



# TERRITORIAL BULLETIN



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## SASS TERRITORIAL GOVERNOR SUMMIT AND AGENDA DEFINED

The SASS Territorial Governor Summit is designed to bring together representatives of SASS Affiliated Clubs from around the world to discuss and vote on issues concerning the sporting end of SASS including proposed rule changes and modifications, national shooting programs and policies, shooting categories, membership concerns, and safety.

The Summit is moderated by a SASS Representative and conducted in accordance with the official agenda following the procedures outlined in the Summit Meeting Procedures below.

The Summit is open to Governors and Proxy holders only. Due to the large number of participating Governors and Proxy holders the Summit is no longer open to guests and spouses.

Voting issues tabled by The Wild Bunch, SASS Board of Directors, will be incorporated into the agenda and brought to a vote before the Governors. Voting issues that receive a two-thirds or better majority vote are binding. Voting issues that receive between one-half and two-thirds vote will be sent out for ratification to all Territorial Governors.

Only those items tabled for voting by the Wild Bunch in the official agenda will receive a vote.

### Territorial Governor Summit

Governors from all clubs are asked to gather comments, criticisms, needs, suggestions, and proposed rule changes, and communicate these to the Wild Bunch. Governors are

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## Role of the Governors

By Tex, SASS #4

SASS is a membership organization ... we're selling a fantasy to our members. So long as the membership finds the fantasy satisfying, they'll join SASS, and they'll remain members. When the fantasy fails to fulfill their desires ... they'll leave. Obviously, we don't want that.

The Governors are the voice of the membership. It's your job to bring forward new ideas, critiques, and observations from your members. It is also your job to disseminate the ideas, philosophies, and policies of SASS to the membership. It is important for SASS to stay in touch with the membership, and it is important for the membership to understand SASS.

The Wild Bunch has been setting the policies and rules for twenty years ... and we've done a pretty good job at meeting our customer's needs ... witness badges in the 45,000 neighborhood being distributed today.

However, as SASS continues to grow, we know it's not always possible to "stay in touch" ... and that's where you guys come in.

There are many SASS issues ... both business issues and "sporting issues" ... the Wild Bunch is capable and comfortable in addressing and resolving. There are other issues where we can use some help in determining "the right thing to do." It's these issues we'll bring back to you and ask for your considered opinion ... the opinion of your constituents. If we only want some advice (or a straw-poll), we'll make that clear. If we put the issue to a vote ... it will be binding.

We've not done a good job on our end putting out agendas of discussion and voting items in the past. For any of this to work, this is a vital first step. If there is no agenda, there really isn't much hope of having a productive or significant meeting. Since we want to know what your constituents want, it is inappropriate to ask for a vote on anything that has not been distributed in an agenda well in advance of a Territorial Governor meeting ... items from the floor cannot be addressed in other than a discussion

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The Territorial Bulletin is the voice of the Territories and will accept submissions only from current Territorial Governors.

### Territorial Governor Summit & SASS Convention December 5, 6, 7 & 8, 2002

#### Riviera Hotel & Casino

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encouraged to attend the Territorial Governor meetings held at each of the seven SASS Regionals, Winter Range, and END of TRAIL to discuss issues.

SASS develops the agenda based on this gathered information and brings it to the Summit for discussion and resolution among the attending Governors.

#### **Territorial Governor Agenda Submission Procedures**

1. Territorial Governor Summit agenda submissions must be in writing on official club letterhead and signed by the submitting Governor. All submissions must be addressed to The Wild Bunch at the SASS Office Headquarters address. Agenda submissions on the TG Wire will not be considered.

2. The Wild Bunch will review all suggested agenda items to determine the merit and treat each item in one of four ways.

A. Accept the suggestion as viable and put it in place immediately as a business decision.

B. Accept the suggestion as viable and place it on the agenda for consideration by the entire Territorial Governor body to be voted on at the Summit.

