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A Hale and Hearty Hello to Ya'll

Our State Wild Bunch Championship and ROOP County Days are now behind us. I couldn't begin to name everyone who helped. This year we seemed to have a better turn out than usual. The Saturday crew for setting up WB steel was huge. It went up fast and as we say, the more people the less work for each of us. And the Wednesday crew to switch over to Cowboy shooting was well attended also.

For those of you who have been out to the range you saw the damage done by the thunderstorm that went through about 2 weeks ago. Highway 95 at the Fernley HS was under 2' of water. A river entered the property at the south end by our long-range cover and continued North. It wiped out some of the pits, a portion of the new motocross set-up and the entry was buried in mud. Because of our gravel our damage was reduced. I brought out my tractor and spent a few hours filling washouts and getting everything back to what it was. Our landlord sent over the road grader and they bladed the entry road for us.....at no cost to us. It also had several washouts. So, thank you Steena.

We had potluck dinners for 3 nights. Mosby put together a birthday party for Fallen Grace. Jasper was Chief Chef and Cook for each night. As usual the food was great, and everyone walked away happy and full.

We had 14 shooters for Wild Bunch and 43 shooters for RCD. Our approach to RCD was lower the fee, no raffle, no Fernley grant money, and use up the medallion's we have for awards. So, dinner and awards and we were done by 8. Wylie and JJ handled the awards give out and did a great job. Nevada Starr made up some special awards. Each posse marshal was to pick out someone who did something great or maybe a train wreck. In the end everyone got something. I think everyone enjoyed the opportunity to get together and shoot since so many matches were canceled.

Cow person shooters are a unique group. Our fees for RCD were \$25 and shoot anything and everything. I had a shooter come to me and ask how we could put on a match for \$25 and not loose money. He offered to add some money to our till to help offset any losses. I explained that we knew we may break even or loose a bit. We wanted to get people out to shoot and enjoy each other's company. He said the folks he had spoken with appreciated the opportunity to just come out and have some fun.

Next year will be the 25th anniversary for ROOP County Days. We have already begun tossing around ideas for the event. So, if you can think of anything speak up.

Putting my Territorial Governor's and Match Director's Hat on; I had a shooter come to me during the match about a call made on him. He had set his pistol down, as some do, and when he let go it was on the edge of a rubber mat and it spun causing it to break the 170. The mat wasn't even with the tabletop, so the gun didn't fall but settled on the tabletop. He got a Stage DQ for that. He felt it should have been a prop failure call. I checked with the Posse Marshal and the matt was not corrected so everyone shot the stage that way. The shooter was informed that once the stage begins, they own the stage and how they shoot it. He could have easily placed the pistol on the matt without incident. But as we all know when your shooting as fast as you can sometimes "stuff" happens. My advice, besides checking out target placement also make sure you know the condition of the stage before you start shooting.

That's about it for now.

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Howdy all,

We pulled off another great match with your help. Thanks to all that took the time to lend a hand. It's near imposible to acknowledge everyone because I'm sure I'd leave someone out!! One person stood out because he brought out his tractor so we could spread the gravel at long range. A big thanks goes out to our very own Irish Ike, thanks buddy!!!! We weren't sure we were even going to be able to use long range because of the carnage the thunder storm caused on the property a couple of weeks before. Steena and Lee made sure we had a path to get out to long range and another big thanks to them!!!

BeeBad and I got out on Sunday afternoon to find the place buzzing with people working on all the different projects to make our Annual Match a success. With all the help setting up the different matches and side matches it all went off without a hitch! We had potlucks every night under the pavilion except for Wednesday when a dozen of us went in to Fernley to enjoy an evening out. We ended up at Reds and had a great time. We had a spunky young waitress named Cypress who impressed the hell out of me. Being in the business I quickly noticed that she

was on the ball!!! Everything wasn't perfect, but she fixed all the problems with a smile on her face. I'm sure the kitchen got a tongue lashing for the mistakes that were made!!

I didn't have much to do with the Wild Bunch match except for cooking the meal for them on Monday evening. It was a small turn out and I had a ball cooking tacos with all the fixin's. The side dishes that the guests brought were top notch.

We set up the long-range side match and had practice on Wednesday. Thursday morning we started early and stayed until almost 3 pm. We only had 8 to 10 shooters but they all brought lots of rifles and ammo for all the different events. There were some really good scores. It seems that the newer shooters are stepping up their game and will be soon giving us old hands a run for our money!! We had a buffalo target out at 700 yards. Wylie hit it with all his 5 shots. My dear friend Wild Bill Berry managed to hit it 4 times to tie with me for 2nd Place. He was on cloud nine for the rest of the day!!!!

For the main match we had an outstanding posse with Irish Ike leading the way. We did have all the black powder shooters and weren't the last to leave the range both Friday and Saturday!! Everyone on the posse was a big help and we were once more graced with a dedicated scorer. It's always nice to have "Tag-a-Long Trish" with us even if she has to bring Black Horse along with her!!

Friday evening we pulled off a surprise birthday party for our very own Fallen Grace. It was well attended and I think everyone had a good time. Thanks to Mosbee for ramrodding this project and Happy Birthday Gracie!!!!!!

