



River Junction Epitaph



Presidential Ponderings

First let me say what a great three days we had in July at River Junction. Thanks to Deputy Keck and all those that helped with the Shoots. And how about Patsy Cline showin' up for dinner. Now that Cowgirl can sing. Zip and Meaner n' Zinn say the pictures really came out great. And a tip of the hat to them for doing that as a fund raiser for the club. The Spirit of the Game awards could not have gone to anyone more deserving than Surly Sally and Miss Dorothy. These two ladies are part of the heart and soul of RJSS.

Now we move on to Cavalry Days on the 15th plus two more shoots this month. Fuzzy's Wild Bunch on the 22nd and True Grit on the 29th. Is that enough shootin' for ya?

We're making some change at the range in the near future. Dakota Dan is erecting a two story hotel front on bay #6 and since we will have equipment there for some excavating we are going to deepen bay #10 and then use the dirt to lengthen a bay end to allow better protection at the unloading table. Plus we are going to cut out some flat spots for campers along the bottom hillside since we don't have a level spot anywhere but in town. And we're having a metal pavilion put between the Café and Territorial Governor's office. So lot's cookin' at River Junction.

I have gotten more RJSS tee shirts and will have them and the RJSS badges at the shoots. The tees are \$10 for up to XL and \$12 for XXL. The badges are \$63 and I have 12 left. When they're gone it will be awhile before we will order more so don't dally.

See ya at River Junction,
CW



From the Deputy

RJSS TOWN

The town is back to looking like it did before S&F and the Ambush and Community Days, To all the people that helped out last Saturday, Thank You The kids told Harry, the President of I.V.C.S.A. they had a great time back at the cowboy town, shooting 22's in a real cowboy stage, from horseback and from behind a rock, then they went to the next stage and they got to shoot more 22's at little rams, pigs, and turkeys and a chicken. When they got to the stage Vegas and I were running they shot us out of pepperoni's in no time (25 of them) One little girl that was about 11 and said she hadn't shot before shot the swinging chicken three times and it was out there about 25 yards or more, and it was little too. Another little girl came up and wanted to use a 22 handgun and shot it once out three shots. Those little kids can shoot. Tequila Sam and Margarita Lil couldn't be there with their cannon this year, and the kids missed it. We didn't need to use the air conditions this year that we put in the saloon this year, like we wished we had last year,

THE RANGE

The range is back to normal. With some of the money we made this year, the club would like to put in Bay # 6 a two story saloon/hotel stage front that can be shot from either floor or both floors. Dakota Dan is designing it. The club would also like to take a small piece of the parking area on the side of the hill and put some level parking areas in for people to put their campers in next year.

I V.C.S.A.

The club gave us the rent to sponsor a stage again this year. The President of I.V.C.S.A. thanked the club for buying 100 hot dogs and buns and also 80 hamburger buns and the four cases of Pepsi for the kids.

WON'T BE THERE

I won't be at the next two monthly matches but will be there for the True Grit match and the Fuzzy's Wild Bunch match.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE AT RJSS SO FAR IN 2009 AT RJSS

1. Road was repaired and the ditch was move to the other side of the road, Two drain pipes put under the road to take water from the ditch to down in the field.

2. Stage fronts put up on Bays #5, #7, #8 and #9, which included a saloon, store, ranch house, and a gallows.

3. Café paneled and painted, micro- wave oven, light improvement. Saloon had ceiling put in it and closed in.

4. Store was cleaned out and rearranged, for more room and for better display.
5. Fuzzy's mission was painted.
6. Props that haven't been used for years are being used again.
7. A new, flagpole was put in at the top of the range.
8. Generator shed has been stained.
9. Boot hill moved to over to behind the mission which makes for easier access.
10. Wagon that is used on Community Days had four ties replace.
11. Weed eater was taken to be fixed because somebody was using it after they lost the air filter cap and both the inner and outer filters and plugged it up.
12. Put new front tire on lawn tractor, it was worn out.
13. Stained the stage fronts on Bays #5,7,8, and 9.
- 14 Four benches off I. V. C. S. A. for on the range.
15. Rearranged the picnic tables the under the pavilion for better seating, also the tables under the tent by the café.
16. Built loading and unloading tables for bays # 7,8,9, and 10. to use when those stages are in use.
17. The club was donated two air- conditioners for the saloon and

they were put in before the Ambush, but not needed

18. Hay wagon used for Communion Days and other events, had old tires replaced and bed boards screwed down.

In the future there are plans to put in Bay #6 a two story saloon/hotel, that will be started on after the Ambush.

This was done, to show people that by making your matches challenging and exciting, you can get people to come and want to shoot at RJSS again. That's the only way this club can stay in existence, so we can shoot next year.

