

Battle Born Rangers Newsletter

Fernley , NV

September 2023



In loving memory of our dear friend *Desert Rose*.
We will miss your infectious smile and the twinkle in your eyes.
You will be missed but not forgotten!

All our love
Jasper & BeeBad



From our club president -Bordello Fellow

Howdy All,

Well first shoot of the month was a wash, Literally. While driving out I hit a few sprinkles, then at the range it really started coming down. Yes a little water isn't that big a deal but not sure I would like standing outside with the electrical storm that came with it. So the match was called off. I did use this opportunity to review the financial side of RCD 2023. I broke it down in segments, Profit/Loss per match, per shooter, and over all. This was based on application fees. I then added in raffle/side match revenue, and then grant money. We did ok this year. If you were not at the match

and would like me to review the P/L's for the match, let me know.

The next shoot was “Blast from the Past” with co-match directors, Gold Rush Allie and Nevada Star. What an outstanding job these two ladies did on bringing us an old fashion cowboy shoot with all the prop’s, old targets, and gun handling. Just like they did in years past. They did a great job bringing in help, coordinating events, stage writing, and creating a fun atmosphere. You would never have guessed that this was their first attempt putting a match like this together. Who would have guessed that only two people didn’t have a clean match. Might be why Star asked me before the match how many “Clean Match” pins do we have? The one stage that had me laughing so hard I couldn’t hardly shoot my rifle was where you had to transfer rubber eggs and bacon to a pan. All I can say is “If you missed it, you really missed a fun weekend” !!! Maybe it will come back next year? Hope so.

Don’t forget, “Away Matches” there are a number of good matches coming up. Nevada State Wild Bunch Championship and Eldorado Championship is happening in Bolder City September 26 & 27 (WB) and 29 & 30 (Eldorado) is when it is scheduled. Do not forget Helldorado in Ukiah, CA. That match is Sept. 21 - 24th. It is a challenging course of fire. Then there is the Calf. Wild Bunch State Championship, November 16 - 18th. Then in October there is Peaceful’s End of Track in Railroad Flats, Calf. That is Oct. 12 - 15th.

RCD 2024 update: Due to a conflict with Diamond Dick’s WB state championship and Tully Mar’s WTBP matches we needed to move dates. After checking with the BBR board, Silver State, Tully, and SASS it was easier to move our dates then Tully moving his. **So please note the new dates for Roop County Days 2024: June 22 - 29, 2024.** As it stands now, June 22nd will be at SilverState for a 1 day match. June 23-24 will be Flanigan’s WB/Teddy Roosevelt match. June 25-26 will be the Nevada State Black Powder Championship. Then June 27th will be side matches for RCD/Western States Tom Horn Championship. The main match will then be June 28-29. In addition, we are collecting cowboy stuff for the raffle. So as you go through your cowboy gear, see if there are items you would like to donate. Also if you have some sort of skill/craft and would like to donate some of your work, it would be appreciated. I will be setting up a place in one of our storage conex’s to hold donations until next year.

Speaking of events, December 2, 2023 will be the annual Christmas Party. It will be at the Silverland Hotel in Virginia City. Cost will be \$20 per person for a catered dinner. There should also be a “No Host Bar” for those of you who like to indulge. Contact on this will be Jackpot Jerry.

Stage 8/9 development is coming along. We did a materials inventory on things we have at the range plus I have bought a few items. Hoping to have a working ore cart in a couple of months. I am working with other members as to the rest of the design. There have been some great suggestions and I am hoping to incorporate so of those ideas into this project. I will provide a progress report next news letter.

As to a boarder war with the people’s republic, still working on setting a date. I have asked Sherif Winchester to design and build a trophy. I can hardly wait to see what he comes up with. I will continue working with Just Slim to set a date,

On a sad note, BBR lost a long time member. Mary Mueller, aka Desert Rose passed on September 10th. Some of you may remember Mary as the greeter for Roop County Days. A position she did for many years. I have many fond memories of Mary and Ron on our travels and going to shooting matches. At this time it has been requested for no contact, letters, cards, phone calls etc. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

See you on the trail,
Bordello

From your Secretary – Jasper Agate

Howdy all,

We lost a dear friend in Desert Rose and all that knew her will miss her. She was very active in the clubs way back when we were two separate clubs. Always there to lend a hand under the pavilion for our annual matches. She was also a founding member of the Gardnerville Rifle and Pistol club. We wish Dutch Dalton and family all our love and support for their loss.

