



From the Battle Born Rangers President:

### October 28, 2017

#### Meeting of the Battle Born Rangers Board of Directors and Club Directors

The meeting was held to wrap up the year and to discuss next year's events and other club items. Get better John.

#### **Board Secretary**

• Black Jack Slim resigned from the Secretary position due to some health issues. Wylie Fox volunteered to take over as Secretary.

#### **ROOP County Days**

- JJ presented the financial report for this year's event. Deducting expenses from revenue we netted \$4180.72.
- JJ also reported that the club now has just over \$48,000 in the bank
- The group then discussed areas for improvement or changes.
- Suggestions for the stage writer included, less flyers 24% of the shooters had misses. Rifle being shot last caused some timing
  issues. Suggest the instructions say rifle can't be shot lost on shooters choice stages.
- Next year we need a startup cash drawer or bank to help make change with raffle sales.
- More help is needed at the pavilion for check-in and raffle ticket sales
- Suggested to move the main match pistol caliber rifle side match be located at the side match stage. More people will shoot it then.
- Agreed to move the Wild Bunch side match to 9:00 am.
- Plainsman moved to 11:00 am.
- Side match tickets will be dropped into a can at the shooting position to insure the shooter has paid the fee for extra practice attempts. One color ticket for extra passes and one color for the free for time ticket.
- More volunteers are need to run/time the side matches. Drifter John didn't get much help.

#### Electronics

- All of the timers will be gathered to review if repairs are needed. Is so they will be sent out for repair.
- It was agreed to continue using he ACES scoring system. It is no longer supported by the software writer. The scoring systems
  has been working fine so no need to switch to the other, Practiscore.

# **Quartermaster and Blacksmith**

- The pistol and rifle targets will be inventories for what we have as well as any needing repair.
- The shotgun targets are in need of repair. Work will begin as soon as our welders are able to get to them.
- Range Improvements
- Fallen Grace, Brenda, wants to donate the funds needed to run a water line from the stub out over to the pavilion on the North side. She wants to do something that will benefit everyone and the club in honor of Rick, Hellfire Preacher, her husband. We can then hook up the sink, have water to wash the pavilion down, and provide some water for non-potable use when camping. This work will be done in the spring.
- The entry road at the curve is in need of grading and replacing the gravel. It was agreed to estimate the gravel need for that, filling in the wash outs around the pavilion, and the two camping aisles at the southeast side of the range. Costs will then be determined. Jasper will work with the on-sight maintenance guys to get them to grade the road and spread the gravel where needed. They charge a nominal fee for their time. Dan the owner has agreed to loan us his equipment when needed. We will offer to pay for the fuel used.
- Along with the gravel a cost for decomposed granite to be spread around the long-range shooting position and back area will be determined. This will make it safer as in level, and keep the dust down.
- It was suggested that we set up a volunteer adopt a stage program. Wylie Fox said the Dixie Desperadoes do this and it gets maintenance and improvements made. Volunteers can paint and or decorate the stage their way. They also solicit volunteers to help.

# **Cops & Cowboys Match**

- This year's match was canceled after it was recognized that attendance by the club members was low.
- The unfortunate part was it was done just a week before the match. And the match director wasn't available to discuss
- options until after the membership expressed the desire to cancel the match
- It was agreed that better communication on the level of registration from both the club and the Cops needs to occur. Jasper and Ike will work on improving the communication and enticing both the Cops and the Cowboys to attend.
- The club decided to contribute \$1,000 to the Special Olympics
- Next year we may call the event Special Olympics Fund raiser or the like.

# **Think Pink Match**

- JJ suggested that next year we make it a shooting weekend. Wild Bunch on Saturday and the Think Pink match on Sunday.
- He will set the date and get other input in the spring.
- The club decided to contribute \$1,000 to the American Cancer Society.

