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A Hale and Heart Hello

We had an unusual experience recently. We got to shoot both matches in May and the weather was great.

Lost Matches =s Lost Revenue

Along those lines we experienced the most match cancelations due to weather in the history of HPD and ROOP. JJ, our treasurer determined we lost about \$1,500 in revenue because of that. Shoot or no shoot we still have to pay the rent each month. While we have a nice amount of money in the bank the club currently operates at a breakeven point with current revenue and expenses. No worries for now, just keeping you up to speed.

Semi-Annual Elections

As I had mentioned at the last few shoots BBR is supposed to hold elections for the 5 Board positions every 2 years. Well, the two years were up. I informed everyone that anyone can nominate themselves or be nominated for the Board. In keeping with the current trends in elections I did the following prior to the election held at the HPD shoot;

- I deleted all of my E mails.
- I colluded with some Russian vodka.
- The only relationship I have with a FORD is with my truck. And that's purely work related.

At the HPD shooters meeting I announced that should no one step forward for consideration the current Board was willing to go forward. No one stepped forward and the only nomination was to confirm Georgia Blue for the position he has temporarily held. He was elected by a bunch of yes votes from those in attendance

With all of that, HPD Representative is Georgia Blue, ROOP Representative is Jasper Agate, Treasurer is JJ, Secretary is Wylie, and President yours truly. So, you'll have to put up with us for another 2 years.

May BBR Board Meeting

We held a Board meeting after the ROOP shoot on Sunday. As a reminder members can attend the meetings. We do solicit opinions and ideas from those attending to help the Board make decisions. Along those lines;

- We still need a coordinator for Wild Bunch.
- The Saturday Practices have fallen on Wylie and Nevada Starr to put together. Anyone can do that. Just check with a Board member to confirm access to the connex boxes for steel. Currently we expect anyone practicing to pay \$5 to help cover maintenance and steel replacement. Unless you bring your own steel as some of the Long-Range shooters have been doing.
- Wylie and Nevada Starr presented the idea of occasionally having a lunch after the monthly matches. We've done this a few times in the past and the club has paid for it. They are suggesting members take a month and provide the "whatever" for lunch. What we need is some sort of idea on how many might stay after to do this. And opinions on the expectation of providing some sort of donation to cover costs. We can't always provide free food. The idea is to jump start some of the social aspects of the club.

Mernickle Leather Demo

Howling Wolf brought out a new style cross draw holster for us to see. JJ forgot his so he tried it out for the shoot. It's set up to put the handle of your pistol further away from your body. Please ask JJ or Howling Wolf about it if you're interested.

One Boo - Boo Almost Healed Another Boo - Boo To Go

My update is, my shoulder is now at the point where I can shoot again. But....I need back surgery. I can still push around hot air like I've been doing and be a creative score keeper. I should be able to shoot sometime in July?

That's it for now.

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Howdy Y'all,

5 May Redshirt Gunfighter Match:

Well, the weather gods smiled on us and we finally had nice weather for the match on May 5th. We had six really exciting stages and most shooters wanted to give me credit for writing them. I had to keep telling them that Jasper emailed them to me and he deserved all the credit. Now I learn that the capable Jasper didn't write them, but all credit should go to a shooter whose initials are RS. You never know. Anyway, JJ turned in a smoking score of 138.7 and won the match. Captain West, Reno Slim and Nevada Starr also had some really good scores to come in 2nd, 3rd and 4th. And the legendary Dead Eye Dick came in 5th despite having been absent for much of the past year due to health issues. Of the 19 participants, there was only one clean shooter. I'll let you guess on that one. Thanks to Fallen Grace for providing absolutely delicious baked goods for the match.

Set-up and Take Down:

Thanks to all who came in a little early to help set up the match and stayed a little while to help put away the range supplies. I would guess that for a normal practice match it takes about 30 to 45 minutes to load the steel on a trailer and set-up the stages. That's true only if there are at least five people there to lend a hand to the stage writer. So, you can see why stage set-up needs to start around 8:00 am (civilian time) in order to have everything ready for the 9:00 am shooter's meeting. Now, take-down is a little easier and can usually be finished in 15 - 20 minutes – again, providing we have at least five people to assist the stage writer. ***We probably need more discussion on this.***

2 June Underwear Match:

Fallen Grace is scheduled to write the stages for our next HPD match on 2 June. I'm not sure about the rules for this, but in past years a lot of people have showed-up in a state of very humorous reduced attire. But don't worry, you can still shoot even if you show-up not wearing any underwear – but in that case please wear your outer garments. The weather should be great so come on out and have some fun!

See you then!



