

# Battle Born Rangers Newsletter

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**Make sure you read this newsletter till the end,  
Flanigan has some cool guns for sale**

## **From our club president -Bordello Fellow**

Seasons Greetings!! Well we are about 10 days away from the annual Christmas Party. Hopefully you all contacted Jackpot Jerry with your RSVP. Last year was just loads of fun and this year should be the same. Please remember that it is \$20 at the door for each person. Centerpiece contest is on again this year. Prizes for first, second, and third. The contest last year was a hoot!! I think this year will be even better. It amazes me at how talented you guys are. You can go to our FaceBook page and look for Melanie's post and add a comment to let her know if you are going to bring one. Or you can let Diamond Dirk know so he can pass it along to Melanie. She was the one who came up with this idea and she is now the coordinator, judge, and jury for all things "Centerpiece". I look forward to seeing each and everyone of you at the Silverland in Virginia City on



December 2nd. While we are on the subject, the Silverland Hotel has new owners coming on board. We were unsuccessful in scheduling next year's party because someone else beat us to our favorite time slot. Also there is talk of removing the bar and elevating prices for the banquet room. We have reserved next year's venue for Sunday, 12/8/24 just in case. .... In the mean time we are looking into other venues for our Christmas Party. If you know of somewhere or have suggestions, please pass them along. I would like us to lock in a place that everyone would enjoy. So for this month we had 22 shooters for HPD. The weather was good and the match was a lot of fun. The next Sunday there were 19 shooters. I could not make the shoot because of illness. Seems I caught a chest cold and was hacking and sneezing. Did not think it would be appreciated to share the wealth (so to speak). Yes, I did do a covid test and to my surprise it came out negative. Haven't had a cold for a long time. Guess it was my turn. Anyway I heard that the ROOP shoot was also a fun match. Speaking of matches, it is my understanding that SilverState canceled their turkey shoot because of weather. The good news is they rescheduled for Sunday the 26th. Rumor has it that more than one turkey will be on the prize list. In addition, maybe a few pies added to the mix too. If you have never shot this match, you have missed a really fun match. They do a good job! RCD 2024 On Oct. 28th we had a number of people come out to the range to lay track for the ore cart going in bay 8/9. Using all the scavenged pipe (rail) and bleacher boards (ties) we laid down about 65 feet of rail. It was calculated that we were short somewhere around forty feet. Twenty feet for each side. Work was completed in about 2 1/2 hours. We talked about where to find more pipe while eating the pizza that Jasper brought us. We also covered how we wanted to develop the stage and how to shoot it. A bunch of ideas were thrown out and just about every one was a winner in my book. There are a bunch of imaginative cowboys in this club! We picked up the tools, locked things up and headed home. I would like to thank the following for coming out to help. Jasper Agate, Brazos, Fanner Fifty, Imas Often, M T Chambers, Sherif Winchester, Hawkeye Dick, and Flanigan Flatts (no relations to Rascal Flats). Also helping out and adding support was Gold Rush Ally and Sue-nami. Thank you all for your help and support. Fanner and I went looking for that needed forty feet of pipe. Fanner checked on a few places with the result of too expensive, too thick, not the right size, etc. We talked and decided that the "Too expensive" we would hold in reserve in case we could not come up with anything else. I found some at a fence shop where they had used pipe that they were willing to sell for cheap. I called Fanner and let him know that I thought the search was over because I bought 40 feet of pipe, a little thicker than what we installed but it was the correct diameter. Then on Saturday November 18th I met with Sherif Winchester, Brazos, and Fanner Fifty with the extra 40 feet of pipe. We finished up the track in about an hour and talked about next steps. Winchester took the ore cart truck home to build the cart and then we are going to start on a mine shaft. Once the ore cart is built, we can start working on safety procedures to shoot this stage. I am hoping to be shooting this stage sometime in early spring and work out any bugs before RCD 2024.

<p><b><u>Next Months Matches</u></b> Dec 2<sup>th</sup> Wild Bunch- CANCELED Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> HPD Cowboy - CANCELED Dec 9<sup>th</sup> Long Range- 22 BPCRA Dec 10<sup>th</sup> ROOP Cowboy – Fun Cowboy</p>
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**From your Wild Bunch Coordinator – Flanigan Flats**

Howdy all,

I hope everyone had a great and plentiful Thanksgiving spent with a multitude of family and friends. We had a record turnout of 15 shooters for our November Wild Bunch (WB) match which was won by Two Timer with a time of 174.80 for the 4 stages. Fanner Fifty was a distant second, 3.81 seconds behind. The critics on the SASS wire are claiming that WB is dead or dying. You all proved that it isn't. It was beyond inspiring and fulfilling to see so many shooters at a monthly match. Thank you, I hope we keep that attendance up and increase it.

