



# TERRITORIAL BULLETIN



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## SASS CONVENTION A SUCCESS GOVERNORS MAKE PLANS

By Chiseler, SASS #392

The first ever SASS Convention is an unqualified hit. Not knowing exactly what to expect, SASS is extremely impressed with the overwhelming response. As of September 15 all vendor and exhibitor space as well as the Saturday evening Yesteryear Ball are sold out. Many of the seminars are full and more are being added. A waiting list as been established for the Yesteryear Ball and if enough members (more than 100) accumulate, a separate Saturday evening event may be offered.

More than 650 Conventioneers have registered and there is no limit to the number of Conventioneers that can attend.

SASS expects thousands to attend this first annual event and has already made preparations for an even larger Convention in 2003.

Territorial Governors who have not yet registered for the Convention should do so immediately. It is important for SASS to know how many will attend so it can coordinate the meeting space and special Governor receptions and events. With all TG business finishing by early afternoon each day, Governors will have no problem attending some of the seminars as well as visiting and attending the Convention floor.

Governors are reminded the entire event is Cowboy Dress. All events, meetings, and functions are Cowboy. Let's make an impression on Vegas they will never forget!



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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Las Vegas, Nevada 89109  
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## FINAL REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEMS

Clubs interested in having agenda items considered for the Territorial Governors Summit should act immediately as no requests will be considered after October 1.

As a reminder, 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.

In addition to the published agenda items on the reverse side of the enclosed Registration form, the following items have been reviewed and added:

#### Rules:

Rule Change Moratorium

#### Shooting Categories:

49er Review  
Classic Cowboy  
Senior Ladies  
Grand Dames

#### Safety:

RO II Requirement for Governors.  
RO I for Posse Leaders

#### Scoring:

Rank Score Modification

A complete agenda will be published in the October 15 TG Bulletin.

**RO II INSTRUCTORS**

This is the most current list of RO II Instructors. These SASS members have made a commitment to educate other SASS members of the rules and safety aspects of how a SASS match should be conducted. These folks are there to help, and will more than likely conduct an RO I or RO II Course for your club. Remember, they are volunteers... be real nice to them.

If you see these folks on the range, thank them for taking the time and effort to become instructors, and for promoting safety and consistency at SASS Matches.

Tex	SASS # 4	CA
Hipshot	SASS # 7	CA
Rowdy Yates	SASS # 141	CA
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Hub Cell	SASS # 271	PA
Appaloosa	SASS # 555	CA
Marshall Law	SASS # 854	CA
Huszar	SASS # 1646	CA
Lassiter	SASS # 2080	OH
Pale Wolf Brunelle	SASS # 2495	OR
Quick Cal	SASS # 2707	NV
Bat Masterson	SASS # 2919	CO
Trinity	SASS # 2992	AZ
Mad Monk McGuire	SASS # 4210	SC
Cole Younger	SASS # 4237	CA
Virgil Earp	SASS # 4299	Aus
Alvira Sullivan Earp	SASS # 4300	Aus
Lt. Gatewood	SASS # 4356	MN
San Quinton	SASS # 4818	GA
Vaquero Joe	SASS # 4903	PA
Doc James	SASS # 5061	CA
Hickory	SASS # 5062	OR
Judge Zaney Grey	SASS # 5079	NY
Slowpoke WY	SASS # 5164	WY

