



River Junction Epitaph



Presidential Ponderings

Six more weeks! I'm going to talk to Deputy Keck about a special target to "honor" Phil for this winter. Regardless of the weather we are still moving along planning this year's shoots and events. This will be our 12th shooting season at RJSS.

At our January Meeting the new officers were installed. Deputy Keck is back as Vice President, Bdoc is our new Secretary, Mattie is now in Registration and Vegas Kid is our new Territorial Governor. I want to thank the outgoing officers for their service to RJSS.

Don't forget the Winter Gathering on the 21th of February beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Ladles in the Mountain Restaurant in Donegal, just off the turnpike. Easy to get to and you just order off the menu. Hope you can make it. Check the RJSS web site for all the details.

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

As has been noted there are several SASS rule changes for this year. Vegas sent a list to be posted of the vote from the Territorial Governor's meeting. You can get more info from the SASS website.

<http://www.sassnet.com>

From the Deputy

I. C V.S.A. REPORT - DEPUTY KECK

The officers of the main club informed me that they had some questions that they needed to know the answers to before they could decide on giving the club a answer to whether they would go half with RJSS, on getting a AED. They were 1. Where will it be kept for easy access, if they needed it. 2. Does someone need to be trained to use it? 3. What is the liability on the operator? 4. What is the cost, they would have to pay? I informed them that when I found out the answers, I would let them know.

THE AMBUSH AND S&F REPORT

I'm just waiting on answers to all the flyers I sent out on the Ambush and S&F. But, talking to vendors over the phone and while I was at the SASS convention, it looks like it's going to be a tough year on getting prizes from people for the matches. The prizes will be given out differently this year. When you register for the Ambush, you will be asked to pull a chip out of a covered coffee can. If you pull a red chip that means you don't get a prize, if you pull a white chip, it will have a number on it and that is your prize. You go over to the saloon give them your chip and they will give you the prize that matches that number. The luck of the draw depends if you get a prize or not, it's up to you to draw a white chip. The number of prizes the club has, determines on how many prizes the club gets from people. I will be telling you more on the two matches' next newsletter

ON THE RANGE.

This month was a bad month of snow and cold, so needless to say not much got done at the range. But, between hauling in wood and keeping the wood burner going, I did get another window gun rack built and the road signs repainted and on the only good day got them hauled to the range and dropped off. One day out thirty, not bad for an earth that's supposed to be that's getting warmer. Thought, I saw a polar bear after a seal on my pond the other day, but it was only a snow mirage. As the weather gets better you'll read about more things I have planned for your shooting enjoyment.

50/50'S

This year 50/50's will be sold not by tickets but by pulling tips from a tip board, you have 36 tips that cost \$2.00's a tip and you get the chance to pull your tip, so you are the one picking your 1 in 36 chances of winning. The person buying a 50/50 chance is really doing three things, 1 helping the food bank because \$10.00's from the money that goes to the club goes to the food bank. 2. The other \$26.00's goes to the club to buy materials for the range, or toward the rent, port-a-pots or other monthly things that are needed. 3. You have a chance of winning \$36.00. Now, I know there are people that can't help out doing things at the range due to health, or they just don't have the time or money. But, when you come to a match, you have that way of helping the club, bring food.

A note from our Bdoc

Howdy All!!

I just wanted to take this time to say thanks for allowing me the opportunity to serve all of the members at RJSS. I am always open to suggestions so please let me know if ya'll think of anything! I can't wait for spring and the start of the shooting season! Until then stay warm and I'll see you at the Winter Gathering!

River Junction Shootist Society

Saturday, January 24, 2009

1. Meeting was called to order by Chuckwagon Sam.
2. Invocation was offered by Col. Wm. Hays.
3. Pledge of allegiance to the flag was done.
4. The 2009 Officers were sworn in by Col. Wm. Hays. 2009 Officers are as follows:
President – Chuckwagon Sam
Vice President – Deputy Keck
Treasurer – Whip Wagner

Secretary – Bdoc

Safety Officer – Dip

Match Results – SloPoke Sara and Mattie Hays

Territorial Governor – Vegas Kid

Special thanks to all who were officers or have helped in any other way!

5. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. 28 members attending today.
6. Treasurer's Report – Checkbook balance as of today is as follows:
 - For RJSS: -\$63.03
 - For Ambush: \$5030.58
 - For Smoke N Fire: \$1652.84
 - Total in Checkbook: \$6143.00
 - All bills for 2008 have been paid.
7. Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the following new members:
 - A. Dave Aubele AKA Mariah Kid
 - B. James Collins AKA Gray Squirrel

A hearty welcome to our two new members. Motion made, seconded and carried to close the charter.
8. ICVSA Liaison Report: ICVSA wants to know where the AED would be stored where it would be accessible to both clubs. Also if people will be trained by professionals on it's use and it's liability to the club and the people who use it. Deputy Keck will talk with Dr. Mary Walker about this information along with the cost of an AED machine.
9. Club Contact Report: Tombstone Timi has nothing to report. Timi requested for someone to take over as club contact. If anyone is interested please see Chuckwagon Sam.
10. Territorial Governor Report: Col. Wm. Hays reported the following results from the Las Vegas Convention, and much discussion was had:
 - A. Should Traditional and Modern categories be combined and then split into two age-based categories? – Pass
 - B. Should Gunfighter style shooting be allowed in all categories except Buckaroo, Buckarettes and Juniors? – Fail
 - C. Replaced the line - "The displaying of sponsor's or team logos on apparel is prohibited. Manufacturer's labels on such apparel or equipment are acceptable" - Pass
 - D. Added – " All horizontally staged handguns must be staged with the entire handgun lying flat on the staging surface" – Pass
 - E. Clarification – "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" – Pass
 - F. Should we allow a shooter to retrieve a dropped round? – Fail
 - G. Replaced the line – "De-cocking may not be done to avoid a penalty if cocked at the wrong time or position. NO gun may be de-cocked on the firing line except by pointing it down-range and pulling the trigger or while under the direct supervision of a stage officer" – Pass
 - H. Should we change the rule regarding empties left on the carrier or in the chamber of a long gun? – Fail
 - I. Should we allow gunfighters to carry revolvers in the butt forward manor? – Fail
 - J. Should we allow ejectors on single shot shotguns? – Pass
 - K. Added – "An alternate target MUST be provided for all aerial shotgun targets for Buckaroo and Buckarette shooters - Pass
11. Vice President/Ambush/SNF Report: Deputy Keck informed everyone to keep reading the Epitaph for updates regarding Ambush and SNF. Deputy Keck reported that he and Gray Squirrel handed out flyers out in Las Vegas and from the response he does not believe that there will be a good turn out in regards to prizes. Even though he already has \$1000 in prizes there will not be enough for everyone. This year people will draw a chip and if that chip has a number on it then you win the prize that corresponds with it, but if the chip is blank then no prize is won. Durango Dave stated that in the past many members have stepped up and donated prizes and that is a great help to the club.

12. Old Business:

- A. The Winter Gathering will be held at Ladle's In the Mountain on Saturday February 21st at 6pm. Please let Tombstone Timi know by February 20th if you plan on attending. A costume contest will be held and everyone will be able to vote for the winner. Cowboy costume/attire not necessary to attend! Come out and join the fun!
- B. Chronicle Ad: We are registered with SASS and the NRA for the Ambush and SNF and the ad and the money (\$200) were sent in December by Deputy Keck and the ad will run in the April Chronicle. Deputy Keck stated that Chuckaroo's publishing will be more beneficial to us and the Ambush and SNF will be mentioned. A special thanks to Mattie Hays for the wonderful article about last year's shoot!
- C. NRA Grant: Durango Dave stated that financial statements need to be gathered by Whip and have to be sent to the NRA. The NRA needs the receipts of the activities that RJSS uses the money from the fund for (Community Day). Durango Dave will keep us posted.
- D. Election Process: Likes and Dislikes:
 - o Don't like having the election officer end up running
 - o Mail out ballot for those that don't make all the shoots or have email
 - o Put the ballot in the Epitaph and have people mail it back in along with having paper ballots at the shoots.

Motion was made, second and carried to put the ballot in the Epitaph and for people to mail it in if they want to along with paper ballots at the shoots.

13. New Business:

- A. Two Year Terms for Officers: Chuckwagon Sam feels that this would be a good idea along with Officers becoming official as soon as they are elected so there is no down time. A straw poll was taken of the members and received their approval to look into this further with the Bylaw committee.
- B. Updating Bylaws: A committee has been formed consisting of Chuckwagon Sam, Deputy Keck, Vegas Kid and Col. Wm. Hays as the advisor. Nothing has been done as of today.
- C. AED Update: Discussed earlier. The cost looks to be around \$1300-1700. State law covers the use of AEDs (part of the Good Samaritan law) so our insurance should not go up. Possible ways to obtain AED:
 - Selling of old targets
 - Contribution jar with a sign at the registration asking for donations
 - 50/50 tickets
 - Durango has a grant application from Excelsa Health
 - Masonic, Elks, etc help with donations and/or buying of AEDs
 - Barleycorn will head a committee to raise money for an AED. Any additional volunteers would be appreciated!
- D. Road Signs: Have already been repainted. The sign at the main gate will remain the way it is until it is know how much it will cost to replace. Whip will look into the price of a new sign.
- E. Ambush Trophy status: Everything is taken care of.
- F. Regular Match Prize: Every month RJSS will give away 1 FREE shoot certificate for a regular match as a random prize. Winner must be there to collect!
- G. Membership dues – same
- H. Shooter fees – same
 - Motion was made, second and carried to give a free shoot to new shooters of RJSS (excluding SNF, Ambush and extra shoots)
- I. SNF fees – same
- J. Ambush fees – same
- K. Road Repair update: Two loads of gravel were purchased at contractor price along with the pipe for under the road. Road will be repaired once there is a break in the weather.
- L. Host the SASS PA State Shoot: Much discussion was had on this topic. At the end it was decided for RJSS not to put in as host of the PA State Shoot.

