



## Presidential Ponderings

### Shooter Ready?

Just a few more days and we'll be hearin' those words said at RJSS for the 12<sup>th</sup> season. There are a lot of new things happening with the club this year. Deputy Keck has rearranged the bays, moving the store fronts, and repainting them. Check it out at [www.riverjunctionshootistsociety.com/newbays.htm](http://www.riverjunctionshootistsociety.com/newbays.htm) By putting them in the larger bays we now have more room for the spotters and spectators to see the action. We also have a new web page, thanks to Surlly Sal. Check it out at [www.riverjunctionshootistsociety.com](http://www.riverjunctionshootistsociety.com) Attached to this email are the applications for S-N-F and the Ambush in PDF format, sign up now. The Deputy has a great shoot lined up.

I've come up with a side match that we will do at every shoot this year. It's called the Wild Bill Shootout. One of Hickok's most notable gunfights was when he shot Davis Tutt Jr. through the heart at 75 yards with one of his 1851 Navy's. For a buck a shot and under the timer you can shoot any SASS legal handgun duelist style, like they did in the movie Appaloosa, at a playing card 75 yards away. At the last shoot in October the shooter that over the course of the season who hit the target with the fastest time will win half the "pot" and a pocket watch, the item that caused the shootout. Plus, if you do it with cap and ball you get an additional 10% of the pot. No limit to how many times you can shoot.

## From the Deputy

### I.V. C. S. A.

Their gun bash was the 15<sup>th</sup> of March, but unfortunately the club didn't win anything on the tickets they had. I guess better luck next time. The club said that our club could have the four benches they have up at their club. All that was needed done with them was to reinforce them, and put them around town and the range and that was done..

### AMBUSH AND S & F

Very few entries have come in since the last newsletter went out. The only bright spot was we got in was two stage sponsors.

### RANGE

The weather finally broke and work at the range could happen on an almost regular schedule, got the town out of bay #2 and made two different stage fronts with it. Took the door and window and walkway to bay #5 and set it up as a bank/store and made the window a telegraph window with bars on it but the bars are high enough, so you can slide your firearm under it after your done shooting out of it. Put a porch roof over the walkway, another walkway was put into the doorway and a counter inside, and even made a wooden door for it. Bay #7 is the Saloon, it also has a roof on the walkway, a walkway to the bar, a new bar top, and a shutter with hooks on it for the window and later it will get curtains in the window, of course the swinging bar doors are still there. Bay #10 was improved by putting a shutter with hooks on it, on the little window on the left, Should be fun watching those black powder shooters shoot through that bar with their handguns and rifle, lots of smoke . Cleaned out the barn and had to get a new front tractor tire because it was flat and worn out. Stained the ranch house on bay # 8, made the left window larger to match the other window, both windows got shutters and burlap curtains, and hooks to close them, also made a door for it.

Put that hangman's platform into bay #9 made some steps with a hand rail, when you walk up to shoot off it, also it has a gallows which a dummy will hang from it. The mineshaft in bay # 4 finally fell in and had to be removed. Put the water pump and watering trough in that bay. Fixed up the firearms handling, put out more targets for people to shoot at that want to try out a gun or just practice before a match. Put the wagon in bay # 6 and set out the horses that go with it a covered them with some new tarps that fit them better to keep them out of the weather. Put a big spool at each bay, so the people that shoot cap and ball have a place to reload than get back to helping the posse. Took the hay wagon from under the pavilion after blowing up the tire, and pull it over to the store area and took off all four tires, took them to my tire man and talked him into changing the old tires for newer used tires and some new valve stems without charging me for them, he's a sportsman, thank God.. The store was cleaned out, and now there's a lot more room in there. The tarp that is used between the courthouse and the café is up, but it looks like this is the last year for it. When you look up from the inside, you can see where it has holes worn in it at the top. The tables under the pavilion were set out a little different this year, you will see how when you come to a match this year. This year RJSS, is going to change the color scheme of the targets to conserve on paint, the handgun targets will be black and rifle will be black and the shotgun targets will be buff gray, the way they look after they been hit. The no shoots will be red. Hope to have that flagpole up by the first match, and got the hole dug to put it in.

The man came to fix the road and it looks good, put a ditch on the right side going down to the range and filled the ditch on the left side, put one pipe under the road on the corner so the water runs under the road instead of over it. The second pipe went in under the road about half way down where the old pipe was, but this pipe is a larger one and the ditch that was dug and had #3 stone put in it runs into the pipe and under the road and out the other side. Put orange poles with orange tape flying from them on both sides of the ditch, warning you that the ditch is there. I got stair threads for the steps up to the gallows and the steps up to the back of the wagon. Put a handrail on the steps to the wagon after they were rebuilt for safety reasons.

