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From The President

Two Great November Matches in the Books

For the first Saturday match, Bad Bascomb built a new prop to try out at the saloon. It was inspired by something he'd seen at El Dorado, and although yours truly couldn't attend the match, I'm told it worked well and we will be using it again. Cowboy Earl also tried out something new, a clay bird target stand, but it was a little windy, and the wind blew the targets off. That trial was postponed until the third Saturday, where it worked like a charm.

On the third Saturday, not only did we teach those birds a lesson, we also tried our hand at some Hotel target placements reminiscent of the "ole days", when you actually needed the sights on your rifle. Down at the Saloon we got a good look at Plymouth Rock, held it in our hands, even, but we couldn't keep the Pilgrims out of the ale. At the Depot, there was a trouble-making Pilgrim (OK, it was a cowboy in a Pilgrim hat) who got a good talking-to from John Wayne.

Nine shooters turned out on the 1st, and Bad Bascomb took first overall. Harvey (2 lazy 2 reload) Mushman was next, and Venomous Doc, M. C. Ryder, and Cowboy Earl rounded out the top five. Death Valley Rose came out and gave it a go, and it was good to see her out there again.

On the 15th we had eleven shooters at the match on a beautiful day. Cowboy Earl had brought some rubber bands to hold the five clay birds on the stand, but they weren't really needed. The target was a lot of fun, and we all look forward to shooting it again.

Venomous Doc shot his way to the top of the pile, followed by Cowboy Earl, Wrangler Red, Duelin' Tom, and M. C. Ryder. Death Valley Rose shot all six stages this time, and did very well. She'll be beating Red before you know it. Buckhorn Bud shot Josey Wales, always fun to watch. Yours truly's rifle locked up on stage 4 with nine rounds left in the gun. Why do they never jam with only one round left??

All of the scores for both matches are on our website. *continued on page 2*

Thanks, Just George

by

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Well, another month has gone by, and while we don't know for sure exactly what the next *Defend the Roost* will look like, we're getting there.

One change I was pretty sure was coming, but still didn't want to hear, is that on the heels of a great run that started in 2007, Just George is stepping down as Match Director. John Donne said "No Man is an Island," but when it came to *DTR*, George was the next best thing. He will be the first to tell you he didn't do it alone. But the MD pulls it all together, and somehow gets everybody to the point on the flow chart where it says, "And here, a miracle occurs."

When George told me he wanted to "go big" with our annual, I thought he was nuts (actually, he is, but that's not the subject of this piece). All I could think about was all those details: lunches, awards, the banquet, scheduling, shooter's book, porta potties, extra timers for side match day, RV parking, water, ice, trash, and on and on. George said he was volunteering to be MD, and that he would coordinate all that stuff, and of course, he did, in spades.

We had two awards banquets at Victoria's at the Heritage before we outgrew the facility. At the first one, as I was delivering my remarks, I talked a little bit about the trepidation I felt going into that first big event. Afterward, Penny Pepperbox told me she could relate, and she said I did what all club presidents should do when somebody steps up and says, "Let me work"—get out of their way and let them work. I got out of George's way and tried to stay out of the way through all those *DTRs*, *Resurrections*, and *California State Black Powder Shootouts*, and I'm glad I did.

We had the miracles to show for it.

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In December we will be shooting on the 6th and 20th. We're on winter hours, so we'll start sign ups at 8:00, have the meeting at 8:45, and the new shooter class will be at 7:30. We'd like to know in advance if a new shooter is coming out. See ya out there! **PS: I cleaned my rifle and guess what? It works fine!** ☺

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UPCOMINGEVENTS

Monthly shoots:

The Cajon Cowboys shoot on the: 2nd and 4th Saturday at the Gem Ranch in the Cajon Pass on old route 66. Contact Luke Warmwater at (909) 987-7017. www.cajoncowboys.com.

Five Dogs Creek Cowboys in Bakersfield shoot on the 1st weekend of each month. Call Utah Blaine, (661) 203-4238. www.5dogscreek.com

High Desert Cowboys shoot in Acton on the 3rd Sunday. Contact Doc Silverhawks, (661) 948-2543, or Lumpy Grits or Ima Schofield at (661)265-1923.