Howdy all,

Missed Match - Annual Squirrel Hunt

I missed the April newsletter because we were up in Alturas, Ca trying to hunt the elusive ground squirrels. The killin' sucked but the huntin' was the best!! We got to hang out with good friends with great food, nice cigars and maybe a cocktail or two. New to our group this year was South Paw. I'm sorry we couldn't find him more squirrels, but I think he had a good time just the same. We did manage to get him stuck in the sticky mud. We were real close to calling the game manager for some help when we finally got him out. It was close!! The management up at the ranch are the best. We were told if we got stuck not to worry. Just give them a call and they would bring out one of their huge tractors and pull us out!! The woman who runs the office was quick to point out that if we were in a place that we shouldn't be it might take them a few days to get around to us. We took what she said to heart and stayed out of the areas she told us was bad juju.

Another Missed Match - Long Range Match

I missed the May HPD match as well because Tumbleweed Ed, Ogallala Kid, Wylie Fox, 49er Preacher and I went down to the Ca state BPCR match at Sac Valley. It was the week after the Ca State SASS and Wild Bunch match. We got to see some friends we had made in Montana. They were a group from Canada and they are a hoot to shoot with!! We had a great time, but most of us didn't shoot all that well. I got to shoot my first ever scoped match and that was a ball except for those pesky chickens!! They just wouldn't hold still for me with that 12 plus pound rifle with an 8-power scope off hand!! Oh well maybe next time!

Weekend of Camping at the Range

We had a great weekend on the range for our May ROOP shoot and if you missed it you missed a good time. We had six campers with 49er Preacher with his brand new rig and almost everything worked on it!! The water heater just wouldn't stay lit and other than that it worked out darn nice!! We got there on Friday morning and I got the rig set up so Bee Bad fresh off a night shift could get some rest. I spent the day cleaning up the long range conex with Flanagan's help. While cleaning up the conex I noticed some Chukars behind the conex up on the road in front of our berms. When I told Flanagan about them we looked for them but couldn't find them. I saw on Sunday morning that they were living under the last conex!! I also mocked up our 22 BPCR range so I could show our landlord Dan what we were planning to do over at long range. (Which he approved!!!!) We went to Fernley potluck later in the evening and it was as good as ever!! We returned from dinner and well after dark Tin Lizzie showed up with her dad and a tent trailer. Drifter John, 49er Preacher sat next to the fire reminiscing about their adventures with tent trailers. Luckily Lizzie didn't have any of the mishaps that we so fondly remembered!! I was wondering how you got your dad to come out and set it up

Weekend of Shooting

Saturday we went to do some work at long range with the rest of the folks doing some cowboy practice. We were setting up targets and our friend the Fallon Kid said "are you going to shoot that pig this far away?" I told him that was the plan. He looked at me kind of funny and said he would give us a dollar if we could hit it from that far away. I looked at my shooting partner with a sly smile and we raced back to the firing line to see who could get set up first to shoot that swine. I ended up setting up first and like the true gentleman that he is 49er Preacher let me shoot first while he manned the spotting scope. I had my "dope" in from the weekend before down at Sac Valley and was about three minutes high on my first shot. I came down the appropriate minutes and hit center on the next shot. The look on the Fallon Kids face was priceless!! On Sunday morning after I rang the bell to call us to order I noticed a dollar bill tucked into my note book. I'm thinking of framing that one! We shot most of the day with some really good shots and of course some that had us scratching our heads saying "where on earth did that come from!! Our events dinner was the best with all in attendance participating. We had all kinds of great food and wonderful camaraderie.

Fanny's Mothers Day Match

Sunday brought us Fanny's Mothers Day Match and we had 26 shooters in attendance. Fanny always puts on a good match and that day was no different! Thanks Fanny I had a ball. I had a couple of issues come up and missed two of the stages but thanks to our fearless leader and top notch score keeper I ended up with scores for both of them. I'm not so sure about the 290 + second stage, BUT the other one was just over 11 seconds. I was blazingly fast on that stage!! Thanks Ike!! It was great to meet Howlin Wolf and he was a great help on our posse. I'm looking forward to meeting the rest of the family. A big welcome to you all!!

Grace's Underwear Match

Next month we have Grace's Underwear Match for the HPD Sunday and Pasco's fun stages for the ROOP June match. Come on out and join the fun!!

A Sad Announcement

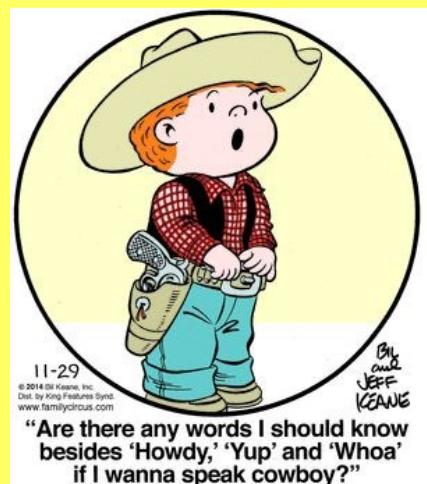
Unfortunately we had to say goodbye to a great shooter and good friend. Nevada Blaze is pulling up roots and heading for Arizona. Not only is she a top notch shooter she always brought a touch of class with her impeccable dress. I learned soon after we met that both you and your sister do your own reloading and not many woman shooters can say that!!! In fact I know of a few male reloaders who could take some pointers from you!! I still remember one of the first times I met you. It was Fanny's Mothers Day Match and you brought your sister, Bella Coola, whom we knew from our stay down in Morro Bay and your mother. You were all dressed alike and it was the cutest thing to see you all on the range. You were a great ally for me at our annual match for a number of years. I never had to give a second thought on any of the tasks you were given. You always handled your assignment with class and a flair that is all your own. The matches we put on wouldn't have been the same without you!! You will be missed and I hope our paths cross again soon!!!!

