

# **Presidential Ponderings**

It's that time again. Smoke-N-Fire and Ambush at Indian Creek XII. Its RJSS's best time of the year with vendors, BBQ, and let's don't forget all the shootin'! The deadline for Smoke-N-Fire is over but still some time left for the Ambush. Contact Slo-Poke Sara if'n you intend to shoot. You must be preregistered. We still have campsite spots open on a first come basis. Again email Poke, expressive webtand, to let her know you need one and she will hold it for you. We will have a silent auction for some great prizes and Meaner N' Zinn will again offer that new fangled picture takin' and will be able to print them there for you. And if'n it's hot we got A/C in the saloon ta cool ya down. Chuckwagon's Café will be open for Breakfast and Lunch all three days. See Ya at RJSS!

## From the Deputy

## **SMOKE AND FIRE**

It's getting closer everyday and it will be the last state black powder match that will be held at RJSS, until someone decides to be the match director, and wants to run it and do all the things that go with it. Things go away when, few people want to do things to make it become a reality, then, it becomes hard to make it a reality. In Jan. of this year when asked who wanted to be the match director of the State Black Powder Match nobody stepped forward to take the job, so I took it again, but said it was the last time I would do it. In the meantime a club out east wanted it so next year people down east will hold it. It was fun while it lasted.

#### AMBUSH

This year will be the 12<sup>th</sup> Ambush held at RJSS, it is the club's annual match and year after year you saw less and less help putting it on. Every Jan. at the meeting people would say that they would help do things to see that it happened, but that was just Jan. talk and you can talk all you want but that doesn't make a match happen. You need people working together to put a match on but every year the help was less and less. I forget how many years this has been that I have been as match director of the Ambush. So, what it boils down to is, help is what is needed to put on a match. This year, I have a few people that have helped me get ready for the Ambush, and I thank them for all the help. But this is my last time I can be the match director for the Ambush. It is now up to someone else to take that job, or there won't be a Ambush anymore. I don't want to sound negative, but just trying to speak the truth. I hope someone would take the challenge and bring back the Ambush to where it once was. I would like to thank all the people that helped me in the past Ambushes and the people that are helping me this year, and good luck to the future Ambush directors. Prize and match sponsors have become harder to find, and want to help you with your matches. All my contacts have left their posts and are gone. I don't get to go to many matches to make new contacts like I did before anymore, trying to keep the club going and put on matches was my job. Little money has been spent to put the Ambush on, that way more money can be made to give the food bank and money to buy things that the club needs.

### THE CLUB

In the past, when help was needed to get things done at the club, I would call on people that I knew would not have to travel far to get there. What I expected was when people came to the matches, they would buy 50/50's and whatever else the club was selling to make money to defer the cost of the matches. But, people that didn't have to help get the match ready to shoot, must have also thought they didn't have to do anything else, but show up to shoot. But, where do they think the water on the range came from, where did the garbage bags that were in the garbage cans come from, where did the gas come from to run the generator and mow the grounds, where did money come to buy office supplies, batteries for the timers, and all the supplies to keep the range in good shape, and build new props, money to pay the rent, pay for port-apots, the garbage dumpster. These things are paid for out of what we bring in at a match. We pay rent 12 months a year and only shoot seven months of the year. We have to pay for five months we don't shoot, where does that money come from? That is why it is important that we try to make money where we can, to keep the club open, so you have a place to shoot. So, next time someone wants to know if you would like to buy a ticket, please say yes. Remember, at RJSS you don't have to set up or tear down, just shoot and go home. I don't know who's going take my place and don't know how it's going to be run, but whoever it is, good luck. This will be the last time I will be writing a article for the news letter, so I'm sorry I bitched so much, but if you know me, you know that's the way I am. I'll still be shooting the monthly matches and see everyone there. It's been a great time but when the doc says I have to choose between all the stress and living, I think I'll take living. Thank You. **Deputy Keck** 

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**RJSS MONTHLY MATCHES 2010** April 17 – April's Fool's May 15 - Upstairs & Downstairs June 19 - Happy Posse Match August 21 - Sadie Hawkins Day September 18 -19 – Ground Hog Day October 16 – Two Mules For Sister Sara Registration 8:00 AM to 9:25 AM --- Shooters' Meeting at 9:30AM **Extras** April 24 – True Grit May 22 - Wild Bunch May 29 – Josey Wales June 26 – True Grit August 28 – Fuzzy's Wild Bunch **Rendezvous Dates** March 14 & Oct. 31

RJSS Membership Meeting Dates - Jan. 23, Oct. 23, - Brady's Restaurant - 10:00 AM

SASS PA STATE BLACK POWDER SHOOTOUT – July 16 AMBUSH AT INDIAN CREEK 12 - July 17-18 COMMUNITY DAY WITH ICVSA – July 10

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