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Hello and Merry Christmas

This time there really isn't much to write about. Our nice November weather left us and for December we had to cancel both matches because of cold/rain/snow. Even if the temps had been OK, we sometimes cancel the matches because the entry road turns into a mud bog. Unless you have 4wd you can't get in. And if we use the road when really muddy it tears it up pretty bad. Let's hope January lets us get some shooting in.

Silver State Shootists had their Christmas party in Virginia City Saturday night. Many of our BBR members showed up to enjoy the night. From the pictures posted on Face Book there was a great turnout. Looks as though

most turned out in their finest cow person duds. The pictures also showed those that didn't spend the night got to drive home in a snowstorm.

After the New Year we'll be looking to sign up volunteers for ROOP County Days and the State Wild Bunch matches. We need an overall match coordinator for RCD as JJ is going to focus on the Wild Bunch match. There is a long list of tasks needing someone to take on. Each month we'll be asking for people to sign up until we get everything covered.



More New Rules

As your TG I can announce that the revised rule for coming to the stage with your rifle on half cock has been approved. Here are the 3 scenarios for showing up with the rifle in half or fully cocked position. The rule goes into effect January 1, 2020.

1. Shooter approaches the stage someone noticed the rifle at half or fully cocked. Shooter safely stages shotgun, TO then directs shooter to point rifle down range, bring it to full cock, no bang = no call, bang = SDQ.
2. Shooter approaches the stage and stages rifle it then leaves the shooters hand/control. Someone notices the rifle at half cock. No need to do anything SDQ except TO asks the shooter to point it down range, bring to full cock and pull trigger to insure the shooter doesn't move with a live round under the hammer as they proceed to the ULT because of the SDQ. Also SDQ for leaving control of the rifle with the hammer not down on an empty chamber or expended round. So double SDQ which is then a MDQ.

That's it for now. Dare I say it? Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year.

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Howdy Y'all,

Well there's not much to be said about the match on the first day of December. We had no winners, no losers and no clean-match shooters. In fact, we had no match as a result of the first real winter storm of the season. There was a nice Christmas party the following Saturday sponsored by Silver State Shooters in Virginia City. A good time was had by all. With that said, I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and the all the best for 2020. Hopefully, the weather wizards will permit us to have a great match on 5 January.

See ya soon!
Georgia Blue





Howdy all,

Both monthly cowboy matches were canceled this month so there is nothing to report on that front.

Some of us went down to Las Vegas to shoot a long-range gong match so I'll share some of the details with you.

49er Preacher and I packed up our fifth wheel on Tuesday around noon and squirted up the drive in four inches of nasty slush. I had Preacher station his Ram 2500 at the top of the drive just in case I didn't make it all the way up. BeeBad was home and refused to watch the dog and pony show of me trying to get up the slippery drive. That was probably a good thing because I had the truck in four-wheel drive low and spun my tires most of the way up!! I made it up and sighed a sigh of relief. I heard a whoop doopty from the deck and BeeBad had Bullet in hand cheering us on. I looked down the drive and saw that the trailer had slid on the grade and the awning missed the post for the gate by about two inches, the gods were smiling on us that day!! I must have heard from my passenger four times he was glad I had brand new tires on the old truck on the trip!!

We stopped in Tonopah for the night and it was bloody cold with a nice two-inch thick layer of ice on the asphalt. We stayed at the Tonopah station, which has a small RV park. For \$23.42 a night we had power to run the heater all night!! The next morning we were off to lost wages, I mean Las Vegas. The trip to the range was uneventful except for the driver, me got discomboobalated and got a little turned around. Thank goodness Seri was kind to us and gave us proper directions to the range. Unlike last year when she tried to send us up Mt. Charleston but that's another story. When we arrived at the range Tumbleweed Ed and Wylie Fox were already set up. We got set up in a light rain and settled in to a nice smoked duck dinner and a movie. The next morning Preacher and I helped set up some of the steel. It's a good way to get to know the folks who were putting on the match!! We got to start shooting for practice on Thursday about noon and there were 11 targets ranging from 200 meters to 870 yards. Unlike some of the other shooters we had enough ammo to shoot the match 4 or 5 times so we had plenty of practice ammo!! The four of us got most of our sight setting for the match and the fifth of our group Ogallala Kid showed up with dinner for us all. We had a great feast of Rudy's BBQ and shot the breeze for quite a while. Friday was another sight in day and Preacher and I spent most of the day doing just that. Our match director Wally Pinju allowed us to set up our own relays so I stepped up and was the first to start filling in the blanks. We had a sixth person with us. Jim Bridges from Bishop who Tumbleweed Ed, Preacher and I have shot with numerous times. We had two locals with us and it turned out that one of them was a gentleman we meet in Raton during the BPCR matches we shot down there. In fact our match director was the person in charge of weighing in rifles at the nationals!!

