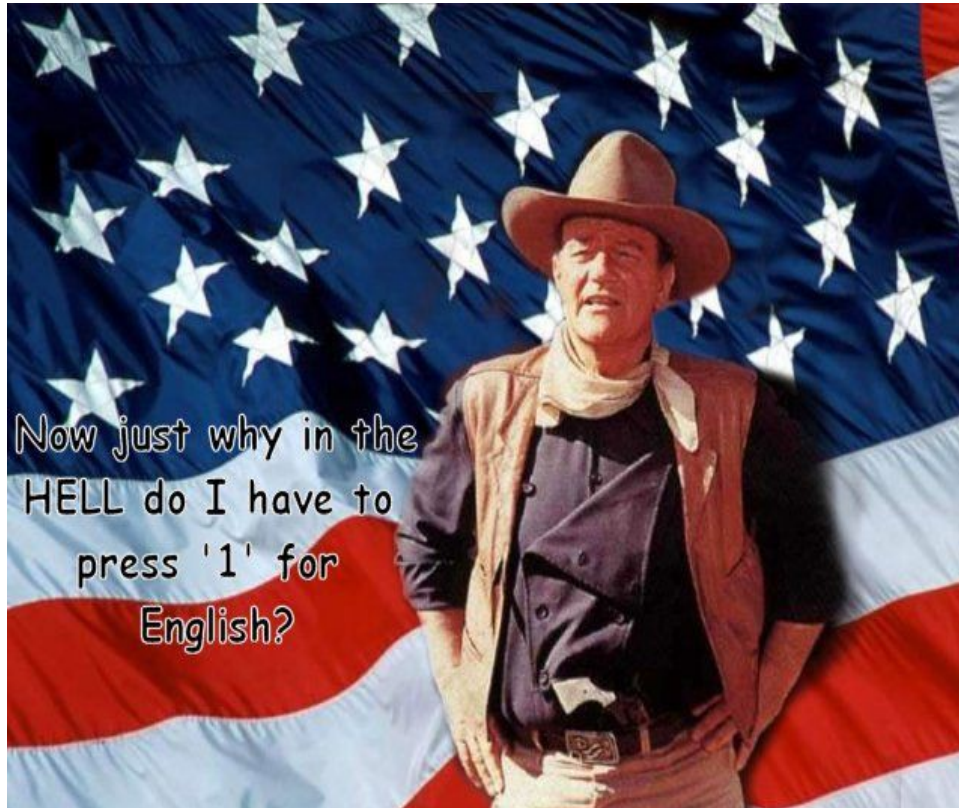


Battle Born Rangers Newsletter

Fernley , NV

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From our club president -Bordello Fellow



Howdy All, Here I sit writing this and snow hits us again. We did manage to get a day of shooting in. There were 10 hardy cowboys show up and shot 6 stages. One stage was used and we shot it six different ways. Weather was cool but sunny, great day for shooting. Won't speak for everyone else but I had a blast!! Judging from the smiles, others had fun too. Update on Roop County Days 2023. With a lot of work from a select few members, Applications were designed and have been emailed, posted, and copies made. The Confirmation letter was written, and after several corrections was handed over to our registrar's. Couple of items need clearing up. First is discounts, sign up for two of BBR's shoots and get a \$10 discount. Sign up for all three BBR shoots angel get a \$20 discount. There is a place on the application to take this discount. This does not include the Silver State shoot. The other item that needs to explained is "Iron Man". Shoot all four matches and you are eligible for a special Iron Man trophy. We are now in the process of gettin members in place for helping out. I will be

talking at the shoots with what is needed and what is already covered. A while back I had Jasper send out a survey to club members only and here are the results:

Q1: Plate Rack - 65% for replacing the rack - 11.5% repair old one - 23% for other. (suggestions were keep old rack on stage 3 but buy new one. Use old rack for practice, etc.

Q2: Board Expenditures - 30% for 2K - 20% for 3K - 5% for 4K - 45% for 5K. There was a comment about 3% of total funds in account. One about trusting the board as long as there was money left in the account monthly expenses.

Q3: Quorum - 18% for 5 members - 41% for 10 members - 27% for 15 members - 14% for 20 members. One comment that stood out suggested to post a notice of a vote, hold the vote with members who show up and use 51% of those in attendance.

