



The Monthly Chronicle of the Robbers Roost Vigilantes

From The President Skilled Pig-Shooters Prevail At December Match

Twenty Vigilantes shot our December match on a cold and blustery day. That's about twice as many as we typically get the week before Christmas, and considering the weather and the fact that there was no hot breakfast to be had, it's a remarkable turnout—bigger than November on a beautiful day. I'm pretty sure the email "heads up" about Stage #1 had something to do with it. It's kinda hard to resist a stage with both a Texas Star and a Flying Pig to shoot at.

Once you cleaned off the star, you had the option of going for 5-second bonuses on the pig until you ran out of ammo. Efficient use of your ten rounds allowed for up to 4 bonuses. Several shooters got all 20 seconds, and that was the road to the top 5. Ball N. Chain shot the star well enough to go for bonuses, but we had to lean the pig-release knockdown forward to keep the wind from blowing it over, and her .22 wouldn't take it down. Good shooting, bad luck.

Venomous Doc shot his way to the top of the heap, followed closely by Justin O' Sheriff. Bad Bascomb, Yours Truly, and MC Ryder rounded out the top 5. Duelin' Tom was right there, as was Goode Bascomb, the top lady on the day and 7th overall. Crumville Kid shot the match clean and earned one of MC Ryder's cool knives. Way to go, Kid!

It was good to see Miss Mandy, who is on break from college and shot her first match in a while. My grandson Zachary Newton, a former Little Buckaroo from a few years back, came out and shot his first match and did very well. I expect we'll be seeing more of him in the New Year. Buckhorn Bud shot the match gunfighter style, dressed in a Santa suit using cap and ball pistols. It doesn't get much better than that!

Thanks to Death Valley Rose for the pan of yummy brownies, and to Zach's dad John for helping with set-up and teardown, and working the re-set on the star and pig.

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A Great Year for the RRV by Nasty Newt, SASS #7365

2011 has come and is just about gone, and it was a very successful year for our club.

Both *Defend the Roost* and *Resurrection* were in the black, thanks to Match Director Just George, our dedicated, hard-working volunteers, and our generous match sponsor, Duelin' Tom of GUNS4US. To say we're lucky to have him in our corner doesn't even begin to tell the tale.

Of course there wouldn't be an annual if nobody came, and we try to give our shooters a fun match, good food, and all the amenities at our disposal in return for their hard-earned dollars. The best barometer of a successful match is contented shooters, and I'm proud to say that the vast majority of ours go away happy.

We had an "end of an era" moment in 2011 when we stopped mailing out hard copy newsletters. I still enjoy finding something in the mail box that isn't a bill or junk mail, and I know others do, too. But, as most clubs have, we finally accepted the fact that we needed to stop doing it. There is one club member without internet access, and I still mail him one.

However, this year we did continue the traditional RRV invasion of the Bridgeport Vigilantes. We've done it every August for four or five years straight. Nine Vigilantes made the trip and seven shot the match. Since we won't be in the middle of planning *DTR* this September, we might want to consider moving the invasion to September and attending their annual instead of a monthly match. But we have time to think about that.

Early this year the newly-formed fundraiser committee, consisting of Justin O Sheriff, Ball-N-Chain, Lady Jailer, Buckhorn Bud, Kentucky Gal, and

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The next matches are January 7th and 21st, with sign-ups at about 8:00, and the shooter meeting around 8:45.

There **will not** be a new shooter class on the 7th. Anyone wishing to take the new shooter class on the 21st should be at the range by 7:30. As always, we request advance notice if someone wants to take the class so we can be prepared.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly shoots:

The Cajon Cowboys shoot on the: 2nd (club day) and 4th (open shoot) Saturdays of each month at the Gem Ranch in the Cajon Pass on old route 66. Contact Luke Warmwater at (909) 987-7017.

Five Dogs Creek Cowboys in Bakersfield shoot on the 1st weekend of each month. Call Dirt McFearson, (661) 805-3281.

High Desert Cowboys shoot in Acton on the 3rd Sunday. Contact Doc Silverhawks, (661) 948-2543.

Double R Bar Regulators, Lucerne Valley, shoot the 2nd Sunday. Call Five Jacks, (951) 347-0862.

