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At 5 Dogs

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The Mayor's Anvil: Forging Understanding

DECEMBER 2023

BY MAYOR FORDYCE BEALS

What is up with Wild Bunch and what is being said
about the upcoming changes?

Misty Moonshine SASS CEO distributed the:

WILD BUNCH ACTION SHOOTING™ ANALYSIS & ACTION PLAN

SASS has understood for a long time we're not in the competition business- we are in the entertainment business. It is entertainment. Just as in Cowboy Action Shooting, Wild Bunch Action Shooting is a fantasy sport – a costumed shooting activity providing competitive exploits that pay homage to the turn of the century soldiers and cowboys who now have the “new and improved” single action- the 1911. WBAS tends to stress the shooter with more difficult targets and placement. The theories and ideas behind the original construct of the game of WBAS have proven ineffective in growing the sport or increasing SASS membership during the 10-year period analyzed in this document. If a product doesn't sell well– and you believe in the product- you must attempt to alter the product to make it more attractive to customers. It is imperative that Wild Bunch Action Shooting become a “game of the people”. For consistency within SASS programs, the term “Ambassador” as an organized committee within the sport of Wild Bunch Action Shooting will be abandoned. Making the sport fun and varied will result in growth, while keeping it an exclusive game only a few can play will result in the game continuing to stagnate. The inclusion of any SASS legal rifle in .38 caliber will be added to the approved firearms list for Wild Bunch Action Shooting. As the least emphasized firearm in WBAS, there will be *no power factor for any rifle in WBAS* moving forward. The inclusion of any SASS legal shotgun will be added to the approved firearms list for Wild Bunch Action Shooting. ... - the changes outlined in this document will be announced Nov. 1, 2023, but will ... go into effect ... January 1, 2024

THE ABOVE IS JUST MY EDIT ON MISTY'S PLAN. SUBSTANTIAL PUSH BACK ON THE WILD BUNCH WIRE SHOWS SOME DISSATISFACTION ON THIS ACTION PLAN (NO NAMES INCLUDED):

I've resigned from my role as WBAS Wire admin/moderator (I didn't really do much anyway).

Thank you to all the ambassadors who have made and tried to keep this game great. I prefer a competitive, fun, and challenging shooting sport, but it seems Misty is now taking WBAS in a different direction.

Looks like End of Trail 2024 might be my last SASS Wild Bunch™ match.

I'm guessing the places I like to travel to and shoot the most will keep doing what they've been doing, so I'm not worried about finding great matches to shoot.

It seems like some folks really do want bigger closer targets and simpler sequences, and that's fine, but it's those qualities that make CAS boring for me, so I don't shoot it much anymore. If sanctioned WBAS matches are moving in that direction, those aren't matches I'll return to.

I have no issue with Misty pandering to her members, in an effort to make money -- it's a business after all. However, it does seem kind of dirty how she has treated the volunteers who have done so much work to make WBAS what it is (or was).

I'm not much of a leader, but I'm an OK soldier, and I'll be glad to support those ambassadors and other volunteers who want to keep building and shooting a game like yesterday's Wild Bunch.

The clubs where I shoot local WB matches have used what some call "Mild Bunch" rules for a long time, in an attempt to get more participation - any SASS legal rifle, any centerfire 1911, 87 shotguns OK, no power factors. And it worked! We had a lot more shooters come out than if we had gone strictly by WBAS rules. If the intent is to increase participation, then the rule changes will likely succeed.

All that said, I have always used equipment & ammo that conformed fully to WBAS rules & will continue to do so. I have always enjoyed "old school" WB so why should I change?

This rule change should have been made long ago...long before the only part of the WB ship left above the water was the stern and rudder.

Good luck to WB but at this point I think it's too late.

FORDYCE'S OPINION:

As for myself, I always enjoyed precipitation in Wild Bunch matches. The further target distances and divisible by 7 sequences were a challenge to the Cowboy Action mind set. The fully stoked 6 round Model 1897 shotgun is a hoot. My favorite guns are ones designed by John Browning, so the 1911 pistol, 97 shotgun and 1892 rifle all in one match make me happy. I will ride the WB ship to the bottom if that's where it is headed.

Monthly Shooting Schedule:

Office opens at 8:00

Shooter's meeting 8:30

Saturday, DECEMBER 2

9:00 a.m.

TOWN COUNCIL MTG

After scores are read

Sunday, DECEMBER 3

9:00 a.m.

Another Great "She-Bang" Event



2024 MATCH CALENDAR

JAN 6-7

FEB 3-4

MAR 2-3

APR 6-7

MAY 4-5

JUN 1-2

JUL 6-7

AUG 3-4

SEP 7-8

OCT 5-6

NOV 2-3

DEC 7-8

COME SIGN UP FOR SOME FUN!