Q4: Help with ROOP - 68% said yes - 14% said not - 18% said maybe. Comments were all over the place with a few members stepping up by adding their name and what they would like to contribute. One comment was for an official taste tester, which was ignored as that job belongs to the President. Q5:

Raffle - 87% yes - 12% said no. One comment said as long as it is not a garage sale type of raffle but quality prizes (i.e. Jasper's knives, Bordello's wood working, etc). This was sent out to over 40 members and the response was 27 members. Kind of dismal results but over 50% so I will take these results to a board meeting and start making changes to reflect how the members voted. One last note, based on these results the plate rack was ordered and on the way. Gotta remove snow from the coach and head South. Stay warm, safe, and keep your powder dry.

Bordello

From Your Secretary – Jasper Agate

Howdy all,

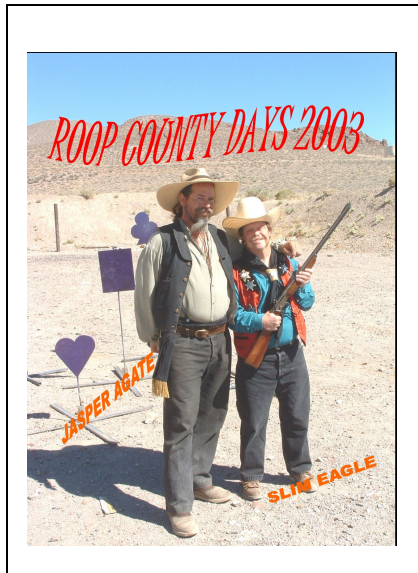
Well, another month with no matches. We did have 10 people come to the Roop match. They decided to have a fun match and put a little steel up on one bay and have at it! Seems like all that attended had a ball! Hopefully next month we will have sunshine and no wind for all our matches!!

I just went to the scores page of our website and we have stages posted for both cowboy matches for the month of March. I do believe we have Jackpot Jerry to thank for that!!

A handful of our cowboys and cowgirls went down to Phoenix for EOT and I hope you all do well. We'll be heading down at the end of March for the World Championship long-range match. It's a marathon match where we shoot for 10 days straight. This is my third year shooting it and it's truly a blast!! We get to shoot with some of the best shooters in

the world. We have kept up with some of the best but we always seem to fall off at some point and time but it's still fun to look at the standings and say we were right behind the winners or even on occasion slightly ahead of them. We were no threat to them and mostly we had a ball with them! Maybe if we practiced a bit more although that sure as hell didn't happen this winter!!!!

The paper work is moving right along for our upcoming Roop County Days and all of the info can be found on our website: <http://www.northernnevadacas.com/> We'll have sign up lists for all the positions where we need help, which is for all the matches at this point and time. One thing new this year



is ALL the matches are Big Bore Friendly!! So read the requirements for the matches and get to loading those big boomers!!

The last few trips out to the range have been pretty sloppy so I hope that things dry up a bit for our March matches although it doesn't look very good for things to dry up for this weekend. We'll keep an eye on the weather and let you know before the weekend.

That's all for now. Stay dry and keep warm and we'll see you on the range,

Jasper Agate

Next Months Matches

Mar 4th Wild Bunch

Mar 5th HPD Cowboy

Mar 11th Long Range- Lever Gun

Mar 12th ROOP Cowboy

From Our Wild Bunch Coordinator -Flanigan Flats

Howdy all,



The February monthly Wild Bunch (WB) match was another bust due to mother nature's interference and a lack of shooters present to have a match. The range was covered in snow, and it was a tad cool. We did manage to do a little bit of shooting. Dead Eye Dick gave Gold Rush Allie a very much appreciated lesson on the high points of running a 97 fast. Brazos had a very interesting rifle that may set the high-water mark for the Dough Boy (DB) category. I'm not going to let the cat out of bag as to what it is.... But I will say it was very smooth, accurate with a very quick bolt throw. Jasper sighted in a very cool little .22 pistol and Deadeye Dick warmed up for his upcoming trip to Arizona on what's left of our broken plate rack. All in all, it turned out to be a decent and worthwhile trip out to the range.