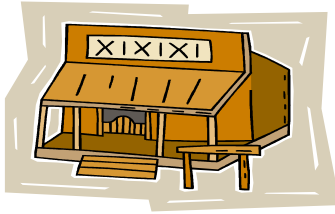
#### DONATIONS

I didn't ask for a lot of help from people like doing work parties this year. If, I needed help I would ask certain people to help me with certain things. But, what I like to see is that when people come to shoot, is that bring a case of water to be used to set out for the shooters. If you do donate water please drop it off at the courthouse, this would be a great help to me and the club. Thank You

#### SORRY

I know this is a long report on what has been happening at RJSS, But, I said that I'd keep you informed on what's been going on. The best way to see what's happening up at the range, is to stop up and see firsthand at the April match. I think you may just like the new look.





## REGISTRATION NOTES

Howdy All!

Another L O N G winter is behind us, and everyone is looking forward to spring. We would like to say "Thank You" to Tombstone Timi for a super Winter Gathering at Ladles this past February. We had a great turnout and everyone had a wonderful time!

The R.J.S.S. membership count as of 3-31-09 stands at 85. The registration office would like to thank all those for renewing or becoming first time members. We hope these numbers will grow as the shootin' season begins.

We also have several folks signed up for Smoke 'N Fire III and Ambush XI. Mark your calendars for the weekend of July 17-18-19. Flyers and registration forms will be available in the Registration building.

Please keep in mind the new categories that will replace Modern & Traditional, those being Cowboy, Cowgirl, Wrangler and Lady Wrangler.

Mattie and I would also like to remind everyone again, that the first shoot you attend this year; you **MUST** fill out a new insurance waiver, please allow extra time during the registration process. Hope to see you all on April 18, until then, Lets Mount Up!

SloPoke Sara

Mattie Hays

P.S. from Chuckwagon

I've attached the waiver in PDF format to this email so you can print it out and hand it in to save a little time during registration.

## Badge Update

I've talked with StarPacker Badge Co. about RJSS Badges and here's the scoop.

I can get the badges we had before, left picture, for around \$55 ea. Or have badges made like the one on the right for about \$100 depending on how many ordered and single colored or 2 toned. Or the badge on the right, 2 toned pictured, can be ordered one at a time but only through me as president. StarPacker will not sell to individuals without formal approval from the club. Let me know. [sgmiller@zoominternet.net](mailto:sgmiller@zoominternet.net)



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment update.

PLEASE READ BELOW!

I hadn't heard this. I'm afraid that in the very near future we gun owners will have to stand up or shut up. Please be aware that there are those in our Government that what to see an end to gun ownership by law abiding citizens. Make no mistake; they are coming after your guns. Start speaking out now before it's too late.

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“Federal Judge blocks Concealed Carry in Parks.

The last week of March 2009 a Federal Judge blocked Concealed Carry of loaded firearms in Federal Parks. This action "temporarily" voids the Interior Departments order allowing Concealed Carry in Federal parks consistent with local laws.

Command Surplus recommends Concealed Carry permit Holders watch this matter carefully before venturing into a Federal Park with a loaded firearm.

More action is planned on this issue and careful review will be needed to determine "today's rules"

As always, if unsure take the conservative approach and avoid Federal Parks or leave your unloaded weapon in the car until the issue is settled.”

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**RJSS MONTHLY MATCHES 2009**

**April 18 – The Start**

**May 16 - Roundup**

**June 20 – Josey Wales**

**August 15 – Cavalry Days**

**September 19-20 – Ground Hog Shoot**

**October 17 – Cowboy’s Halloween**

**Registration 8:00 AM to 9:25 AM --- Shooters’ Meeting at 9:30AM**

**Extras**

**May 30 – True Grit**

**July 26 – Fuzzy’s Wild Bunch (Sunday Shoot)**

**August 22 – Fuzzy’s Wild Bunch**

**August 29 – True Grit**

**RJSS Membership Meeting Dates – Jan. 24, Oct. 24, - Brady's Restaurant - 10:00 AM**

**June 27 at the RJSS Range 10:00 AM**

**SASS PA STATE BLACK POWDER SHOOTOUT – July 17**

**AMBUSH AT INDIAN CREEK 11 - July 18-19**

**COMMUNITY DAY WITH ICVSA – July 25**

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