

Battle Born Rangers Newsletter

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Please read the copy below from our good friends at the **Silver State Shootists**



From our club president -Bordello Fellow

Greetings All,

Last Sunday Silver State hosted a monthly match with their new berms in place. I have to admit it really changed my perception of the Gulch. The match was fast and fun. There were a few glitches but nothing very serious. Target placement, targets, angle of aim, and some backslash were issues I noticed. Silver StateI was very receptive to suggestions on improvements. I look forward to seeing how they continue to improve the quality of their matches. This is going to be a very good place to shoot. In addition, I held a BBR board meeting last week to discuss how we can help support Silver States range

improvements. It was decided to offer a one time donation of \$500 to help defer some of the cost for the berms. I also reached out to the Silver State board asking if they would allow us to hold monthly matches at the Gulch. I heard back with them giving us the second Saturday & Sunday of the month to hold both a wild bunch match and cowboy match. Not sure if we can do a WB match in July (13th), waiting to hear from Flanagan Flats. We would split the "Gate proceeds" with them for using their range. In addition, Silver State wanted to try holding their own matches on the first Saturday and third Sunday of each month and see if attendance would warrant an additional shoot. If you are interested, please contact any Silver State board member and let them know. Another topic for our board meeting was where we are at on moving, finding a new range, and legal issues the club faces. First order of business was hiring a lawyer to gain access to our personal property out at the racetrack. The owner continues to defer, deflect, and duplicity in negotiations. Working with 49er Preacher, we found a lawyer who specializes in landlord tenant laws. I am done negotiating and turned over all my records of past lease's, rental agreements, and email communications with the owner. The lawyer understands the our goal is to regain possession of our personal property in addition to time needed for the move. Second order was where we are at finding a new range. At this time I am working with a realtor looking at different properties. Have met with her a couple of times looking over some properties a few miles from Silver Springs. These properties are still in the city limits of Fernley. After a looking at property, the realtor has a good idea of what our needs are and is helping to look for more land. I also reached out to the planning department of Fernley to see about land use codes and how we go about changing zoning to accommodate a gun range. This was a Zoom meeting and I asked a number of questions that they will research and send me answers. I also received a message from Fallon Kid about shooting with a club in Fallon. I turned this over to Jasper to follow up on. It might be a viable option while looking for a permeant home. Third order of business was where to move all our equipment when we get access. Jasper has been working hard on this and come up with a number of low cost / no cost options. It will take a bit more time to implement a plan. Hopefully, we can use the no cost option. Time will tell. Next was what I call "Around the Table" where each person in attendance can bring up any new items that need to be discussed. It came up that the club needs a new Treasurer and a HPD Coordinator. If you can help out, please let us know. One of the last items we discussed was the shoot schedule with Silver State. As stated earlier, after hearing from their board we can have the second weekend of the month for BBR monthly's. Last note, doctor okayed me to shoot as long as it was light loads. So Sunday's match was the first time I have been able to shoot in over four months. Can't say I was stellar, but then I never have been. It was good to strap on the guns again and blast away. Only issue I had was with the rifle. Seems operating it caused a cramp in the biceps. I figured the next day would painful but to my surprise it wasn't.

So with that in mind, going on a trip to shoot a match. See you down the trail,
Bordello

Next Months Matches

Saturday July 6th – Silver State's Cowboy Match

Sunday July 14th – BBR Cowboy Match

Big Bore Optional!!

Sunday July 21st – Silver States Cowboy Match

From your Secretary – Jasper Agate



Howdy all,

We all owe a great deal of THANKS to Silver State Shootists. They are allowing us to use their range for both Wild Bunch and Cowboy. We have the 2nd Saturday of the month for Wild Bunch (which should happen next month) and the 2nd Sunday for our Cowboy Match. They have built berms that add a great deal of safety to the range. Please be sure to thank the SSS board and rank and file for their generosity!! For the time being we will be using SSS's steel until we can get ours back from the thief who is at the least holding our property for

ransom. If you are interested in writing stages I have a list of the available steel. Make your Mark has volunteered to write the Cowboy stages for July.

We are all frustrated with what is happening to our former range property and we are aware that some of you have already given up on us. Please know that your board is moving ahead with the only way we can go. It seems like things are at a stand still but we are doing things in a timely manor with the only solution which it can legally be done. We are working towards a resolution to our property problems. Please give us the benefit of the doubt and hang in there with us. There are many sleepless nights that your board has endured and all we ask for is your gratitude and blessings. We have met and looked at property where we could build our own range but that's going to be VERY expensive and involve different entities to get permission and permits. Which means we could be at the Gulch for the perceivable future.

Our good friend Fallon Kid has been going out to the Stillwater range in Fallon. He's been telling us that they are receptive to us going out to their range and bring out our conex's and shoot on their range. 49er Preacher and I went out and were impressed enough to join the club. We spoke to a couple of the Board members and they were aware of our situation and were sympathetic to our plight. After joining their club and receiving their schedule Jeff and I are thinking about going out for some of their varied matches!!