C. Accept the suggestion as a straw pole item to determine its merit and/or overall impact on clubs.

D. Deny the suggestion in its entirety as having no merit or viability for the SASS organization as a whole.

3. The Wild Bunch will respond to each submission in writing.

4. Agenda submissions must be made no later than October 1.

5. All accepted agenda items and straw poles will be sent out in the TG Bulletin in mid-October so all TG's will have sufficient time to discuss them with their clubs. An official Proxy form will be included to be used by Territorial Governors wishing to give their voting proxy to another Governor or representative who plans to be in attendance at the TG Summit. These "Official Proxy" forms will be the only recognized

document in allowing non-attending TG votes at the Summit.

#### **Summit Meeting Procedures**

The Territorial Governor Summit will take place over a four-day period, Thursday through Sunday.

The first two days will be devoted to open discussion of agenda items at which time no votes will be taken.

Each agenda item will be addressed in order and allowed 30 minutes of discussion with a maximum of four hours/eight items each day.

The Summit Moderator will monitor the discussion to ensure the group stays on subject. Points not relative or pertinent to the agenda item are not allowed.

Any unused time from one agenda item can be used in others as necessary. A designated Time Monitor will assist the Moderator with time allotment.

Motions to modify an agenda item will be allowed, however not accepted unless approved by the attending Wild Bunch after external discussion.

At the end of the second discussion session, voting issues will be confirmed.

Governors and Proxy Holders are encouraged to discuss the voting issues with their constituents, Proxy Governors, and fellow Governors prior to voting.

Voting will take place first order of business Saturday morning.

Ballots will be issued to each Governor and Proxy Holder based on a pre-registration allocation. Each ballot will contain the Club name, Territorial Governor name, Voting Designee, each agenda item, and a space to indicate a voting preference (Yes, No, Abstain) for each item.

Votes will be tabulated for distribution Sunday morning. Voting issues that receive a two-thirds or better majority vote are binding. Voting issues that receive between one-half and two-thirds vote will be sent out for ratification to all Territorial Governors.

## **TG SUMMIT 2002 TO COINCIDE WITH SASS CONVENTION**

The 2002 SASS Territorial Governors Summit will be held to coincide with the first ever SASS Convention at the Riviera Hotel Convention Center in Las Vegas, December 5-8, 2002.

Governors and Proxy Holders will be issued Conventioneer credentials at no charge, however, spouses and guests will be required to purchase Conventioneer credentials in order to attend private events. SASS Yesteryear Ball tickets are not included. Governors planning on attending the Saturday evening ball must purchase tickets in advance for \$45.

### **OTHER MEETINGS SCHEDULE**

#### **RO COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Thursday, December 5 - 2-3PM**

SASS Sky Box

Regional Match Organizers Only

#### **SASS REGIONAL MATCH DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Thursday, December 5 - 3-5PM**

Meeting

SASS Sky Box

Regional Match Organizers Only

#### **SASS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Friday, December 6 - 3-5PM**

Meeting

SASS Sky Box

State Match Organizers and

Regional Match Organizers Only

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**END of TRAIL DATES**  
**April 9-13, 2003**

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# sass convention & wild west christmas



SASS Yesteryear Ball Social Event of the Year  
Best of the Year Awards \* Live Entertainment  
Cowboy Action Seminars with Industry Leaders  
Exhibitors and Vendors  
All That is Cowboy Action Shooting  
Territorial Governors Summit  
Championship Match Rep Meeting

Conventioner Fee Includes Badge, Goody Bag,  
Door Prize and Random Drawings, Access to All  
SASS Receptions and Hospitality Gatherings  
Entry to Choice of 3 Seminars  
(Schedule To Be Announced)

## TERRITORIAL GOVERNORS APPLICATION 2002

### THE SASS CONVENTION

Riviera Hotel Convention Center, Las Vegas Nevada  
Four Days, December 5, 6, 7 & 8, 2002



### Territorial Governor Registration Form

Alias: \_\_\_\_\_ SASS #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Representing Club(s): \_\_\_\_\_

S/O: \_\_\_\_\_ Alias: \_\_\_\_\_ SASS# \_\_\_\_\_

**This form must be returned to SASS no later than November 1, 2002**

Special Rate at The Riviera Hotel \$69

Please make hotel reservations prior to mailing or calling in Registration Form.