Late on Friday Wally had a side match, which was very interesting. For a \$5.00 buy in you had the opportunity to shoot up to five rounds off hand at a target 700 yards away to make the shoot off. We had four of us from our relay shell out the fees and gave it a go. I think three shooters hit the off hand target by their second round. I managed to hit it on the fifth shot and was in the shoot off with four other shooters. Jim Bridges was one of the shooters who got it on the second shot and hit it again. I didn't and was out. There was one other shooter who hit it on the first shot of the shoot off but Jim hit it an unprecedented third time in a row and won the event. What was even more impressive was Jim did it with an old trap door!!

Saturday morning was the start of the match. The weather was fairly nice and we had pretty good day of shooting. This was Ogallala and Wyllie's first time shooting a gong match and they both did fairly well. Well that's not quite true, Ogallala had an outstanding day shooting a 38 out of 42 rounds which put him directly into the master class for the match. The classes go from AA, AAA to Master and I'm still shooting AA with a 24 for the day. My shooting partner did pretty good shooting a 33. I had a Mexican feast for most of our relay and by 7:30 we were all quiet and the party was over for the night. We were all whipped from the day!! Sunday brought more of the same. I'm not sure what anyone but Preacher and I shot. Preacher shot a respectable 31 and I managed a 27. We all had some very challenging relays with some unexplainable phenomena that puzzled all of us at one time or another. One of my settings was 12 minutes lower than my double-checked sight settings. I wasn't the only one that it happened to. I think everyone on our relay had the same issues but not on the same targets, go figure!!!

After the match the awards were handed out and 49er Preacher and Ogallala Kid received metals. We made our goodbyes and went our separate ways. The drive home was almost uneventful. We were a couple of hours out of Vegas and saw a huge lightening strike off in the distance. As we keep driving towards a major thunder cell the lightening flashes keep getting brighter as we neared the storm. What looked like a few miles away the road curved to the left and we skirted the storm or so we thought. All of the sudden the wind started ripping and it was accompanied by driving rain. It seemed like we were driving through it for hours but in reality it was only 15 or 20 minutes. We landed in Tonopah once more only this time it was 15 degrees warmer and quite delightful!!

Preacher and I have been doing this for a while and knew a bunch of shooters who we only get to see now and again. It was like old home week for us. It seems none of us are getting any younger and it a special thing to get to hang out with like-minded shooters. The match will be put on again next year but it will be held a month earlier in November. If you think you might like to give it a try come on out during the year and get your loads worked up and join us. It is truly a blast to send a big old slug way out there and hear a resonating bong of that pill striking steel. In the shooting world there are few things in life more satisfying than that.

OK, Back to the cowboy world!!!

We still need you all to sign up for stage writing for next year. We would like to button up the schedule before the first of the year. Remember that it's your club and you should step up to help with the work.

BeeBad and I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We hope you spend your holidays surrounded be friends and loved ones.

*Looking forward to seeing you all next year, be safe,
Jasper*



2020 BBR's Stage Writer's Schedule

HPD

January

5th - Georgia Blue

February

2nd - Jackpot Jerry

Winter Range Stages - Part 1

March

1st - Longarm

April

5th - J.J.

March

3rd - Campout - Cinco de Mayo

Jasper & Georgia Blue

June

7th - Open

July

5th - J.J.

August

2nd - Irish Ike

September

6th - Cancelled

7th - 8th Nevada State Wild Bunch

October

4th - Capt. West

November

1st - Open

December

6th - Open

Roop

11th - Wild Bunch - J.J.

12th - Open

9th - Jackpot Jerry

Winter Range Stages - Part 2

7th - Wild Bunch - Open

8th - Open

12th - Ike's Josey Wales

9th - Wild Bunch - Open

10th - Fanny's Mother's Day Match

14th - Open

11th - Wild Bunch - Open

12th - Open

9th - Longarm

11th - 12th 24th Annual Roop County Days

11th - Open

7th - Wild Bunch - Open

8th - Jasper

Big Bore Optional

13th - Open

13th - Open

Jackpot Jerry is trying a new system for placing the Stage Writers Schedule of the website. It will be on the BBR Scores Page and if given the stages in advance he will post the stages reading. At the VERY bottom of the page, on the far right, is a link called 'Stages' where he has placed those stages received.