



# River Junction Epitaph



## Presidential Ponderings

July sure was a busy month at RJSS. Thanks to everyone who helped with the shoots and Community Day. And a special thanks to Mattie Hays and Durango Dave, Smokin' - N - Fire and Ambush match directors, for their hard work at putting these matches together. Also, a big salute goes to BDoc, for giving of her time and effort to help raise funds for fellow Cowpokes in need.

August means Josey Wales and Josey Wales means PISTOLS and lots of them. Leave the rifle and shotgun at home and shoot the whole match with pistols if you want.

RJSS will be at the Mt. Pleasant Glass Festival this year with a booth and doing reenactments. Anyone interested in helping with these three days please let me or Timi know.

I'm currently sending out the Epitaph in two formats, Word '97 and PDF. Word is becoming less and less compatible with newer computers. So if you do not have Adobe loaded on your computer you should consider doing so. Next month's format will be PDF only.

Here's the link. [Adobe Reader 9](#)

## News from Tombstone

### Community Days

I wish to thank all who participated in Community Days. I think between Tequila Sam's Cannon, Capgun Kid's saddle demonstration and the civil war reenactment group they got one heck of a show. Tequila Sam gave the groups the history of the gun. They outshot Keck with the pepperoni shoot. We were only into the day for about 2 hours and Keck ran out of pepperoni. Thanks to all who helped with the 22 and the 38 stages. It was really great to see the smile on the girls' faces when they beat their brothers. I bet they had to listen to that the whole way home. Thank you for the donations of 22 and 38 shells. Remember next year same time same place.

### Glass and Heritage Festival

The weekend of Sept. 26, 27, and 28 Mt. Pleasant is having a glass festival and asked us to participate. We are going to need volunteers. We are going to be in the parade and they would like us to man a booth. Maybe sell NRA memberships. Maybe even a shootout in the gazebo. I need to know who would be interested so we can make some arrangements. Please let me or Chuckwagon know if you would be interested.

Thank you

Tombstone Timi





## Mattie's Musings

Howdy all. Well, as Chuckaroo would say "Smoke N Fire at Indian Creek" is in the history books. It was a fun filled weekend with both shoots going on. Now it's back to the real world of work. Such is life.

First off, Major Pain was the first person to answer correctly how many flavors were available at Howard Johnson's in Blazing Saddles. The answer was one flavor. Congratulations to Major Pain.

If you weren't able to make either shoot, you really missed out. Since I directed "Smoke N Fire" my article will focus on that shoot. First off I want to thank the following people without their help the shoot wouldn't have gone off as well as it did: Chalkdust Kid for the great scenarios. Our theme was Remembering Blazing Saddles and Chalk did an outstanding job transforming scenes from the movie into workable, doable scenarios. Surly Sally for all the work on the ad for the "Cowboy Chronicle" the shooters booklets and the information and results on the web page as well as the video teasers to entice people to shoot Black Powder. She even had pictures from the movie in the shooters booklets that corresponded with each scenario. Tombstone Timi for setting up the targets on the range and keeping us supplied with water that day as well as all the other things she does. Poke for designing the shooter badges and the This One's for You, Fuzzy badges for those folks lucky enough to shoot a clean match as well as printing the scenario lines and the neat round count tripods. She really helped me keep my sanity as the match came closer. Dip for making sure of the safety element and setup, Lacey for sending out the shooters confirmation, Durango for coordinating between the 2 shoots, Col. and Whip for taking the Hotel front off the platform so that the scenario in Bay 6 really looked like a hill, Tequila Sam and Artic Fox as posse leaders and Whip, Col. Hays and Vegas as berm marshals, Deputy Keck for getting sponsors to defray the cost of the booklets, Wild Bill Peterson for the cash donation for the Chronicle ad, Miss Dorothy for the invocation at the shooters meeting, Chuckwagon Sam and Sharon for the delicious food and Appalachia Annie and Coop for the portrait of Bart the Sheriff on his palomino. It was gorgeous. Also, I want to thank J.R. Terrier, Dutch Henry for coming and helping at the work day as well as the faithful few. Both J.R. and Dutch are new members and aren't afraid to help out. Muchas Gracias. I hope I didn't miss anybody. Please forgive me if I did.

We had a few "celebrities" at Smoke N Fire opening ceremonies. They included Miss Stein, Governor LePetomane, Gabby Johnson and Lili Von Shtupp. I think Poke and Dip had the most fun portraying Miss Stein and the Gov. Forty one folks had signed up but for one reason or another 35 participated. There sure was a lot of smoke flying.

As I said earlier the scenarios were a lot of fun. We got to knock the hat off Taggart with a shovel, throw a bundle of dynamite, show off with a paddle ball, ride the Brahma bull and hit Van Johnson's horse, say that famous line "We don't need no stinking badges!" and also push down on the dynamite detonator. I think that each scenario had enough action to please every shooting discipline. Check out the pictures and scores on the webpage.

