

# **TWINBUTTE BUNCH BYLAWS**

Revised January 2008

**I. The name of this club organization will be: (The) Twin Butte Bunch**

**II. Objective:**

***A. The members of this Club have voluntarily joined together in order to achieve certain Athletic, Educational and Civic Objectives:***

**i. To provide and promote competitive shooting sports to all qualified persons, (including, but not limited to, Cowboy Action Shooting and other shooting competitions involving historic firearms of the Old West).**

**ii. To promote safe and responsible use of firearms within our community through education of young people and/or new shooters.**

**iii. To encourage the support and preservation of the second amendments to the Constitution of the United States and the rights guaranteed therein.**

**iv. To foster good sportsmanship and characteristics of self control, honor, integrity, and sound family values.**

***B. The Club organization and these bylaws are intended to ensure the safety and enjoyment of participants in club activities. To this end the Club shall:***

**i. Maintain affiliation with other organizations that support the shooting sports, such as the National Rifle Association of America (NRA), the Single Action Shooting Society (SASS), and the Unified Sportsman's Club (USC).**

ii. Purchase and retain a liability insurance policy as necessary to protect the club, its members, and club assets. The limits of this coverage shall not be less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000).

iii. Conduct all club activities in a safe and efficient manner by implementing and enforcing basic safety rules and safe gun handling practices.

iv. Maintain the Club facilities and equipment in a safe and sound condition.

### **III. Membership Eligibility:**

*A. Any person who may legally possess firearms in the State of Idaho, and who has demonstrated safe behavior while participating in a Twin Butte Bunch match may request membership in the Club. Membership requests may be granted by any Club Officer. Memberships become effective upon receipt of membership dues.*

*B. Any person requesting Club membership must also join the USC.*

### **IV. Dues & Match fees:**

*A. Membership dues and Match fees are reviewed annually at the Spring General Membership meeting and modified if necessary by two-thirds majority vote of those present at the meeting.*

*B. Paid dues are valid from April 1 to the following March 31, and are due at or before the first scheduled match of the year.*

*C. Annual dues are \$10 per household for TBB and \$30 per family for USC*

*D. Match fees for Club members are \$15 for the 1st shooter and \$5 for each additional adult shooter from the same household. Juniors (16 years old and younger)*

***from a household with a membership shoot free when accompanied by a paying adult.***

***E. Match fees for guests are \$20 for the 1st shooter, \$10 for each additional adult from the same household, and \$5 for each junior shooter when accompanied by a paying adult.***

## **V. Club Meetings**

***A. A shooter safety and information meeting shall be conducted prior to each match.***

***B. Special work projects (Friday before a match) or other misc. meetings may be called by the Club Officers as the need arises.***

***C. A meeting of the Club Officers may be called by any one of the Club Officers as needed. Club Officers are empowered to make decisions and conduct business deemed in the best interest of the club. Club Officer meetings shall not be held nor business conducted unless a minimum of 4 Club Officers are present. Business conducted and decisions made by the Club Officers must be ratified by a majority of the officers present at the meeting. Business conducted and decisions made the Club Officers shall be presented in the next Bullet'n.***

***D. A minimum of two general membership meetings will be held during the year. One in the first Quarter (Spring), and another in the last quarter (Fall) of the calendar year. Additional general membership meetings may be called by the Club Officers as necessary to conduct Club business.***

***E. An Annual Club Recognition Banquet shall be held at a convenient time following the final match of the year. The purpose of this banquet shall be to recognize the accomplishments of the completed shooting season, to***

***elect club officers for the coming year, and to finalize any remaining club business.***

## **VI. Club Officers**

***A. Club Officers shall be elected by a single majority of voting club members. Elections shall be conducted via mail in ballot. The results of the Club Officer elections shall be presented at the Annual Club Recognition Banquet. The term of office shall be from election until completion of the following year's election.***

***B. The elected Club Officers shall be: President (Outfit Boss), Vice President (Outfit Ramrod), Safety Officer (Marshall), Secretary (Book-Keeper) Treasurer (Shotgun Messenger), Special Events Coordinator (Shindig Director), and Match Coordinator (Trail Boss). An Assistant Match Coordinator shall also be elected. In addition to the elected officers, a Web Master (Telegraph Officer) shall be selected by the club officers and approved by a majority vote of club members.***