This is just a question at this point in time. This has not been discussed with the board and I was wondering how you all feel about making the drive out to Fallon to shoot. Please respond to this email with a **Yes**, you would be willing to make the drive or **No**, it's too far and I'll take your wishes to your board.

Thanks for your support and understanding,

Jasper

From your RO Trainer and Territorial Governor Wylie Fox Esquire



RO Training

The 8 June April class had 8 shooters attending the RO II course at the Gold Hill. Along with two people auditing the class. Gold Rush, Flanigan and Mark were first time students. The others took the class as a refresher student.

The successful students are

Brazos 100%

Flanigan Flats 100%

Gold Rush Allie 100%

Imus Offen 100%

Ray B Jamison

Georgia Blue 100%

Make Your Mark

Jeremiah Jonathan

Lady Pearl audited the class and was 100%

The next RO Course, WBRO, on 20 July 2024 at either the Fernley Library or Gold Hull Hotel or ?? This Wild Bunch course will be entirely in the classroom. We will begin at 9AM and finish by 4PM. This course is IDEAL for all members who shoot Wild Bunch. As with other classes, the student participation is the star of the course. Especially shooters who have taken the class before. PLEASE contact me soon, as the number of members attending will influence the location.

WTC (What's the Call)

Suppose you are in the middle of shooting a stage and “Dang” your firearm jams. After fussing for seemed like minutes (really 5-15 seconds) you declare “Dead Gun” and safely stage the firearm. Once the last shot has been fired. Who takes the declared malfunction firearm to the unloading table?

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In the event a shooter declares a malfunction, the shooter will be given the opportunity to make that firearm safe and continue on with the next procedure. The TO will allow the shooter to make the malfunctioning firearm safe, preferably on a nearby and appropriate horizontal surface (box, table, straw bale, ground, etc.), or **if necessary, assist** the shooter by **allowing** them to “hand off” the firearm. Multiple malfunctions by a shooter will be cause for the Timer Operator to request the shooter change firearms.

Just to make sure this is clear, the shooter controls who carries the firearm. The shooter may carry the firearm, the TO may offer assistance or the shooter may ask assistance from the TO to “hand off” the firearm. Once at the unloading table, regardless of who transported the gun, it is up to the shooter to decide what to do next. The peanut gallery may offer assistance but NO ONE should assume it is OK for them to handle the gun. The shooter, because of the malfunction firearm, maybe upset, allow them space and in an appropriate manner offer to assist before touching the gun.

FYI, I have seen and heard of several instances where, without permission, someone other than the shooter takes the firearm to the unloading table and begins inspection. THIS IS WRONG!

Another issue.

What are the requirements to be a match official/role

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Match Director is in charge of the overall match and is required to **ensure qualified officials** are in place in all competition areas. The match director is typically the stage writer/designer of the match.

DEPUTY Posse Marshal acts on behalf of the Posse Marshal when the Marshal is shooting or otherwise unavailable. The Marshal & Deputy should be separated in the shooting order for adequate Posse coverage. **It is highly recommended that anyone serving in a Posse Marshal or Deputy Posse Marshal capacity be trained in this RO-I Course.**

After a brief exchange with Pale Wolf Burnelle, I was surprised to learn that there are NO requirements to be a match official. The **highlight** above are the only statements regarding requirements. PWB, in his opinion, then comments that the match director should be up-to-date with RO I & RO II courses. Clubs have the option to have their own specific requirements.

YAWTC

<https://forums.sassnet.com/index.php?/topic/369882-wtc/>

Rifle. Three targets, and a knock down target. On the three targets shoot a continuous Nevada sweep for 9 rounds, 10th round on the knock down.

The shooter hit each target correctly with the first 6 rounds, Jack's out the 7th round, hit #8 and #9, hits the knock down with the 10th round.

PWB quickly replies and then locks the post.

WTC if in addition to the original post the TO or Spotters say at the end of the rifle “One more round”? The shooter then loads another round and hits where the knockdown was. Now WTC?

COWBOY & Wild Bunch Issues

I will be attending the TG meetings for both Cowboy and Wild Bunch at the Western Regionals in August. Please think about what if any changes or clarifications would like to see. I am anxious to discuss what ever may be on your mind.

From our good friends at Silver State Shootists



Mark your calendars July Matches

Silver State Shootists will hold matches in the renovated Gulch on Saturday July 6th and Sunday July 21st. Setup at 8:00 AM and shooters meeting at 9:00 AM.

We have made significant improvements in the Gulch with berms and doubling to length of available boardwalks. We are also in the process of upgrading our shotgun targets and other infrastructure equipment.

In August we will hold our annual members meeting and board elections. The agenda and ballots will be out in a few weeks. Silver State Shootists is also working with our family at Battle Born Rangers to support them and their Cowboy and Wild bunch matches in the future. Stay tuned to the announcements and letters for updates as they occur.

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