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From The President

October Fun-With-Guns Fest

We had a couple of mighty fine matches out at the RRV range in October. The weather was nice both days, the stages were fun to shoot, and starting in October every year, we get to sleep in an extra hour. Who could ask for more, and all for a measly ten or fifteen bucks? There is no better bang for your entertainment dollar if you ask me, or even if you don't.

The Week One gang of stage writers (or is it Weak One, Week Won, etc) outdid themselves as they usually do. Venomous Doc was back after the snakes at the depot, Harvey Mushman resurrected the Gong Show at the cemetery, and Bad Bascomb had us shooting the suckers, literally, at the Pueblo. Lots of shooters hit the lollipop with their pistol, including Cowboy Earl, who vaporized it, fueling speculation among some (OK, me) that he had loaded his cap and ball revolver with bird shot.

Thirteen shooters showed up on the 5th. Bad Bascomb smoked the field, followed by Buckhorn Bud, Orland Granger, Crumville Kid, and Yours Truly. Goode Bascomb was the top lady.

When the third Saturday rolled around, Yours Truly did the stage writing honors, even though I knew I wasn't going to be able to shoot the match. Is that dedication, or what? But anyway, the stages were Halloween themed, and not bad if I say so myself, including some pretty good shooter lines, my personal favorite being, "Use your head for once, Ichabod!" Yeah, I forgot Ichabod Crane wasn't the Headless Horseman—but let's call it literary license.

Nine shooters signed up, and Buckhorn Bud shot his way to the top. M.C. Ryder, Fast Legs, Cowboy Earl, and Tank rounded out the top five, and Death Valley Rose was the top lady on the day. Rum Runner and Ben D. Barrel descended into the valley with their 1911s to try out our new "Pike" category.

Nobody shot either match clean. The stages weren't all that tough, we're just not all that good. **All of the scores are on the RRV web site at www.robbersroostvigilantes.com.**

Real Life Westerners You Didn't Want to Mess With

Second in a Series

Buckshot Roberts was a New Mexico buffalo hunter and cowboy who earned his nickname by being tough—he carried a load of buckshot in his right shoulder from an old gunshot wound, possibly sustained in the Civil War. He wanted no part of the Lincoln County war and had sold his small ranch near Lincoln, planning to leave the area, but that didn't mean he wasn't still tough.

On April 4, 1878, he rode into Blazer's Mill hoping the ranch buyer's check might have arrived in the mail. Instead he ran into Billy the Kid and several other Lincoln County Regulators, fresh off their murder of Sheriff William Brady. Although he had nothing to do with it, the Regulators believed Roberts was involved in the murder of John Tunstall, and attempted to arrest him.

Roberts resisted, and he and Charlie Bowdre fired simultaneously. The bullet from Roberts' Winchester struck Bowdre's belt buckle and belt, saving him. Roberts was hit in the stomach and retreated into the doorway of a house, firing as he went. In the process he wounded three Regulators and was himself shot a second time. When The Kid realized Roberts' rifle was empty he rushed him, only to be knocked out by a blow from the rifle barrel.

Roberts holed up in the house, where he found a trapdoor Springfield rifle and a box of .45-70 cartridges, and continued to exchange shots with the Regulators. A frustrated Dick Brewer, the leader of the Regulators, moved in, but when he raised his head above a pile of logs, Roberts, who had already sighted in on Brewer's gunsmoke, shot him in the eye. The surviving Regulators gathered their wounded and left.

Buckshot Roberts was found dead the next day, but he had wounded four and taken the leader of the Regulators with him, while teaching a teenaged Billy the Kid a painful lesson in humility.

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In November we will be shooting on the 2nd and the 16th. The 16th will be your last opportunity to get raffle tickets for the Cowboy Earl gun cart. **NOTE:** We have switched to **Winter Hours**, so we'll start sign ups at 8:00, have the meeting at 8:45, and the new shooter class will be at 7:30. As always, we'd like to know in advance if a new shooter is coming out so we can be prepared to take care of them.

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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. They host **Legends of the West**, Sep 26 – 29. www.cajoncowboys.com.

Five Dogs Creek Cowboys in Bakersfield shoot on the 1st weekend of each month. Call Utah Blaine, (661) 203-4238. www.5dogscreek.com

High Desert Cowboys shoot in Acton on the 3rd 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 2nd Sunday. Call Five Jacks, 1-760-949-3198. www.rbarregulators.com

Lone Wolf Shooters, Pahrump, NV, shoot the 4th and 5th Sunday. Call Lash Latigo or Penny Pepperbox, (775) 727-4600 days, (775) 727-8790 evenings. www.lonewolfshooters.com.

El Dorado Cowboys, Boulder City, NV, shoot the 1st weekend (Sat & Sun). Contact Charming at 702-565-3736, or Creeker at 702-328-4867. www.eldoradocowboys.com.

It's too late to get a free shoot, but it's never too



late to pay your RRV dues.

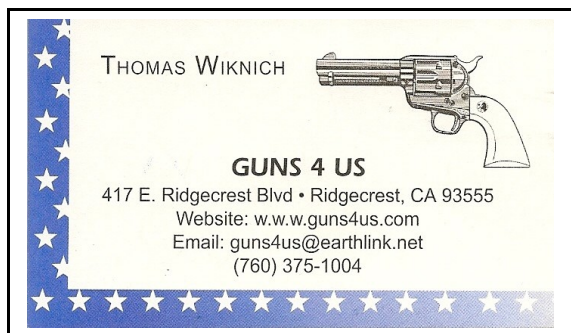
RRV Members Bring Home Honors from October Annual Matches

Although the SASS Western Regional has relocated to Chorro Valley, its previous home, the *Last Stand at Chimney Rock* at Lucerne Valley, is still a prestigious CAS shoot. The RRV was well represented at this year's match, with the following results: Venomous Doc, 1st Place Senior Gunfighter; Goode Bascomb, 2nd Place Grande Dame; Bad Bascomb, 1st Place, Elder Statesman; Cowboy Earl, 1st Place Senior, shooting Cap and Ball pistols, Clean Match.

She Bang is a match that is put together entirely by the 5 Dogs Creek ladies at Bakersfield. M.C. Ryder shot the match this year, and took 2nd place B Western.

The *Gunfight Behind the Jersey Lily* is another Southern California tradition that is hosted annually by the Cowboys of Norco. The following Vigilantes shot well and brought home some hardware: Bad Bascomb, 3rd place Elder Statesman; Goode Bascomb, 3rd place Lady Elder Statesman; Venomous Doc, 3rd place Senior Gunfighter.

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How to Join the Robbers Roost Vigilantes...

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 (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.

Win This Gun Cart Made By Cowboy Earl!

Every time you shoot a match through November 16, you'll get one free ticket. Additional tickets are 1 for \$3, 2 for \$5, or 5 for \$10. Tickets will be available at the range during RRV matches, or call Nasty Newt, 760-375-7618. Winning ticket will be drawn at the range following the November 16 match. Winner Need Not Be Present!

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Schedule of Monthly Matches RRV Match Dates:

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November 16, 2013

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

New Shooter Class ~ 7:30.

