

Battle Born Rangers Newsletter

Fernley , NV

July 2023

Happy Fourth to all!!!



From our club president -Bordello Fellow

Howdy All,

Well RCD's, Wild Bunch, and the Nevada State Black Powder events are over. As the dust settles, looks like it was a huge success. Most of the feed back from our customers was on a positive note and all seemed to have fun. The catered banquet was good and did reduce the work load on our members.

I was using my shooter's book keeping notes on range cleaning, setup, etc. and all was good until the wind storm that came up (Friday night?), opened my ammo box and blew away all my notes.

Didn't know a 5th wheel could rock that hard!

So for all that came out Thursday to help set steel, to all that helped clean up around the range, for those who set up the art work, and all the other tasked that needed attending, Thank You. Our annual shoot (s) would not have been successful without your hard work and dedication.

I did thank a lot of member's at the banquet who really stepped up and bailed your president out. I always worry that things are going to fall apart and these members gave their support, time, and effort to bring RCD 2023 to a successful completion.

Capt James West running the PPS side match was the talk around the camp fire Thursday night. PPS??? President's Pickle Shoot. With his charm, happy demeanor, and good old southern accent, he was the best Carny barker on the midway. We went through 8 jars of pickles (two more then last year) and shooters were picking up pieces trying to shoot more. I would like to thank Nevada Brining Co for providing a case of pickles and being our sponsor for this side match.

Of course Imus Often & Patience Myass for running all the other side matches. Once again they ran the all the "sides" with good cheer, humor, and dedication. They also provided ice and water for the Wild Bunch match. Thanks guys!!

Pokey Bob who went around on two of the shoots providing ice and water. He may be "Pokey" but he was spot on for service. Thanks Bob!

Deadeye Dick for all the decorations around the range, good job once again. It gives the shoot a more festive atmosphere and your eye for details is always appreciated. Also the name tags were stellar!

Wylie Fox Esquire and Nevada Star for all your work behind the scenes (and in front of the scenes) with registration, shooter's packets, handling money, greeters, scores, number crunching and just general support and suggestions. Could not have done it without you two.

Gold Rush Allie ran a fantastic and profitable raffle. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication. Also thank your family for us too. You all did great and took quit a lot off my shoulders.

A special thanks for my pard, Sheriff Winchester. The way Winchester plans, lays out, and all the rest of the stuff that needs addressing for awards is amazing. Makes my job simple, all I have to do is call out names. Thank you. Now if you could just teach Derringer Dan to cook...

Make Your Mark, just thanks for all you did and do! You know what I'm talking about. Thumb's up to you.

Would also like to thank our sponsors,

George at Bang and Clang for the gift certificates, Always great having TwoTimer at our matches.

Matt Soter (Chief Preservation Officer) at Nevada Brining Co, providing pickles for our shooters.

A real pleasure meeting and talking with you.

Kari at Data Graphic's for giving us a great price on our shooter's books and score cards.

Last but not least, Fernley Convention & Tourism Authority for all you support. We could not do this with out you. Thank you for the continued support.

I know there are more people to thank but as I said before, my notes blew away. So if I did not mention you, it's because my old brain forgets things. Regardless your support is what makes this club and our annual shoot successful. Thank you.

We are in the process of crunching numbers and I will report back to the club about our Profit/Loss for the shoot. We still have a couple of outstanding expenses to deal with. I will provide the match P/L statement at one of our monthly shoots, once the final numbers come in.

On July 8th I held a debrief meeting with the Board and the major shakers/movers from RCD's. We reviewed what went right, what went wrong, and where do we need to improve. Took a bunch of notes and I have to say, I'm going to be busy. Couple of things have come out of this meeting. I asked if

we all wanted to do the same next year, you know three shoots. The response was a resounding YES. I asked if we want to reach out to Silver State to see if they would like to add a shoot to our week. Again, YES let's ask them. Then there were all the area's that need to change. Seems everyone is up to the task so you can expect some changes for next year. I also mentioned that for next year I am hoping we can develop a new stage. I have a specific design in mind and will be working on getting it developed.

On to other things, Wylie will have a Wild Bunch RO class on the 29th. Once again, the club will pick up the tab for current members. Should be a good class.