## **VII. Duties of Officers and other appointed assistants.**

***A. The President (Boss of the Outfit) is responsible for the overall organization and operation of the Club. He or she shall be the Club's representative to the public and affiliated shooting organizations. The President shall be responsible for overseeing other Club Officers to insure that they are fulfilling their responsibilities. The President conducts meetings, and ensures that all actions to be carried out conform to the Club's Bylaws. The President may appoint special committees or individuals to assist in planning, organizing, and implementing special matches, activities, work projects, range development, or miscellaneous functions. The President may sign checks.***

***B. The Vice President (Outfit Ramrod) assists the President in all his duties and assumes the duties of the***

**President in his absence. He or she works to develop range improvements plans, and is responsible to oversee the maintenance and repair of club facilities. The Vice President sits on the Board of Directors for the USC. The Vice President shall perform an audit of club financial records within 90 days after the conclusion of each shooting season.**

**C. The Safety Officer (Marshall) is responsible for the overall safety of the Club and club activities. He or she shall conduct a mandatory safety briefing prior to each match and shall be responsible (as is everyone participating in a shooting activity) for the use of safety procedures and rules as outlined by SASS. He or she is responsible for the detection of any unsafe condition or situation and has authority to do whatsoever is necessary to remedy unsafe conditions. The Safety Officer has the final say in safety matters. The Safety Officer shall be assisted in all his duties by the Match Coordinator.**

**D. The Secretary (Book-Keeper) shall oversee and file records of all official club meetings, matches, and other club business items. He or she prepares and arranges for the monthly newsletter (Bullet'n) to be produced and mailed during the shooting season. He or she conducts registration for monthly matches and collects the final match results.**

**E. The Match Coordinator (Trail Boss) shall be comprised of a Senior Coordinator (who has been Match Coordinator before) and a Trainee who will assist and learn. The Trainee will be the Senior Coordinator the following year and a new Trainee will be elected. In the event that a Trainee cannot fulfill the Senior Coordinator's duties, the President will appoint a former Senior Coordinator. The Match Coordinator makes sure that all details in putting on a match are covered. He or she is responsible for the maintenance and safety of club equipment. The Match Coordinator may appoint**

***and supervise other volunteers who assist with the set up and conduct of matches, and oversees the collection and posting of match results at the conclusion of each match. The Match Coordinator assists the Safety Officer in all his duties. In the absence of the Safety Officer, the Match Coordinator assumes the Safety Officer role, including conducting the mandatory safety briefing prior to each match, resolving safety issues, and ensuring the use of safety procedures and rules as outlines by SASS.***

***F. The Treasurer (Shotgun Messenger) manages the financial affairs of the club. He or she signs checks, pays club expenses, prepares financial reports, and other wise looks out for the financial well being of the club. The Treasurer collects membership fees and match fees. The Treasurer prepares a financial report to be presented to Club members at the annual recognition banquet. He or she assists the Secretary with match registration. In the absence of the Secretary, the Treasurer assumes the duties of the Secretary.***

***G. The Special Events Coordinator (Shindig Director) is responsible for arranging and coordinating special events for the club. He or she arranges for food at club functions, and assists the other club officers as necessary to ensure that the club functions smoothly.***

## **IX. Membership benefits:**

***A. Each member shall receive full access to the USC Public Range. Members shall comply with the requirements established by the USC for range access/use. Stages and targets from the last Cowboy match, on the Cowboy portion of the range, are generally left in place for the purpose of practice shooting for Club members. All safety and equipment rules (as outlined by SASS. apply).***

***B. All Members receive the newsletter (the Twin Butte Bunch Bullet'n), which publishes results of the previous match and other information.***

***C. Members have the right to participate in the regularly scheduled Club matches, as well as any other event organized by the Club.***

***D. All adult members have voting rights as to the annually elected officers and the bylaws of the Club.***

## **X. Amendments to the Twin Butte Bunch Bylaws.**

***A. Club Bylaws may be amended as necessary. Any Club member may propose changes to the Club Bylaws by presenting the requested changes in writing to the Club President. Any proposals to change the Bylaws must be announced to the general membership prior to being presented at the next meeting for a vote. All changes to the Bylaws must be presented and discussed at a general membership meeting and must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of those present.***

## **XI. Grant Requests**

***A. All grant requests, including NRA grants, will be prepared by a committee appointed by the President. The final proposed request shall be approved by the Twin Butte Bunch Board before submittal. Follow up requirements for grants submitted are the responsibility of the appointed committee.***