

# Battle Born Rangers Newsletter

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## From our club president -Bordello Fellow

Merry Christmas to all, Our annual Christmas Party at the Silverland Hotel seemed to be a success. Plenty of food, deserts, and fireworks. All were dressed in their finest duds and were looking good! It was a pleasant surprise to see Sanddab Sam & Will Cooner at the party. Our center piece contest was won by Dastardly Doug. His design walked away with the first place award. Did not see who got 2nd and 3rd, but congratulations to the winners. Hopefully we can do it again next year. As to next year's party we are looking into three different venues. Gold Hill Hotel, Carson Railroad Museum, and Carson Valley Inn (Gardnerville). We are also exploring Silverland again depending on what the new owners want for reserving the banquet room. Jackpot Jerry sent me some pictures of the railroad museum and it looks like a great place to hold a holiday get-together with excellent photo opportunities. So think about next year and if you have a preference, let your board



know what it is.

By now everyone has heard about SASS's new Wild Bunch Rules. There are several clubs that will no longer hold SASS sanction Wild Bunch matches. So with all the hooplas, complaints, etc. I held a board meeting just to deal with the new rules. Attending were our Wild Bunch coordinator (and assistant), TG, Secretary, Treasurer, and of course yours truly. It was decided since we are a SASS affiliated club and the rules really do not change what we are doing, we will follow the new rules. Part of the change is a new Wild Bunch TG. Wylie Fox said that he would be happy to take on the duties. He will be continuing on as our club Territory Governor. The rule change starts 1,Jan, 2024. It was also decided for RCD 2024 to include an "Open Category" to the Wild Bunch/TR/Doughboy match. Also brought up at this meeting was the need for Range Rules. I have an old copy and will be working on them. Once I have a "working copy" I will bring it to the members to discuss and vote on them. It was pointed out that one rule that should be incorporated in the rules is about resetting targets. Once a match director has set stages, no one should in any way change targets, adjust targets, or make any changes to targets without the express permission from the match director. It is okay to point out safety concerns but it is not okay to make any changes. A number of members have approached me on this subject and wanted me to include it in the range rules.

We did not have a match on Dec. 3rd because of the Christmas party on the 2nd. We did have one on Dec.10th. There were 15 shooters, the weather was clear and cold so we called it a match after 5 stages. iPads were not used so we used an old paper score sheet. I took it home and tried to input it on to my iPad. After some struggles (okay lots of struggles), and calls (only a couple) to Wylie I think i got all the scores entered into the program and sent to Jackpot Jerry to post. It came to mind that it might be a good idea to train a few folks on how to use and help create a "Cheat Sheet" for entering scores on the CAS Scoring program. If there is some interest let me or Wylie know and we can set something up. Just looking for a few members to help share the scoring tasks. So if you would be interested, let us know. In addition, we need stage writers for 2024. We will be making a calendar so please pick a date and help with stage writing. My understanding is there is plenty of help if you have never done this before. So please help your club, pick a date and write some stages. RCD 2024

We are six months away from RCD's. Georgia Blue was successful in securing grant funds. I will be reviewing the rules for this years funds as to what is allowed/not allowed for reimbursement. A question was raised about when we can start spending the funds and that will be part of the questions about what is allowed. With that information we can set a budget for awards and anything else it will cover. There will be a flyer posted on our social media pages and perhaps posted in local business. Still working on some details but should be out by 1, January, 2024. We are still looking for raffle donations. If you have some cowboy things laying around and have not used for a while, please consider donating to our raffle. In addition, if you have some sort of skill/hobby making things, we would definitely accept them for the raffle. As I said last month, We can still use more volunteers to help with the many tasks it takes to provide the best annual shoot for our customers. So please step up and help.

One other subject that was brought up at the meeting had to do with lead harvesting at our range. There is enough interest to investigate further. Should something develop with this, I will post it in the news letter

So until next year, Have a merry Christmas and see you all next year!!!

