

# Battle Born Rangers Newsletter

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**There are good ships and wood ships, ships that sail the sea, but the best ships are friendships, and may they always be.**

## From our club president -Bordello Fellow



Roop County days will be June 22nd -29th, 2024. Just a friendly reminder that we are three months out for our annual shoot. Applications are posted, awards are in the process. Side-matches and long range are under development. Range cleanup will happen as the weather improves. I wrote last month and it's worth repeating, "We will once again offer the "Shootist Award" to any/everyone who shoots all four matches. We have a number of "First Years" awards to hand out and for those who have already received one, there is a new design for a second year award". Also a repeat from last month, "DONATIONS for the raffle are needed". Please look around all your cowboy stuff and if you find something you no longer use or need, consider donating to the raffle. It would be greatly appreciated. Sheriff Winchester delivered the ore cart and its stored in one of the connex boxes at the range. once we get gravel on the rail bed, we can start using it.

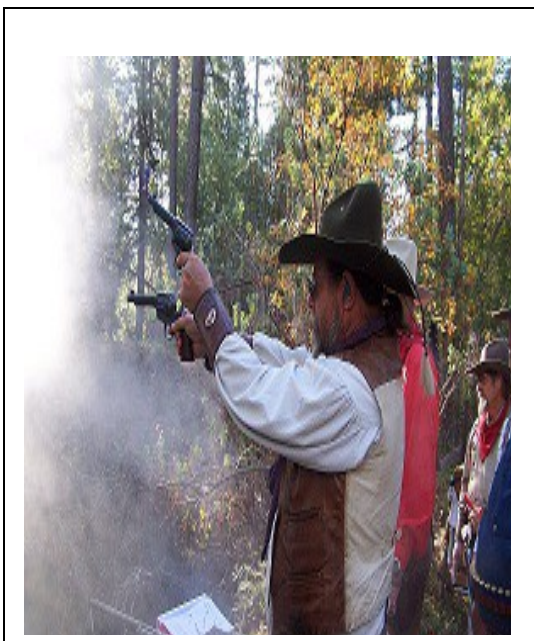
Okay, we have officially sprang forward with time. It's time to change shooters meeting back to 9 am. So starting in April, Shooters Meeting is 9AM.

I have had a couple of members asking me about APP Black Powder. They are looking to buy a couple of pounds. The deal is if I order 4 cases, (48 one pound bottles), we get free shipping and the cost per pound drops \$10. So if you buy a couple of pounds from the vender, the cost is \$30 per pounds, shipping, and hazmat. If there is enough demand for powder, I don't mind ordering 4 cases. So if you are in need of APP Black, let me know how many pounds you need and 2F or 3F. Seems some of our members are using 3F for everything. Once I get an idea what the need is, I will see about ordering.

I am still being contacted about the new property owner. Just to keep everyone on the same page, I have talked and exchange emails with the owner and now the new track manager. I am waiting on them to set a meeting so we can talk about the future of the track and where/if our club fits into their picture. Like I stated earlier, Not sure what our future will be, but will continue working with the new owners for the best interests of the club. In addition, until I am told otherwise will continue working for the future of the club at this location.

I don't know where we are at with this but I will say it again, we need stage writers for this year. My shoulder seems to be progressing according to plan. I have about 3 more weeks in the sling and weekly Physical Training for the next few months. I still can not say when I will be able to get back into shooting. It is still my goal to shoot RCD. Got my fingers crossed that I will be able to shoot the match.

