

Presidential Ponderings

Howdy All,

I want to thank everyone for their concern and well wishes. While at the May shoot I experienced chest pains and ended up with a couple of new Stents. I'm fine now and ready to throw more lead downrange at this month's shoot.

The Deputy has things ready for a great Josey Wales shoot. Just a reminder, you can still shoot this match with your rifle and shotgun if'n you don't have the pistols.

From the Deputy

I.C. V. S. A.

This month at the club has been a quiet one. They got there pond cleaned out so the children that wanted to fish in it could get around the pond. They built a pavilion down by the pond and they closed in one side and put shelves to set the picnic supplies on when they hold their club outings, they also got the electric hooked up to it. They also sponsored a stage for the Ambush again this year.

AMBUSH AND SMOKE AND FIRE

They're getting closer, Thank God, that I got Slo-Poke and Mattie doing registration and Surly Sal helping with the shooting booklets or I'd be in a hell of a shape. But, there is one thing that everyone can do to help and that is if you haven't sent in your entry, please contact me. I need to know if you're coming and what category you are shooting in so I can see what I need to get for awards. That goes for both the Ambush and S&F. Everything else is coming along fine. I do need some people to run side matches in Bay # 1 from 12pm to 4pm on Fri. I will use one bay for thee different side matches. I will shoot speed shotgun, rifle and handgun in it. After the S&F is over long-range rifle will be shot. After, long range rifle is over, all that needs to be done is the targets need painted in bays 5 - 10 and everything is really to go for the Ambush. Heard from some prize sponsors and their prizes are in the mail should be getting some in the 1st or 2nd week in June.

RJSS TOWN

Got some more things done in the town, got a ceiling up in the saloon, one step closer to getting AC in it for people that can't take the hot weather. Got the generator shack stained but it took 2 gallons to do it and it still doesn't look like I used that much on it. The registration building is next on the list, it gets paneled and a roof leak fixed and the girls will stay dry when it rains and stay warm when it gets cold. The café was finished and now there's even a microwave in it. Took 11 years to get it done but it will be worth the wait.

RANGE

Anyone that has shot the last two monthly matches knows the new improvements to the range have made for some exciting matches for those that have shot them. Some were whining and some have said they liked the change, but the changes aren't over yet. Finally got those loading tables on bays 7 – 10 raised higher, so know I don't have to hear all the midget jokes anymore. There is a possibly that there could be a two floor hotel stage front on the range coming to RJSS after the Ambush is over, and if everything

works out.

WOULD LIKE TO SEE

I'd like to get the grass growing a little better in the parking area, so what I'd like to see is, the people that park there, is that when they come to the match drive in at the top on either side and then when they leave is drive to the bottom of the hill and drive up the road to go out. Please leave an opening on both sides at the bottom of the lot so people can get onto the road. Thank You

TRUE GRIT

Sixteen people showed up on the 29th to take the challenge of seeing if they had what it took to get through a True Grit match. A True Grit match is a match where you challenge yourself to see if you can do in three stages what you do when you shoot six. It's not a match of blazing speed to see how fast it can be shot, but a match to see how much skill a person has to get through it. Chalkdust Kid proved that he had the skill to get it done with shooting it with some fast times and he shot it clean, which was no easy feat, just ask anyone that shot it that day I guess the nice day and the amount of people that shot a True Grit match for the first time and even a new shooter, shot it. There were three ladies that shot it and showed the men that they had True Grit also. This made me think that the work I put into designing the stages, setting them up was not in vain. I tried to put things in the stages that the person who usually shoots a match runs into, like loading a handgun with five rounds to start a stage on the clock, a stage here you started setting on a horse shooting your handguns, dismounting pulling your rifle from the scabbard and moving to the window and shooting your rifle, moving to the horse on the other side of the saloon and mounting it using you handguns, then shooting your shotgun at six shotgun knockdowns, all while in the saddle. One stage you shot the shotgun through the bars as the last gun of the stage. If you shot this match you should feel a sense of pride

because you found out you have True Grit. I would like to thank the all that shot the match. Chuckwagon Sam couldn't be there because he was up in Vermont looking for a turkey, can't understand it because there's lots of them in the supermarkets around here, cheaper also.

Roundup Clean Match: Ten Mile Sally Prize Donations: Slick Mick, Colonel & Mattie Hays True Grit Clean Match: Chalkdust Kid

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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

 <u>Extras</u>

 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

> <u>SASS PA STATE BLACK POWDER SHOOTOUT – July 17</u> <u>AMBUSH AT INDIAN CREEK 11 - July 18-19</u> <u>COMMUNITY DAY WITH ICVSA – July 25</u>

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