- M. SNF 2010: Deputy Keck will continue to run SNF
- N. RO1 Course: Nothing is happening right now: waiting for a break in the weather in order to get some time on the range.
- O. Epitaph – The Epitaph will be mailed out by Bdoc to those that do not have email. RJSS lists will be cleaned each year and only those that reapply for a membership will receive the Epitaph. Anyone is more than welcome to write an article for the Epitaph. Please have it in to Chuckwagon Sam by the last week of the month.
- P. Durango Dave resigned as Treasurer and Whip Wagner was gracious enough to continue! Thanks!!
- Q. Deputy Keck has two gun tickets available - \$15 a piece
- R. SNF/Ambush flyers are available
- S. Cards are available with the clubs information on them. Please take and give them to your friends! Thanks to Chalkdust and Surly Sal!
- T. Whip stated that we are having issues with the food bank that we donate 10% of our profits from the Ambush. They have not been cashing our checks on a regular basis. One suggestion was to write only one check a year.
- U. Motion was made, second and passed to pay for Deputy Keck's ICVSA dues so he will continue to serve as our liaison
- V. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Miss Dorothy as she continues to battle against Breast and Brain Cancer.
- W. Motion was made, second and passed to pay for half of the fees incurred by Deputy Keck as a TG at the Las Vegas convention
- X. Cutter Kid has two prizes obtained by Fuzzy (duck target and a SASS bobble head – both signed). Tips will be sold for \$5 a piece until all are sold. The winner will receive the duck and the prior number will win the bobble head. All proceeds will go to the club. A big thanks to Cutter Kid!
- Y. 63 people have renewed their memberships!
- Z. 50/50 – Total was \$72. \$36 was won by Susannah Fife
- AA. Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Dougherty
Secretary RJSS



From the desk of the Governor

SASS Territorial Governor Summit 2008

Tally of Votes - Action Shooter Items

1.

Should we combine the Traditional and Modern categories and then split this combination into two age-based categories, with the age breaks being at 17 and up / 36 and up? This would give us age-based categories for all ages. All age based categories would allow the use of all SASS legal firearms, propellants and shooting styles except Gunfighter.

Percentage

194 (for)

69.78%

79 (against)

28.42%

5 (abstain)

1.80%

PASSED

2.

Should we allow the use of the Gunfighter shooting style in all categories that allow two handed shooting except Buckaroos, Buckarettes and Juniors?

Percentage

137

49.28%

140

50.36%

1

0.36%

FAILED

3.

Should we replace the line – “Outlawed - Clothing displaying manufacturer’s or sponsor’s logos” with “The displaying of sponsor's or team logos on apparel is prohibited. Manufacturer's labels on such apparel or equipment are acceptable.”?

Percentage

231

83.09%

45

16.19%

2

0.72%

PASSED

4.

Stage Conventions Item #3 requires all long guns staged horizontally shall be staged lying flat where at least the rear of the trigger guard is on the staging area. Should we add “All horizontally staged handguns must be staged with the entire handgun lying flat on the staging surface”?

Percentage

265

95.32%

13

4.68%

0

0.00%

PASSED

5.

Should we clarify the costuming and equipment requirements as follows? "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."

Percentage

250

89.93%

24

8.63%

4

1.44%

PASSED

6.

Should we allow a shooter to retrieve a dropped round? The current rule actually assumes that a safety rule could potentially occur when retrieving dropped rounds. We have rules in place that address safety issues when they occur.

Percentage

64

23.02%

213

76.62%

1

0.36%

FAILED

7.

Should we change the verbiage about de-cocking a firearm from -De-cocking a revolver, rifle, or external hammer shotgun may not be done with a live round under the hammer. De-cocking may not be done to avoid a penalty if cocked at the wrong time or position to - "Decocking may not be done to avoid a penalty if cocked at the wrong time or position. NO gun may be de-cocked on the firing line except by pointing it down-range and pulling the trigger or while under the direct supervision of a stage officer."?

