

Battle Born Rangers Newsletter

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From our club president -Bordello Fellow

Howdy All,

Well End of Trail was a match that I will remember for a long time. My first time shooting this event. The plan was to leave Saturday but with the weather forecast of heavy snow, we left two days early. When we left Washoe Valley, it was snowing with about 3 inches packed on the roads. Everything cleared up once we crested the hill into Carson City. After that it was clear roads with only one area where it snowed like mad! Good thing it was drifting across the road and not sticking. We stayed in Amargosa Valley and then pushed on the next day to Ben Avery. Was my first time shooting the world championship and I was impressed. I thought overall everything was well organized. With some many shooters, I was worried that it would take forever to run through the stages. Good thing Fanner Fifty was there to keep me straight. Four stages for three days and about 2-3 hours to finish. I would like to honor the club



members who made it to the “top Ten”, in their classification, drum roll please.....Fanner Fifty, Two Timer, Dutch Dalton, Nevada Star, and Nevada Blaze! Good shooting and well done!!

One of the best things for me is running into old friends and shooters who have moved out of the area. I talked with Dr. Dust, Dutch Dalton (he was on my posse), and Nevada Blaze. It was so good to be able to visit with each of them. In addition, I ran into some shooters who I use to shoot with up in Oregon and Washington.

I also had time to visit with Beaver & Sandstone Drifter (Eldorado Cowboys). We touched bases with our annual shoots. They have "Dam Site" shoot coming up April 1 & 2. See their web site (eldorado-cowboys.com) or the link on our site for more details. Sounds like it will be a blast!!! Mojave Rose also sent us a "Free Shoot" for Eldorado ,**Nevada State Championship** shoot (Sept 27 - 30) to give away in our raffle at Roop County Days. Also check out their web site for updates for the **Nevada State Wild Bunch Championship**, which they are hosting this year. If they approach this as they do the Nevada State Cowboy Championship, it will be outstanding!! Mark you calendars and I will see you there.

I had the opportunity to chat with Penny Pepperbox and Lash Latigo about the range in Pahrump. It seems they have hit another snag and the range has been delayed. Penny indicated that they had funds set aside and were working to develop a cowboy range. Hopefully they will be successful and have it operational soon. If you have ever had the privilege of shooting with this couple, you know what "Fun" is all about. Once they get their range established, I think we should as a club should journey there as a group and shoot with them. Show our support for another club in the state.

While we are talking about shoots away from home, lets mention our friends at Diamond Dicks Cowboy town. Gun Fight at Arroyo Cantua with match director, Nyack Jack will be April 20-23. Then there is High Sierra Shootout with match director, Chance McCall. This will be held on May 25 - 28th. Both shoots are very fun to shoot and worth attending. Information and applications can be found at www.cagunslingers.com.

It is my understanding that the new plate rack have been delivered. i believe that Flanigan Flats plans on assembly as his schedule permits. I am looking forward to a plate rack that works as designed.

Update forRoop county days:

Raffle: As per the survey, club members (87%) think we should move forward with a raffle. With that in mind, I need someone to step up and run it. I have some ideas that will make this a very simple and easy process. So if I could get a volunteer to run this, please contact me. I need the help. Also, we need donations for the raffle. As one member put it, "Not garage sale junk" but good shooting/cowboy related products. Also wine, knives, and cowboy clothes (in good repair) is good. If you have a talent for making products, please think about donating it to the raffle. I will most likely be making shotgun cleaners again.

Greeters: We have one person step up to greet shooters and another one to help out. We still need a couple more to help greet and sell raffle tickets.

Range Cleanup: Make your Mark will be scheduling a couple of range cleanup days. We have old steel to recycle, a couple of conexs to clean and other tasks. The more members we can get to help out the easier the tasks will be. Not to mention, faster too. So please look for the announcements and attend if at all possible.

Shooters Trophy's: We are looking into belt buckles for top shooters. There is a local vendor that we are working with. I will have more information next month on how this all works out.

Lets hope the weather is more friendly in April, but until then

Stay warm, safe, and keep your powder dry.

Bordello

From your Secretary -Jasper Agate

Howdy all,

The Weather got us once more!

Even if the weather had cooperated the road and ground at the range were too wet to use the facility. Hopefully April will be kind to us and let us finally have a match!!



We had a pretty good turn out at EOT. Congrats to all our winners!!! By the pictures it looks like we weren't the only ones with wet weather!! A few of us are heading down to the same range for an entirely different match at the end of March. Tumbleweed Ed, Ogallala Kid, 49er Preacher and I will be representing Northern NV for a very difficult match. We shoot a couple of days of BPCR Silhouette, a day of 22's at 200 meters. One day at 500, one day at 600 meters then one day at 800 and another at 900 meters. The next two days are at 1000 meters and the finally is shooting at 1000 meters with no help. No spotter or coaching

allowed!! If the wind is blowing in the wrong direction (which happened to me last year) it blows across your spotting scope and you can't see a thing!!! Even with all the challenging weather related problems it's a fun match and we get to shoot with some of the best shooters around.