I have high hopes that we can catch a break and get a WB shoot in on 4 March 2023. This will be our first monthly big-bore WB match

where we will be offering Teddy Roosevelt (TR) and Dough Boy. So let's break out some of those "safe queens" we never get to shoot and let's have some fun!! Lead bullets only please.

Teddy Roosevelt substitutes a rifle caliber lever or pump action rifle manufactured before WW1 ended (or replica thereof) for our normal WB legal rifle and will be engaging targets at the outer limits of our bays. Rifle caliber is defined as having a minimum 1.8" cartridge case length. This opens the door to the 1895 Winchester and the Savage 99 to name just a few candidates. Another interesting dynamic to this category is that period correct receiver mounted peep sights are legal. For a very good article on this category see page 16 of the January 2023 Cowboy Chronicle.

Dough Boy substitutes an original caliber bolt action military (BAM) 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. Of course, faithful reproductions are ok.

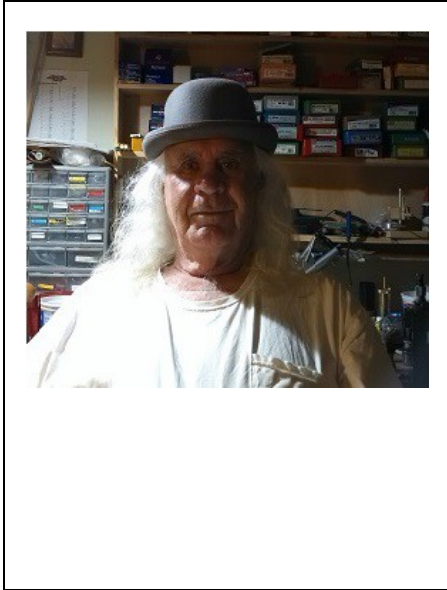
As stated above only lead bullets are allowed, gas checks are ok, for both categories. The official rules for both categories can be found on pages 21 and 22 of the SASS WB Range Operations/Match directors Handbook available on the SASS website. I encourage all perspective shooters to review these and we'll

cover them at the WB shooters meetings as needed. It is my plan to limit stages to a maximum of 5 rounds per stage, twenty rounds of rifle cartridges per monthly.

AS always feel free to reach out to me with questions,
Flanigan Flats

From our New Black Powder Guru- Fallon Kid

"Black Powder Tid-Bits



I know some of us are cutting our black powder baby teeth and if like me "A lotta learning" awaits us. Sunday was great, a timer less match but all else was as should be. I think I picked up a few things and lesson learned. Hopefully you can glean and use any or part of what I experienced.

The GUNS: I was using 1860 Army Mason Conversions and 1866 Golden Boy (both 45 colt).

The Mason Conversions ran all 5 stages without any maintenance or wiping. I attribute this to our BP Master (Jasper). He suggested using White Lithium Grease, which I did, specifically Lucas NLGI #2. I lightly lubed the cylinder rod with white lube. On day of match, I slapped a dab of lube on first 2 bullets while at loading table. I eventually lubed all bullets accessible while gun cylinder resting on empty chamber. This seemed to work well as bullets were not lubed.

The 1866. Just cleaned and utterly amazed at lack of residue, both at receiver area and barrel. I attribute some of this to advice by Haley. He advised to hone both sides of carriage. I did same with a 400 grit paper and this seemed to alleviate the BP built up as carriage is cycled up and down. (I had fired about 20 rounds two weeks ago and build up got so rough making it so hard to jack I stopped)

Bullets/Brass: All the brass was fire formed and no re size. To de prime I used a 300 win mag sizing die which pops the primer out without touching the brass. The load was 24grains of 2FF holy powder (Graff) and a .030 fiber wad pushed down over the powder. The rest was grits and powder coated 200gn cast unlubed bullet seated normally. This was enough report shooting to take you out of the 'gamer' category but still very manageable.

My Mea Culpa: On last stage I had a problem with cylinder rotation. It appears my bullet crimp is not consistent with using a seat/crimp die. One of the bullets moved forward just enough to interfere with cylinder to barrel. I think I will use a dedicated crimp die to ensure uniform crimp. Press used for this was a single stage Rock Chucker.

I think all of this added up to improve the reliability of completing a match with BP, but the one major thing I saw was using fire formed brass. The lack of blow back was very noticeable. I feel it was less than what I normally see using 4.5gn of Titegroup."

