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Howdy all, We had twenty shooters join us for what turned out to be a fairly unpleasant day. We shot as one big posse and that worked well. Sheriff Winchester did a fine job giving us six fast and fun stages. This was his first time writing stages and he did a fine job. We had three shooters show up without jackets or coats. That was a big mistake in the early morning with a biting wind coming out of the north We all need to take extra care up here in the high desert. I always have an extra jacket or two stashed in my truck along with at least a liter of drinking water and some protein bars in the console. The latest item is some extra meds. I forgot them this last month.

We are switching to winter hours this month. Sign ups at 9:00 am, 9:30 shooters meeting and 10:00 the shooting starts. We'll be putting the change from winter to summer and summer to winter hours on the joint club's calendar for next year. I'll bring it along to the ROOP Match with the regular shoots that we do such as Fallen Graces underwear shoot, Red Shirt Gunfighter and such already in place. Be prepared to fill in the blanks.

I'm writing the stages for the HPD match this month and it will be big bore optional. I could use some help with set up at 8:30. We will be collecting packaged food for our food drive for both clubs in November and December. One month will go to Evelyn Mount and the other to a local Fernley church that Gracey will deliver. Black Jack Slim has written the stages for our November match. I have read them and they should be fun!!

I canceled the board meeting that was going to be after the Oct match. We need to have a meeting to discuss the changes for ROOP COUNTY DAYS 2014. We are still trying to get the Buckle Debacle worked out. It is looking real good for us if they do what they say they are going to do.

Below is the TG conference agenda. You should read it and we need to assign a proxy for our vote.

That's all for this month, see you on the range, Jasper Agate

Territorial Governor's Summit Agenda:

Clarifications from the RO Committee 1) RO I, page 5 "Coaching" AND RO I Instructor Guide, Page 6 "Coaching" ...sentence that begins with "Coaching is not considered RO interference....."

should read

"Proper coaching or no coaching at all is not considered RO interference....." This change will align the verbiage to the actual / correct rule, and will then be exactly the same as what appears in the RO I manual on page 22, and in the RO I Instructors Guide, page 23.

2) Insert note to instructor in the RO I Instructors Guide - to direct the student's attention to the glossary and point out the definition of "power factor" and the minimum velocities for revolver / rifle. This has been taken out of the body of the manual, yet it still exists on the course exam. It remains valid information, and should be tested...having the instructors point it out in the

VOTING ISSUES

1) If the lever closes on a long gun after it is set down open, should there be a "no call" if it is, in fact empty, or a penalty if a spent case or round is ejected? If the gun closes, the shooter will be the ONLY one to touch the gun until it is shown clear or otherwise.

2) Should the **MSV** penalty for picking up **retrieving** a dropped **or ejected** round be removed if it can be done safely? I.e.:

24. Ammunition dropped by a shooter in the course of loading or reloading any firearm during a stage or "ejected" from any firearm may be SAFELY recovered or replaced from the shooter's person or other area as required

Glossary will satisfy the instructional requirement. Suggested verbiage: On page 26 of the RO I Instructors Guide, "Failure to Engage/Spirit of the Game", after the second sentence in the second bullet point

insert

"Refer to the Glossary of Terms under "Power Factor" for SASS minimum and maximum velocity requirements, and minimum power factor for ammunition."

3) RO I Manual, page 7 and RO I Instructors Guide, Page 9 - Item F under "Timer Operator". Change verbiage to read:

By stage description. If the round is not fired it is counted as a missed shot. SHB p.23 / RO1 p.19

3) Recently, the issue of modifying rifle triggers from a curved profile to a straight profile has been discussed. This modification sets the trigger closer to the lever so it is less likely to wound the shooter's trigger finger. The RO Committee has determined that this modification is an illegal modification according to the SASS Firearms Covenants, but requires a rule change to allow it.

The RO Committee is looking into setting limits on how much re-profiling can be done. Further discussion ensued about modifying triggers for guns

"The Timer Operator is responsible to start *Other than lever action rifles, and a suggestion was*

A competitor at the correct location and position/stance (i.e. "At the window with hands at high surrender"). It is the responsibility of the shooter to ensure that firearms and ammunition are correctly staged."

This change will bring the verbiage in line with RO II and reflect the actual requirement.

Made for ONLY allowing re-profiling triggers on lever action rifles. **Enforcement of this particular rule will be at**

The discretion of each match director until such time as it comes before the TGs for a vote

4) Should the Bisley hammer/grip frame restrictions from the SHB "Firearms Covenants" be removed.

4) We need to add verbiage to clarify the fact that the CRO/Timer Operator may over-rule or "has the final authority" for safety penalties and/or procedural penalties. Many shooters believe that the timer operator does not have the authority to apply such penalties independently. This is a false belief. If the CRO/TO is the only one to see a stated minimum size. This has been

Procedural penalty, or is the only one in the position to see a safety violation, then he/she has the authority to, and MUST, make the appropriate call...regardless of the spotters. We must stress that the CRO/TO must be absolutely sure when exercising such unilateral authority.

5) Suggested verbiage for the RO I Manual, page 8, Item K): Insert after last sentence

..."The Timer Operator may not over-rule spotters regarding misses, but may assign safety, procedural and other penalties independently."

6) Suggested verbiage for RO II, page 9, 6

Paragraph insert after the sentence "...to the scorekeeper and the spotters polled for misses, procedural input, and safety input."

Insert sentence:

"The Timer Operator may not over-rule spotters regarding misses, but may assign

Discussed by the RO Committee, and the determination has been made based on Coyote Calhoun's *intent* that the minimum rowel size be set the diameter of a quarter (actually .995" = 24.26mm). There was also discussion of requiring jingle bobs, *but, according to discussions within the RO Committee, jingle bobs were rarely used prior to 1900. Therefore that should not be a requirement, but of course can be allowed.*

Discussion Item 2

The SASS dress code is explicit that no logos are allowed. However, the problem remains that some people dress so minimally. *Should the minimum clothing requirements be increased??*

Discussion Item 3

Single shot Shotguns are allowed in Frontier Cartridge, Frontier Cartridge Duelist, and Frontiersman... The rulebook will be updated to state that it **must** have an exposed hammer and **may** have an ejector for each of those categories.

Discussion Item 1

Lindholm Brothers approached Hipshot at the Western Regional asking that a minimum rowel size for B Western and Classic Cowboy be established, as

Safety, procedural and other penalties independently. When exercising this unilateral authority, the CRO/Timer

Discussion Item 4

Operator must consider all the facts and circumstances, and given all the input (or thereof) to make the most appropriate assessment. " The Shooter's Handbook states that "Original barrels may be replaced with new barrels of correct styles **lack** (e.g., round, octagon, half-round) for that *type* of firearm." Comments have been made that original

Pistols did not have octagonal barrels. The wording in the Handbook will be clarified to spell out that octagonal barrels are allowed on pistols. *This is already spelled out in the Handbook by referring to "Type of firearm". Model P Colts/Clones and 1851 Colt navies/clones are single action revolvers.*

Discussion Item 5

There was discussion about ONLY allowing the shooter to stage of move long guns without posse help/interference. This would align the SASS Action Shooters and the Wild Bunch Action Shooters rules. Not too much discussion, but some felt that this could slow a posse down. Happy Jack stated that it did not seem to slow down the WBAS matches.

Discussion Item 6

Categories and sub-categories: Are they age driven or equipment driven.



“OK, which one of you two tried to tip over the outhouse while I was in it!”



“Ya see, I think the bullet goes in here.”