Double R Bar Regulators, Lucerne Valley, shoot the 2nd Sunday. www.rrbar.com. Contact Little Jersey Jo, 1-760-247-5012, joed56676@gmail.com.

Lone Wolf Shooters, Pahrump, NV, shoot the 4th and 5th Sunday. Call Lash Latigo or Penny Pepperbox, (775) 727-4600 days, (775) 727-8790 evenings. **They host the SASS Nevada Wild Bunch Championships Thanksgiving weekend.** www.lonewolfshooters.com.

El Dorado Cowboys, Boulder City, NV, shoot the 1st weekend (Sat & Sun). Contact Charming at 702-565-3736, or Creeker at 702-328-4867. www.eldoradocowboys.com.

Chorro Valley Regulators shoot the 2nd Sunday and most 5th Sundays at Morro Bay. www.chorrovalleyregulators.org.

A Time to Offer Thanks

I've been busy handing out thank you notes in this issue of *The Vigilante*. Even so, I know I don't do it often enough. Not that Just George or Venomous Doc or anybody else ever did anything for this club because they wanted a pat on the back. As a matter of fact, I know they both would just as soon I hadn't done it, but they deserve it, and they're gonna get it, whether they want it or not.

It's that time of year, or course, when we should slow down and be thankful for how fortunate we are. I'm not talking about the size of our houses or bank accounts, but about our great good luck that put us here in this wonderful country. Dumb politicians keep trying to mess it up, and they've succeeded to some extent, but there is still no place on this earth I'd rather be. I am very grateful to my European forebears in funny hats for coming.

November is also the month we take some time to thank those who have served in our military, on Veteran's Day. They didn't do it for the kudos, either, but they sure have earned them.

Veteran's Day, November 11, started out as Armistice Day, when the hostilities in the First World War officially ended on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. That was a wonderful thing, of course, but I can't think about it without remembering that we, by whom I mean American officers, kept sending guys over the top right up until 11:00AM even though they knew the armistice had been signed and it would be officially over at 11:00. More than 300 American soldiers and Marines died and thousands were seriously wounded on the morning of Nov. 11, 1918, and generals from Pershing on down defended it. I can't.

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Come out to a RRV match, held the third (and sometimes first) Saturday of every month, or call Nasty Newt at 760-375-7618, or MC Ryder at 760-384-2321, or mail it in. Our membership application is here [RRV Membership Application](#) Annual membership dues for the RRV are: single membership \$25, member and spouse \$30, family membership (including children under 18 living at home) \$35. First time shooters will be able to take their FIRST (1) NEW SHOOTERS CLASS for \$10, any subsequent new shooters class or RRV match shoot will be \$10 members, \$15 nonmembers. Donations for shooting regular monthly RRV matches will be \$10 members, \$15 non-members. Memberships run from September 1 - August 31. New memberships purchased after September will be prorated depending on the number of months remaining and the type of membership. **RRV members are encouraged to become Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) members.** Please call SASS at (505) 843-1320, or go to www.sassnet.com. SASS first year single initiation membership is \$55, renewal for single membership is \$45. As part of your SASS membership you will receive The Cowboy Chronicle (12 issues/year), registration of your alias, a SASS badge with your SASS number on it, a membership certificate and membership card, a SASS Marshall lapel pin, and SASS Shooters Handbook. SASS membership is not required for membership in RRV, or participation in RRV regular monthly matches. **RRV encourages all shooters to join and support the NRA and the NRA Foundation, and Ridgecrest Gun Range Association.** For further information visit our website at www.robbersroostvigilantes.com.

Thanks, Venomous Doc!

The other day the good doctor called and asked if I was going to be home, and said he wanted to bring me something. When he arrived he said he knew the club had lost money on Defend the Roost and he wanted to make a donation, whereupon he handed me \$800.00.

Doc didn't expect any acknowledgement, but I thought everybody should know. NN

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Schedule of Monthly Matches
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December 20, 2014
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