We did receive word that RJSS will be hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> SASS PA State BP Shootout "Smoke N Fire" next July so make plans to attend. Deputy Keck will be the director and he already has things well in hand. Hope to see you next year.



Smoke – N' –Fire Clean Shooters  
Gemstone Janet and Dancing Dan

Ambush Clean Shooters  
Dirty Dale, Grizzly, Dancing Dan, Mattie Hays, Sgt. John Campbell, Ten Mile Sally and  
The Frankfort Kid



## Treasurer's 2-cents,

Well, Ambush X and Smoke 'n Fire are behind us now. I won't go into the number of shooters for each event, but will let Mattie and Durango Dave do that. Weather was warm and during the last 1/2 hour, rain made an appearance. Stages were great and the new targets were great also. Anyone who didn't shoot over the weekend missed a great Black Powder match and Ambush. The Lone Ranger will be remembered for a long time .Anyone having any money to turn in or bills to be paid, please get them to me ASAP so I can prepare a report on the two shoots. I wish to thank everyone for a job well done.

YOUR CORPORATE TREASURER-----WHIP WAGNER



## Colonel's Column

Well, Smoke N Fire and Ambush X are over for another year so I will be getting my wife back. I believe it was one of our best annual shoots thanks to the planning and hard work of the various committees and the attendance of the cowboy community at large, a hearty thank you for your participation.

The annual event is tailored each year to meet the changing tastes in Cowboy Action Shooters as well as the changing economic situation. Plans are already being made for next year's event.

This month I want to discuss membership in RJSS specifically. Many folks asked over the annual event how they could become a member. The answer is simple, fill out an application (available on the RJSS website or from Mattie or in the registration area), pay your dues which are \$35.00 per individual or \$55.00 for a family membership (family being those living at one address) and give this to Mattie or the registration folks. You will be officially taken in as a member at the next RJSS business meeting but you are considered a member right away. Membership entitles you to a lower shooters fee in all RJSS matches. People are sometimes hesitant to join fearing we will ask something more of them. Let me lay this rumor to rest once and for all. By being a member and paying your dues on time (by January 31 each year) you have already done your part to keep RJSS alive and well. The shooting season is from April to October and pretty well cares for the costs during these months. However, from November to March we have no revenue generating events but continue to have rent, website, insurance, advertisement, and postage to pay. By being a member your dues carry the society through the winter. You have fully discharged your duties as a member of RJSS at this point.

The foregoing is not to say that we don't appreciate your help above and beyond paying your dues, just that we don't expect it. Many of our members live one hours driving time from the range or have a job situation that limits their ability to actually come to RJSS very often other than for shooting events. This is fine, as many of these folks put in hours on end producing stages, writing scenarios, being club officers, making props, securing sponsors all from their home via phone or computer. As a member you may be asked to do or help out with something. Take this as a compliment because apparently the person asking you feels you have something special to offer, but remember you can always say no.

Currently, at this writing we have 96 members who have fulfilled their duty by paying their dues this year. Of that 96 about 25 come to RJSS for onsite projects sometime during the year with less than 10 handling the ongoing range upkeep.

Good shooting,  
The Col. Wm. Hays



## Words from Dip

I had a great time at Smoke N Fire and Ambush X. My hat goes off to Mattie Hays and Durango Dave for heading up these events. It's great to belong to such a fine club. Thanks to all that helped and participated in making it a success.

We have revised our over the berm rule. From now on, any shot over the berm with a single projectile firearm is a match DQ. Any shot over the berm with a shotgun will be considered unsafe gun handling and will be a stage DQ, unless there is a special situation such as a clay bird that is designed to be shot at a high angle.

Something to think about, since this is an election year, Maybe some of you folks out there can Cowboy Up and run for office at RJSS. Even if you don't become an officer don't be afraid to step forward and join a committee, trust me, there is plenty to do and any help is appreciated.

On a safety note: BE SAFE, I said so.

Dip



# Ambush “August” Postdate

By

Durango Dave Hickok

Ambush X is now in the record books so let's step back to reflect on it and recognize the people who made it the success it was. As much as I would have liked to do this at the end of the match on Sunday, I had to maintain focus on the shooters, present the awards, and let them get on their way before the storm hit.

To begin with, Tombstone Timi deserves a big hand for getting the new steel targets & shotgun targets on the bays ready to go. Add to that making sure the extra water supply was at the range the whole hot humid weekend. She wins a Top Cowpoke Award.

The Ambush X Committees & volunteers made our River Junction event a reality.

Registration: Mattie Hays, Slo-Poke Sara, Miss Lacey Remington, & Miss Dorothy.

