patience, I can't wait for a warm hug from you when you are ready to join us again. Please don't make it too long.

With all my love,

Jasper Agate

From your Wild Bunch & Cowboy Coordinator and all around great guy – Flanigan Flats



Howdy,

I want to start this off by sending my condolence to Patience and to her and Imus's families. He is one pard that I am surely going to miss. He always made me smile. If you haven't already go read the send off Wylie gave him on the wire and maybe leave a short message or a picture.

October's Saturday Cowboy match directed by Rough Rider Rich was an awesome success. There were 14 shooters and it was a great day with very interesting and challenging stages. He is promising more of the same in November. Rumor has it that there might be Texas Stars involved. The match was won by Wylie and followed very closely by Nevada Star!!

The October Wild Bunch match as well as the Cowboy match was written by Make Your Mark. The stages were fun and there was plenty of free birds on both days. The Wild Bunch match was won by JJ. It seems like there may have been a private match between Make Your Mark and Derringer Dan. Make Your Mark took this one by .33 of a second!!! The Cowboy match was won by Dutch Dalton.

It looks like Novembers Saturday Cowboy match will be on 1 November. Shooters meeting will

start at 0900 or so. The Wild Bunch Match will be on Saturday 8 November followed by a Cowboy match on the 9th, Shooters Meeting at 0900 on both days.

Watch your emails and face book for announcements about setting steal etc,
Flanigan.

Next Months Matches

Nov 1st BBR 1st Saturday Cowboy
Nov 8th BBR Wild Bunch
Nov 9th BBR 2nd Sunday Cowboy
Nov 16th SSS Cowboy
TBA BBR Long Range



From your Cowboy & Wild Bunch Territorial Governor and Cowboy & Wild Bunch R.O. Trainer Wylie Fox Esquire

RO Training and WTC (What's the Call)



At the Huntsman Senior Games I was asked to be the match RO, which I was honored to do. During the match I was asked to make two calls.

The first: Shooter comes to shooting position and puts rifle down. TO notices that the hammer is cocked and declares a Stage DQ.

In the last several years the ruling on hammer back has been changed twice.

Originally if the shooter left the loading table with hammer back it was an SDQ. This was changed to as long as the shooter remains in contact with rifle the shooter is able to demonstrate by pointing the rifle

down range and pulling the trigger. This was then later changed to allow the shooter to put the rifle down and then pick it up and demonstrate that there is not round in the chamber.

Second: Shooter finished rifle, safely restages rifle then picks up shotgun. TO then stops the shooter and claims that there is a round in the rifle. The shooter then restages shotgun and picks up rifle, cycles rifle and the rifle was empty. Spotters say the shooter shot ten rounds. The TO then declares TO interference and directs the shooter to unloading table. Because this was a reshoot the Match RO needed to be informed, which I was. OK so why am I telling you this? Well, the TO did not count the rounds correctly, that happens, but the TO should have had the shooter continue to finish the stage without interruption, THEN check the rifle. Also, the TO should have insisted the shooter finish the stage.

In both of these examples the TO's were **VERY experiences** shooters, yet they were not current with SASS rules and guidelines. Therefore, I will repeat the following paragraph from the last newsletter.

It is my opinion that the true value of the courses is the participants. The material has value, especially if you have never taken any SASS courses. The greatest value is the discussions between the students. Even if you have taken the courses in the past, I would hope you would participate in the next offerings, probably May 2026. Especially the experienced members. **You, the experienced shooters**, have tremendous value in your experiences. I would also suggest you might refresh your knowledge base. Please make an attempt to attend.

COWBOY & Wild Bunch Issues

Here are summaries of the TG meetings at Land Run. If you would like to see the full meeting note let me know and I will pass them along.

Land Run CAS TG Meeting notes

- a. Structured Annual Agenda *didn't happen because there weren't any items up for discussion/consideration.*
- b. Ladies Category parameters
 - i. Category discussion – “OPEN categories, Base categories, protected categories” *confirmation/clarification provided re: female at birth requirement for ladies categories (policy change earlier this year)*
4. TO Training Module Updates

Misty presented that the TO Training Module is in the works. Video footage of scenarios is achieved, planning for the TO Training Module to be finalized and available by January 2026.
5. Match Directors Guide Updates

Once the TO Training Module is complete, SASS will move on to the production of an updated match director's guide.
6. Roy's Creek Dan – ROC/TG – OK : Need to clear up the confusion about the hammer back on the rifle. If the rifle leaves the shooters hand before the hammer is noticed.

