

# Battle Born Rangers Newsletter

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**From your club president - Bordello Fellow**



Howdy All,

I would like to wish you and yours a very happy Thanksgiving. Here's hoping that you get to spend quality time with family and friends, enjoying the holiday season. Please mark your calendar for the December 3rd club Christmas Party being held at the Silverland Hotel in Virginia City. Same place as last year (100 E St, Virginia City, NV 89440). Please RSVP Jackpot Jerry ([thurman@Banktechnology.com](mailto:thurman@Banktechnology.com)) so we can make sure there is enough food. Look forward to seeing you there! Now on to RCD 2023. I had a meeting with several club members and the board on Sunday 11/13/2022 to discuss RCD 2023 and to debrief RCD 2022. We found several areas that need to be address. Things pertaining to applications, advertising, and shooter fees. I have notes on all of this and coming up with solutions for next year. The group was almost in consensus about time of year. Most thought September is too hot and would like to move it to June.

What came up was the third week of June. It would follow Oregon's State match and Oregon State Black Powder Shoot. Part of changing dates is to see if we can get a grant from the City of Fernley. Georgia Blue has put in an app. to see if we can get it. This needed to be done ASAP because their window for applying was going to close. Once we see if we can get the grant we can discuss changing dates. Should know soon. The other concern is that changing dates has been known to kill an annual shoot. Do you have thoughts about that? Let me know either by email, phone call, or the next time we see each other. Any and all feedback is appreciated. Okay the next detail is what is this shoot going to look like. I have reached out to Silver State to see if they would like to put on a one day event tied into our annual. The feedback is positive, so the shoot would be like a Saturday at SSS then off to the Bucket of Blood for refreshments, then a Wild Bunch and or the Nevada State Black Power Match (both 2 day shoots) and then go into Roop County Day shoot (Big Bore Optional). It was suggested that all our matches should be big bore optional using the same targets for all. This would mean less steel movement from one event to the next one. Flanigan Flats wants the Wild Bunch match to be a BAM match. Bolt Action Military rifle used in the Wild Bunch match. Yes he would use the big bore targets in the match. It also came up that since this club is the inventor of the Tom Horn classification, we make RCD into a Tom Horn Western Regional championship in conjunction with the cowboy shoot. Yes belt buckles for winners has also been suggested. There have been great suggestions on posting flyers, advertising, awards, raffles, and pins for this event. Please keep the suggestions coming and also feedback as to what you want this next annual to look like. If we as a club decide to move the annual to June, then we need to get busy with all the tasks related to the annual shoot. I will be looking to club members to step up and help with this endeavor. One last note, we canceled the last shoot because of weather related issues. An hour or so later all the issues cleared up and was a beautiful day. Had we had a start time just one hour later we could of had a match. So I asked at the meeting to change to winter hours until March of 2023. So please note shooters meeting will be at 10 AM and steel setting starting around 9 am. Again, this is only for the next few months. Lets see how it works, and maybe implement it for all winter months in the future. If this causes you some grief, let me know so we can make adjustments as needed. Again, Happy Thanksgiving and hoping to see you at the Christmas Party!!!!

Bordello

## From your Scribe- Jasper Agate



Howdy all,

Not much to report since we didn't have either match on the Roop County weekend. Which brings me to our topic of discussion for this month. I don't mind going out to the range on these cold mornings what I object to is getting up so damn early!! Never did like alarms and when it goes off at 5:30 am it doesn't do much to improve my morning! We need to come up with a system of sign ups before the matches, ALL the matches to let the Coordinators know if they can sleep in or need to be out at the range. In discussing this with most of the coordinators they are fine with a few shooters signing up. If less than six shooters sign up the person in charge will call it a practice and allow shooters to set up their own steel shoot to their hearts content then return the steel to the appropriate conex. This should help alleviate the problem of no one showing up for the poor souls that make the trek out to the range only to go home. The only thing we have no control over is the weather conditions out at the range. We've gone out in reasonable weather at home only to find the wind HOWLING with cloud cover out on the range. Which as we all know can be miserable!! If we decide to cancel after we arrive at the range were sorry that you made the drive but we have no way to control the weather!!! We'll try to have something hammered out by the Roop weekend as HPD weekend is canceled because of the Christmas party.