Black Barth	SASS # 5335	TX
Big Horn Bing	SASS # 5370	AZ
Colonel Bill	SASS # 5404	NY
AZ Grey	SASS # 5432	NV
Highweeds	SASS # 5634	OH
Elder Katie	SASS # 5707	WA
Avenging Angel	SASS # 5757	AK
Levi Garret	SASS # 5803	VA
Ender	SASS # 5895	VA
Arapaho Al	SASS # 5920	WV
Coyote WY	SASS # 6204	WY
Cody Conagher	SASS # 6986	MD
Big Lou	SASS # 7632	OR
Sourdough Joe	SASS # 7901	VA
Rattlesnake Blake	SASS # 8402	LA
Texas Paladin	SASS # 8982	TX
Dakota Doc	SASS # 9695	MI
Lester Moore	SASS # 9736	PA
Shadrach	SASS # 9759	TX
El Dorado	SASS # 9835	CO
Missoura Belle	SASS # 9836	CO
Longeye	SASS # 10122	NC
Wilbur Rexroat	SASS # 12515	OH
Cactus Kay	SASS # 15157	MI
Kid Hawkins	SASS # 15254	FL
Montana Brown	SASS # 16698	SC
Yankee Bob	SASS # 19393	AZ
Ozark Outlaw	SASS # 19847	AK
James Ballard Linkous	SASS # 20245	VA
Billy Boots	SASS # 20282	TX
Dakota Hipshot	SASS # 20739	CA
Lucky Lennie	SASS # 22244	MI
Utah Rifleman	SASS # 24304	UT
Kitty LaRue	SASS # 26663	MN
Major Forrest Smith	SASS # 26666	OK
Turkey Creek Red	SASS # 28198	FL
Don Diablo	SASS # 31338	CA
Wind Drifter	SASS # 7907	AK
Tumblin' Tumbleweed	SASS # 22350	MS
Easy Lee	SASS # 9753	MS
Arizona Ranger (The)	SASS # 5824	MS

**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****A Note To The Governors:**

This is just a reminder that SASS is willing to support any special event that may be going on in your area. Gun Shows, Shooting Fairs, Youth Days, etc. We get many requests from clubs that want SASS membership materials for special events, and we are able to send copies of *The Cowboy Chronicle*, SASS applications, SASS banner and other materials that may be helpful. It is very beneficial to the local clubs, as the association with SASS, an international organization, gives them much more credibility.

We are here to help.

Hipshot SASS#7

**OTHER MEETINGS****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**

SASS Sky Box

Regional Match Organizers Only

**SASS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP  
MATCH DIRECTORS MEETING**

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

SASS Sky Box

State Match Organizers and

Regional Match Organizers

**END of TRAIL DATES**

**April 9-13, 2003**

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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 #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Method:**  Personal Check  Money Order  Visa  
 Mastercard  Amex  Discover

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 MINUTES

## FROM WINTER RANGE AND END of TRAIL

### **Hell on Wheels**

Date July 7th 6:30 PM

Presiding: Coyote Calhoun #201

Governors Present - 8

Wild Bunch Present - Judge Roy Bean

Welcome and introduction of all Governors.

Coyote opened the meeting with a discussion on the SASS Convention and the T.G. Summit. Most T.G.'s in attendance were aware of the new operating guidelines of the T.G. Summit and were in agreement and felt that this would make for a better meeting.

There was a discussion of what constitutes a "Failure to Engage". There were many opinions and Judge Roy Bean #1 said that what the Wild Bunch had in mind when this rule was written was that the shooter had to throw the rope or crack the whip as the stage was written and could not just throw the rope down and continue with the stage.

Slowpoke WY stated he would like to see Gunfighters be allowed to pull both pistols any time a pistol is shot regardless if there was a long gun shot in between the two pistols. There is always an argument about gunfighter friendly stage and this would eliminate this argument. Also, by our rule there is nothing unsafe about this method of shooting. Several other T.G.'s were in agreement and it was recommended that he submit this agenda item for consideration.

Quick Cal recommended that all SASS Regional and SASS State matches use the Dag-Nabbit fund raiser. (The Dag-Nabbit is a variation of Free Miss which gives the shooter a chance to buy back a miss for \$5 that goes to the SASS Scholarship). He felt that it was an excellent idea and actually made rank scoring tolerable.

It was reported that the 49er category seemed to be getting some good participation around the country. There was a discussion of the Classic Cowboy Category that is used in Georgia..

The last discussion was on match articles in the SASS Chronicle. Quick Cal stated that there has been several articles about matches that did not have the match winners listed. Cal said that it should be mandatory that all articles list the winners, if not in the main article, at least in a side bar. All agreed with Cal's statement.

Meeting Adjourned.

### **Mule Camp**

Date May 23rd 7:00 PM

Presiding: Coyote Calhoun #201

Governors Present - 14

Welcome and introduction

Coyote opened the meeting with a discussion on the SASS Convention and the T.G.