**Riviera Hotel 800-634-3414**

**Riviera Hotel Confirmation #** \_\_\_\_\_

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Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### Conventioner Fees

**Territorial Governor Registration is Free**

S/O Registration \$ 45 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Spouse/S/O/Family Member)

Yesteryear Ball \$ 45 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Seminar Tickets \$ 10 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Governors and Proxy Holders will be issued Conventioner credentials at no charge. Spouse and guests are required to purchase Conventioner credentials in order to attend private events. **YESTER-YEAR BALL TICKETS ARE NOT INCLUDED. Governors planning to attend the Saturday evening Ball must purchase tickets in advance.**

Mail and Make Checks Payable to: **SASS**

23255 La Palma Ave, Yuba Linda, CA 92887

or call in your registration

Toll-Free **1-877-411-SASS**

[www.sassnet.com/pages/sassconvention.html](http://www.sassnet.com/pages/sassconvention.html)

## SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS TERRITORIAL GOVERNORS SUMMIT 2002

(These are unresolved discussion from the 2001 Territorial Governors Summit)

- 1) Rogue ROs. 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, and if so, what should be done?
- 2) Pistol Caliber Cartridges in Long-range Rifle Competition. The Summit narrowly (56 to 50) approved deleting pistol caliber cartridges from the long-range rifle competition. Does this issue need to be readdressed?
- 3) Gamesmanship. One of the things that distinguishes Cowboy Action Shooting™ competitions from most other action shooting sports is role playing and "playing cowboys" as we did as kids. I don't remember seeing one western movie where adversaries did anything but look each other squarely in the eye and adopted as non-threatening a posture as possible until it was actually time to slap leather. What can be done to balance the natural tendency to push the starting envelop to the maximum while maintaining a good "Old West" appearance.
- 4) 49er Category. Any experience with this category yet?
- 5) Gunfighter Category. The Territorial Governors have passed the "basketball traveling rule," restricting movement with a cocked firearm. Uncocked firearms always have the hammer down on an empty chamber and allow safe movement. The Governors have also declared it is safe to reholster a loaded pistol, so long as the hammer is down on an empty chamber. These approved safety rules could allow the Gunfighter category to be made less restrictive. Less restrictive rules allow the match designer far more latitude in stage design without having to consider making special allowances for Gunfighters.
  - a) Consider: The stage requires only one handgun, five rounds. Allow the Gunfighter to load three and two and use both pistols, shooting Gunfighter style.
  - b) Consider: The stage is designed for a pistol, rifle, pistol sequence. Allow the Gunfighter to engage the first five targets with both pistols, shooting Gunfighter style, holster, shoot the rifle, and then engage the second set of targets Gunfighter style. Obviously, the hammers must be down on the pistols before holstering. As a compromise, allow this practice rather than demand it ... if the competitor does not feel competent to not cock the 6th round, shooting the stage "double duelist" style would also be acceptable.
  - c) If the stage calls for ten pistol rounds in a row, but from two different shooting positions, under the current rules it is presently allowable for the shooter to move from one shooting position to the next with both pistols out so long as the hammers are down on spent chambers. It should be understood it is allowable to shoot that kind of scenario "double duelist" if the competitor feels the least bit uncomfortable.
- 6) Frontier Cartridge Duelist. Adding this category was soundly defeated (40-67) at last year's Summit. A second motion was tabled to change the existing Frontier Cartridge Category to a Duelist category, but, since it was not on the agenda, no vote was taken. In many parts of the country this is a very popular category and is offered at some of the major matches. Should a new category be added, or should the existing category be changed?
- 7) Unloaded Shotguns. The Territorial Governors have agreed the requirement to ensure all the empty hulls are removed from a shotgun at the end of a shooting string is overstepping sensibility in the name of safety. Empty pistols are returned to leather after expending the required five rounds ... so there is precedent for not clearing all firearms at the end of a shooting string. Those most affected have been the double-barreled shotguns, and their loaded status is easy to understand. Consider removing this "safety" rule from the Handbook.