We have a stage writer for the HPD match in April, but we still need stages for our ROOP match. Looking at our calendar which can be found on the scores page of our BBR portion of our website we need stage writers for the rest of the year for both clubs. We have the stages for June for our annual match but that's all we have for our monthly matches for the entire year,

Were going to have to cancel the long range match for April, but we'll be talking to you long ranger shooters about something later in April to try to make up for all the matches we've lost because of the weather. One of our members contacted me about some practice because he picked up a Shiloh and wants to do some work with it. I'm sure we can make a practice happen in April because most of us have something they have been working on over the damn cold and wet winter that needs to be tested, I know I do!

We'll be seeing you all soon,

Jasper

P.S. Editor's note: Thanks to our contributors for getting their copy to me in a timely manor for this month's newsletter. Your effort is recognized and greatly appreciated!!

Next Months Matches

Apr 1st Wild Bunch

Apr 2nd HPD Cowboy – Bird & Such

Apr 8th CANCELED

Apr 9th ROOP Cowboy - NEED STAGE WRITER

Apr 16th SSS Cowboy match

From our Wild Bunch Coordinator – Flanigan Flats

Howdy all,



The March monthly Wild Bunch (WB) match was another bust due to mother nature's interference and a lack of shooters present to have a match. A few of us were at the range on the Friday afternoon before the scheduled match to receive our new plate rack from the shipper. The road from the white gate into the range was a serious mud run resulting in one very stuck pick-up truck. Which Gold Rush Allie made short work of recovering, not once but twice. In the interest of not having to spend hours recovering stuck vehicles and tearing the road up and with the threat of more wet weather on the way the decision was made to cancel another match, once again.

I really hope that we can catch a break soon and get a WB shoot in on 1 April 2023, but everyone knows what April first is.

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 Territorial Governor – Wylie Fox



TG meeting at EOT

The first item was about a previous TG vote regarding rules. It appears that at the 2018 EOT meeting the TG's voted on "Putting rifle down when staging, with hammer back."

Eliminate the automatic SDQ penalty for leaving the LT and coming to the line of engagement with the hammer back on the

rifle. "In such instances, the shooter would be directed to point the rifle safely into the back berm, bring the hammer to FULL COCK if it's in the "safety notch, and pull the trigger. If no bullet was fired, the shooter would be directed to finish staging firearms and to complete the stage (No Call). If a round fired when the shooter pulled the trigger, the shooter would be assessed a SDQ and directed to proceed to the ULT."

RECOMMENDATION: YES

This was revisited because the TG's said that the above change was NOT what they approved in 2018. The ROC committee will revisit this issue to include the rifle may put down staged (shooter putting rifle down) with hammer back and still be corrected with no-call following the procedure above.

Next there was a discussion regarding allowing 1873 rifles in B Western. That discussion was immediately shot down.

Misty asked for opinions regarding the creation of Wild Bunch TG's. The Wild Bunch TG's would follow the same structure as the Cowboy TG's. For a club to have a WB TG, the club would need to have an active WB program and the TG must be an active WB shooter. It is predicted that the existing cowboy TG's could also serve as WB TG's (assuming they are active WB shooters).

The most lengthy discussion was about TG's actually voting. The final voting last January regarding the black powder standard and young gun shooting gunfighter had roughly half of the 700+ TG's submitting a vote to represent their club. The TG's present were in favor of having the votes published by club and vote. This will allow the SASS members to see how their TG voted and to confirm that they did vote.

There was a Wild Bunch Ambassador, RO-Trainer meeting headed by Misty. Misty shared some thoughts regarding an "open" category for Wild Bunch. This discussion included a lot of high energy comments. It will be continued in the future.

We spoke to several shooters interested in attending our eight day shoot in June. Lets make sure we show them a GREAT time. Word does get around. I know of two shooters who plan to attend. Each of which attend many other matches around the west each year (this is how word gets around).

EOT targets were 16"+ in size at normal distances. Many stages had shotgun from two or more positions. I would suggest we avoid stand-n-deliver and use the full width of our bays.

From the TG forum by Pale Wolf

The question was asked regarding how much assistance a T/O (or other shooter) may provide to a shooter experiencing a "gun stoppage" situation mid-stage.

Specifically, providing a tool (e.g. screw knife) necessary to remedy the problem (without personally handling the shooter's firearm).

The ROC was unanimously IN FAVOR of ALLOWING this under the primary role of the Timer Operstor to *"safely assist the shooter through the course of fire"*.

RO II class is Saturday April 29 All RO I's are encouraged to attend (it is free for BBR members) Lunch will be provided at the start of the "range" portion. Please email me your interest. This course is strongly suggested for all those who regularly hold the timer.

