



# THE VIGILANTE



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## The Monthly Chronicle of the Robbers Roost Vigilantes

### From The President

#### Month Number Two is Twice the Fun

We got back in the groove and shot two matches in February.

On the 6<sup>th</sup>, Buckhorn Bud, Bad Bascomb, and Cowboy Earl offered up six great stages and 11 shooters turned out to try their hand. The match had something for everyone: Texas Star, a new shotgun target from Cowboy Earl, and lots of shooter's choice scenarios, not to mention numerous chances to win tickets in the Bud's Valentine drawing. Death Valley Rose brought cookies and brownies, so everybody won! Bad Bascomb, M.C. Ryder, Cowboy Earl, Yours truly, and Rum Runner (clean match) were the top finishers.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> I borrowed an idea from Bad Bascomb and used lollypops for rifle knockdowns. That worked fine, but I also tried it with the little diamond shaped knockdowns, which didn't. I probably won't do that again. But I'm still going through my down range and wood splintering phases, so you'll probably see more of that. We punched 133 bullet holes in a weathered old cedar fence board to shoot the bad guys hiding behind it, and it survived intact. Amazing!

It was a big shoot for us, with 19 shooters. M.C. Ryder ran Daisy Bulleit through the new shooter class. Also new, at least to the RRV range, was Baxter Tate. Kalroy signed on as a new RRV member. And we were pleasantly surprised to see Gravedigger, Bad News Betsy, and their Grandson, Dakota. Gravedigger and Betsy renewed their RRV memberships (#51 and #52) and Dakota, who somehow got to be 20 years old, signed on as a new member. They said "We're back," and we look forward to shooting with them on a regular basis once again. Welcome to one and all, and don't be strangers.

Bad Bascomb, Your truly (clean), Venomous Doc, Dakota, and Gravedigger were the top finishers. Fast Legs also shot it clean. The clean shooters at both matches won M.C. Ryder's clean shoot award pin. They're neat. When you see it, you'll want one. All the scores are posted. *Continued on page 2*

### Shotgun Boogie

By Nasty Newt, SASS # 7365

Back in 1997 I attended the first ever Cajon Cowboys' 97 shoot. It was all shotgun, and you had to use a Model 97 only. There were 8 or 10 stages, and the round count was around 125. One stage, which was hidden from view until you rounded the end of a berm ready to shoot, took a whole box. They provided a shoulder bag for the shells.

It wasn't for the faint of heart. There were stages where you shot lying down, and there was a wall with numerous holes to shoot through, some requiring kneeling. If there was a basketball traveling rule in those days, it wasn't enforced, because there was a lot of three gun-style run and gun. It was well-attended, though, and several women shot it.

In 1997 I was an average age shooter. In 2016 I still am, and I couldn't shoot that match today. If you put it on, a handful of young guys would love it, but most of us who shot it in '97 would skip it. That's just the way it's going in SASS. From here on in, a handful of young guys is all we're ever going to have.

But (you knew there was going to be a *but*, I bet), I'm thinking about putting on an all shotgun match--not for a monthly, but as a special add-on match as we did in the recent past with the bolt actions and side matches. There wouldn't be any flopping down behind a hay bale, or crawling around on your knees, but there might be a little limp and gun. I'm thinking maybe four stages, and a couple of boxes of shells. All stages would have down range movement.

We have a good selection of targets, and we could set up a fun match running and limping around blowing up stuff with the scatterguns. Maybe even different categories, but I haven't thought much about that. Anyway, stand by. It's probably coming!

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In March we will be shooting on the 5th and the 19<sup>th</sup>. The Week One gang will cook up something fun for the 5<sup>th</sup>, and on the 19<sup>th</sup> it will be a RRV favorite, M. C. Ryders traditional St. Paddy's Day match. It may feel like Spring, but we're still on **Winter Hours**, so we'll start sign ups around 8:00, have the meeting at 8:45, and the new shooter class would be at 7:30. Let us know if a new shooter is coming so we can be prepared to take care of them.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**Five Dogs Creek Cowboys** in Bakersfield shoot on the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of each month. Call Utah Blaine, (661) 203-4238. [www.5dogscreek.com](http://www.5dogscreek.com)

**High Desert Cowboys** shoot in Acton on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday. [www.rbar.com](http://www.rbar.com). Contact Little Jersey Jo, 1-760-247-5012, [joed56676@gmail.com](mailto:joed56676@gmail.com).

**El Dorado Cowboys**, Boulder City, NV, shoot the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend (Sat & Sun). Contact Creeker at 702-328-4867. [www.eldoradocowboys.com](http://www.eldoradocowboys.com).

**Chorro Valley Regulators** shoot the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday and most 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays at Morro Bay. [www.chorrovalleyregulators.org](http://www.chorrovalleyregulators.org).

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Ball N Chain and Buckhorn Bud at Whiskey Flat Days 2016, Kernville, California

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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 877-411-SASS. SASS membership information can be found here:

<http://www.sassnet.com/Membership-Main-001A.php>

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](http://www.robbersroostvigilantes.com).

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### Schedule of Monthly Matches RRV Match Dates:

**Mar 5, 2016**

**Mar 19, 2016**

**Winter Hours: Sign up starting ~ 8:00,  
Safety Meeting ~ 8:45.**

### American Marksman TV Comes to Ridgecrest!

This is a brand new shooting competition that will culminate in a televised national championship round. Shooters will have to qualify along the way, first locally, and then in a Regional round. The Southwest Region (that's us) consists of 5 states, and 250 local competitors from each of the nine Regions will advance.

Local competitions, including the one here at RGRA, begin in March. This first round is .22s, rifle or pistol or both. The fee is \$20 per gun, or \$35 for both. You'll be shooting at a 2.66" bull at 30 feet with the rifle, 20 feet with the pistol. It's timed, and there are added seconds for any round outside of the bull. Sounds like CAS—hurry, but don't miss! If you advance to the Regional, guns and ammunition are provided. They aren't even hinting about what these matches will consist of, only time will tell. Later rounds will be televised. This is for amateur shooters only! There is a wealth of information at [www.ammarksman.com](http://www.ammarksman.com). Check it out.