We had a great time at Allie & Star's Blast from the Past. It was a match to be remembered. If you didn't make it you missed a super time with stages from our past. We got to throw a lasso, throw hawks and knives and even flip eggs. One of the best activates was shooting trap on bay #3. Too many different things to put them all in print, all I can say is if you didn't join us theirs always next year!!!

We have the stages posted for our Oct HPD match on our website and they look like fun. We don't have stages for the Roop Sunday so someone needs to step up and do it.



I got a note From Nyack Jack about Peaceful's end of Track coming up this October. For those that didn't know it they have added Tom Horn categories to the match.

For more info click on the link -[2023 PEOT combined info and app.pdf](#)

Last but surely not least Reno Slim has a pair of vaqueros for sale-

For sale , pair of used New Model Ruger Vaqueros, 5.5 inch barrels 38/357 cal, short stroked by Lassiter.

Double strong side holster rig. \$1650.00

Contact Reno Slim (775) 772-5006



Be sure to read until the end!!

This 10 page document is the largest we've ever put together!!!!

Next Months Matches

Oct 6th Wild Bunch

Oct 7th HPD Cowboy -

Oct 14^h Long Range-

Aug 15th ROOP Cowboy -

From our Wild Bunch coordinator – Flanigan Flats

Howdy all!!



Thank you to the 7 shooters who joined us for the September monthly Wild Bunch (WB) match on a damp holiday weekend. The rain never really amounted to much, but just hung around on the fringes of the greyish morning. We used the Marshals office for all 4-stages. We had 3 clean shooters Dead Eye Dick, Flanigan Flats and Red Eye Hull. I am not sure if we were all just on our game or the stages I provided for the day were too easy. Nevertheless, I was super excited that Dead Eye Dick shot a clean match, he amazes me to no end. Of course, my wonderful bride Gold Rush Allie was out there handling the score keeping and money collecting business for us. Wild Bill Berry also came out and picked up our brass for us. Between the two of them they really make these Monthly WB matches a success. It would be much harder to pull these off without them. So, I want

to extend a very heartfelt, THANK YOU to them for all they do.

With the first Sunday in October falling on 1 October, it looks like our October WB match will be on 30 September 2023. I hope to see you all there. Set-up at around 8am and a quick shooters meeting about 9amish.

Flanigan





From our Territorial Governor – Wylie Fox



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 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 (hold 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 in NO charges for members of Battle Born Rangers or Silver State Shootist.

Please contact Wylie for enrollment.

Action Open in the Cart

This last month there was a lengthy discussion on safe movement with long gun.

<https://forums.sassnet.com/index.php?/topic/353221-action-open-in-cart/>

The 170° rule means the muzzle of a firearm must always be straight down range (+/- 85° in any direction). Muzzle direction and muzzle control is important between, before, during, and after shooting a stage. The 170° rule is the backbone of all safe firearm handling and is always in effect. - A muzzle must not be allowed to "sweep" the other participants at any time.

- Long guns shall have their actions open with chambers and magazines empty and muzzles pointed in a safe direction when transported at a match.
- A holstered revolver (loaded or empty) with the hammer fully down on an empty chamber or expended case is considered safe and may not be interpreted as sweeping another shooter while safely secured in the holster.
- Failure to manage safe muzzle direction is grounds for a Stage Disqualification penalty assessment, and for repeat offenses, a Match Disqualification penalty.

Pale Wolf Brunelle has also posted a clarification.

Posted 05 July 2011 - 01:16 PM by PaleWolf Brunelle (edited 05JUN2018

- UPDATE DOC REFERENCES)

The 170° rule, by definition, DOES NOT always apply to/from/at the loading/unloading tables. This is due to the wide variations in range/stage setups...it does on some ranges, if they are on a common firing line with the stage itself (e.g. LT / STAGE1 / ULT...LT / STAGE2 / ULT...).