AMBUSH 2009

1. All the stages were set up for smoke and Fire and the Ambush and the targets painted, except for Stage # 6, and the one prop in Stage # 2. by 6/26

2. All the trash barrels were emptied and the bags replaced.

3. The pavilion area was mowed the week of the Ambush and the field was mowed that week also.

4 Road signs went up on Thursday before the match.

5. Side matches, Speed handgun, rifle and shotgun was held on Bay # 1.

6. Long range Rifle was held after Smoke & Fire is over on Fri

7. All the stages used for S & F and Bay #1 were painted after they were shot.

8. Awards were ordered

9. Shooting bags were taken care of second week of July. Thanks to Enck's giving the club the bags and Mattie and the Col. for bringing them back to the club.
10. There were to be 6 vendors, five showed up.
11. There are two presenting sponsors, Smith and Wesson Oil, and 5- Hour Energy, for both S&F and the Ambush.
12. There were 8 stage sponsors for the Ambush
13. There should be enough prizes for the Ambush. This year as you signed in you pulled a poker chip from a covered can and took the chip to the saloon and you get the prize that goes with that #.
14. Had a few people camping out overnight for the Ambush up in the field above the parking lot.
15. Extra port-a-pot was ordered for in the town area, will be delivered the day before the Ambush.
16. Cart path to the range was repaired after rainstorm, before the match
17. Flagpole area wasn't cleaned up.
18. Sink still has drain to be put in it.
19. Had extra gun carts, if needed to use by people.
20. Phil. Kid and I got enough ads to cover the cost of making the Shooting booklets for both S&F and the Ambush.
21. Tequila Sam to ran long range rifle on Friday, Gatekeep, ran the speed side match.
22. Vegas and Chalkdust handed out the awards for the Ambush and Chuckwagon Sam handed out the S &F awards.

From the Governor's Office

Here it is as stated in the shooter hand book. From what is being said on the Governor's wire they would like a more active approach to costuming. It seems like more and more people are trying to get away with the bare minimum. Also you will be required to be in costume to receive your award. Remember this is a fantasy game or sport were dressing the part is part of the game.

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CLOTHING AND ACCOUTERMENTS

Cowboy Action Shooting™ is a combination of historical reenactment and Saturday morning at the matinee. Participants may choose the style of costume they wish to wear, but all clothing must be typical of the late 19th century, a B-western movie, or Western television series. SASS puts a great deal of emphasis on costuming because it adds so much to the uniqueness of our game and helps create a festive, informal atmosphere that supports the friendly, fraternal feeling we encourage in our competitors.

All shooters must be in costume, and we encourage invited guests and family also to be costumed. Shooters must remain in costume at all match events: dinners, award ceremonies, dances, etcetera.

ALL clothing and equipment **MUST** be worn appropriately, how it was intended and how it would have been worn in the OLD WEST or as seen on B-Western movies and television.

Failure to comply will result in a penalty for not adhering to category guidelines. The first offence is a procedure, the second offence in the same match is a stage disqualification, and the third offence in the same match is a match disqualification.

Words from Registration

Howdy all. I enjoyed seeing each and every one of you at Smoke N Fire and Ambush XI. Poke and I were very busy in the Registration office with folks that had pre-registered and those that didn't. Please try to pre-register early next year for either shoot to ensure that you get a shooters badge, bag, prize and posse request. I know that that is sometimes hard to do, with work and everything, but it will make things go a lot smoother for you as well as us.

Another thing I want to address here are the various age categories so that you can choose your category accordingly before the match. Since Modern and Traditional categories have been abolished there are two new age based categories filling their places. They are Cowboy and Wrangler. Cowboy shooters are competitors of any age range. Wrangler Category shooters are competitors 36 years of age or greater.

Other age based categories that you can choose from are the following: Forty-niners are competitors 49 years of age or greater. Seniors are competitors 60 years of age or greater. Senior Duelist is also a recognized Senior Category where the shooter must use any SASS legal firearm or ammunition but may shoot Duelist or Double-Duelist Style only. Silver Seniors are competitors 65 years of age or greater. Elder Statesmen/Grand Dames are competitors 70 years of age or greater. On the other end of the shooting categories are Buckaroos/Buckarettes and Young Guns. Buckaroos/Buckarettes are 13 and under. Young Guns are aged 14-16. Parental consent and supervision is required for all competitors under 21 years of age. Also, these young shooters should have shot a monthly match before shooting an annual match so that they are familiar with the shoot, and what is expected of them by being a member of a posse. Hope this information helps to clear up some of the questions that come up when registering. Remember, front sight, front sight. Take care, Mattie

Words from Dip

Howdy Pard,

It was great to see and have fun with all who attended S&F, warm-up and Ambush. Hats off to all that helped.

Slo Poke Sara and I will be match directors for the September shoot which is Groundhog Day. We have invited Josey Wales to help clear out some woodchucks so the theme of this shoot is Josey Wales kills Phil and Gus----Twice. Target placement will be Josey friendly and fast and furious. There will be a covered dish dinner after the shoot on Saturday, Sara and I will be providing a cooked ham sliced down and buns, we would love to see a large turnout for this, so please bring one of your favorite dishes for all of us to enjoy. The range will stay open till dark for those who want to play. I plan on doing some long range shooting.

Dip



“Pisst, got any paper”

NRA Grant Report
By
Durango Dave Hickok

River Junction's NRA Grant for 2010 is near completion & will be submitted this month. This grant is through the NRA's Foundation which has strict guidelines for its use. The area that River Junction has had the most success has been with shooter education, with annual grants of \$500. This is where we as a club promote our shooting sport and give an opportunity for the public to experience what Cowboy Action Shooting is all about. Focusing on the young shooters adds a major plus to our grant application and the NRA's desire in assisting clubs to defray their costs. One major event that accomplishes this task is our Community Days, when we work with our land lords, the Indian Creek Valley Sportsman on their youth day. In the past RJSS has also participated in the Women of the Outdoors program. Over the next several months, I'll be "noodling" through some ideas so we can formulate a plan and guidelines that would give members representing RJSS an opportunity to organize or attend educational shooting events with incentives to get others involved and have some of their expenses reimbursed. So, if you have an idea to pass along feel free to call me at 724-228-8999 or email me at: durangodave44@comcast.net

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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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