### Proxy or Alternate for 2002 Territorial Governors Summit Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada December 5-8, 2002

- I will be unable to attend the Summit, and wish to have \_\_\_\_\_  
represent our club. (Please attach a letter with this permission on official Club letterhead).

Authorizing Governor Alias: \_\_\_\_\_ SASS # \_\_\_\_\_

Representing Club(s): \_\_\_\_\_

- I am sending this proxy for the purpose of establishing a quorum only.  
 I am sending this proxy for voting purposes

- \_\_\_\_ a) As the majority of the attendees vote on issues that arise.  
\_\_\_\_ b) Only on particular issues as outlined. (Please send attachment)

**Proxy Holders or Alternates must complete the Registration form on other side  
and must return this form with an authorizing letter on official Club letterhead.**

## TERRITORIAL GOVERNOR SUMMIT SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, December 4 - 6-8PM

Governors Cocktail Mixer.  
SASS Hospitality Suite

### Thursday, December 5 - 9AM-1PM

Session I Governor Summit  
Agenda Item Discussions  
Riviera Governor Conference Room

### Friday December 6 - 9AM-1PM

Session II Governor Summit  
Agenda Item Discussions  
Riviera Governor Conference Room

### Friday December 6 - 7-10PM

Governor Cocktail Reception and  
Informal Buffet Dinner  
SASS Hospitality Suite

### Saturday, December 7 - 9AM-1PM

Session III Governor Summit  
Voting Session/Open Discussion  
Riviera Governor Conference Room

### Saturday, December 7 - 9-12PM

SASS Yesteryear Ball  
Top of The Riv Ballroom  
(Tickets Required-\$45)

### Sunday, December 8 - 10-12 Noon

Session IV Governor Summit  
Voting Results/Open Discussion  
Riviera Governor Conference Room

### 12:00 Noon Finish

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mode. The views of the Wild Bunch should always be clear during any discussion ... we're all people, we all have points of view, and we're all willing to fight for certain things.

It is important for all of us to have an understanding ... there are no surprises, the agendas are always and completely on the table, and everyone is addressed with respect ... even on the internet and the wire. Flaming people for inappropriate ideas or ideas at odds with one's own is not productive and will not be tolerated. We don't need lawyers to tell us what we can and cannot do. We all operate in "the cowboy way" - we all want to understand what's the right thing to do ... and then do it.

## TERRITORIAL GOVERNOR MINUTES FROM WINTER RANGE AND END of TRAIL

### Winter Range 2002 Territorial Governors Meeting

Date February 15th 5:00 PM  
Presiding - Hipshot #7  
Wild Bunch Present - Hipshot, Tex, Judge Roy Bean  
Governors Present - 10

Welcome and introduction of all Governors.

There was much discussion about the role and duties of the Territorial Governors. Hipshot said the duties of the TG's would be clarified and new ground rules for the Summit would be available soon.

Additional discussions ensued regarding the new 49er category. The consensus was the Wild Bunch made the right decision by letting the category stand. There were also discussions as to how the category would be accepted at regional, state, and monthly matches.

Cole Younger recounted the discussion of the Winter Range Posse Marshals regarding trapper rifles holding only nine rounds and several stages called for ten rounds to be shot. If a stage calls for ten rounds and a shooter only shoots the nine rounds in his Trapper should he get a "Failure to Engage" penalty? No clear decision was reached, but most did not agree with the "Failure to Engage" penalty applying in this instance. (Poor stage design?)

Discussions of the new Lighting Rifle and 1893 Shotguns were lively. Most agreed the guns will have to be approved at the Summit unless they are true replicas.

Quick Cal presented the case for an RO Appeals Committee. The committee would have the authority to remove an RO's pin. There was some support, but most disagreed with the idea, saying we did not need to get into any "pin pulling and finger pointing contest." Most felt the Match Directors who put the RO's in charge should handle the situations with an incompetent RO.

