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From The President

Defend the Roost 2011

Well, it has come and gone, and what a ride. To say that Match Director Just George did it again is a bit of an understatement.

A couple of days after the match, Justin O Sheriff sorted through his ammo and counted what he had left, and found that he had gone through 703 rounds from Thursday through Sunday. Yeah, he loaned guns and gave away some ammo to folks who wanted to shoot the Great Train Robbery, because he's what the cowboy way is all about. But he probably put 650 rounds downrange himself. As we like to say around here, if you come to *Defend the Roost* and don't get in all the shooting you want, it's your own dang fault! With 12 main match stages and close to 30 side matches, there was something for everybody, and then some.

Another thing we like to say around here is if you leave the tent hungry or thirsty, that, too, is your own dang fault! The food and drink was abundant, and the food at this match—breakfast, lunch, pot luck, and Saturday night at the awards banquet, was nothing short of mouth-watering. Kudos to Just George, Fullmoon, Lady Jailer, Justin O Sheriff, Kentucky Gal, and Desert Willow for yeoman (and yeowoman?) service.

Prairie Dog was the overall winner and Men's Top Gun, with Tex Fiddler a hundredth of a second off the pace! Wild Bird was Lady Top Gun, with Kentucky Gal about 3 ½ seconds behind her for 12 stages. All the scores are on our web site @www.robbersroostvigilantes.com. Good shooting and congratulations to all.

Buckhorn Bud, last year's winner of the Skeeter Oly Memorial Clean Shoot Award, brought the plaque out to the range to hand it off to this year's winner, except there wasn't one. No clean shooters usually means the match was too hard. Let me know what you think.

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Defend the Roost 2011

The Biggest Little Shoot in the Desert

By Just George, SASS # 58097

Match Director

I can only think of one word that sums up Defend the Roost 2011; FANTASTIC!

We really hit the weather overseer with this one. While a light coat was an option on stages 1 and 2, not a coat could be found after that for the rest of the Main Match. It didn't start out that way for sure. Wednesday found us sitting in a driving rain storm in the morning and with a wind that could only be described as fierce in the early afternoon. In fact, we had to call the tent folks back to the range to put the tent back up! Some fast work with my F350 kept the entire tent from making an unscheduled visit to Lone Pine!

With only 67 shooters we were down by half from last year. However, the fun ratio was at least double, thanks in part to the weather, but due mostly to the shooters. We had our usual suspects, along with many shooters new to Defend the Roost. We certainly enjoyed shooting with SASS Wild Bunch member Hip Shot, Swifty Swede and defending Silver Senior World Champion, Tex Fiddler.

Our Thursday Side Match Day and Sunday Fun Day events were very well attended and some hot-n-close battles were fought out on all fronts. We'd like to thank Bad Man Bob for his donation back to the club with his winnings from the Cowboy Clays side match. Now that's the Cowboy spirit!

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We're back to one match a month starting in November, on the third Saturday, the 19th. We're also going back to winter hours, which means sign-ups at about 8:00, and shooter meeting around 8:45. **Breakfast will be served from 7:30 to 8:30, for the princely sum of five bucks!**

Anyone wishing to take the new shooter class 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. They host the **SASS Western Regional, Last Stand at Chimney Rock**, November 3 – 6.

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 Matches Called Off More Fun Stuff Coming

As recently announced in an all-hands e-mail and on the web site, the RRV is no longer going to offer regularly scheduled matches on the first Saturday of the month. We're officially back to shooting once a month, on the third Saturday. Our next match will be November 19th. We are also reverting to winter hours, ie, sign-ups at around 8:00, shooter meeting around 8:45, and new shooter class at 7:30.

All of us on the board knew the change would negatively impact some of our members, and we didn't make the decision lightly, but it needed to be made. To paraphrase Honest Abe, *you can please some of the shooters all of the time, and you can please all of the shooters some of the time, but you can't please all of the shooters all of the time.* But we try.

We anticipate occasional special first Saturday events, such as side match day, shooter clinics, and probably even a six stage match once in a while, to be announced.

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Come out to a RRV match, held the third Saturday of every month, or call Nasty Newt at 760-375-7618, or MC Ryder at 760-384-2321. 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 non members. 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.

Schedule of Monthly Matches RRV Match Dates:

Winter hours: Sign-up ~ 8:00, meeting ~ 8:45. Breakfast 7:30 to 8:30. New shooter class at 7:30
November 19, 2011.
December 17, 2011.

It's Time to Renew Your RRV Membership

You're too late to get a free shoot in either November or December, but if you haven't paid your dues yet, we'll take your money any time.

Dues (at left) are unchanged since 1998.

Raffle Winners

Dillon RL550B Press: Marshal Phil DeGrave, after Just George won it and threw it back in the hat!

Rock Island 1911 Pistol: Kentucky Gal!

Happy Halloween 

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The Friday night Pot Luck and Side Match awards were fun and, as usual, the Pot Luck fare was hard to beat.

The Yelping Coyote Saloon was alive and well Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights and hoots and howls could be heard for miles into the dark desert nights. The Saturday night Awards ceremony was a lot of fun and the banquet was a real surprise to those who have not been to a Defend the Roost banquet. Many found it hard to believe that we actually served the food right to their tables. No banquet line to stand in!

In every way Defend the Roost 2011 was a smashing hit. I'd like to thank everyone who attended and spent the weekend with us. But more than that, I'd like to thank everybody who pitched in and helped throughout the match. Because of you, Defend the Roost 2011 is a shoot that everyone will remember, with the best of memories and a burning desire to return to Defend the Roost 2012.



Link to all DTR 2011 Photos:

[Pictures taken by Cronus Walker](#)