Bordello

### Next Months Matches

Jan 6th Wild Bunch -  
Jan 7th HPD Cowboy -  
Jan 13<sup>th</sup> Long Range-  
Jan 14<sup>th</sup> ROOP Cowboy -

**From your Secretary -Jasper Agate -**

## **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

From BeeBad & Jasper

Howdy all,

If you missed the joint clubs Christmas party you missed a great one!!! I had the pleasure of two of my dearest friends make the long trip from Santa Rosa to join us. Some how Wil Cooner and Sanddab Sam surprised me with their presence and it was a delight to see them both. Hopefully BeeBad and I will be able to recipicate in the New Year!! After dinner we all had the great pleasure of wishing our very own Jackpot Jerry a happy 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Georgia Blue had a fine cake for him to blow out the candles on and I think we were all grateful that Blue didn't try to decorate the cake with 80 candles!! It was great seeing a bunch of cowboys and cowgirls dressed up in their Sunday best. Once more the clubs had a contest for the best table decorations and our table was the winner. After the judging the individuals at each table were asked to pick a number between 1 and 25 to take the centerpiece home and I won the piece on our table that Dastardly



Doug had made. This is the second year in a row that I went happily home with the table decorations made by our friend Dastardly Doug. The caterer who did such a fantastic job for our annual match kind of let us down with the fare that he prepared for us for our Christmas foray. I know that some of you had a fine meal and that didn't fall on deaf ears. Hopefully we can diplomatically speak to him and see that everyone has a good culinary experience the next time we use him as our caterer. I think all had a wonderful time and I'm already looking forward to next year. A special thanks to all that made the affair such a rousing success!!

As you are all aware we didn't have any matches for the HPD first weekend in December because of the joint clubs Christmas party. We did have matches for the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend and bright and early on Saturday morning we gathered around the pavilion to figure out if we were going to have a 22BPCRA or not. The answer was NOT with four of us prepared to shoot that style of match. We did however put out the 22BPCRA swingers and 49er Preacher had some paper targets for 100 meters that mirrored the targets



we would shoot at much farther distances. 49er preacher and I focused on the tiny bulls eye targets (he was much more focused than I!!) and Hawkeye Dick and Fallon Kid concentrated mostly on the swingers at 50, 100, 150.200 and 300 meters. We heard plenty of those tiny 22s ringing steel for those boys! Brazos set up his own targets as he was plinking away with a 17 HMR, which dents the heck out of our mild steel swingers! All in all I think everyone in attendance had a great time at the long Range.

Sunday brought us another fine day, maybe a bit chilly for some. Justice Coldsteel joined us after recently returning from a much warmer climate and when I arrived he was lizarding (made up word) in the sun trying to warm up! We had 14 shooters plus Pasco and myself just coming out for the comradely. We had a few dedicated souls who wrote six stages on the fly and we wouldn't have a match with out their commitment!! Thanks guys!!! I keep score for the first stage and then had to hit the road as BeeBad had plans for me later in the day. Everyone was "laughin and a scratchin" when I headed home and I hope that continued for the remainder of the day!!

It would be nice, after a years hiatus, if we had stage writers sign up in advance for the up coming year matches. We have detail instructions on how to write stages with a bunch of sweeps to choose from thanks to our web-master Jackpot Jerry and we should be putting those to better use. If you haven't written stages yet there are a whole bunch of us that would be happy to advise and point you in the right direction. Those of us who have been writing stages for a long time would be happy to help you avoid some of the pitfalls that we learned the hard way!!!

Be safe, stay warm and hope to see you all in the New Year,

Jasper

## From your Wild Bunch Coordinator – Flanigan Flats

Howdy all,

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and that preparations for Christmas are coming together. We didn't have a Wild Bunch (WB) match in December because of the conflict with the Christmas party. Winter is upon us so please for the next few months I would appreciate if you will RSVP for any upcoming WB match to [haleyanthony@hotmail.com](mailto:haleyanthony@hotmail.com) and if the decision to cancel any match due to weather concerns is made I will attempt to get the word out as widely and quickly as possible. Our next scheduled WB match is scheduled for 6 January 2024.

This leads us to the new WB rule package that goes into effect on 1 January 2024.

There will be no changes to the requirements or current restrictions in relation to the 1911. Power factor requirement remains at 150 for the 1911.

Any SASS legal rifle in .38 caliber or larger will be added to the approved firearms list for the Traditional and Modern categories. There will be no power factor for any rifle in WB moving forward. Also, any SASS legal shotgun will be added to the approved firearms list for any WB category.



