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### From The President

#### March was a Good Month

##### Two Cowboy Matches, a Trail Walk, and the Blue Angels

On March 4, ten cowpersons came out for a Week One extravaganza. M.C. Ryder and Bad Bascomb put together a fast and fun match, and everybody went home happy. Bad Bascomb took top honors, followed by M.C. Ryder, Venomous Doc, Buckhorn Bud, and yours truly. All of the scores are posted.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> Cowboy Earl set up a great muzzle loader Trail Walk, and added some black powder pistol shots to the mix. When the smoke had cleared, Ed Hinkley had collected the most tags and earned bragging rights for the month. Also-rans were yours truly, Silver Badger, M.C. Ryder, and Cowboy Earl.

We slipped the third Saturday match to the 25<sup>th</sup> so those who wanted to could go out to the airfield and watch the air show featuring the Blue Angels, and boy, am I glad we did. It had been almost 25 years since the Blue Angels performed at China Lake, and they put on a show to remember. Of course, it wasn't just the Blue Angels, there were also parachutists, other jets, a bi-plane, a Spitfire, a Bearcat, and lots more, including six-dollar beer. It felt like a World Series game, and your humble editor and his family loved it.

On the 25<sup>th</sup>, M.C. Ryder treated us to a tradition we all look forward to, one of his patented St. Patrick's Day matches. Sixteen shooters came out for it on a day that started cool and windy and quickly turned perfect, and featured leprechauns, a five-leaf clover, Irish whiskey, corned beef and cabbage, a wake, and...well, you get it. Bad Bascomb didn't need the luck of the Irish, he just out shot everybody. MC Ryder, Cowboy Earl, Zig Mar and Goode Bascomb filled out the top five. All the scores are posted. It was great to see Tank out there shooting for the first time in quite a spell. Duelin' Tom even found some time for a little R&R. And thanks to Death Valley Rose for making brownies.

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### Hoist a Pint of Guinness

By

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If you're a prudent entrepreneur looking to start a business, the first thing you need is a facility, preferably one that you could pick up on a 9000-year lease for, oh, say, 45 pounds per year. Well, anyway, that is what Arthur Guinness did in 1759, when he moved into the unused St. James Gate brewery in Dublin, Ireland, and started making ale.

According to Wikipedia, "Stout" originally referred to a beer's strength, but eventually shifted meaning toward body and color.

Arthur Guinness started selling the dark beer porter in 1778. The first Guinness beers to use the term were Single Stout and Double Stout in the 1840s. Throughout the bulk of its history, Guinness produced only three variations of a single beer type: porter or single stout, double or extra and foreign stout for export. Porter was also referred to as "plain", as mentioned in the famous refrain of Flann O'Brien's poem "The Workman's Friend": "A pint of plain is your only man."

Studies claim that Guinness can be beneficial to the heart. Researchers found that "antioxidant compounds in the Guinness, similar to those found in certain fruits and vegetables, are responsible for the health benefits because they slow down the deposit of harmful cholesterol on the artery walls." Although advertising for alcoholic drinks touting medical benefits to be derived from drinking it is now illegal in Ireland, in Guinness' first-ever advertising campaign, which consisted of a newspaper ad in 1920, the company was not in the least bashful about proclaiming that "Guinness is good for you."

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In April, we will have Cowboy matches on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, and a black powder muzzle loader trail walk on the 8th. Still winter hours, and we will start signing up around 8:00.

Get yourself out to the range and have some fun!

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The following is a portion of the 1920 ad:

### **ITS GREAT PURITY**

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Well, there you have it—scientific proof that you should drink Guinness if you want to live a long and healthy life, and not just on St. Patrick's Day! □ □

Guinness brews many types of beer these days, and after 250 years they are still going strong, and still making stouts the old-fashioned way, but they've figured out how to keep the head down. Their web site is worth a visit if for no other reason than to skim the history of the company. It is remarkable. [www.guinness.com](http://www.guinness.com)

## **An Additional Category for Bamm Matches**

As some of you know, we put on a Bolt Action Military Match (Bamm) once in a while. For those who don't know what I'm talking about, the guidelines are here.

<http://www.robbersroostvigilantes.com/RRV%20Bamm%20Match.pdf>

Those of us who shoot it love it, but there are only a handful of diehard bolt action fans in our group. Just about everybody has a lever action in a rifle caliber, though, so to see if we can get a few more shooters out, we are adding a Lever Action, Rifle Caliber category to the next Bamm match. You'll shoot the same match, but in competition only with other lever gun shooters. The next match isn't scheduled yet, but will probably be this spring.

**RIFLES:** Any rifle that is allowable in a SASS Long Range Lever, Rifle Caliber, side match. Rifle caliber ONLY, no main match pistol caliber rifles.

**AMMUNITION:** Same rules as the bolt actions. Lead bullets only, gas checks OK, maximum muzzle velocity 1400 fps. You will need about 75 rounds to shoot the six-stage match.

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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:

April 1, 2017 Cowboy  
April 8, 2017 Trail Walk  
April 15, 2017 Cowboy

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

### When the Model 92 Winchester Went to the Movies

Probably starting on day one, the Model 92 was the cock-of-the-walk in Western movies. In lots of cases it existed before it existed, because in countless movies set before 1892, everybody was walking around with a Model 92. Our main man, John Wayne, was a prime offender.

There are a couple of reasons for the 92's rise to stardom, as opposed to the equally readily available Model 94. The Model 92 fired pistol cartridges, which meant it could use the same movie blanks as the similarly ubiquitous Colt Single Action Army. But what really warmed the hearts of armorers and gun rental companies like Stembridge was the fact that it could be set up to run those movie blanks like it was made for them.

The 92 also performed yeoman service as a stand-in for hard to get guns. A "Hollywood Henry" was a 92 with the forearm wood removed and the receiver plated or painted to look like brass. You weren't supposed to notice the loading gate. A "Hollywood Model 66" was easier, and less obvious.

Today, replicas of just about everything are available, and most movie companies make an effort to "get the guns right." But back in the day, the Winchester Model 92 was the unrivaled king of Western movie rifles.