One last note that you need to be aware of, it seems those Californacators are coming up May 5th to start a ruckus on our range. It's a Boarder War!!! I think we need to show those near-do-wells a thing or two about shooting. Some will be coming up on the 4th to camp out then shoot on the 5th. Thinking maybe we should make a weekend out of it our selves. Not saying you all have to pack Bud light or swill NearBeer like them. We can circle the trailers on one end of the range to keep out the riffraff. Got to watch those people, I heard they have gone so far as to tear off Trump stickers from bumpers of cars. So this fandango is going to be four cowboy stages and then a team shootout for bragging rights and trophy to the winning club. Please bring an old name tag so we have something to use while drawing for team shoots. Come shoot for the brand and show who has the best shooters. So until then, See you on the trail..... Bordello



## From your Secretary - Jasper Agate

Howdy all,

I started this newsletter a few weeks ago as the picture on the front - page references St. Paddy's Day and Easter is upon us!! Seems like the month just got away from us!!! A big thanks to our very own Wylie Fox for being the first contributor to get his copy to me. Thanks my friend!! I admit freely that I didn't start mine until March 25<sup>th</sup>!

We're still asking for stage writers for our monthly matches. It can be a lot of fun writing and setting up our monthlies with the right help! See one of us if you are interested and we can set you down the correct path. Jackpot Jerry has set up an aid to help you start down the road to writing the perfect stage!

<http://www.northernnevadacas.com/html/stages.html>

Our annual matches are just around the corner and Bordello still needs some help with this and that. Remember it is your club and your participation is needed! It really is a great time seeing and helping behind the match. I've been working on the annuals for a very long time and I can't wait for opportunity to help on next one!! Come on out and help you won't regret it!!

We got a few matches shot in March and the participation was pretty good!! The Gulch was "snowed out" so they shot on our range and they had the largest group for the month. I guess the weather was just right for their match and I congratulate them for the attendance they had!! It was big bore optional and I was up in the Roop conex doing some clean up and heard a tremendous BOOM from one of the bays. I wandered down to the range to find out it wasn't a big bore rifle and I should have known it was my friend the Fallon Kid cutting loose with his shotgun. He pretty much had the store front shaking when he touched off a round!!

We're going to try to have some kind of long range match in April more info to follow.

That all for now, hope to see you all on the range,

Jasper Agate

## *Be sure to check out the pictures at the end of this Newsletter*

### **From your Wild Bunch Coordinator- Flanigan Flats**

Howdy all,

It is hard to tell but I think spring is almost upon us. Our original March Wild Bunch (WB) match was snowed and most likely blown out. On paper the next weekend appeared like it was going to be a nice warm spring day, so we rescheduled the WB match for Saturday 9 March. It turned out to be breezy and cold. Despite the breezy cold conditions, we had another great turnout with 11 shooters. The match was won by Washoe Zephyr. Imus Often made his return to shooting and brought M.T. Chambers out for his first, we hope of many WB shoots. It was great to see them both.

Thank you to everyone who helped with steel set up, tear down and keeping score. We could not do even these monthlies without all the help. I'd like to send out a personal thank you to Wild Bill Berry for coming out and supporting us by picking up brass and helping us wherever he saw a need. He helps Gold Rush Allie and I immensely.

Our next WB match is scheduled for 6 April. I hope to see ya'll out there! If you just want to give this WB thing a try but don't have what you think you need, please reach out to me and we'll see what we can do. Any SASS legal rifle and shotgun is now allowed, and we'll figure the rest out.

Any day on the range beats a day of Honey do's!!

Flanigan Flats



# From our Wild Bunch and Cowboy Territorial Governor – Wylie Fox Esquire

## COWBOY TG Meeting



We were still shooting Wild Bunch when the meeting started. I hope to get some official notes to share next month.

### Black Powder Standard

Talk about dragging on and on this topic was the meeting winner. Many attending thought this was about changing the smoke standard, IT WAS NOT!!! It was about creating additional loads to be used to demonstrate the required smoke standard, SHB top page 26

- Standard .38 Special case.
- 1 cc GOEX 2F powder.
- Federal Standard primer.
- 145 grain bullet lubed with SPG.
- Powder lightly compressed with a medium roll crimp.

After everyone had their 10 seconds of babble, Damasks John offered to experiment with various bullet mass, bullet lube, powders, powder amount in 38 SPL. He might include some other calibers. His results will be presented to the Cowboy ROC for review. The intent is to offer several “loads” for match directors to use as the requirement of “smoke” for black powder categories.

Next, the TG voting results from January were reviewed. This was reported in the January newsletter.

