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For those of you that missed the Black Powder match, you missed a good one. The weather was nice and I even got to shoot it, as Texas Alline did kitchen duty. She put out some pretty good grub too. She served Chicken Spaghetti on Saturday and BBQ Brisket on Sunday. There were so many categories, that everyone won something.

Enclosed in this month's newsletter you will find the agenda for the SASS Territorial Governor's summit to be held in Las Vegas in December. As the representative of your club, I would like to vote on these items according to the wishes of the majority of the club members. I welcome your suggestions and opinions on these topics. Other things will also be discussed at the summit as a prelude to putting them on next year's agenda. If you have any thoughts regarding rule changes, clarifications, or adding or subtracting shooting categories, put them in writing and I will do my best to see that they are addressed at the convention. Please put any suggestions about this year's agenda items in writing also, since the meeting is month's away, and I don't want to forget any ones comments.

Here are some things to think about regarding the agenda items:

- Item #1 Would you be in favor of wearing Spurs and Chaps in our area in the middle of summer?
- Item #2 Some folks want to give more than one penalty per gun per stage. Example, If a person loads too many rounds in his rifle and ends up with one live round on the carrier at the unloading table, you can now get one minor safety for loading too many rounds, and another for having a loaded round on the carrier, while some others would give you a stage DQ for not following loading procedures.
- Item #3 Some people complain that some shooters are saying they are not ready when the timer goes off, and they are doing it multiple times per stage. I don't believe we have that problem, but I can see that the current rule could be abused. Some say that a SOG penalty should be assessed, but how many of you have ever seen a SOG penalty EVER being assessed?
- Item #4 Do we now have a problem? Some believe that heavier shot bounces back harder.
- Item #5 This would create a new category, but it would also require more trophies for the club conducting the match. It would not be a problem for us, but that is the main objection being offered by some clubs to this change. Changes to the proposed rules for this category may also be adopted at the convention before this item is voted upon.

Take a good look at the discussion items already proposed for this year's summit and give me your input on them also.

Cowboy Quote: I reckon some people are about as empty as Aunt Martha's root cellar at the end of winter, if you could look into what's above their neck.

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