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From The President

Anniversary Shoot

Was a Hoot

When we decided to put *Defend the Roost* in hiatus—a gut-wrenching decision, I might add—we then had to decide, “If not *DTR*, then what?”

We debated that for months. Opinions ranged from, “Forget it, just have a monthly match” to “Side matches on Friday, then 8 main stages and the Great Train Robbery on Saturday.” We landed squarely in the middle, with a one-day match: Six main stages in the morning, and The Great Train Robbery in the afternoon.

The week before the match Cowboy Earl, Bad Bascomb, M.C. Ryder and Yours Truly did some cleaning, fixing, and painting, and the range was looking good. How ‘bout that stagecoach?

After Friday's pot luck, sixteen shooters came out for the main match and shot six fun and challenging stages, four by Yours Truly, and two by M.C. Ryder. Death Valley Rose was out there, manning the table at the Cowboy Swap Meet, and she kept score all through the match. Thanks once again, DVR.

Bad Bascomb was first overall followed by Crumville Kid, who has apparently forgotten he is supposed to be polite and let his elders beat him. M.C. Ryder, Magnus Halvorsen, and Cowboy Earl rounded out the top five. Fast Legs shot the match clean.

After lunch we gathered at the Pueblo for The Great Train Robbery, the brainchild of Just George, which has always appealed to the hard core shooters among us. If you're going to shoot an event that takes 11 guns and 63 shots fired, you need to be kind of hard core. Buckhorn Bud's clean run put him on top of the pile, followed by Rum Runner, Yours Truly (also clean), Zig Mar, and Silver Badger. And then we had another pot luck. ☺

All of the scores from the main match and the Great Train Robbery are posted on our website at www.robbersroostvigilantes.com. *continued on page 2*

17 Years in the Books And Still Going Strong

By Nasty Newt, SASS # 7365

I honestly don't know where those years went, but they obviously went someplace. It's especially tough when I remember that I was only 20 years old when we founded the RRV in 1998. The past 17 years have been hard on me physically. ☺

I joined SASS in August of 1995, and after a year or two I started thinking it would be nice to have a club here in the Indian Wells Valley. I ordered a SASS new club start-up kit, got discouraged by the myriad legal and procedural requirements, and gave up the idea. Then one day I happened to mention cowboy action shooting to a guy who was a Sage Pistol League shooter. He said there was a married couple who shot IPSC with him at Sage who had talked about starting a cowboy club.

I contacted Coso Kid and Kazarah Jane, and learned that they had already checked off a lot of those onerous details I was so worried about. Coso Kid knew M.C. Ryder through work, I brought my co-worker Gimpy Gus into the fold, we all threw some money into the pot, and we were on our way. We all have an “F” for founder in front of our RRV number, and we're darn proud of it.

We looked into being the Sage Cowboys, the CAS wing of the Sage Pistol League. When that didn't work out we almost became the Robbers Roost Regulators, but the term “regulator” means something in SASS, and although there are lots of clubs who are called the So-and-So Regulators, we didn't think it was appropriate. And that's how you all became Vigilantes.

We shot for a while in the pit where Sage shoots, and for a longer while in another spot on public land. Then Duelin' Tom, through hard work, determination, and a serious infusion of personal funds, made the Ridgecrest Gun Range happen, and we have a home of our own. How sweet it is!

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In June we are shooting on the 6th and 20th. We're on summer hours, which means we'll start signing up around 7:00, and try to have the meeting around 7:45. Hope to see you all out there.

The New Shooter Class would be around 6:30. If you know of a new shooter who is coming, let us know and get them out there early. Thanks.

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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. 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.

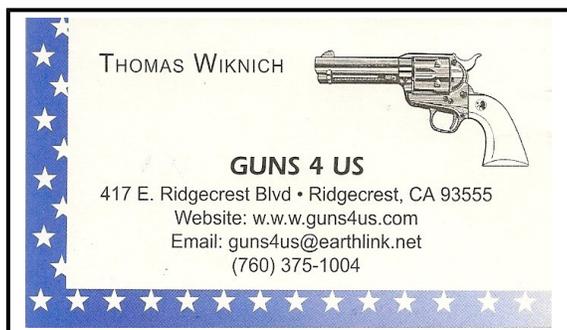
The RRV sent five of its finest to 5 Dogs for the SASS California State Shoot and they did us proud.

Bad Bascomb - 3rd in Elder Statesman
Venomous Doc - 5th in Elder Statesman
Ozark Lawdog - 6th in Senior Duelist
M.C. Ryder - 4th in Frontiersman, and
Spirit of the Game Award. We knew all along he had it, but it's nice to see it recognized at a major match!

And the big news - Goode Bascomb, SASS California State Grand Dame Champion. She is a State Champ for the second time in her Cowboy Action Shooting career. Way to go, Goode!



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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.

Cowboy Swap Meet

We had good participation at the swap meet at the Anniversary Match. Several cowboys and cowgirls brought out stuff for sale, and some brought money to buy a thing or two.

Cronus Walker put some items on the table, and donated the proceeds to the RRV to the tune of \$50.00. **Thanks, Cronus!**



Schedule of Monthly Matches

RRV Match Dates:

June 6, 2015

June 20, 2015

Summer Hours: Sign up starting
 ~ 7:00, Safety Meeting ~ 7:45.

New Shooter Class ~ 6:30.



Spotters say "clean," but they probably didn't see 3 or 4 misses because of Cowboy Earl's smoke.