Percentage

224

80.58%

54

19.42%

0

0.00%

PASSED

8.

Should we change the rule regarding empties left on the carrier or in the chamber of a long gun? A live round in the chamber would continue to carry a Stage Disqualification penalty and a live round on the carrier a 10-second minor safety. This change would eliminate all penalties for empty rounds in the chamber or on the carrier of long guns only.

Percentage

147

52.88%

129

46.40%

2

0.72%

FAILED

9.

Should we allow gunfighters to carry revolvers in the butt forward manor? We have rules in place that address safety issues when they occur.

Percentage

143

51.44%

133

47.84%

2

0.72%

FAILED

10.

Should we allow ejectors on single shot shotguns?

Percentage

226

81.29%

50

17.99%

2

0.72%

PASSED

11.

Should we add the following verbiage to address aerial shotgun targets for Buckaroos and Buckarettes?

“An alternate target MUST be provided for all aerial shotgun targets for Buckaroo and Buckarette shooters.”

Percentage

202

72.66%

74

26.62%

2

0.72%

PASSED

Coyote Calhoun brought the Ruger Montado revolver to the floor for potential approval as a result of receiving a Firearms Approval Application. He explained the differences in this revolver and the Ruger Vaquero model. Discussion was both in favor and against the firearm. The majority in attendance were in agreement that the Montado hammer is of no concern but were not in favor of allowing the Montado front strap serrations. Coyote Calhoun will convey these desires to Ruger for action shooting requirements. A vote was taken of the TG's in attendance and the Montado hammer style was overwhelmingly approved for use for Action shooting.





REGISTRATION NOTES

Another new year has begun and there's another new shootin' season to look forward to at R.J. S. S. I have been shooting now for almost nine years and every year I feel just as excited as the first. This is the best way to really "get away" from the real world!

I would like to say thank you to all the outgoing officers of R.J.S.S. It has been a privilege to work with all of you, and everyone did a great job and we all appreciated the time and effort you each put into the club. To all the new officers: Congratulations, and I certainly look forward to working with everyone to make the club a great place to shoot.

Thanks also, to those of you who attended the meeting at Brady's on January 24. If you haven't attended a meeting you should really try and come. It's a good time to get the members together to discuss business and maybe come up with some fresh ideas.

Welcome to new members, Mariah Kid and Gray Squirrel.

I am looking forward to the Winter Gathering this year to be held at Ladles, 6pm on Saturday, February 21. Contact Tombstone Timi for more info.

See ya all real soon, in the meantime remember: "Learn to speak kind words, nobody resents them."

SloPoke Sara



Smoke on the Mountain

Twelve hearty Mountain Men threw smoke and a number of brave souls watched the 1st RJSS Rendezvous on a blustery cold day. Shooters were faced with eleven targets such as hanging eye balls, clay birds and Indian feather paint sticks. Nate won the Flint class and Griz Bovine took the percussion class as well as the overall "Curly Wolf" in a tomahawk "toss off" to break a tie with three other Keeners. Booshway Chuckwagon provided hot vittles and Deputy Keck & Capt. John kept the fire going. Booshway Chuckwagon and I are thinking of another event like this in March. Keep an eye on the RJSS webpage. Special thanks to Deputy Keck and Ash for helping me set up the match. Until the March date rolls around, "Watch yer topknot."

Hatchet Jack aka Chalk

River Junction Shootist Society
SASS and NRA Affiliated
Officers and Staff 2008

President
Sam Miller
"Chuckwagon Sam"
sgmiller@zoominternet.net
724-626-2001

Vice President
David Keck
"Deputy Keck"
vdeputykeck@wpa.net
724-423-6255

Secretary
Beth Dougherty
"Bdoc"
edougherty@gmail.com

Treasurer
Daryl Wagner
"Whip Wagner"
cdwagner@floodcity.net
814-266-4148

Territorial Governor
Christopher Silvis
"Vegas Kid"
cesilvis@aol.com
724-853-1969

Safety Officer
Gerard Schumacher
"Honeydipper"
expressshot@webtv.net
724-228-4215

Match Results -----
Debbie Schumacher
"Slo Poke Sara"
expressshot@webtv.net
724-228-4215

Officers
Carol Sipe
"Mattie Hays"
csipe@lhtot.com
724-593-6602

Newsletter
Sam Miller
"Chuckwagon Sam"
sgmiller@zoominternet.net
724-626-2001



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

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

Disclaimer: All articles will be published as received with only spelling or grammar errors corrected and do not necessarily reflect the views of the organization or its officers. Any articles to be published in the Epitaph must be received by the 24th of the month. No unsigned articles will be accepted for publication.

River Junction Shootist Society

PO Box 185

Donegal, PA 15628