It has been suggested that we could use someone who can work as a club publicity manager. To develop posters, advertising our club and shoots. Post messages/photos on our facebook page. Post on the SASS wire, etc. If you have an interest please contact one of the board members.

Now on to some serious stuff. It has come to my attention that our neighbors to the West of us are getting kind of Uppity bragging about how much better they are compared to us. You all know who I'm talking about. Those Near-Beer swilling, Bud Light packing, pistoleros from the Peoples Republic..... So I talked to their "New" sheriff, saying we might just come down there and shoot up their cowboy town. His response, "We might just sneak over the border and shoot up your range. I see a Border War coming. I sent Just Slim a message saying put down your Near-Beer, give us a date and we will have a good old fashion Board War. I am thinking a trophy for the winning club to be displays for all to see until the next war. Lets see if they will drop the Bud Light and give us a date. No no not a date, but a time and place to shoot. Can't be too careful with those sensitive folks.

In addition, I heard that a couple of our Lady shooter's have an idea about a September shoot. Let's see what they come up with. From what little I understand, it should be a Hoot.

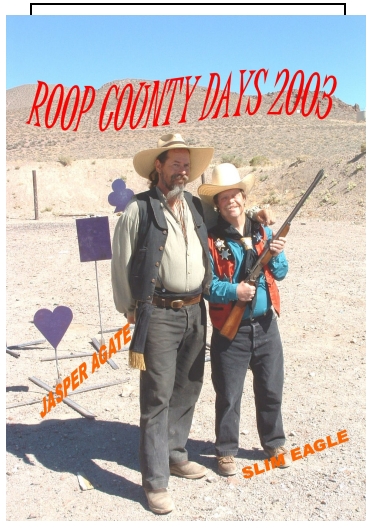
Reminder that the Western Regional Shoot is coming up in August. Hope to see you there.

That's about it for now see you around the range,
Bordello





From your Editor – Jasper Agate



Howdy all,

I hope you had a wonderful Fourth of July, I know I did!! We spent The weekend prior and hung out until the Wednesday after with my sister down in Sacramento. I couldn't believe how many fireworks that were set off for the holiday!! After living in areas that prohibited fireworks for the last 40 some years it was a real eye opener to see how the rest of the population lives. It truly sounded like a war zone with numerous small pops to lots of horrific booms that shook the windows on her home and rattled the fillings in my head!!! I was sound asleep but was told the next morning that it went on until two in the morning.

It was great seeing Never Miss Mitch and meeting his family at our annual match! I want to give a shout out to all you cowboys and cowgirls who made a donation to our youngster. It made me proud to be part of such a wonderful group of people with your unselfishness!! I received a heart-felt thank you from him to pass on to all of you!!

Our Roop county days was great success with the club making pretty good money from all the hard work that the core group accomplished. A lot of our club members really put their heart and souls into the match to make it the success it was. I know Bordello covered most everything so I'll move on to next month's matches.

Flanigan will be having his Wild Bunch match on Aug 5th and **we'll be having a cowboy match on the 6th with the stages being big bore optional**. Go to our website and lookup the stages for a round count. I forgot to ask 49er Preacher what he wanted to do for the Aug 12th Long-Range match and he's off having an adventure in So Cal so I'll have to pass that on in a week or so after he returns home. The ROOP Aug 13th monthly cowboy match's stages are posted on our website and look like a hoot to shoot!!

Everyone please stay cool and we'll see you on the range,
Jasper

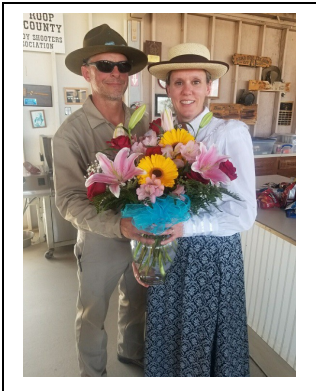
Look Ma we made a new friend!!



We found this guy on the range when after the shooters meeting and we were all heading up to start shooting. It was all well and fine until it started to coil up when the cowboys started to crowd it. I told the posse to git rid of it and it didn't stand a chance!! Someone should have told it the everyone of us had a shotgun!!!!