**February 2024 Edits to the SHB** were approved. They are included in the currently available handbooks.

<https://www.sassnet.com/the-shooting/cowboy-action-shooting/handbooks-rules>

The floor was then opened for new items.

### Allow 1895 Winchester for long range.

The 1895 Winchester has a box magazine. The rules do not mention box magazine. This issue was tabled (no action)

**Create an additional category for 90+.** This issue was tabled, no action.

### MDQ for holstered pistol with hammer back on live round

The current rule is SDQ, the proposal is to make it a MDQ. If the shooter has contact with the revolver, then the revolver is still in the control of the shooter, the shooter can remove revolver and correct the condition. Item to be put on next TG ballot.

### B Western to allow 1873 rifles.

Item dropped for lack of interest.

### Remove the requirement of two fist between holsters.

Item dropped for lack of interest.

## Wild Bunch TG Meeting

SASS is still creating the Wild Bunch ROC. The recently published rules are the starting point for the future of SASS Wild Bunch. Some folks wanted to specifically discuss the published rules. It was made VERY clear that rule changes for Wild Bunch will follow the model of Cowboy. That is the, TGs will make suggestions for rule changes, via voting. Those approved will be presented to the Wild Bunch ROC. The ROC will consider those changes. The final decision will factor the effect on the business model.

*I strongly suggest that you share your thoughts with our BBR club WB shooters and myself regarding WB rules and or changes. I see the possibility of some potential changes in the future and I would like to insure that BBR is well represented. FYI as BBR WB TG, it is my responsibility to represent the wishes of our club. As in Cowboy I will poll the members to make sure of the clubs wishes. (This also applies to Cowboy issues.)*

SASS in general, is looking for additional WBRO trainers.

The Wild Bunch ROC has yet to be finalized.

## Historic 3 Gun Meeting

There was another meeting hosted by Legendary Lawman and Serenity. The meeting started with thanking Ambassadors and Trainers for all their effort in making WB successful. Then they explained the new shooting organization Historic 3 Gun ( [www.historic3gun.com](http://www.historic3gun.com) ). The web site describes the goals and structure. If you look at the initial documents you will see a very close similarity to SASS WB. They are not out to compete with SASS but to offer another shooting organization. There were many “town hall” style discussions, where people shared ideas for the new organization. The topic I feel that got the most attention was overall gun safety. There was a general feeling that SASS is too soft regarding safety.

For example, a finger in the trigger area when it should not be there would be a match disqualification, no warnings first. There was also discussion about having shooters evaluated in order to compete in a match. I am in contact with LL and Serenity and I will pass along any news as it happens.

## SASS RO and WBRO training

There are four courses scheduled. As of mid-March, there are two signed up for the 13 April course.

### **2024 RO Courses Dates (subject to change)**

RO I -- 13 April 2024 Focus on refresher students

RO I -- 11 May 2024 Focus on new students

RO II -- 8 June 2024

WBRO -- 20 July 2024

Both RO I courses are the same material and anyone is welcome to attend either or both. The RO I for new students will focus along the material as developed for the course. The RO I refresher tends to be a bit looser providing in depth discussions sponsored by the students. It is my goal to have

ALL club members take the RO I course every two to four years. If you never taken a SASS RO I course or it has been three plus years from your last class, please make an effort to attend.

The RO II course is half in the classroom and half on the range. If you are a TO (holding the clock) please make sure to attend the RO II course every two to three years.

Everyone who shoots Wild Bunch should take the WBRO course.

The courses will be held at the Fernley Library starting at 9AM.

There is NO charges for members of Battle Born Rangers or Silver State Shootist.

**Please contact Wylie for enrollment.**

<p><b><u>Next Months Matches</u></b> Apr 6<sup>th</sup> Wild Bunch Apr 7<sup>h</sup> HPD Cowboy Apr 13<sup>th</sup> Long Range Apr 14<sup>th</sup> ROOP Cowboy</p>
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## We have a mix of Wild Bunch and the Cowboy match pictures from the following day





