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TG MEETING AGENDA SET FOR END of TRAIL 2003

The END of TRAIL Territorial Governors meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 9th, from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM in the Belle Union Saloon. The agenda is as follows:

1. Summit Votes - Disclose results of issues distributed to all the Governors for final resolution.

2. New Products - Address acceptability of:

Kirst Cylinder (new) for 1858 Remingtons

Lazer Grips by Crimson Trace Imported Model '87 Shotgun

1894 Marlin Cowboy Competition .45

Henry .44

3. Rule Enforcement - Are there too many "rules?" Why do some clubs / matches / individuals refuse to enforce them?

4. Recent Controversies - Holster separation rule (at the belt or at all points?), Squib on first shot ... grounds for a reshoot? Any others?

5. Knockdown Targets - Encourage use for pistols and shotguns. Are there any practical, reliable designs? Encourage re-engagement of missed targets. Understand the difference between "legal" and "competitive."

6. Inconsistencies - Identify inconsistencies between SASS Handbook and current ROI & II materials. Suggest resolutions.

7. Winter Range Territorial Governors' Meeting Report - Disclose results of Winter Range Meeting.



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8. SASS Regional Program - Disclose recent changes ... domestically and internationally.

9. Use of the TGwire - Policies and practices.

10. Use of the SASSwire - Policies and practices

11. SASS Recruitment Program - Disclose purpose, methods, and status of
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END of TRAIL 2003

Heads Up

By Cole Younger, SASS #4237

In just a few weeks many of us will be in attendance at this historic event. Whether we are there as a shooter, conventioneer, or spectator it will be a memorable time for us all. I have been asked to act as Rangemaster once again and offer the following insight as to what can be expected this year. At least from the shooters perspective.

1. There will be three Rangemasters this year. San Quinton, Pale Wolf Brunelle, and I will be working in concert. This will allow maximum coverage and will afford each of us the ability to shoot the match. Plus, we form a built-in arbitration committee. Any decision we can not handle will be referred to Hipshot, but I don't expect that to happen.

2. Pistol knockdowns. Yep-they will be there. Shooters will face knockdowns each day. These knockdowns will be calibrated by five time World Champion, China Camp. He will be using a moderate .38 load. These targets are designed to minimize "settling" during the match. Plus, we will allow the shooter three chances to knock down these targets using both pistols and shotgun, if necessary. Stay tuned to the shooters briefings for details.

3. Celebrity Shoot. It will be moved to Sunday morning 9 AM so that we can watch our favorite stars compete head to head.

4. Posse shoot. The entire posse will shoot it at the designated time. There will be only one run at the scenario, lowest time wins. Last year we allowed multiple teams, much to our chagrin.

5. More Side Matches. Expect to see more and different side matches on Wednesday and Sunday.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

SASS Regional and State Match Updates from the 2002 Summit

by San Quinton SASS #4818

One of the many successful seminars and meetings at the 2002 Territorial Governor Summit was a meeting of the Regional and State match directors. The Chiseler reported on the success, impact, and future of the Regional and State programs. The Judge and The Chiseler also offered their advice in areas expressed by those in attendance. Below is an outline of the items discussed:

Shooter Prize Pools

Many directors expressed their concerns over the increased difficulty of providing all shooters with some sort of prize. The Chiseler reported it has been, and still is, a long standing tradition within SASS to provide a prize for each shooter, and all Regional and State matches should make every effort possible to build a prize pool for all shooters. But, if not possible or feasible due to costs or availability, a practice of having as many prizes as possible available via some sort of drawing process among all shooters is acceptable. Slowpoke Wy, the match director of Hell on Wheels, offered an excellent suggestion of giving each shooter a special event specific belt buckle as they have in the past years. Giving each shooter some sort of item (buckle, pin, badge or cup) as a memento of the event is good advertising, is appreciated by all shooters, and goes a long way to offset any perceived shortfall of a prize pool. The Chiseler offered his assistance in this area to all match directors, if needed.

SASS Scholarship

The Chiseler reported the overwhelming success of the SASS Scholarship Foundation. Each Regional event is required to hold some sort of fundraiser to benefit the SASS Scholarship program. Each State event is encouraged to do the same. Some suggestions of fundraisers were traditional raffles, stretch raffles,

selling "free misses," and special side matches. This is a family sport so it is imperative to ensure activities such as the "stretch raffle" are done in good taste!

Event Funding

The issue of funding a match was discussed at great length. Everyone in attendance was in agreement this issue is always one of the most difficult with which to deal. Determining the shooter, vendor, and sponsor fees is difficult, but definitely needs to cover all necessary costs. Quick Cal reported there might be funds available to matches from their community taxing authority. The tax collected by hotels and restaurants in many areas is designed to fund convention, tourism, and trade events. Quick Cal reported these types of funds might be available in the form of a grant that must be applied for in a timely fashion. Check with your local taxing authority to see if this is an option in your area.

Match Schedules

Determining when to have a Regional or State match was another issue discussed. As more clubs continue to plan their events, setting a calendar without conflicts will become more difficult. The consensus of those in attendance was State matches within any of the Regions should not conflict with a Regional match schedule. All clubs within each State should work together to support their State and Regional matches, avoiding any conflicting match schedules.