We've been asked to have a lever gun long-range match so we are going to accommodate those requests next month. Dec long-range will be a lever gun match. We hope to have both a pistol caliber

and rifle caliber long-range match. We'll have to see if the weather cooperates and the time it takes to shoot both matches. More info on that as the time grows closer.

Hope you all have a fantastic Thanksgiving surrounded by friends and family and we'll see you at the Christmas Party,

As always, your humble scribe,

Jasper Agate

### **Next Months Matches**

Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> Wild Bunch -CANCELED

Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas party -Virginia City

Dec 4<sup>th</sup> HPD – CANCELED

Dec 10<sup>th</sup> Long Range - Lever Rifle  
Caliber Match

Dec 11<sup>th</sup> ROOP monthly Cowboy match

Dec 18<sup>th</sup> SSS monthly Cowboy match

### **From your Wild Bunch Coordinator – Flanigan Flats**



Howdy all,

The November monthly Wild Bunch (WB) match was a bust. A few people made it out to the range, but mother nature was not cooperating a great deal and the resulting weather conditions were not pleasant. We are working on a better way to make the weather cancellations before people drive out to the range. Stay tuned for those announcements.

The December WB match is cancelled due to the Christmas party being on the same day, I hope to see you all there.

Starting this spring it is my intent to start offering the option of substituting a big bore lever action or a period correct bolt action military (BAM) rifle for the pistol caliber rifle. So again, stay tuned for those announcements and start knocking the dust off those BAM rifles and big bore lever rifles.

Flanigan Flats.

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



### **SPOTTING**

While shooting a stage I had a miss part way through. “Oh well” I am thinking, “there goes my clean match”. TO polls the spotters “Clean”, “Clean” and “Clean”. The time is read out loud and the TO announces “Clean”. On the way to the ULT I am greeted by cowpokes with “Happy Birthday”. I am pretty sure I had a miss. Was this

my lucky day? Well if that was my lucky day then it was NOT a lucky day for the rest of the shooters. Incorrect spotting is just NOT fair to everyone. In fairness to the spotters “if you think it is a miss then it is a hit”. Now it is quite possible that the three assigned spotters were actually correct in the call? Just because other shooters claim they saw a miss does not make the spotters incorrect.

The above has happened to me several times. I am writing about it to make a point. TOs are there to ensure safety while shooting (eyes on the firearm-shooter, NOT spotting,)

Spotters are there to determine the winners of the match.

Remember, it's just a game and there is NO Cadillac to win. But given that SASS cowboys spend thousands of dollars a year shooting and traveling to shoots, it does not feel right when a competitor in a category only won or placed higher because of poor spotting.

We should expect that spotters when spotting should;

- Focus on the targets, do not talk to others

- Do not look at each other to see how many fingers they have out

- Prevent one spotter from bullying the others to change their decision

- Acknowledge that a dirt splash high on the berm was due to a nick

- Going down range implies doubt, therefore it is a HIT

- Avoid all standing together on one side

- Only spot, avoid picking brass / keeping score (sometimes this happens)

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**Spotters/Counters** – have the responsibility to count shots and misses and to verify targets were engaged in the correct order for the required number of shots. Three spotters are required – majority 2/3 breaks any ties in regards to misses.

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Assessing misses is purely in the purview of the spotters.

## **RO II Course**

I would like to have a RO II course this spring time. The course requires in-class and on-the-range activities. Probably on a Saturday in Fernley. The in-class could be at the Fernley Library and then out to the range. You must have successfully completed the RO I course to take RO II. I would highly encourage all those cowpokes who regularly hold the clock to attend if it has been more than two years since your last RO II course (probably everyone!). Looking at the listed Sass matches the course would NOT be April 17-22 nor May 17-19. If you plan to attend the RO II course please let me know which times in April-May do NOT work for you.

**From an anonymous member**

“A member has obtained pair of ‘line of sight’ camera glasses. These are the same glasses used by Jed I Knight in his Ytube videos of SASS shooting . It is anticipated that if a shooter desires to record their stage they will be made available and posted on BBR website. In addition to visual recording an audio recording is made in real time so keeping it G rated is a good idea. Anticipate they will be available in the Jan/Feb time frame as we still need to learn the operation and video processing. Anyway this sounds like a fun addition for our club. More info will be posted later as this plan matures.”