Summit. We discussed how the T.G. Summit was to be run and procedures to be followed for having a proxie and getting items on the agenda.

San Quinton brought up the discussion at EOT about changing the SASS scoring process. Which is the best way of scoring Rank Overall, Rank by Category or Raw Time? There was a lively discussion and all sides were heard. A straw poll was taken and scoring by Rank in Category had the majority of votes. San Quinton was asked to draft a letter to the Wild Bunch to have this put on the agenda for the 2002 T.G. Summit.

There was also a short discussion on the external modifications as they apply to the Power Custom half-cock hammers. All were in favor of allowing the hammers because they were very close to the contours of the original hammers.

Earpky #5643, said he felt that all categories regardless of the number of participants should be all recognized. There was another lively discussion ranging from - All you win in the sport is recognition to the financial facts-of-life of a match.

Meeting Adjourned.

### **Orygun Trails End**

Date June 28th 5:30 PM

Presiding: Coyote Calhoun #201

Governors Present - 21

Wild Bunch Present - Judge Roy Bean #1, Hipshot #7

Welcome and introduction of all Governors.

Coyote opened the meeting with a discussion on the SASS Convention and the T.G. Summit. Most T.G.'s in attendance were aware of the new operating guidelines of the T.G. Summit and were in agreement. They felt that this would make for a better meeting.

Diamond Dick opened a discussion about an idea for fundraiser in which a "Cattle Barron" or a "Cattleman's Association" would buy a "Hired Gun". The proceeds would go to the SASS Scholarship and the "Cattle Barron" that bought the winning "Hired Gun" would win a decorative plaque or other appropriate award. This could be very easily adapted to the TOP 20 Shoot-off at EOT. There were several other ideas for the use of a "Cattle Barron" fundraiser and ideas for this to spread to the SASS Convention and the Regional Matches. Other fundraisers were discussed such as "Free Misses" and "Dag-Nabbits".

Cole Younger opened the discussion about laser engraved grips. He felt some of the lasers engraved grips are too "sticky". There was a very heated discussion about the laser grips and what was ok and what was not ok. The discussion also included leather wrapped forearms

and other "competitive advantages". A straw pole was taken and the majority agreed that laser engraving was OK. Also, a straw pole was taken and majority agreed that wrapping a long gun forearm with leather was NOT OK.

Quick Cal brought up the discussion that SASS should make sure that the match winners are printed in the SASS Chronicle. It was also discussed that it is a match's responsibility to make sure that winners are reported to the SASS Cowboy Chronicle.

There was short discussion of the 49er category. The 49er category has been very successful at all of the regionals so far. The discussion continued with the breaking down of other categories by age and gender. The Classic Cowboy Category was also discussed, as well as, the requirements of the regional matches to offer all SASS categories.

There are categories such a "Wild Bunch", "Indians" and other creative ideas were discussed for monthly matches.

Meeting Adjourned

### **Susquehanna Roundup**

Date June 7th 5:30 PM

Presiding: Coyote Calhoun #201

Governors Present - 12

Welcome and introduction of all Governors.

Thanks was extended to Philadelphia Misty Rose # 14181 for having dinner brought to the governors in attendance.

Coyote opened the meeting with a discussion on the SASS Convention and the T.G. Summit. Most T.G.'s had received their current Bulletin and specific questions were answered about the new voting and agenda processes.

There was a short discussion on last year's summit and most in attendance said that we had enough rules and would be in favor of moratorium on new rules. A straw pole showed the majority was in favor of no new rule.

Lester Moore # 9736 stated that T.G.'s should not only be Life members but should also have passed at least the RO I course. He felt this was necessary if a T.G. was to do his job correctly.

There was also a discussion about scoring. Which is the best way of scoring Rank Overall, Rank by Category or Raw Time? There was a lively discussion and all sides were heard. A straw poll was taken and the consensus was to leave it alone, Rank Overall was the best.

There was a short discussion of the 49er category and whether other categories should be broken down by age such as Modern and so on. Most state we had enough categories.

Meeting Adjourned.

## 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)

**Dutch, SASS #455**  
(Entertainment Director)

**Chiseler, SASS #392**  
(SASS Marketing Director)

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