If you weren't there, you missed a GREAT opportunity to exchange ideas. Make your plans to be there this year!

SASS Regional Line -Up for 2003

SASS welcomes two new Regional Championships to the 2003 line up. This year promises to be the best ever in SASS Regional Championships. Make your plans now to visit the following regions:

Shootout at Mule Camp
SASS Southeast Regional
 Gainesville, Georgia
 May 22-25, 2003

Hell on Wheels
SASS High Plains Regional
 Cheyenne, Wyoming
 July 3-6, 2003

Orygun Trails End
SASS Northwest Regional
 Portland, Oregon
 July 24-27, 2003

The Mason Dixon Stampede
SASS Northeast Regional
 Thurmont, Maryland
 July 31 - August 3, 2003

The Guns of August
SASS Midwest Regional
 New Lebanon, Ohio
 August 7-10, 2003

Showdown at Buck Creek
SASS Southwest Regional
 Glen Rose, Texas
 September 18 - 21, 2003

Gunfight Behind The Jersey Lilly
SASS Western Regional
 Norco, California
 October 30 - November 2, 2003

Winter Range 2003

Territorial Governors Meeting

Minutes

Date: January 30, 2003 at 5:00 PM

Presiding: Coyote Calhoun, SASS #201

Wild Bunch Present: Hipshot, Judge Roy Bean,

Governors Present: 20

Hipshot opened the meeting with a thanks to all who attended the SASS 2003 Territorial Governors Summit. It was our most successful Summit in terms of attendance and in cooperation. Hipshot also invited all who did not attend to please do so this year.

Coyote Calhoun announced the RO I and RO II courses are being updated as a result of the Summit votes. These updates are available on the Internet. Coyote also reminded the Territorial Governors to remain a Territorial Governor, they will have to have passed the RO II course by the end of business at the 2003 Summit.

Cole Younger gave an update on END of TRAIL 2003 as follows:

1) There will be knockdowns on at least three stages.

2) There will be three Range Masters - Cole Younger, San Quinton, and Pale Wolf Brunelle.

3) You will be able to pick up shotgun knockdowns.

4) The Top Gun will be the same, but with a twist.

5) There will be more Side Matches and Team shoots

There was much discussion regarding knockdown targets. Most of the discussion was centered on the ability to pick up

a missed knockdown pistol target.

There was also discussion on a few of the issues that were passed at the Summit, including a discussion on the new recommendation regarding Raw Time scoring procedures. Quick Cal cleared up most of the questions concerning this matter.

Winter Range Officials asked for a clarification of the rule that states "Main-match holsters must be located one on each side of the belly button and separated by at least the width of two fists". They asked if this meant at the belt or from top to bottom. After much discussion, Texas Jack Morales reminded everyone that when the rule was passed he had offered the solution it be two fists and showing them at his belt. It was decided the majority understood the rule to be interpreted as two fist at the belt.

Several people asked if The Cowboy Chronicle could be more positive. There seems to be more and more negative articles about "Whimp Loads" and "Gamey Shooters" and several are tired of reading about it. Most in attendance agreed.

Meeting Adjourned,
Submitted by Coyote Calhoun

Updated SASS RO Materials Available

The updated SASS RO Materials are now available for distribution. The update is a result of new rules and interpretations passed at the December 2002 Territorial Governors Summit in Las Vegas in December.

If you are planning on teaching either the RO I or RO II courses, please make sure you have the new materials and the correct version of the tests that goes along with the courses.

To help with the dissemination of these materials, the TGwire has been updated to provide a link to these materials. The materials are distributed in PDF format. PDF is a universal file format that preserves all of the fonts, formatting, colors, and graphics of the original document, regardless of the application and platform used to create it. PDF files are compact and can be shared, viewed, navigated, and printed exactly as intended by anyone with the free Adobe Acrobat reader. Because of its features, PDF is the standard for electronic document distribution on the internet. The PDF forms on the TGwire require Adobe Acrobat reader for viewing and printing. You may download a free copy of the reader from the Adobe web site. Once the reader is installed, you do not need to

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TERRITORIAL GOVERNORS RATIFICATION VOTE

The two agenda items from the 2002 Territorial Governors Summit submitted for a ratification vote in the January 2003 "Territorial Bulletin" did not receive more than a handful of votes. These two items will not be acted on and will be reviewed for possible inclusion in the agenda for the 2003 Territorial Governors' Summit. The two items were:

1) Should we ask The Wild Bunch to establish a grace period to formally "approve" changes adopted at the Summit?

2) There have been a few reports of over zealous ROs who are either doing the wrong things or have the wrong attitudes. Is there a problem that should be addressed by the RO Committee?

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the new program.

12. SASS Annual Meetings - Disclose importance of these meetings and plans for the next annual meeting (Summit).

13. Other Items - Please forward any items you may have to Hipshot for inclusion in the on-site agenda. Submitted items will be addressed first and then new items from the floor will be entertained, time permitting.

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download or install it again.

In addition to the RO materials on the TGwire, you will also find past issues of the "Territorial Bulletin." For those of you who have lost an issue or for new Territorial Governors needing to get up to speed with all of the past issues, this is a welcomed addition to the TGwire.

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APRIL 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13, 2003**

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