In addition to the Traditional and Modern categories, Teddy Roosevelt (TR) and Doughboy (DB) will be added to the SASS recognized main match categories for WB at any SASS sanctioned match. At the club level there will also now be an Open category. The Open Category will allow any single stack 1911 in any caliber or barrel length (No PF), any SASS legal rifle in .32 caliber or larger, and any SASS legal shotgun.

TR: This category substitutes a rifle caliber lever or pump action rifle for a SASS main match rifle with rifle targets set further out. Rifle caliber lever action or pump action as manufactured before WW1 ended. Rifle caliber is defined as having a minimum 1.8" cartridge case length. The 1895 Winchester and the Savage 99 originals or reproductions along with period correct receiver mounted peep sights are legal for TR.

TR rifles will be loaded at the loading table with no more than the number of rounds specified in the stage description- up to a maximum of 7 rounds and will be staged in accordance with the stage description. Bolt will be fully forward on lever or pump action with the hammer down. Lead bullets will be used. Gas checked bullets are allowed.

DB: The rifle must be an original caliber bolt-action rifle issued by any country to its military forces through the end of WWII. It must be as issued with original iron battle sights and NO external modifications. Internal modifications are allowed. Faithful reproductions are allowed.

DB rifles will be loaded with no more than 5 rounds and will be staged in accordance with the stage description. The bolt will be fully open. Reloads can be loaded individually or with stripper clips. Lead bullets will be used. Gas checked bullets are allowed.

These rules will be in effect for Battle Born Ranger WB matches going forward and I will do my best to make sure that we will have TR and DB friendly stages, so get those safe queens out!!

Please send any questions to the e-mail above and I will do my best to get you an answer. If you are curious about WB the pot is now right to give it a try! Come on out and join the fun. If you don't have a 1911 I have a Taurus 1911 and Mernickle WB holster for sale for \$400.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the range.

Flanigan Flats

## From your SASS and newly appointed Wild Bunch Territorial Govenor – Wiley Fox



### WTC (What's the Call)

There was an interesting discussion concerning popper clay birds. [Here](#)

This post had two issues, which I believe were a result of poor stage description. This stage had a bonus and a make-up shot, for a miss, on the same target. I am interested in

your thoughts. Some of the comments had to do with having a bonus in the first place. It was suggested that a bonus target should NOT result in negative time, but instead have some “after the match” award/prize. Phantom brings up an interesting point. Once anyone gets the 5 second bonus then to stay complete all shooters MUST hit the bonus, otherwise it is effectively a 5 second miss. If the bonus is 10 to 20 seconds, then, like above, it becomes a 10 to 20 second MISS!!!

**Phantom, SASS #54973**

Posted November 27

After the miss on the flyer (stupid bonus...only a "bonus" until someone hits the bonus...then the "target" is just another target), did he not put a round down range???

Phantom

PS: He gets the stupid bonus.

## COWBOY Issues

BBR & SSS members. As your TG I will be casting the club's vote on the following items. One vote each for BBR and SSS. I am requesting to get your vote before January 7th, 2024. Please let me know your choices, by email, phone or at the BBR shoot on Jan 7th. I will summarize the club's choice in the January newsletter.

Items #1 & #2 go together and basically treat the long guns the same.

Item #3 is intended to “clean up” an existing rule and try to assist shooters with smaller hands. The proposed changes had a lot of energy on the SASS forum, [here](#).

1. **Remove the SDQ penalty for initially staging** a long gun with the hammer cocked/action closed **with no live round in the chamber**.

*(verification for rifles- same as for movement from the LT...for shotguns, simply open the action to verify.)*

2. **Add shotguns** to the current exception for changing location from the loading table to the stage: **Changing location with a long gun with the action closed and the hammer cocked (exception for rifle long guns from the loading table to the stage with no round chambered).**

3. **Remove the subjective verbiage regarding "blocks" from the lever wrap allowance:**

**Levers may be wrapped or padded with leather or faux 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.~~

*(“leather” includes suede... “faux leather” would include anything that looks like leather.)*

## Wild Bunch Issues

Flannigan's provided a good summary of the new Wild Bunch direction. As a reminder all ammo must be LEAD only. The links to the new rules I posted in the last newsletter have been deleted by ???. If you would like your own copy, please contact me.

At EOT 2024 there will be an Ambassador/RO Trainer meeting. Last year's meeting was very confrontational. I hope this year is better. I will report back in the March newsletter.