After the match on Saturday Big Dave got to try out my '86 in 50-100-450. He took five rounds and let it buck and buck it did!! He did have to take a step or two back after touching off the first rounds.

During the match I noticed one shooter's bullets were literally falling off the targets. I went down range and was picking up whole bullets under the targets. I showed them to the shooter and jokingly suggested that he might want to use a little more powder. Later in the day after the match I overheard another shooter say "Gee's, what do those guys think they are doing hunting buffalo?" After giving it some thought I'm going to try to do a better job of being more tolerant of what other people are doing and maybe we should all do the same.

All in all it was a great match. Thanks to all that made it happen!!

Pasco Trace is writing the stages for us for our October Roop Monthly Match. He has been doing an outstanding job, so come on out and see what he has in store for us.

See you on the range,

Jasper



Howdy Y'all,

2 August Shoot:

Well, we didn't have a September HPD as it was replaced by the Roop County Days which was a great success and loads of fun for those who attended. So, the most recent HPD shoot was on 2 August. On that day, we had 15 great shooters who challenged the hot weather and formed one great posse. Ogalalla Kid won, Fanner Fifty was second and Deadeye Dick came in third. We had six clean shooters and they will receive their pins at the match on 4 October.

Set-up and Take Down:

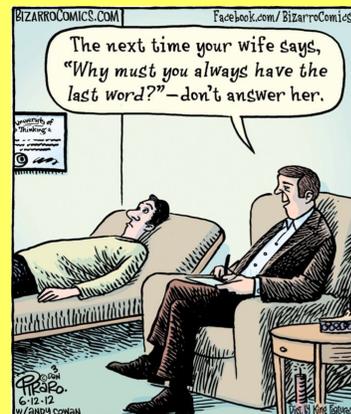
It went absolutely great! We had plenty of help. Thanks to all who pitched-in the extra 15 to 20 minutes to help out.

4 October Shoot:

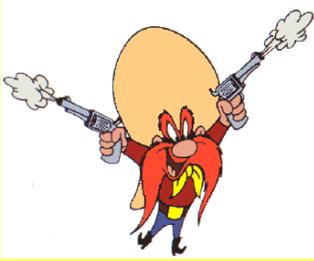
We look forward to seeing everyone at this shoot and we'll see what exciting stages Captain West has in mind. So come on out and join the fun. Remember, October is one month in Northern Nevada when we're likely to have some really great weather!

Happy trails!

Georgia Blue



Howdy All –



I am only here to report as the 'Defacto' Match Director for the 2020 SASS Nevada State Wild Bunch Championship and one of the many grunts for the 24th Annual Roop County Days Matches.

Many thanks have been presented to this newsletters audience for coming out to help with both the State Wild Bunch and 24th Annual Roop County Days Matches. I can tell you, from experience, that it takes a great many individuals to present two major matches within a single week.

The movement of target stands, the two target arrays and shotgun targets actually started on the Monday before the State Wild Bunch Match. A small group of two individuals were at the range early and spent most of that Monday morning moving those items mentioned above around to their proper locations saving the following Saturday morning work parties a great deal of time. The Saturday before the two Annual Matches a much bigger crew was out humping steel, repairing equipment, cleaning out the pavilion from water flooding, filling in flooding washouts with a tractor and general cleanup around the range

On behalf of the Battle Born Rangers, I give our 'Thanks' to each and every person during the week and preceding week of the State Wild Bunch and 24th Annual Roop County Days for helping and contributing in both large and small ways with your time, energy and resources to make those two matches a success.

I would like to list each and every person who helped out for those two matches both prior and after. However, I am sure I would miss someone and that would be one of the greatest travesties any person attempting to thank so many persons for helping out could commit. So from me to each of you - Thank you from the deepest depths my heart can offer.

From my own level I feel it is appropriate to acknowledge the person who wrote both the State Wild Bunch and the 24th Annual Roop County Days Matches. That person was Bordello Fellow. I thought he did a great job and so did many others. So Bordello - from me to you - Thank you. Without you spending hours and hours in front of your PC, the success of those two matches might have been different. Over the past two weeks, both here and during my travels, may shooters have expressed how much fun they had during the two matches and expressed desires to come back next year. A couple of shooters want to come back next year just too out shoot me and my 30-30 Winchester for the Tom Horn Bounty Hunter Trophy. The more the merrier I told them and to bring it on!! However, I digress.

Actually there is another person who I have to personally thank. That would be Jasper. I know he mentioned he enjoyed cooking for the crowds during the week. After shooting and sweating during the days he and his dedicated group of helpers made the evenings of both matches just as big of a success as the shooting' days were. So again Jasper - Thank you (along with your staff) for keeping us all fed (and fed oh-so-well) during the week.

Next year there will again be more opportunities for many to help out with both the Nevada State Wild Bunch (SASS has again granted our request to again present the 2021 Nevada State Wild Bunch Championship Match) and the 25th Annual Roop County Days Matches. Please keep your eyes and ears peeled. It takes a whole bunch of cowpokes contributing time and energy to make these two Annual Matches a success.

Until next time

J.J.