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A Hale and Hearty Hello



I can't say much about the monthly shoot as I wasn't there. But we did have a record attendance of 41 shooters, and 3 posse's. It was a big bore optional match so maybe shooters were getting ready for the Tom Horn side of ROOP County Days.

The 23rd annual ROOP County Days is in the books. Along with our 3rd annual State Wild Bunch match. Wild Bunch had 27 shooters. I helped keep score on Posse 2 for WB so I got to see how everyone shot with the new 7 round magazines. My reaction to WB is that it is more of a mind game than shooters expertise game. Why? 4 magazines that may be a continued sequence from the previous magazine or a whole new target sequence.

I believe we ended up with 70 shooters for RCD. I think almost every SASS Category was covered along with the many Tom Horn Categories. The weather was not your typical September. We had cool weather the first of the week. And then mid 80's by the end of the week.

Observations from the 3 days of RCD resulted in seeing many happy shooters. Along with many long-term returning shooters from all around us. Our long-distance shooter was from Maine. The Tom Horn Category drew him to us.

After being part of annual shoots for ROOP and High Planes Drifters over the last 18 years I would offer that this shoot had the most club support in the way of members helping out. Saturday setup we had 10 people. Every task had someone in charge of it and getting it done. Pokey Bob is now known as ICE! Ask him. Flanigan Flats and Gold Rush Allie were awarded the Top Hand award for all of their help.

Our raffle had some of the best items up for grabs ever. Guns, computer, gift baskets, gear and the generous handmade items from various members.

Jasper had a number of us submit letters to SASS in hope of getting Brazos recognized as a SASS Regulator. A time-honored tradition of recognizing a long-term commitment and efforts to promote SASS, the Cowboy Way and the sport in general. Saturday night Jasper called Brazos up to the Podium and presented him his SASS Regulator badge. A standing ovation and a very humble Brazos was the result. Congratulations Brazos. You deserved this honor.

Howling Wolf came out with his Mernickle Holster trailer full of goodies for sale. He also repaired gear for some of the shooters. What a way to support our shooters!!

And finally, the Major of Fernley, Roy Edgington, and his wife came out for diner Saturday night. The Mayor is formally known as Fernley, a long-time cowboy shooter and member of HPD and ROOP.

I can't begin to name everyone who helped out so much. I'd miss someone. But a big thank you to all of you who helped in any way. It was a lot of hard work over many months. We should know the financial outcome of the matches in the next few weeks.

El Jefe Supremo

El Jefe



Howdy all,

The festivities in September started off with the Battle Born Ranger's Nevada State Wild Bunch match with Bordello Fellow at the helm. I had little to do with it except for cooking tacos for the group, which was a blast for me!!! I didn't hear of any disparaging words said about the match so things must have gone fine. I did see lots of help putting things up and tearing things down preparing for the Battle Born Ranger's 23rd Annual Roop County Days and that's a wonderful thing!!! A special thanks to all that went out of their way to help us put on a great match!! It was a lot of fun for me because I had soooo much less to do than in years past. It was wonderful being the garbage man although Drifter John took a lot of the responsibility for the garbage, thanks buddy!! My other big responsibility was having water out on the stages and having Pokey Bob bringing the ice was a big help!!

Wylie and JJ did a great job as Co-Match Directors for our Battle Born Ranger's Roop County Days. I hope they want to repeat their achievements next year. It was great to see some faces that didn't make it last year and to our new friends that came out for the first time!! I hadn't seen Wymore Wrangler from Nebraska in almost a decade and he hadn't changed a bit. It was a pleasure for me to meet his wife and family that reside here in Reno. It was a treat to hear H.K. Uriah, all the way from Mass, belt out a tune when he finally retrieved his keys from his locked van!! We had Howlin Wolf and family set up as our only vendor and it was nice to get to know the family a little better. They are some folks to ride the trial with and I wish them the absolute best in their endeavor of taking over Mernickle leather. Go see them and you won't be disappointed. They spent their time not only selling, but also helping anyone who needed any help. I was having a little trouble with my shotgun slide and he had the tools on hand to help me fit it. Thanks Amigo!!!

I had the pleasure of running the Long-Range Side Match. It was a blast!! A big thanks to all that help make it one of the best Long-Range Side Matches that I can remember. It was a challenging day with light changes in the wind and mirage, which made it a pretty tough match!! Congrats to all the winners and a special congrats to Deadeye Dick who won the coveted 'Aggregate Award'. Unfortunately because of the time commitment for the Long-Range Side Match I didn't get a chance to see how the other side matches went. I did hear that Flannigan Flats and Nevada Star did an outstanding job at the speed matches as did Drifter John with his fun Cowboy Trap. JJ ran the Wild Bunch Side Match and Reno Slim ran the Plainsman Side Match. Both did a really good job!!

