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## The Monthly Chronicle of the Robbers Roost Vigilantes

### From The President

#### A Summer for the Books is in the Books

Well, it is starting to look like we may not burn up after all. For a while there it looked like if the heat didn't get us, a fire probably would.

Earlier this summer, the Erskine fire wreaked havoc around Lake Isabella, and as I write this, Alta Sierra and Cajon are still on fire, and our valley is full of smoke. I'm sure most of you know by now that the Cajon Cowboys lost part of their range to the fire. That is a real tragedy, because it was a great range, but they are a tough bunch, and I'm sure they will rebuild it even better than it was.

But trying conditions can't keep a good Vigilante down, so this summer we shot four times—twice in June, once in July, and for the first time in nine years, we put on a match in August. Some of us started invading the Bridgeport club and Body Kid, Flatland Kid, Ben Maverick, Bee Blest, Miss Suzie Q, et al, back in '08, and we did it every August until the Bridgeport club folded. Since then, we've been "dark" in August, as they say in Vegas.

But not this year. We had people that wanted to shoot, and people that wanted to write stages, so we did it. As was the case in July, with smart stage writing and proper "crowd management," we were off the range and in the shade around 10:00. Bad Bascomb gave us a look at a couple of the set-ups from the recent End of Trail. All six stages were fast, and three were *very* fast, and it worked out great.

Nine hard core Vigilantes shot the match and had a great time. When the smoke had cleared, Cowboy Earl stood atop the pile as the top shooter of the match. Venomous Doc, M.C. Ryder, Bad Bascomb, and yours truly rounded out the top five. All the scores are posted, as are the scores from the other summer shoots.

And it is only going to be 98 tomorrow. . .

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### RRV Board of Directors Up for Election

The RRV Board serves for a year at a time, from Sep 1 through Aug 31. The current board members are:

- Nasty Newt, President
- Bad Bascomb, Vice President
- Goode Bascomb, Secretary
- Desert Willow, Treasurer
- M.C. Ryder, Territorial Governor
- Cowboy Earl, Range Officer/Sgt. at Arms
- Just George, Match Director Emeritus

Match Director Emeritus is an honorary position and is not subject to election. The remaining board members have been nominated for another term and have agreed to serve if reelected. Nominations for those positions will be accepted through September 3 2016. You may nominate yourself. If you wish to nominate someone else, please ensure that they would be willing to serve if elected. Only members in good standing (dues-paying) may make nominations and/or serve on the Board. You may send email nominations to [newton185@mchsi.com](mailto:newton185@mchsi.com).

I've been criticized in the past for "sneaking" the nomination and election process past the club membership, which is silly, but perception being reality, I have now sent out an email, and here it is again on the front page of the newsletter. Club members who have an interest in what's going on know where to look. And, no, I'm not going to make thirty-three phone calls. ☺

Like the rest of the Board, I consider it an honor and a privilege to serve the RRV, and I will happily continue. I will also happily hand off the gavel if that's what the membership wants.

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I recently sent out an email inquiring about a match Labor Day Weekend, and the response was positive, so in September we will shoot on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. **September will still be Summer Hours**, sign up starting around 7:00, and meeting around 7:45..

## Robbers Roost Vigilantes

### Executive Board

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**The Cajon Cowboys** shoot on the: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at the Gem Ranch in the Cajon Pass on old route 66. Contact Luke Warmwater at (909) 987-7017. [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. [www.rbar.com](http://www.rbar.com). Contact Little Jersey Jo, 1-760-247-5012, [joed56676@gmail.com](mailto:joed56676@gmail.com).

**El Dorado Cowboys**, Boulder City, NV, shoot the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend (Sat & Sun). Contact Creeker at 702-328-4867. [www.eldoradocowboys.com](http://www.eldoradocowboys.com).

**Chorro Valley Regulators** shoot the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday and most 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays at Morro Bay. [www.chorrovalleyregulators.org](http://www.chorrovalleyregulators.org).



**Benjamin Tyler Henry**

Though singularly unsuccessful in its day, the Volcanic Pistol made its mark on history. Designed by Daniel Wesson of Smith and Wesson in 1852, it fired a self-contained cartridge consisting of a hollowed out bullet filled with about 6 grains of powder that was held in place by the primer material. They made Volcanic rifles, too, that took the same type of ammunition. The cartridge was underpowered and unreliable, but the gun's toggle link lever action, stout frame, and spring loaded magazine underneath the barrel worked well enough to get the attention of a clothier named Oliver Winchester who wanted to get in the firearms business. He bought the Volcanic company and renamed it New Haven Arms. He also hired a fellow name B. Tyler Henry, who in 1860 came up with a reliable and much more powerful 44 rimfire cartridge, not to mention the Henry rifle to fire it. In 1866 Winchester named the company after himself, put a loading gate and forearm stock on the Henry, and the rest, as they say, is history.



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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](http://www.robbersroostvigilantes.com).

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### Schedule of Monthly Matches RRV Match Dates:

Sep 3, 2016

Sep 17, 2016

Summer Hours: Sign up starting ~  
7:00, Safety Meeting ~ 7:45.

## It's Time to Pay Your Dues

Yes, once again it is time for some *due diligence*. Our membership year runs from September 1 through August 31, and those who are diligent about paying their dues by September 17 can shoot a regular monthly match for free any time up to the end of December. It's just a little "thank you" for not drawing out the process.

The cost is the same as it's been for nineteen years: \$25 Individual, \$30 Couple, and \$35 Family, which includes all children under the age of 18 living at home. You can pay at a match or by mail to RRV, 1036 W. Vulcan Ave., Ridgecrest, CA 93555. As the bill collectors say, "Thanks for your prompt attention to this matter."