



Presidential Ponderings

Howdy Pard,

As this year comes to a close, next year's shoots are already planned. Check out what the Deputy Keck has in store for us in Mattie's Column. The Deputy also plans on having the road fixed this year and some changes in the bays.

As many of you know Durango Dave was nominated and elected as treasurer for the coming year. At the Executive Committee meeting he informed us that he would not be able to accept. Whip Wagner has graciously accepted continuing on for another year as allowed in our By-laws.

Hope everyone gets their Christmas wish and has a great Holiday Season.

CW





News from Tombstone

Winter Gathering

Mark your calendars February 21st 2009. The Winter Gathering is to be held at Ladles of the Mountain. Ladle's is located on Rte 31, right before the Donegal exit of the turnpike. The party starts at 6 pm, we will be in a private room, and you will choose your meal from the menu so you do not have to send any money. Cowboy clothing is optional, but you might want to wear your fancy dress clothes as we are having a costume contest. We will have a ballot box and the winner will be chosen by everyone attending. Any questions please feel free to contact me.

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Mattie's Column

Howdy all. By now, you have received either by email or by regular mail your renewal application to RJSS. If you haven't please contact me at 724-593-6602 or by email at csipe@lhtot.com and I will get one out in the mail. Dues for 2009 remain the same, \$35.00 single member and \$55.00 for family living at same address. As you know, club expenses go on all year round and dues collected help to pay the bills until the shooting season begins. Please fill out your form completely and mail to RJSS P.O. Box 185 Donegal, PA 15628.

Officers for 2009 are as follows:

President- Chuckwagon Sam

Vice President- Deputy Keck

Secretary- Bdoc

Treasurer- Whip Wagner

Safety- Dip

Match Results-SloPoke Sara and Mattie Hays

Territorial Governor- Vegas Kid

Deputy Keck has posted the shooting dates and themes on the web page. If you haven't seen them, here they are:

April 18 - The Start

May 16 - Roundup
May 30 - True Grit
June 20 - Josey Wales
July 17 - SASS PA BP Shootout "Smoke N Fire at Indian Creek"
July 18-19 - Ambush at Indian Creek
July 25 - Community Day
July 26 - Fuzzy's Wild Bunch
August 15 - Cavalry Days
August 22 - Fuzzy's Wild Bunch
August 29 - True Grit
September 19-20 - Ground Hog Shoot
October 17 - Cowboy's Halloween

Meeting Dates: January 24 10AM at Brady's Restaurant
June 27 RJSS range at 10 AM
October 24 10 AM at Brady's Restaurant

Please check your schedules and make plans to attend as many events as you can. Take care.

Mattie



The Colonel's Column

I want to thank the thirty-one folks who took the time and made the effort to give me their opinion on the eleven items to be voted on at this year's Territorial Governors Summit. Those thirty-one folks are about one third of our membership of ninety seven this year. I notice that this one third usually attend the business meetings of RJSS also. This seems to be about the trend in any organization today and even carries over to our participation in voting for our civil officials, the recent election being a noteworthy exception. It seems that two out of every three people are perfectly happy to let that third person make all the decisions.

With respect to the eleven items I asked your opinion on, there were some surprises and some very close votes. Those participating did not all vote for every item. I assume there were some items the voter had no opinion on either way. The first item was about combining Modern and Traditional categories, this was a close 15 to 16 vote not to combine. However, the second item was in

regard to allowing Gunfighter style in all age based categories and was an affirmative vote of 21 to 10. Item three addressed logos and manufacturer's labels and was a "yes" vote 19 to 10. Number four called for staging handguns similar to long guns and was affirmed 20 to 11. Item five regarding wearing period clothing appropriately was a landslide "yes" 25 to 6. While the dropped round issue of item 6 went down in flames with a resounding "no" 23 to 8. The decocking issue of item 7 was a "yes" 19 to 12 while the empty round left on/in carrier or chamber barely got a "no" 15 to 14 with two folks actually abstaining to note on this issue. Gunfighters butt forward carry in item 9 got 23 "No" and 8 "Yes" along with 18 "No" and 13 "Yes" for item 10, ejectors on single shot shotguns. Last but not least was 25 "Yes" to 6 "No" to allow Buckaroos and Buckarettes to score "hits" on aerial targets even if they missed them so long as they fired at them while still in the air.

