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From the President

It's Been an Interesting Winter

Well, if not terribly interesting, it has certainly been an eventful winter. It started out great. Our traditional Christmas Turkey Shoot was a hit, thanks to excellent stage writing (blush), GUNS4US and Todd's Outdoor Supply, and numerous other donated prizes. I won't say the drawing was rigged, but Death Valley Rose made sure everybody went home with something pretty nice. We also enjoyed a fine meal, part club-provided and part pot luck, and it was all great. Bad Bascomb won the match, and M.C. Ryder made sure he earned it.

We shot a fifth Saturday match in December. Who knows, we may have started another tradition. See "Ending 2018 with a Bang" on page 2.

On January 26th we shot our first BAMB match in a year. There are only about nine or ten of us who shoot it, and last year any time we thought about having a BAMB match only a handful could make it on any given day, and we would call it off. I decided not to do that this year, so even though I knew attendance would be light, we shot on the 26th anyway. We now have three categories, bolt, lever, and single shot, so most of us have something we could use, but it must be a rifle caliber (no pistol caliber rifles). You can shoot more than one category for one entry fee. The categories are scored separately. Guidelines are on the web site. Come on out next time!

We were rained out twice this winter, and it was a first Saturday match each time. Two rainouts would normally last us about ten years. We get blown out more than rained out. It has been a cold and wet winter, even to the extent that we didn't have our annual false spring in February, which happens every year—up until this year.

We squeezed in a muzzle loader Trail Walk in February. This is another fun and relatively inexpensive match that I wish more shooters would try. We have loaner rifles available. Come on out!

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THEY'RE BACK



by Nasty Newt, SASS # 7365

Well, we all know we live in rattlesnake country, and this is the time of year when they begin to emerge from their winter nests. At the RRV range, we have encountered several sidewinders and a Mojave or two over the years, and odds are, we will again. A sidewinder bite is less serious than that of a Mojave, because they have different venom, but it's plenty bad, and you don't want one. Neither does your dog.

We can't let the presence of snakes take the fun out of shooting and hanging out with our friends, but we do need to be aware of the possibility that we might cross paths with one. Sidewinders can be hard to spot, because they're relatively small and they like to bury themselves in the sand with only their head visible and wait patiently for a mouse or ground squirrel to come by. They know perfectly well that you and I are too darn big to eat, but they will strike in self-defense out of fear. So, watch where you step, and never put your hand someplace your eyes haven't been.

In the event of a bite, when you're as close to help as we are at the range, the most important thing is to get to the emergency room as soon as possible. First aid recommendations for poisonous snake bites have changed dramatically. Cut and suck was once the prime directive, but it is now a big No-No. Here are the current recommendations from the Mayo Clinic website:

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If you are bitten by a venomous snake, call 911 or your local emergency number immediately, especially if the area changes color, begins to swell or is painful. Many emergency rooms stock antivenom drugs (Ridgecrest Regional Hospital ER is one that does), which may help you.

If possible, take these steps while waiting for medical help:

- Remain calm and move beyond the snake's striking distance.
- Remove jewelry and tight clothing before you start to swell.
- Position yourself, if possible, so that the bite is at or below the level of your heart.
- Clean the wound, but don't flush it with water. Cover it with a clean, dry dressing.

Caution

- Don't use a tourniquet or apply ice.
- Don't cut the wound or attempt to remove the venom.
- Don't drink caffeine or alcohol, which could speed your body's absorption of venom.
- Don't try to capture the snake. Try to remember its color and shape so that you can describe it, which will help in your treatment.

Once again, we don't live in fear of snakes. But we do need to be aware that one can show up any time, and take due care.

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Scores from all matches are always posted on the web site by M.C. Ryder. He does a great job keeping it current, so look at it.

Thanks to Zig Mar for cleaning and tidying up the shooting bays. They look great.

We're on **Winter Hours until May**, so we will start signups around 8:00, and try to have the meeting by 8:45, for all matches unless otherwise announced.

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Ending 2018 With a Bang (and an occasional whimper) By Death Valley Rose

Since the final weekend of 2018 contained a Saturday, and "Randy's rule" (or is it Cowboy Earl's Edict?) is that every fifth Saturday demands a shoot, nine stalwart men arrived, clad in their warmest clothing, on December 29 to ring out the old year. Ballarat Bob made a welcome appearance but Wrangler Red had Range Master duty at the SDGC and didn't shoot. He managed to show up just in time to enjoy a hot dog lunch, though!

Did I mention it was cold?

We were met with a small bonfire as the scrap wood pile was diminished in a final blaze of glory. Check ins went quickly so, after a brief shooter's meeting and flag salute, we adjourned to the Grave Yard.

With Belle E Button taking over the unloading table and Death Valley Rose keeping score the shooting went quickly amid the usual complaints about malfunctions and misses.

The six stages went quickly, griping was about average and Newt managed to add to his collection of Clean Shoot pins. Silver Badger and Venomous Doc came close, but no cigar.

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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.

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Schedule of Monthly Matches
Matches are announced on the web site and via email to all club members. Cowboy matches are first and third Saturday. Trail Walks are second Saturday, and BAMB is fourth Saturday, when scheduled.

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

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MC Ryder in his black duster and Rusty Dover in a black hat looked like extras from *Tombstone* while Zig Mar and Orland Granger opted for the layered look.

I did mention it was cold, didn't I?

There were some spectacular misses, a few close calls, a pistol that didn't like the weather, dire threats to turn a certain long gun into a golf club, and the usual good-natured kidding about the stage scenarios.

As usual, everyone took their turns as counters, brass pickers and timers as well as helping set up and tear down the three stages.

Cowboy Earl presided over the ceremonial burning of the hot dogs, Bob entertained with tales of past military competitions and another year closed out in one of the nicest ways possible as the flags came down and we turned the range back to the coyotes and rattlers. Yee Haw!