Misty was able to locate an email thread from the ROC from 2020 on this topic. It was clarified that there is no penalty if it is corrected before firing the next firearm. Misty will work with the CAS ROC to

obtain an official clarification. Furthermore, this is an item that likely needs to be added to the SHB to help avoid future clarifications being needed.

Reducing the penalty for failing to clear guns at the unloading table to a Minor Safety penalty rather than a Stage DQ

This item died without discussion.

8. *Randy St. Eagle, TG – TN – Definition of “Revolver in Hand”*

SHB pg. 45 Revolver in hand – when the muzzle of the revolver clears the mouth of the holster or breaks contact with a prop where it was initially staged.

After presentation and discussion, it was deemed necessary for a revised definition of “Revolver In Hand” in the SHB for 2026 to help with clarity on this situation. Misty/SASS and the CAS ROC will work together to compose a more thorough definition of “Revolver In Hand”.

9. NEW BUSINESS – FLOOR OPEN TO NEW/ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- Montie Montana, TG – presented the request for a 90+ category
- Santa Fe River Stan, TG-FL - Proposal to remove the outdated verbiage surrounding a gun that falls (breaking the 170 vs. not breaking the 170)... instead; “any gun that falls” – regardless of circumstance – earns the penalty. *Misty asked if SASS and the ROC compile the information and proposed new verbiage, would the TG Body be willing/able to vote on this item prior to Jan 2026- all TG’s in attendance agreed. Misty will spearhead the voting process for this item.*

Land Run WB TG Meeting notes

Within the next few weeks, SASS will be working with the WB ROC and will finalize the voting items.
Misty Moonshine

There was some discussion surrounding the questions and to who/by whom the survey questions should be sent out, as well as the intent of the survey.

Misty Moonshine presented that, while SASS is certainly willing to send out surveys to the SASS membership, by SASS HQ doing so, it circumvents the TG body and its role. Instead, it was suggested that SASS HQ do the legwork to compile survey questions surrounding the existing 2025 agenda items for TGs to use to poll/lead conversations within their region with shooters and the clubs they represent. Further clarification was provided in terms of what items (questions) are “voteable” vs. what falls under SASS business policy.

3. Clarification (will be included in the 2026 SHB edits) re: 3 dot sights being allowed.

4. Brief discussion surrounding increasing the maximum pistol weight to 43 and CC Moonshine, SASS Advisory Board member presented the reasons behind the consideration.
5. Cholulu Mike presented Wiley Fox's TG Wire Forum post/response to the survey questions as requested by Wiley.



Huntsman Senior Games

Starr, Red Ryder and I attended the Senior Games October 7 – 11. It was held at the Dixie Desperados range in Hurricane (St George) Utah. I would suggest that if you have the time this is a great range for Cowboy Action Shooting. The range is dedicated to our sport. In addition to 12 separate developed bays there are two practice bays, a man-on-man shoot-off bay, 200 yard rifle bay and a 500 yard long range bay. They have a covered pavilion, water and enclosed porta-potties. Free dry camping and several RV campgrounds nearby. The club does a GREAT job supporting our sport. I would offer that it is the best range we have used (Jerome ID is a close second). Starr was 2nd in her age group. I was second in Wild Bunch Traditional Senior and third in my cowboy age group. Oh, BTW, you are assigned to your actual age group, no category shopping. We plan on attending next year and would encourage you to think about also attending. At \$150 for a large annual event (T-shirt, shooter gift, one lunch and banquet dinner, is well within the rates charged by other clubs. All events are included. 18 side matches, Wild Bunch and Plainsman. The age grouping for this start at 50 in 5 year blocks. Huntsman awards an abundance of metals, to the 107 shooters.

<https://dixiedesperados.org/world-senior-games>