# 2017 Wild Bunch Match

- During the monthly shoot a discussion came up on the approximate attendance for the scheduled match. Based on registration and some, "I'm going to shoot it' raised hands we had only 12 to 15 shooters. The match Director was asked if he thought the match should go forward. He felt that the number of shooters didn't warrant going forward with the match. A lot of effort for very little participation.
- Based on his suggestion it was decided to cancel the match.

# 2018 Wild Bunch Match

- The club was approached by the organizers for the California State Wild Bunch match and asked if we would consider combining the two matches into one.
- After discussions on where, who, when and how it was decided that BBR would give having our own Nevada State Wild Bunch match another try.
- Bordello Fellow, the match director, was asked to consider another date. Last year it was cold and it rained. It was speculated that that weather effected the registration for this year. Bordello will investigate dates and come back with a suggestion.

# **Holiday Party**

- It was decided to once again take JJ up on his hospitality and have the party at his house. Thanks, You JJ.
- The party is December 16.
- The club will provide the meats and the rest is a potluck. So, bring something good.
- Jackpot Jerry suggested we invite the Silver State Shootist's. Most of their club is made up with our shooters. It means only
  adding about another 6 to 10 guests. We all agreed that we invite numerous non-club members each year. So, the more the
  merrier. Jackpot will extend the invitation.
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• Fallen Grace and Fanny Sea Bride will decide on whether will have a voluntary gift exchange. Or we can donate food to the food bank like we have in the past.

#### Long Range

- Brazos, felt we have all the targets we need.
- We do need to make some more improvements on the shade covers.
- Ike suggested a Military rifle match using jacketed ammo. He thinks we would get more shooters if they didn't have to load special lead ammo. This would mean buying 4 to 5, ½" thick AR500 steel targets. Drifter John forwarded a target company so Ike can get a cost for targets and stands. He will then bring the cost back for approval.
- We will approach Rudy with the idea of sharing some of the costs and if there are any improvements he would like

#### 2018 Events and Budgeting

- Ike has agreed to coordinate the club calendar. So, he'll be looking for people to sign up for stage writing or special long range or monthly shoots.
- Ike asked everyone associated with an event, maintenance, party etc. to put an approximate budget together for next year. We want to get an idea on what we need to spend next year.
- Ike expressed the desire to re-activate some sort of Fernley Stock for next year's 4th of July Holiday weekend. We'll see.

#### **Open Forum**

- Fallen Grace wants to have the cowboy/cowgirl clothing sale again. She would like us to contribute our SASS clothing so she can hold a sale at one of our annual events. The proceeds would go to the Happy Trails Foundation. She will get it organized and select the event.
- Dutch Dalton brought up that the Corporate by-laws aren't posted on the club website. After the meeting lke forwarded them to Jackpot Jerry to place on the web site.
- Dutch asked for a clarification on how amendments to the by-laws can be made. He said it reads as though only the Board of Directors can make amendments. Ike confirmed that according to Nevada State Corporate law only a board of directors can change he by-laws. Ike also stated that as in the past if any amendments are needed the club would be engaged for their opinion.
- Ike thanked everyone for their help this year. Because of the combining of the two clubs and reorganizing, delegating, many of the tasks, we now have and 15 to 18 people doing what used to be done by a handful of people.
- Finally, if anyone has anything they would like to discuss, or volunteer for please speak up. We are a volunteer organization here to enjoy a sport and have fun.



#### Howdy all,

Wow, we had some of the best weather for our November matches that I can remember!! Both Sundays had highs in the low 60's with little wind. If you didn't make it out you really missed some fine weather and fun matches! Jackpot Jerry wrote the stages for the HPD match. He wrote two sets of stages one for a weathery day and the other for our nice weather. Thanks for stepping up Jerry!!!! I wrote the stages for the Roop Sunday and we had thirty shooters come out. It was a big bore optional match and we had lots of folks stepping up to the challenge!! We had a number of nervous faces when they found out that they had to shoot the Texas Star with their handguns. The best run of the day was Dutch Dalton shooting the Texas Star with a '97. After trying to use it for what seemed to be forever he left the line retrieved his Double and finished the stage with that. Yeah, I know SDQ, but it was so hilarious and his time was so BAD that we just couldn't penalize him any more!!! Dutch shot that stage in 183.75 seconds. We made sure to tell the new shooter what happened and said he knew that rule and thought the same way we did, that it was too much fun to watch. Before you say that we should never bend the rules LIGHTEN UP, WE ALL KNEW IT WAS A FOUL!! Funny thing he still managed to shoot just below middle of the pack overall and beat me

