



# 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



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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changes, and communicate these to the Wild Bunch. Governors are 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.

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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.

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### **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

### **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

Royale Pavillion

(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**

# TERRITORIAL GOVERNORS

## SUMMIT AGENDA 2002

1. Rescind the rule giving a 10 second safety penalty for unintentionally leaving a spent round in the action or in the chamber of a long gun. This includes both rifles and shotguns.

2. Since doubles do not automatically eject rounds when the gun is opened, allow doubles to be re-staged after use with spent rounds still in the gun.

3. Stage DQ's are not handled consistently between rank point matches and total time matches. In a total time match, standardize the practice of scoring a stage DQ by allocating five seconds for each target in the stage plus 30 seconds for failure to engage.

4. Since the interpretation of the rules is included in the RO-I materials, make the RO-I materials available to 100% of the membership upon request.

5. Our shooting population is getting older and the ladies are not always being given formal recognition. Add Senior Lady and Grand Dame as official SASS shooting categories.

6. Change rank scoring to determine ranking within each category only. A second calculation using the entire match shooting population would be performed to determine the overall winners. This would ensure only peers are judged against peers.

7. Since Territorial Governors are expected to lead by example, change Territorial Governor qualifications to additionally require

they be RO-II graduates.

8. Since there are already too many categories, repeal the 49er Category.

9. Since it is imperative SASS be both safe and consistent, require all posse leaders be RO-I graduates.

10. Since we already have too many categories, impose a moratorium on any new shooting categories.

11. Since we already have too many categories, consider combining some of the existing shooting categories.

12. The Handbook is becoming large and the rules more complex. Consider opportunities to simplify the rules, especially the allowable modifications. Institute the "15 foot rule" instead.

13. Changes after the fact are disconcerting, the Wild Bunch needs a grace period to formally "approve" agreed upon changes.

14. Costuming is getting lax and needs some incentive to improve the "Cowboy" look at matches. Adopt the Classic Cowboy Category.

### Classic Cowboy Category Requirements

Handguns:

Any SASS legal Traditional Category pistols

Calibers:

.40 caliber or larger - pistols and rifle (e.g., .38-40, .44 Special, .44 Russian, .44 Mag, .44-40, .45 Schofield, .45 Colt, .36 caliber cap

& ball or larger)

Ammo:

SASS legal ammo - smokeless or blackpowder

Rifles:

Any 1873 or earlier manufacture SASS legal rifle or a replica thereof (e.g., 1866, Henry, 1873)

Shotguns:

SASS legal external-hammer double barrel or lever actions

Costuming:

Must choose at least three of the requirements listed below. All clothing items must be worn for the duration of the entire match, including awards ceremonies.

Chaps, spurs, cuffs, scarf worn loosely around the neck or with scarf slide, tie, vest, pocket watch with full length chain, jacket

Pistols MUST be shot as described in the SASS Duelist Category requirements ONLY! No Buscadero or drop loop holster rigs allowed.

All boots must be of traditional design (i.e., leather) with non-grip enhancing soles.

No straw hats allowed. Hats must be worn for the entire match.

## 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

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(SASS Ambassador)

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(SASS President)

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