I had the pleasure of being the Posse Marshal for Posse #1. It was an outstanding posse with more help than you could imagine!! The two dedicated score keepers managed to keep me in line and that can be a major job in its self!! We had thirteen shooters on our posse and ten of us were shooting Tom Horn. The stages were fun with all of them being Tom Horn friendly for the first time.

The Battle Born Rangers acquired new targets for the Tom Horn Categories. They that were quite challenging with one of the being only 6 inches in diameter. I did manage tot knock over the rack once. That was my claim to fame for the entire match. We had potlucks every night. All were well attended. After the pot luck we headed down to the Helldorado Rangers Camp for some adult beverages and the fine music that they were playing for us. The camp next to them was the group from Southern NV and I managed to hang out with them for a while. On Saturday night Pecos Nick joined us and ended up playing the mandolin and singing. I had no idea he could sing as well as he did. Very cool my friend!!! It really is a fun group that makes the journey up to Fernley to join us every year.

After the main match was over I couldn't believe how fast everything got picked up from the range and put away. Our Match Directors had a fantastic group of cowboys and cowgirls helping them. As usual I had an astonishing group of people helping me cook the meats for the banquet dinner. I can't say enough good things about the help behind the scenes!!! Dinner went off without a hitch and we got right into the raffle and awards. We had a new couple doing the raffle this year and they did an incredible job. I think it was the best raffle to date. Many thanks to Johnny Reno and his lovely wife Pam. I think Pam did the lions share of the work because I doubt Johnny could have made all those baskets look so good!! The awards were fun and it was a very close match for first place overall with Royal Flush and Quicklydown Under at .21 hundreds of a second between them. Quickly won out and was the match winner for the last two times he shot with us. Congrats to both of you for a fine match!!!! Irish Ike, President of the Battle Born Rangers, recognized Reno Slim as being the cowboy who had been shooting the match the longest in attendance this year and that was a cool thing! I was charged with the great honor of giving out the Battle Born Rangers Top Hand Award and it was a tough decision!! We had so many folks who stepped up. One of our newer members, Tin Lizzie, was always working. From chopping weeds at long range to picking up steel, that young lady is a real asset to the club. She did find time to bring out her beautiful little Rottweiler puppy, Bella, what a cute laid back little dog!! She also is doing a bang up job handling our Face Book page. A big thanks to Tin Lizzie!!!! I decided that our family of Flanigan Flats and his awesome bride Gold Rush Allie were deserving of the coveted award this year. Both of them had a sixth sense about what needed to be done and were doing it before any of us realized that it needed doing. A huge congrats to you both. You were indispensable in producing the 23rd Annual Roop County Days.

My incredible joy was to present our very own Brazos with a SASS Regulators Badge. I asked him to come up and about half way up I said, "to receive your regulators badge". The look on his face said it all (it still gives me chills to think about it). All in attendance gave him the standing ovation he deserved it!!!

This Battle Born Ranger's Roop County Days was very special to me and I'm very proud to be a part of such an outstanding group of Cowboy and Cowgirls.

On behalf of the Battle Born Rangers thanks once more to all that helped make it one of the best we've ever had.

Jasper Agate



Howdy Y'all,

1 September big-bore optional shoot:

What a great day for a cowboy shoot! Despite the rather warm weather, we had 43 shooters participate in the match. We needed three posses. Even our old timers cannot remember the last time we had three posses for a monthly match. It appeared that we were holding an annual match on the range. Brazos wrote six really great stages that it taxed everyone's shooting ability. The match was especially fun and challenging for the big bore shooters. Fanner Fifty came in first followed closely by Dutch Dalton, Jeremiah Jonathan and Reno Slim. We had one clean shooter and that was the ever-steady Washoe Monty. A great big thanks to Brazos for all the time and effort he put into making this match a big success. Many thanks to Fallen Grace for providing delicious snacks.

Set-up and Take Down:

It went absolutely great! We had plenty of help. Thanks to all who pitched-in the extra 15 to 20 minutes to help out. They were especially helpful with the set-up and take-down of the very heavy big-bore targets.

Roop County Days;

The 23rd Annual Roop County Days match is behind us! Huge Success! I believe we had more than 70 shooters and over 103 people showed-up for the awards banquet. A big shout of thanks to all who put so much time and effort into this great achievement. Hoorah!!!

6 October Shoot:

We look forward to seeing everyone at this shoot and we'll see what exciting stages Blackjack Slim has in mind. I can almost guarantee the temperature will not be in the 90's!

Happy trails!

Georgia Blue