Costume Contest: Col. William Hays, Dr. Mary Walker, & Incognito.

Food: Chuckwagon Sam, & Sarsaparilla Sharon.

The Larger than Life Artwork of the Lone Ranger: Appalachia Annie.

Water Patrol: Col. Wm. Hays, Tombstone Timi & Dip.

Awards & Prizes: Durango Dave. Medical & First Aid: Dr. Mary Edwards Walker.

Grounds Cleanup: No Name & Cindy Lou Montana. (They really did a great job.)

Cowboy Church & Music: Cheyenne Jack, Appalachia Annie, & Chicken Coop.

Trouble Shooters & Sounding Board Advisors: Dip, Slo-Poke Sara, Deputy Keck, Whip Wagner, Col. Wm. Hays, Mattie Hays, & Chalkdust.

Match Booklet Ads: Deputy Keck, & Philadelphia Kid. 50/50 on Sat & Sun: Incognito.

The Excellent Ambush Match Booklets: Chalkdust & Surly Sally. She wins a Top Cowpoke Award too.

Folks who Jumped in to help reset stages, repaint targets, tear down stages, & “noodle” out problems: Dip, Col. Hays, Primer, Vegas, Slo-Poke Sara, Tombstone Time, & Capt. John Houston.

Range Officers and Assistants: Whip Wager, Dip, Philadelphia Kid, Long Tall Texan, Vegas, Deputy Keck, Chalkdust, Frankfort Kid, NA Custer, & Allegheny Trailblazer.

Special thanks to Dip & Slo-Poke Sara for receiving the Spirit of the Game Award. They both put so much time in behind the scenes helping me with the match that I just would think of something & they would have it in place and done!

And last of all, Miss Lacey who kept reminding me how near the Ambush was on the calendar, & not using me for target practice for taking this job.

Plus, check out the Match Booklet for the names of sponsors & our members who donated prizes. Thank you. There you have it, what a great group of workers & shooters who make me proud to be a part of River Junction.

Now it's time to pass the "Ambush Torch" to Deputy Keck for next year's shoot so let's enjoy our rest for now and be ready to jump in to help again next year.

Finally here's the answer last month's Lone Ranger trivia question.

1. Clayton Moore played in all of the TV episodes of the Lone Ranger. True or False

The answer is False. During season three Clayton Moore was replaced by John Hart. Word has it that in order to close a deal to sell the show the owner was forced to bring back Clayton Moore as the star. The fastest on the trigger this month was our Col. Wm. Hays. That's a fitting way to wrap-up this year's Ambush. Hi-Yo Silver, Away!





## From the Deputy

Smoke and Fire and the Ambush are over and it was fun weekend, even though it was hot and that rain storm on Sunday afternoon after the awards, cooled things off. It also got a few of people soaked that were helping the vendors, who were trying to get packed up before the rain hit, but, when it hit, it hit. The people that were helping Tequila Sam get his cannon put in his trailer got it the worst, I think, and I was one of those people. I would like to thank the person that put the windows up and closed the tailgate in my truck up in the parking lot, while I was helping down in town getting things put away. It didn't save me from getting a wet butt, but you did save me from getting my truck wet inside. Next year, I will be the match director for both the Smoke and Fire and the Ambush, which will be held in July on the 17, 18 and the 19th. I promise that these two matches will be a fun 3 day weekend with some new things added for your enjoyment. I hope everyone that shot it, will sign up and shoot it next year and bring some friends along to shoot it. If you keep looking on the RJSS form, you will find out more about these matches in the future. In the meantime, please email me your likes and dislikes about the Smoke and Fire and the Ambush, because being the match director of them next year, I need to know these things to see if I can improve things to make it a better match than it was. My email is [vdeputykeck@wpa.net](mailto:vdeputykeck@wpa.net) so let me know what you thought about the match or any other thing you would like to talk about, related to the match. You have the dates of the weekend, so mark it on your calendar so when you pick your vacation you can save that weekend, for a 3-day shooting weekend.

Thank You,

Deputy Keck

P.S. Thank God for spell check.

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**RJSS MONTHLY MATCHES 2008**

**April 19 - Calvary Days**

**May 17 - Rifleman**

**June 21 - Have Gun Will Travel (Paladin)**

**August 16 - Josey Wales**

**September 20 - Bonanza**

**October 18, 19 - Groundhog Day**

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

**Extras**

**April 26 - True Grit**

**July 27 - Wild Bunch (Sunday Shoot)**

**September 27 - True Grit**

**RJSS Membership Meeting Dates - Jan. 12, Oct. 25, - Brady's Restaurant - 10:00 AM**

**SASS PA STATE BLACK POWDER SHOOTOUT - July 18**

**AMBUSH AT INDIAN CREEK 10 - July 19-20**

**COMMUNITY DAY WITH ICVSA - July 26**

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