#### **Christmas Party**

Our Christmas party is coming up real soon. You can find the sign up sheet at the registration counter and see what you can bring. We are doing a food donation instead of a gift exchange again this year so bring lots of non-perishable foods.

# Stage Writers Calendar

Irish Ike and I are writing the stage writers calendar this year. If you want to write some stages for the club please let us know and well plug you in to the calendar.

# New Member

Our newest member is out on maternity leave. Congrats to Kris Lewis AKA William Tom Frank for the birth of his baby girl!!!!!

# **Board Member Resignation**

Blackjack Slim has resigned from the board for health reasons and Wylie Fox has stepped up to take his place as Secretary. Get well soon John you are greatly missed!!! Wylie has great enthusiasm and I look forward to working with him!!

# Range Projects

We, the Battle Born Rangers have a number of projects in the works for the end of the year and the following year. Stay tuned to see how you can help. One of the coolest things is we are going to turn over the care of the berms to volunteers from the club. Drifter John has said he wants the livery, big sunrise there!! Fallen Grace has stepped up, as has Nevada Blaze. The idea has merit and I for one am ready to help in any way I can. A couple of other things in the works are to get rid of the old bales of straw and replace them with new bales. We have spoken to the workers at the track and they are ready to help us spread gravel to make our roads more passable during the wet months and help us spread DG at long range.

# December 2017 Match

Slow Thunder and I are writing the stages for our Dec ember match it will be big bore friendly. Make plans to join us for a rocking good time!!!

# Donations

The Battle Born Rangers have graciously offered to write a check to Special Olympics for \$1000.00 in lieu of our Cops & Cowboys match and that is a wonderfully gracious gesture!! I'm proud to tell you that one of our members donated a contribution to Special O in memory of my brother's name for \$500.00. We are donating \$1500.00 to the Nevada Special Olympics this year. I want to sincerely thank our member donor. I will never forget your kind words and incredible generosity in seeing that my dear brothers memory lives on. I offer you a heart felt Thank you, thank you, and thank you again!!



# From One of our Social Directors:

Vell Howdy all and Happy November!

don't know where the time goes but ...... I DO KNOW that it goes by too fast!!

nope that all of you have a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving. I'll be spending mine with the lost wonderful grandchildren ever. I never can seem to get enough of them!

Also wanted to let you know that the Annual Christmas Party. Please check the flyer in this newsletter for dates, times, activities, and location.

Watch for emails for any updates as they should occur. I'm hoping for good weather for the December HPD match and look forward to seeing you there. Til then.....

Fallen Grace

# Just a few pictures from around















All I want are some assless chaps. Don't screw this one up.



# **Merry Christmas**

This Is Your Invitation To The

# Battle Born Ranger's

6th Annual Christmas Party

Who is Invited:
When:
Where:
Start Time:
Dinner:

 All Nevada and California Cowboys & Cowgirls Saturday, December 16, 2017
 1527 Brandi Rose Way, Minden NV
 5:00pm Until ??
 6:30pm

Main Dinner Entree Provided by Battle Born Rangers

We are again honored to have our dinner cheff'd by our own Jasper Agate

This year, in lieu of a Gift Exchange we are asking those who wish to participate to donate the equivalent of \$10 in food stuff that will be donated to the Douglas County Food Pantry.

Please contact Ms. Sue for what side dishes to bring.

Please RSVP no later than December 14

Ms. Sue: 775.781.7873 or Email: jj50325@yahoo.com