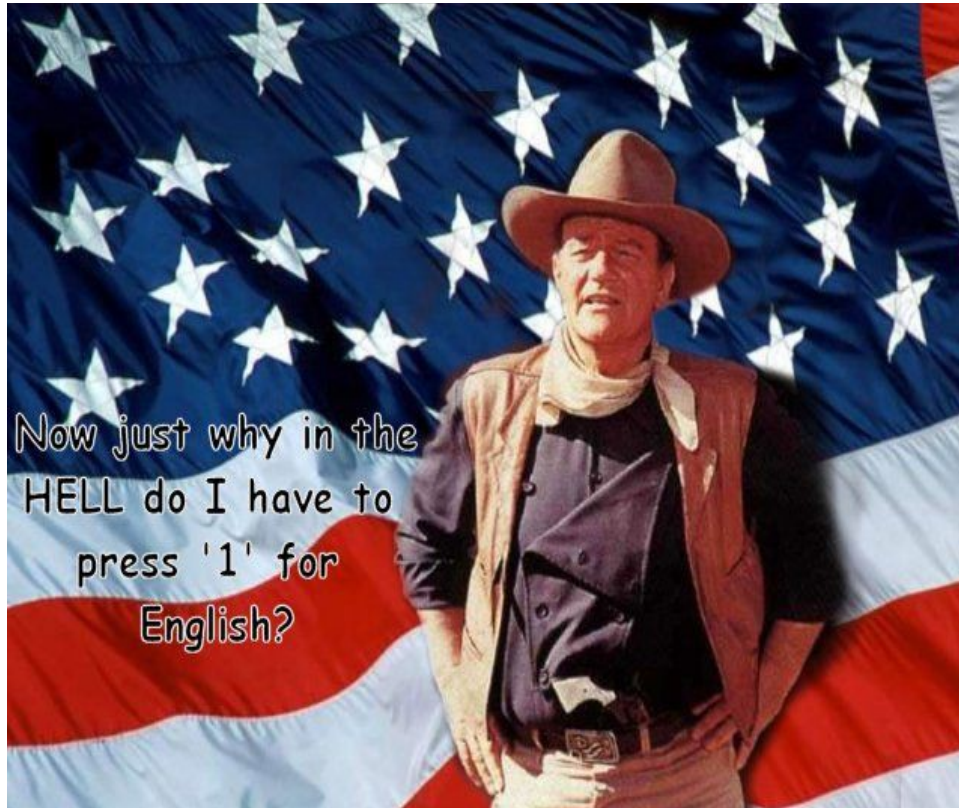


# Battle Born Rangers Newsletter

Fernley , NV

July 2022



## From our New club president

Howdy All,

Hope you all had a good 4th. Was not at the weekend festivities out at the range due to a preplanned trip up to Florence, Oregon. I shot the annual match put on by the Siuslaw River Rangers. We met up with Fanner Fifty, Mosebee, and Fallen Grace from the home club. Also Rexx T. Dogg can down from Clatskanie to join in the fun. Shooting a black powder side match with Rexx is a hoot!! Also a couple of other shooters that showed up were Mudville Slim, Sweet Cream, Nyack Jack, and his better half Lady Gambler. Of course there were a bunch of Oregon shooters too. The match was short with some unusual sweeps that kept you on your toes. I thought Johnny Jingos and crew did a great job providing the shooters with a fun filled match. Congratulations to our club members for bringing home the gold and silver!! Fanner Fifty, Bordello Fellow, and Fallen Grace all took 1st in their category . Mosebee a solid second in his. In addition, Fanner, Mosebee, and Bordello shot the match clean. It turns out that most of us camped at the same campground on the Siuslaw river. Just so happens it is the same location where Florence puts on their fireworks display. We all ended up at Chip & Niki's rv to watch the show. With an adult libation in hand, we had a front row seat. The display was well done with lots of spectacular fireworks.

At the 6/12 shoot the club presented Irish Ike with a card and gifts for all the hard work he did as president of BBR. He was given a good bottle of an adult beverage, glasses to pour it in, and a new G-String (red-white-blue) in colors to celebrate the upcoming holiday. In addition, some passed him dollar bills for a lap dance. Seems he left



with everything before anyone had a chance to get their lap dance. Go figure..... I would like to repeat what I wrote on his card. "**Thank You** for all your hard work guiding the club through some very difficult times". It has not gone unnoticed. One other thing, your going to be a tough act to follow.

So on to club business. First off there will be a Wild Bunch RO class at the Fernley Library on July 30. I believe the start time is 9AM. There is no cost to club members for this training. If you wanted to know more about Wild Bunch, this will be the place to learn. Contact Wylie Fox at [ed89509@gmail.com](mailto:ed89509@gmail.com) for more information and/or let him know about attending. Hope to see you there.

Wild Bunch Championship match (Sept. 5-7) is coming along nicely. Flanagan Flats and crew have been putting in a lot of hard work getting everything ready, stages, gifts, food, etc. Fallen Kid and JJ have got stages and shooters book into final layout for printers. From what I have seen, it looks like a fun match to shoot!! Please step up and see where you can help out and get your applications in. This is a first for Flanagan and I am sure that he and Gold Rush Allie could use all the support and help we can offer.