Some of this was addressed in last month's newsletter.

Here are some guidelines.

Always be aware of your muzzle direction. When moving your long gun from auto/truck CHECK to make sure it is empty BEFORE putting into your cart. Keep it pointed up when checking. Be considerate, do NOT sweep anyone. The action while in the cart may be open or closed, open is wise. Then moving to loading table or from unloading table, be considerate to everyone point the barrel up. While on the firing line (the loading table to the unloading table) the 170° Rule will be strictly enforced.

TG meeting at the Western Regional.

The TG letter from The Western Regional meeting was sent to SASS headquarters and it was acknowledged. Still awaiting the actual reply

Wild Bunch

At the 2023 EOT there was Wild Bunch meeting between SASS and the WB ambassadors / trainers. It was a contentious meeting regarding new directions (rules) for WB. Since then there has been communications regarding the future direction. The current take-away has been improving. I suspect there will be an announcement before 2024 EOT. I will keep BBR members posted.

Looking for your comments AGAIN!!!!

Please share your thoughts with me.

At the regional match there is a stage front with a hallway. It is a favorite stage of the host club. This year you staged rifle down range. Starting up range with shotgun in hand. At buzzer move downrange shoot shotgun, then move to downrange table stage shotgun and proceed to shoot rifle and pistol. When done shooting collect long guns and go back through the hallway (only path available) then head to unloading table.

I was picking brass in hallway as shooters headed to the unloading table, during which I saw down the barrels of many SxS shotguns. This was discussed at the start of the stage per SASS rules

Excerpt for Pale Wolf's web site <http://www.oowss.com/ROCornerIndex.htm>

The "problem" seems to be the parenthetical "generally "up" and slightly down range" as a definition of suggested "safe direction"... It should be obvious that the reference to "slightly down range" applies primarily DURING the stage engagement...if the muzzle of a firearm is pointed straight UP during the 'course of fire' (i.e. @ 180°), the shooter is in violation of the 170° rule. Once the stage

has ended & the shooter is headed to the ULT, there are often personnel DOWN range (e.g. setting targets/picking brass)...at that point, "slightly downrange" might not necessarily be a "best practice" (depending on range/stage layout).

COMMON SENSE should be used to determine the safest direction to point muzzles when moving from the LT to the stage & from the stage to the ULT. UP has already been determined to be considered acceptable. The PRIMARY consideration is to avoid SWEEPING anyone with the muzzle of ANY firearm at ANY time.

I posed the following question on the RO Instructor Form

Could a Match Director, for a specific stage, make a rule to have any long guns that were brought downrange to be cleared downrange?

Of the five or so replies everyone feels the existing rules **might not necessarily be a "best practice"**, but good enough.

I am looking for your comments. Should I pursue this with the TG's or let it go?

-wylie

From our dear friend and co- match director- Gold Rush Allie



What at weekend! Our first Blast from the Past shoot is in the books. We hope you all had as much fun as we did. We lassoed a steer, shot clay birds, threw knives and hatchets, played the luck of the draw with cards, made and served breakfast and shot targets that looked like they were dancing when the bullets struck them. We also shot at pink bunnies and shot a stage with only knock downs. Twenty nine of thirty one shooters shot clean and received clean match pins. That may be a record for a two day match. The other two shooters did not walk away empty handed. They both got Oscars for best performance. We had some other fun awards and

Derringer Dan drove away with the pink Cadillac.

Thank you to everyone that made it happen. Starr - thank you for all your help with this. It was a pleasure being the co-match director with you. Wylie and Flanigan – this match would not have happened without your muscle, setting and resetting the steel, writing some great stages and then some. Jasper and BeeBad – thank you for working the grill and feeding us all a great lunch. Wild Bill Berry and Adel – thank you for the ice cream and keeping the water ice cold for us. Deadeye Dick and Brazos – thank you for sharing stages and truly making it a blast from the past.

Good news if you were not able to make it this year, we are already planning for next year. We hope you will join us. Keep an eye out for the date next year.

Gold Rush Allie