Best of luck to you and Terry on your new adventure!!

That's enough rambling for now. I'm off to the trailer to get ready for another BPCR match.

See you all on the range,

Jasper Agate



Shooting Wild Bunch at Monthly Matches

Over the past few months there has been an expressed interest by a few individuals concerning shooting their 'other' Cowboy Guns at monthly matches. By 'other' I am speaking about the 45acp, stoked Winchester Models 97/12 and Wild Bunch (40 Caliber or above) Rifles.

Yup – these are the primary guns used in Wild Bunch Shooting.

Over the past couple of weeks the BBR Board got together over a series of emails to develop some guidelines for shooting Wild Bunch at monthly matches.

Wild Bunch Monthly Match Guidelines:

- All shooters requesting to shoot WB must be on the same posse.
- The posse must have a qualified/experienced WB RO on the posse.
- Shooter may shoot either WB Traditional or Modern Categories.
- Magazines will be loaded with 5 rounds only.
- Shooters should have 'most' of the equipment needed for shooting the WB Discipline. Exceptions to having the necessary equipment (leather) will always be accommodated to new shooters.
- Shooter will shoot the stage using the same shooting sequences as the cowboys/cowgirls shoot with the exception of an additional 10 rounds from the 45 acp at the rifle targets. Example: On a 10 - 10 - 4 cowboy stage the WB Shooter would be shooting 20 pistol (10 at the pistol target and 10 at the rifle targets), 10 rifle and 4 shotgun (or however many shotgun rounds the cowboy stage calls for).
- Shotgun must either be a Winchester 97 (or its Chinese equivalent) or a Winchester Model 12. At the local match level, SxS shotguns may be substituted. SxS substitutions for the Model 97/12 will be loaded on the line like as like shooting regular cowboy stages.
- All shotguns will follow the same rules as WB Rules. That is, the shotgun will be loaded with the stage specific rounds at the loading table. Comstock Rules apply. This means misses on the shotgun targets cannot be made up.
- Rifle can be either a WB Legal rifle or a cowboy pistol caliber rifle.
- Spotters must be informed that the shooter is shooting the stage as a WB Style Stage and to be made aware of the additional rounds on the rifle targets.
- Spotters and posse must also be verbally informed that WB guns are cleared on the line and not at the unloading table and are only cleared by the WB TO. NO EXCEPTIONS.

As stated above in Rule #2, Wild Bunch Shooters will be placed on a posse that has a qualified/experienced WB RO. Having a WB RO Certificate does not make a qualified/experienced WB RO.

At the present time there are three qualified/experienced WB RO's in the BBR Organization. Those three individuals are: Bordello Fellow, Wylie Fox Esquire and J.J.

There are many others within the BBR Organization with the WB RO Certificate and the little gold plated 45 acp. However at this time, you may not meet BBR's qualified/experienced definition.

For those persons with the WB RO Certificate wishing to run the timer for WB Shooters they may do so under the following conditions:

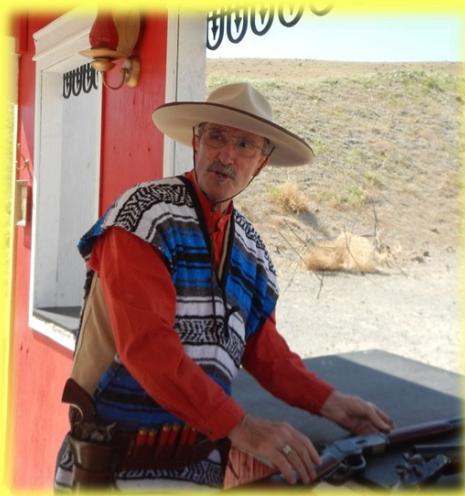
- Current WB Rules must be studied. These rules may be downloaded at or read on-line from the SASSNet.Com website under the Wild Bunch Tab.
- For those meeting the qualifications of having a WB RO Certificate and after studying the numerous rule changes over the past few years and desiring to further their WB RO skillset may do so under the direct supervision of one of the three qualified/experienced WB RO's only.

As many of you know, the 2019 SASS Nevada State Wild Bunch Championship Match will be hosted by the Battle Born Rangers in September in conjunction with the 23rd Annual Roop County Days. So bring out the different toys and get some experience shooting WB Stages before the Nevada State Wild Bunch Match.

We hope you will find shooting Wild Bunch as exciting as we do.

Just a few pictures from around







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