Miss Leia Tombstone, Banker; Lap Dog, Sheriff; Lucky Lu, Calico Blue

THE “SHE-BANG” MATCH CLEAN SHOOTERS

Saturday:



Back row: Dirty Hands, Mad Trapper of Rat River, Josie Albuquerque;
Middle Row: Chick Ma, Miss Bara Lee Missdit, Dutch Longhorn;
Front Row: Tollhouse Tracker, Ruthless Rodg, Panhandle Red, Buddy Love,
Utah Blaine, Big Bad Blaine, Limpin' Leroy

Sunday:

These 23 Cowgirls & Cowboys shot CLEAN and “CLEAN” but sadly got away before a group photo could be taken:

BADMAN BOB, BIG BAD BLAINE, BONNY KATE, BULL MCFEARSON,
CHICK MA, DB HAWKE, DIRTY HANDS, DUTCH LONGHORN,
HAVOC MCFEARSON, JOSIE ALBUQUERQUE, LAP DOG,
LEIA TOMBSTONE, LIMPIN’ LEROY, MANNY’S GRANNY,
MISS BARAH LEE MISDITT, PANHANDLE RED, ROGER RAPID,
RUTHLESS RODG, SAM OOTI, SNAKEBITE, STRAIT SHOT OWEN,
TIL M UNDER, UTAH BLAINE

YEE-HAW and CONGRATULATIONS!



SHE BANG SATURDAY PICTURES

(Thank You, Wanderin Rose!)



November 4, 2023 She Bang at 5 Dogs



Cowboys & Cowgirls catchin' up



RANGE WRANGLER NEWS

Not much to report this time around. Hopefully there will be more to report in December. There are still a few repairs to be made in various places on the range. As you all know, the decking in front of the bathrooms must be replaced or resecured at the very least. The long range targets, the five disks and the buffalo require maintenance, most urgently the roof over the five disks must be replaced. Dave Olds tells me he has some long, thick, wood poles that can be used for this roof but it depends on when he has the time to haul them up there. And, of course, there is the usual maintenance for each of the bays. For those of you who have taken responsibility for one or another of the bays, please try and make sure it is cleaned up before each of our matches. Otherwise, hope you all have a good Thanksgiving and Christmas!

Utah Blaine



THE SHERIFF'S LOG



Howdy All,

I hope all is well with everyone as we head into the holidays. The She-Bang was a huge success, the weather cooperated, there were lots of shooters, lots of dog-nabitts used, lots of clean and 'clean' shooters, lots of great raffle prizes given away, and lots of laughs! Hot dogs and fixings on Friday night and a potluck so large we had to add another table on Saturday! The BB gun and .22 arcades were a whole lot of fun and I think we need to have Miss Barah Misditt bring out her pistol poker more often. The She-Bang collected toys and dog-nabitts for Toys for Tots, I believe this was one of our more successful She-Bang in years. Thank you to the ladies for writing the stages, for decorating the range (we can get carried away!), for donating the prizes, and putting this event together.

The December match is being written by Utah Blaine and Lucky Lu. Since Lucky Lu is a gunfighter, I suspect his stages will be gunfighter friendly. And everyone knows Utah Blaine often brings out some targets that seldom get used.

It will be a great match so come out and join us.

I'm looking for stage writers for the upcoming year. If I don't get someone for January, I will have to write them and I will pull out every target that rarely get used. Gosh, that sounds rather fun.

Just remember, shooting items and cowgirl clothes always make great gifts at Christmas, hint - hint!

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and I'll see you at the range,

Lap Dog

A Special Note from Sheriff Lap Dog:

I would like to take this time to thank all the ladies of 5 Dogs Creek for their help, support, and work in putting the She-Bang on. It takes a whole team to do this, it's like a mini annual match and lots of work goes into it. Without the help of all the ladies this match could not have happened. From the decorating to the raffle prizes the 5 Dogs Creek ladies put in their time and money into this event that raises money for a charity. This is not a club sponsored event, the ladies donate and pay for everything.

I do want to thank Miss Barah Lee Misditt for being my sounding board (and tying those little scarves on the dogs, she talked Chick Ma into helping her with that!) Leia Tombstone works behind the scenes as our banker but without her I would have been lost. Domino Blaze has taken charge of the raffle and does such a great job! Thank You, ladies, for all you do, it takes all of us! And Thank You to all the shooters for coming to shoot with us, it makes all the work feel worthwhile.

Lap Dog



Territorial Governor's News:



Look for Professor Cubby Bear's
Words of Wisdom here soon.

Happy Trails...



See y'all next She-Bang.