



# THE VIGILANTE



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## The Monthly Chronicle of the Robbers Roost Vigilantes

### From The President

#### Try to Remember

All who remember our September match will have fond memories. I mentioned last month that you never know what kind of weather you'll get in September around here (or any other month besides July and August, for that matter), but this year, we lucked out.

I knew it was going to be a nice day as soon as the alarm went off. Every year when the heat starts tapering off and the early morning hours start cooling down, my inclination is to roll over and go back to sleep. I wanted very much to do that on the 21<sup>st</sup>, but I'm glad I didn't. It was a gorgeous day with a little autumn breeze for good measure. OK, I admit I had to actually put my stampede strings under my chin for a couple of stages, but it never blew very hard.

Venomous Doc and yours truly did our best to entertain the paying customers, not to mention the paid-up members who shot the match for free. Doc had them in a confused state, not knowing which end was up, and I had them policing the area to get rid of snakes and dodgy new preachers, and ringing the Sunday school bell with rifles and shotguns. And guess what? They got 'er done.

A dozen shooters turned out for the match and restored normalcy to the area. Bad Bascomb shot his way to the top of the pile, followed by Venomous Doc, Cowboy Earl, Harvey Mushman, and MC Ryder. Wrangler Red shot the match clean to earn one of MC Ryder's hand-made knives. Goode Bascomb was the top lady on the day. **All of the scores are on the RRV web site at [www.robbersroostvigilantes.com](http://www.robbersroostvigilantes.com).**

We took a breather on the first Saturday in September, for good reasons, but the Week Won crew is determined to make up for it on October 5. Bad Bascomb, Harvey Mushman, and Venomous Doc are hard at work designing various and sundry mishaps for you to shoot your way out of at the Pueblo, Graveyard, and Stage Depot, respectively. Bad Bascomb suggests that you might want to have an idea where your pistols are shooting for one particular target. It *will be* close, but it *won't be* big. *continued on page 2*

### Real Life Westerners You Didn't Want to Mess With

#### First in a Series

In October of 1884, 19-year-old Elfego Baca was a deputy sheriff (perhaps self-deputized) in Socorro County, New Mexico. When he arrested a drunken cowboy named Charlie McCarty in the town of Lower San Francisco Plaza for firing his pistol at the feet of some locals to make them dance, several of McCarty's cowboy friends tried to secure his release by force. Baca responded by killing one of the cowboys and wounding another, and they quit the fight.

A Justice of the Peace subsequently ordered McCarty released. Baca, knowing full well the cowboys weren't through with him, ran out of the court house and took shelter in an adobe house, taking McCarty's gun with him. He would need it.

A group of anywhere from 40 to 80 cowboys, depending on who you talk to, eventually surrounded the house and demanded that Baca surrender. He replied with gunfire, and the ensuing siege lasted 33 hours. The cowboys fired something between 1,000 and 4,000 bullets into the adobe, tried to set it on fire, and dynamited it. The floor of the house was slightly below ground level, and helps explain how Baca emerged unscathed, and managed to kill 4 and wound 10 of his assailants before surrendering to authorities.

The door from the adobe house, with 400 bullet holes in it, was submitted as evidence at Baca's trial. He was found not guilty of all charges. He went on to be elected Socorro County Sheriff, and set about the business of rounding up known lawbreakers by sending them the following letter: *"I have a warrant here for your arrest. Please come in by March 15 and give yourself up. If you don't, I'll know you intend to resist arrest, and I will feel justified in shooting you on sight when I come after you."* Most of the miscreants wanted no part of Elfego Baca, and turned themselves in voluntarily.

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In October we will be shooting on the 5<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup>. **NOTE:** We will switch to **Winter Hours** in October, 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. So, if you're not going to El Dorado, see ya out there!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Monthly shoots:

**The Cajon Cowboys** shoot on the: 2<sup>nd</sup> (club day) and 4<sup>th</sup> (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](http://www.cajoncowboys.com).

**Five Dogs Creek Cowboys** in Bakersfield shoot on the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of each month. Call Utah Blaine, (661) 203-4238. [www.5dogscreek.com](http://www.5dogscreek.com)

**High Desert Cowboys** shoot in Acton on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday. Call Five Jacks, 1-760-949-3198. [www.rbarregulators.com](http://www.rbarregulators.com)

**Lone Wolf Shooters**, Pahrump, NV, shoot the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Call Lash Latigo or Penny Pepperbox, (775) 727-4600 days, (775) 727-8790 evenings. [www.lonewolfshooters.com](http://www.lonewolfshooters.com).

**El Dorado Cowboys**, Boulder City, NV, shoot the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend (Sat & Sun). Contact Charming at 702-565-3736, or Creeker at 702-328-4867. [www.eldoradocowboys.com](http://www.eldoradocowboys.com). They host *El Dorado*, the SASS Nevada State Championship, October 3 – 6.

## “Pike” Category Available at Monthly Matches

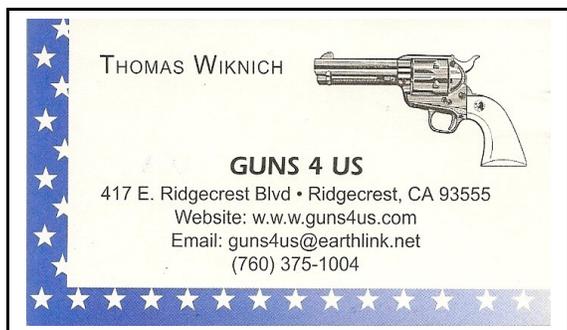
Pike is the name of William Holden's character in "The Wild Bunch." You guessed it, Pike category allows the use of a 1911 and two magazines (lead bullets only) in place of your cowboy pistols.

We'll put 1911 conventions on our website, but if you've shot "The Professionals" or "The Great Train Robbery" side matches, you know the drill. The emphasis, as always, is on safety.

- Pistols may be carried on the range holstered with the slide closed and the hammer down on an empty chamber, or locked open, no magazine in the gun.
- At the loading table, you will insert one magazine loaded with 5 rounds, and holster.
- The pistol will be drawn from leather and charged on the clock. The second magazine will be carried on the body and inserted into the gun as needed to complete the pistol string. Dropped magazines and ejected live rounds are dead and may not be used.
- The pistol will be grounded locked open at the end of the pistol string. At the end of the stage the pistol will be shown clear and holstered on the firing line.

**NOTE:** During a match is not the time to learn to shoot a 1911. You *must* become familiar with the pistol and know how to safely manipulate it before trying Pike category.

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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](http://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](http://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:

October 5, 2013  
October 19, 2013

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

New Shooter Class ~ 7:30.