The weather for the match was near perfect and we saw the debut of Gold Rush Allie as a WB shooter. She will definitely be a force to be reckoned with in the future. She is planning to shoot in the Shootist category for Roop County days 2024. It would be awesome to see some other ladies out there as well.

SASS has seen fit to shake up the rules somewhat controversially for WB as we have known them. See Wiley Fox Esquire's segment of this newsletter for his summary of the changes that are scheduled to take effect on 1 Jan 2024. Look for a statement from our board in the near future in relation to the upcoming rule changes as well.

There will be no WB match in December and your participation in the Christmas party is highly encouraged. I truly hope to see you there and at our next WB match in 2024.

Flanigan Flats



## From your Territorial Governor- Wylie Fox

### WTC (What's the Call)

Here is an interesting discussion on the SASS Forum. [Click Here](#)



[Posted 13 hours ago](#) (edited)

**13 hours ago, Tennessee williams said:**

No, just because the instructions say, "begin with hands on hat brim" does not give you permission to bend and hunker down at 90° with your hat brim 6" from your rifle. The rest of you must be at sass default. I.e. standing erect.

[PaleWolf Brunelle, 2495L](#) has clarified regarding this but I can't seem to find it.

[PaleWolf Brunelle, #2495L](#) **Standing upright:** If shooter is to start with hands on hat or other stance, they must remain standing upright until after the

beep, unless stage instructions indicate otherwise.

**Example:** Just because the scenario states to point 1 hand downrange does not mean the shooter can have the other hand on the gun or bend down over the gun, unless stage instructions state otherwise. The other hand must be at SASS default, at side not touching guns and shooter must be standing upright.

Any exceptions to the “default” position **DO NOT** negate the other criteria.

Reading the entire post will show that not everyone likes this interpretation. This issue may continue to develop. Be aware that some clubs/matches may define their own “default” position.

## COWBOY Issues

As a result of three TG meetings at the Western Regional, Nationals and Bordertown the following issues may be presented to the TG’s for a vote. As your TG, I will vote according to membership choices. Please read the following and consider your vote. This is not the final list. Some issues may not come to a vote and other issues may be included. The timing of the vote has not been set. It is possible the vote may happen after the EOT TG meeting in February 2024. In preparation for that, I would appreciate your comments for me to share at that meeting.

A) Rifle: SHB v26.2, p.22 “Initially staging a long gun with the hammer cocked/action closed (once it leaves the shooter’s hands) is a SDQ.”

Would like to see this penalty removed, if shown to not having a loaded round in the chamber.

B) Shotgun: SHB v26.2, p.22 “Changing location with a long gun with the action closed and the hammer cocked (exception for rifle from the loading table to the stage with no round chambered).” Would like to see the same exception with the shotgun when moving from the loading table to the stage.

C) Category expansion protocol. Presented by Whiskey Kid. (Please refer to the LR Minutes on this lengthy subject and opinions regarding category expansion/collapse.)

D) Online RO courses, uses? Pros? Cons?

At LR TG meeting there was lengthy discussion on merits of both in-person RO classes and RO refresher online courses. Please refer to those minutes for that discussion.

E) Lever wraps on match rifles and 1887 shotguns.

SASS SHB pg.36.

- Levers may be wrapped or padded with leather or other natural material.

- Filler “blocks” or other such mechanisms designed to prevent all or drastically limit movement of the fingers within the lever loop are not allowed.

Is this too subjective? Suggestion possible rule change to include “Lever wraps may be used but must be made of leather or “faux leather” (eg. full grain leather, suede). This would remove subjectivity from the equation especially on a mod that if over done has diminishing returns??

F) Black Powder: The subject of the powder getting the right amount of smoke... any black powder at 1cc with any bullet over 125 to 130 grains ... No substitutes- just ANY real black.

# Wild Bunch Issues

As you may have read SASS has published a set of changes for WB to be implemented 1 January 2024. Here is the summary SASS provided. [Full Document here](#)

## SUMMARY

Summary of changes to the sport of WBAS, its rules, requirements, and governance.