JA

From out Wild Bunch coordinator- Flanigan Flats



Howdy all,

After our July hiatus we will be having a Wild Bunch match on 5 August shooting stages provided by Washoe Zephyr that are rumored to be fast and fun. Stage set up at 0800 and shooters meeting at 0900ish! We

Hope to see you there,
Flanigan

Next Months Matches

Aug 5th Wild Bunch
Aug 6th HPD Cowboy
Aug 12th Long Range
Aug 13th ROOP Cowboy

From our Territorial Governor -Wylie Fox



Wild Bunch RO Course

There will be a Wild Bunch RO class on Saturday July 29. The 6-8 hour class will be held in the Fernley Library Meeting room starting at 9AM. 575 Silver Lace Blvd, Fernley, NV 89408. This is a classroom only course. Please bring your favorite daytime drinks. Firearms are NOT needed and it is best to not have any on your person. We get this room for free and I would not want to upset any of the staff or patrons. I will send out a message to the enrollees regarding lunch a bit later. At this time, I have four confirmed sign-ups, Goldrush, Flannigan, Hawkeye & Imus.

What's the Call

De-cocking a pistol.

This discussion was rather short, as Pale Wolf quoted the manual and closed further comment. The simple guideline is to NEVER de-cock a pistol. Point the gun in a safe direction and pull the trigger.

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Decocking a revolver, rifle, or hammered shotgun to avoid penalty *without* positive direction to do so from the TO.

Tabling first pistol

There is currently a lengthy discussion regarding tabling first pistol. Here is the link if you wish to read all the details.

<https://forums.sassnet.com/index.php?/topic/351350-do-many-of-you-place-your-first-fired-pistol-on-the-table/>

Here is also a link comparing the speed of tabling versus holstering. You be the judge.

<https://youtu.be/PgVv9nOQF8w>

RCD 2024 preparation

I designed the applications for RCD, I see there is room for improvement.

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CATEGORY MATRIX

Above the "Base Categories" listed in this handbook, the local club monthly match and club annual match level, all SASS recognized shooting categories may be offered by subdividing by all factors; including age, gender, shooting style, and propellant. When breaking down all style/costume categories, the regulations for the base category are to be applied first, then the age limits. A full listing of all possible shooting category combinations is unavailable. The breakdown examples below serve to provide a glimpse into the various possibilities:

The initial choice is "Costume Category", there are two. Classic Cowboy and B-Western. Both of those categories have shooting style restrictions. Classic Cowboy must shoot Duelist or Double Duelist only. Both are the same category. B-Western may use any shooting style, again it is just one category for all shooting styles. The match director has the option to create age-based sub categories.

If a shooter does not pick a costume category, then the next possible choice is Black Powder. There are two Black Powder categories, Frontier Cartridge and Frontiersman. Frontier Cartridge may have two sub-categories, duelist and gunfighter. Frontiersman must shoot duelist (or double duelist). The match director has the option to create age-based sub categories.

If a shooter does not pick a costume category or black powder, then the next possible choice is shooting style. There are two shooting styles, Duelist and Gunfighter. Double Duelist is part of the Duelist category, it is not its own category. The match director has the option to create age-based sub categories.

If none of the above applies then the shooter may choose an appropriate age-base category. A shooter may select any age category at or below the shooters age, except for Buckeroo/Buckarette and Junior.

Our 2023 ROOP County Days match included the Western States Tom Horn Championship. The possible categories were

- Smokeless Single Shot
- Smokeless Repeater
- Black Powder Single shot
- Black Powder Repeater
- Bounty Hunter Smokeless
- Bounty Hunter Black Powder
- Open Smokeless
- Open Black Powder

Each of the above had a Lady category. That would result in 16 possible categories.

We also included Plainsman (typically a side match) East & West.

Wylie

**Something from a couple of our ladies who
have a great idea for a fun weekend!!!**

Battle Born Rangers present:
“A BLAST FROM THE PAST”
September 9 and 10

Please come out and join us for a “**Blast from the Past**” on the weekend of September 9 and 10 for a passel of shenanigans as we go back in time and re-visit the early days of SASS. We will have 6 fun stages, 4 on Saturday and 2 on Sunday morning.

Camping at the range, potluck picnic lunch under the pavilion Saturday after the four stages, followed by an afternoon of fun and games to include Corn Hole, Darts, Horseshoes and more.

\$15 each day

Please RSVP to Nevada Starr – JanetteYoung@gmail.com