Silver City Shooting Society shoots at Pahrump, NV, 4th Sunday. Call Philly Slim, (775) 764-0257. www.silvercityshootingociety.com.

Lone Wolf Shooters, Pahrump, NV, shoot the 2nd weekend. Call Lash Latigo or Penny Pepperbox, (775) 727-4600 days, (775) 727-8790 evenings.

El Dorado Cowboys, Boulder City, NV, shoot the 1st weekend (Sat & Sun). Contact Charming at 702-565-3736, or Boxherder at 702-858-6396. www.eldoradocowboys.com.



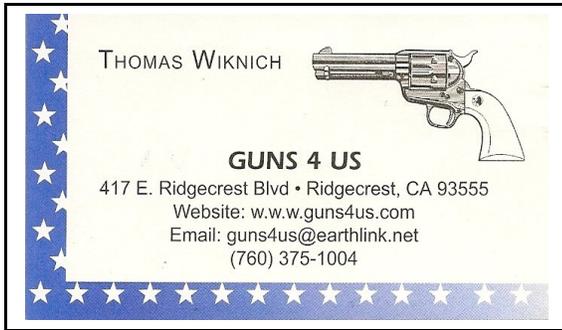
First Saturday Shoots Stage a Comeback

Bad Bascomb, Goode Bascomb, Buckhorn Bud, Ball N Chain, Ozark Lawdog, Venomous Doc and Harvey Mushman announce the return of the first Saturday matches at The Robbers Roost Vigilantes, starting on January 7. Can I get a YEEHAW?

These will be “no frills” matches, meaning that unless you hear otherwise, there will be no breakfast and no new shooter class. You will also need to bring your own water and a snack if you think you might get hungry. In other words, what they will be is just another great day at the range having fun with your cowboy guns!

We will shoot six stages, and standard RRV match fees will apply--\$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. Signups start around 8:00, and the shooter meeting will be around 8:45. Future first Saturday matches will be announced well in advance.

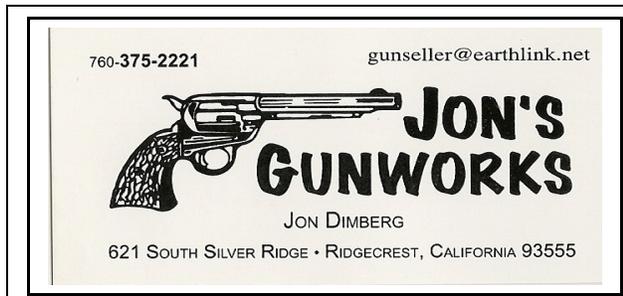
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Just George came up with a bunch of great ideas that netted the club almost \$1,000.00. *Great work guys and gals.*

During 2011 the RRV Rounders, our goodwill ambassadors, visited clubs in California and Nevada and shot their monthly matches. The group members fluctuated some, but it revolved around Justin O Sheriff, Lady Jailer, Just George, Fullmoon, and Kentucky Gal. They shot with 9 clubs in California and Nevada, and already have plans to visit 7 in 2012. As Justin O Sheriff says, "All are welcome to join the "Rounders" as we thread our way through lots of different shooting stages and props...some have been very...*different!*...but all have been a blast."

On the range, we completed the sea van tie downs and got the permits signed off. We had hoped to get the jail built in time for *DTR*. We didn't make it, but it wasn't from lack of effort. Some of those work parties in the middle of summer had the biggest turnouts ever for work at the range, and it was HOT. Speaking of summer heat, look for more sunshades in 2012. And if all goes well, more shooting bays in time for *DTR* in May.

Last but not least, whether once or twice a month, and with or without breakfast, our club puts on monthly matches we can all be proud of. I can't wait to get started. Yes, it was a great year, and there's no reason why 2012 shouldn't be even better.

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Schedule of Monthly Matches RRV Match Dates:

January 7, 2012. Sign-up ~ 8:00, meeting ~ 8:45. No breakfast, no new shooter class.

January 21, 2012. Breakfast TBA. New shooter class at 7:30. Sign-up ~ 8:00, meeting ~ 8:45.



Merry Christmas