Meeting Adjourned,  
Submitted by Coyote Calhoun

### Winter Range Dates Jan 29-Feb 2, 2003

### END of TRAIL 2002 Territorial Governors Meeting

Date April 17th 4:00 PM  
Presiding - Hipshot, SASS #7  
Wild Bunch Present - Hipshot, Tex, Judge Roy Bean, US Grant, Chiseler  
Governors Present - 44

Hipshot welcomed all governors to END of TRAIL and introduced the speakers.

Chiseler presented a statement concerning changes in the Territorial Governor's Summit, the way the agenda will be handled, and how all of this will be incorporated into the SASS Convention. The Chiseler offered a short outline of some of the changes, but a complete list of changes are planned for the next TG Bulletin.

1. Items for the agenda must come directly to the SASS office by letter on your club's letterhead.
2. The voting process will be different.
3. The possibility of a 2/3 majority to ratify an item.
4. TG Meeting will be only for TG's and not family members.
5. TG's will get entry to the SASS Convention Free but spouses must pay.
6. October 1st will be the deadline for agenda items.

Tex discussed the current issues concerning the role of the Territorial Governors and how their role applies to SASS and to their club members. The role of the Territorial Governors is vitally important to SASS; it is the way SASS is informed of the needs of the clubs. The Territorial Governor is the conduit between SASS and their club. Territorial Governors need to remember they are expressing the views of their club and not just their own views. At times we will disagree, but neither side will tolerate threats or rudeness.

Hipshot opened a discussion of rank scoring verses overall time scoring for matches. There were several different ideas discussed regarding Raw Time and Rank Scoring in general and within Category only. Hipshot asked for a show of hands (straw poll, not a vote) and the overwhelming consensus was to stay with what we have.

Grey Beard asked if SASS could help with Club Liability and Insurance legal issues. US Grant responded SASS did not want to get into the legal advisory business, but one of the best ways to protect yourself was use of the corporate veil. It was noted laws in all states are different, but incorporating in most states is relatively inexpensive and offers the best protection under the law.

Meeting Adjourned,  
Submitted by Coyote Calhoun

## SASS TERRITORIAL GOVERNOR

### Job Summary

A Territorial Governor is an elected or appointed representative of a SASS affiliated club. The Territorial Governor's term of office is twelve months. There is no limit to the number of terms one individual may serve.

Territorial Governors bring important issues to SASS, provide an effective conduit for SASS to keep its members informed, and have been effective in implementing changes throughout the organization.

SASS uses The Territorial Bulletin to communicate directly with Territorial Governors who are asked to vote on issues and proposals from time to time.

#### A Territorial Governor is

- A life member of SASS;
- Appointed/elected by the SASS affiliated club members he or she represents;
- The affiliated club's official representative at SASS Territorial Governor meetings and;
- Committed to serving the interests of

his or her club consistent with the promulgation and preservation of Cowboy Action Shooting™ and "the Spirit of the Game."

#### Specific Duties

- Represent and support SASS, its philosophy, and its purpose to club members;
- Gather comments, criticisms, needs, suggestions, and proposed rule changes, and communicate these to the SASS Board of Directors;
- Vote on proposed rule changes and other issues tabled by the Board of Directors;
- Maintain current knowledge regarding Cowboy Action Shooting™ and SASS, its history, philosophy, purpose, direction, and Spirit of the Game;
- Communicate the Cowboy Action Shooting™ story locally and regionally to further the growth of the game;
- Network with other clubs and Territorial Governors.

## THE WILD BUNCH

**Judge Roy Bean, SASS #1**  
(SASS Ambassador)

**U.S. Grant, SASS #2**  
(SASS President)

**Tex, SASS #4**  
(Editor in Chief)

**Hipshot, SASS #7**  
(Range Operations & Safety)

**Doc Bones, SASS #158**  
(SASS Mounted Shooting)

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(Entertainment Director)

**Chiseler, SASS #392**  
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