It has been my pleasure to serve as Territorial Governor of RJSS since February and to once again be on the Executive Committee. January will bring in the new officers, and I must say from what I see and hear, 2009 should be a wonderful year for Cowboy Action Shooting at River Junction Shootist Society.

Good Shooting,
The Col.

ON THE RANGE WITH DEPUTY KECK

I will be reporting in the epitaph each month, as to what happens at the range. I thought since I was the Vice President elect of 2009, I may as well get an early start, using the old saying, "Make hay while the sun shines". The stage prop in Bay #3 was moved to Bay #7 and sat up as a ranch house prop. It has a door with a window on each side of it and two side doors that you can move through to a rail fence on each side of the ranch house, both fences face down range, which can be shot over, in a safe manner. The star will be moved to Bay #3 which is a safer bay to be shot in, because it has the highest berm of all the ten bays, it is the narrowest bay also. The star will remain in Bay #3 because there is less chance of shooting over the berm, even from a horse and getting a match DQ. The flagpole at RJSS has fallen due to it rusting through where the two poles go together to make one. Another flagpole was obtained, that is made of steel and is a little taller, and this was gotten at no cost to the club through a donation that I found. The road to the range was in need of repair, as people were saying that they were hitting bottom as they were driving out. Pipe was obtained at no cost for drains and stone was hauled in at no cost, to use in improving the ditches so the road doesn't washout. But Mother Nature wasn't on our side and it

has to be put off getting fixed till there is a break in the weather. I promise you that it will be repaired before the first match. I will give you a report each month as to how different projects are going and getting done. Thank You, Deputy Keck

THE I.V.C.S.A. REPORT –DEPUTY KECK

The I.V.C.S.A. has said that they will forgo the Jan. rent if the money is used to fix the road to the range, so I ordered two loads of stone for the road, to be fixed with and found someone that will haul it free for me. That's a start.

Community Day will be the 25th of July this year and more later on this.

Thank You,

Deputy Keck

THE AMBUSH AND SMOKE N FIRE REPORT –Deputy Keck

The Ambush and Smoke N Fire matches have been put on the SASS web page under shooting events and can be seen by anyone that looks on that page. I hope this will help the people that have to pick their vacation before the first of the year will know when the dates of these matches, and when they are being held. The monthly matches are also on the SASS events page and when you see that it brings up the club's web page and everybody all over the country can see what's happening at RJSS. I was surprised at how many people read the RJSS web page, when I was at different matches at MD., W.V. and Virginia, how many people told me they look at the club's web page. Chuckaroo was given information about the club, for his news letter that goes out to people that shoot at over at 40 different cowboy clubs in Pa, W.V., N.J. De, Md., and Virginia. So the word is getting out there.

I will be going to the SASS convention this year held in Las Vegas on Dec. 4th thru 7th and I will be handing out flyers on the Ambush and Smoke N Fire to all the vendors that will be there, hoping to get some donations and sponsors for the Ambush and Smoke and Fire. I will be there for the TG meeting, as I am the TG for Logan's Ferry and I will be taking RJSS's proxy with me for the vote because the Col. can't attend.

This year's theme for Smoke N Fire and the Ambush will be A Cowboy's Lament, about the life of a cowboy in the west.

This will be a regular column in the Epitaph to keep everyone informed of what's happening with these two matches. I would like to thank Chalkdust, Surly Sal, and Margarita Lil for all the help they given me so far.

My goal in life is to be as good of a person as my dog already thinks I am.

Thank You,

Deputy Keck

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RJSS MONTHLY MATCHES 2009

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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

<http://www.nauticom.net/www/rjss/>

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