ROOP County Days (Sept.8-10) match is moving forward with a number of volunteers pitching in to help. We still have some areas where help is needed. Please contact me if you can help. If not, I ~~might~~ will come looking for you. One thing I really need is someone who has some artistic talent. I would like to see all our decor set up for the match but noticed that a lot of it needs touchup/repainting. This artwork was made by our very own Deadeye Dick and Vivian. If you could help out with this please let me know. I really want this match to be "Top Notch" and bring our guest shooters back again next year. In addition, applications have started coming in and now would be a good time to get yours in too. I will have the "Who's Coming" list on our web page updated soon.

One last item on my list. A number of members have come to me with some concerns that they wanted me to be aware of. I have made a list and I am working on how to address these concerns. If you have any issues or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me and let me know. Our web page has been updated with my latest contact information. Or you can always pull me aside at a match to let me know.

Well that is all for now.

Happy Trails  
Bordello Fellow

<p><b>Next Months Matches</b>  Aug 6<sup>th</sup> Wild Bunch  Aug 7<sup>th</sup> HPD Cowboy -Pasco  Aug 13<sup>th</sup> Long Range- 22 BPCRA  Aug 14<sup>th</sup> ROOP Cowboy – Fun Cowboy</p>
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Howdy all,

We had a few new shooters join us for the match this month. One was from just around the corner from Bordello and me. Johnny Boy (3<sup>rd</sup> from right back row) shot with the other posse than me so I didn't get a chance to spend much time with him or his lovely wife Sue. I hope to shoot with him next time!! I did get to shoot with a couple of travelers who are from Oklahoma. They were on their way home from a 2-month trip-shooting cowboy all over the west. Catoosa Red (2<sup>nd</sup> from right front row) and Burly Bill (2<sup>nd</sup> from right back row) were a hoot to shoot with and have been doing it for the last 19 years. Both shot Gunfighter and Burly Bill shot black powder as well!!

Jasper Agate

### **From our Wild Bunch Coordinator - Flanigan Flats**

Hey all, we had 8 shooters join us for our July shoot. The stages were variations of the stages that JJ provided for last July's festivities. They featured lots of movement and challenging shooting. JJ won the match and Brazo's string of clean shoots came to an end resulting in no clean shooters.

I'd like to personally thank JJ and Fallon Kid, for all their hard work setting up the steel for the weekend match and the tremendous amount of time they have put into the stages for the State WB match that is very fast approaching. I also want to thank Wild Bill Berry for taking his valuable time to come out and pick up brass for us and Gold Rush Allie for score keeping and for all the things she does to keep the BBR (Battle Born Ranger) WB matches going, and the work she is doing for the State WB match.

The next BBR Monthly WB match is 6 August. The Nevada State WB match applications are available for download on the BBR home page as well as the Facebook page. If you plan to shoot the Nevada State WB match please get your application submitted as soon as possible.

This will assist us greatly in our planning process. Wylie Fox and Tully Mars are conducting a WB RO course on 30 July beginning at approximately 10am at the Fernley Library. I'd like to see as many shooters attend as possible. It is FREE to all participants, BBR is absorbing all costs.

See ya all down the trails!!!!

### **Important Info about the Wild Bunch R.O.class!!!**

Saturday the 30th

Fernley Library 575 Silver Lace Blvd, Fernley, NV 89408

10AM to 4PMish

Bring your own water/drinks & lunch and something to write notes.

BBR will be covering all fees.

Please review the following. A copy of each will be provided for you to keep at the start of class.

Wild Bunch Handbook

<https://www.sassnet.com/Downloads/SASS%20WILD%20BUNCH%20Action%20Shooting%20Handbook%202022%20-%20Vers%2016.3%20-%202.2.22.pdf>

Wild Bunch RO & Match Director Manual

<https://www.sassnet.com/Downloads/SASS%20WBAS%20Range%20Operations%20&%20MD%20Guide%202022%20-%20Vers%2015.2%20-%20FINAL%202.22.22.pdf>

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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## Monthly Refresher any questions, ask Wylie

There are currently six signed up for the Wild Bunch RO Training to be held in Fernley on Saturday 30 July 2022. Please contact me if you wish to join.

Ideally every BBR member should take the RO I training. Taking the training is just wise. You are not expected to “hold the clock”. Also, taking the RO II training is strongly suggested if you do wish to hold the clock and or write stages.

It is my plan to have a RO II course before end of the year. Please let me know if you would be interested. Date TBD.

**Firing line** – from first firearm placed on the loading table until all firearms are confirmed as cleared at the unloading table. Page 43 Shooters Handbook

### The 170° rule – Common Sense Approach

*Posted 05 July 2011 - 01:16 PM by PaleWolf Brunelle*

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**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...).**

### The 170° Rule

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.

**NOTE:** An obvious exception to this rule exists, where the shooter is given the ability to draw and holster revolvers from approved, legal holsters without penalty. Further exception is given when retrieving and returning vertically staged double barrel shotguns without penalty

### SHB p.17

**170° Safety Rule** - means the muzzle of the firearm must always be pointed **down range** +/- 85 degrees in any direction.

### SHB "Glossary of Terms" p.42

**"Muzzle up, please move to the Unloading Table"** Should be stated at the end of a shooting sequence/stage to guide the shooter. Often the competitor stops thinking. (Adrenaline!)

**"Range Clear"** This command is given only after the shooter has completed their run, the revolvers are holstered, the long guns are picked up and **pointed in a safe direction** with the actions open, and the shooter is on the way to the unloading area. It is now safe to gather brass and prepare for the next shooter in line.

### RO1 p.41 2

- The muzzles of all long guns must be maintained in a safe direction at all times (generally "up" and slightly downrange).

### SHB p.16

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.