- Governing: Wild Bunch Action Shooting™ will come under the purview of SASS, as it's governing body. WBAS will become part of the existing governing structure currently used for CAS. This includes the election of a WB TG for/within every SASS affiliated club with an active WBAS program to ensure that the members/shooters voices are being heard. The governing structure includes the WB RO Committee (WBROC), the Wild Bunch Regional Chief RO (WBCRO), and WBAS Certified RO Instructor Program. (Described on page 3 of this document)
- Approved Firearms: Any SASS legal rifle in .38 caliber will be legal for use in WBAS, with no Power Factor. Any SASS legal shotgun will be allowed in WBAS. (Described on page 8 of this document)
- Power Factor/Chronographing Procedures: The Power Factor requirement remains the same for the 1911 handgun only (no PF for rifle), the mandated Chronographing procedures are eliminated, easing the burden on Match Directors and event organizers. A competitor will only be tested for PF if challenged. (Described on page 9 of this document)
- Categories: (Described on page 8 of this document)
  - 2 categories will be added to the official category listing for use in WBAS main matches: Doughboy and Teddy Roosevelt. (at the match directors discretion and only if minimum mandates are met at sanctioned matches per the individual sanctioning contract)
  - The structure and parameters for an open class in WBAS – for use by affiliated clubs at the local club level (not offered at sanctioned championship matches) will be composed, available and endorsed by SASS.
- Target Distance, Placement & Size recommendations the SASS recommended target size, distance and placement recommendations will be adjusted to allow Match directors the flexibility to present a more diverse experience for all skill levels. (Described on page 9 of this document)
- Round Counts the SASS recommended round counts scale will be reduced for WBAS to allow Match directors the flexibility to adjust their match production in relation to skill level, competitor preferences, and to ease the financial burden of ammunition costs in a changing economy. (Described on page 9 of this document)
- WBAS RO Course A full redesign and restructuring of the WBAS RO Safety course and supporting materials will be produced through a collaboration between the WBROC, WBCRO's, and SASS. (Described on page 10 of this document)

My summary specific to BBR WB.

38 SPL rifles are now approved to be use in all categories.

Any SASS shotgun may be used.

Power factor for rifles has been removed. PF for pistols (150) will only be performed by exception (someone complains).

Open category (which we already have) is only for the local club matches. It allows 9mm single stack 1911 pistols, no power factor. Remember must use lead bullets per SASS rules.

## Guns for sale from Flanigan

2 S&W's both are 32 caliber and center fire. **\$100 apiece**

S&W Double Action 2nd model in 32. It has been re Nickered at some point. **\$250**

910-670-3705





Original 1873 Winchester in 32 WCF. I got the skeleton for this rifle from my uncle. It was a rusted basket case. The barrel was cut off and the only wood was the stock which was punky and pretty messed up. I took it as a challenge and learning project. It took a few weeks of being submerged in ATF to be able to completely disassemble it. From there I hit E-bay and bought original parts to put it back into something near looking like it should. Parts of the original rifle are heavily pitted and obvious. They include the lower and upper receiver, side plates, and butt plate. The wood, all internals, barrel, magazine assembly, lever, etc. are all original parts procured from E-bay. The front sight is a modern sight. I have not shot it and don't believe it should be shot. The action is stiff and clunky but kind of works. Probably a good fireplace mantel piece or parts for a project of your own. More pics available @ 910-670-3705.  
**\$700**



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Taurus 1911 45ACP. I bought this gun new at least 15 years ago. I have shot it a lot not even a guess on the round count. Original finish started to fade (common issue with the Taurus 1911) so I used some Dura-Coat on it while doing another project. The Dura-Coat has stood up reasonably well. I may have changed the grips at some point, I really don,t remember. I put a brand new Wilson chrome silicon recoil spring this afternoon. It comes with a Mernickle Wild Bunch Holster **\$400** 910-670-3705



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Up for sale is a Winchester 92 and a 1st Generation Colt SAA in both in 32 WCF. I prefer to sell these as a pair. The rifle functions as it should. I have shot it a couple of times and the bullets went where I sent them.

The Colt is a non-numbers matching gun (parts-gun). It looks and functions like it should. Lock up is good. I have not shot it. I have many more pics @ 910-670-3705

**I Prefer to sell these as a pair and I think they look together. \$3000**



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Original Winchester 1873 in 38 WCF. This rifle shows its age well and mostly functions as it should. It is a round barrel. I have shot a few rounds through this rifle and the rounds and found it to be surprisingly accurate. It cycles smoothly but the extractor is weak and extraction was a delicate operation. The dust cover is loose as well. More pictures are available @ 910-670-3705  
**\$1300**



