



# **Presidential Ponderings**

Another month's gone, won't be long afore we're throwin' lead at River Junction. I've got some serious reloading to do. With the price of ammo today, if anyone runs across a good deal on reloading components or factory ammo, please pass the info onto your Pards. Deputy Keck is making some needed changes to the range. We felt that some of our stages needed to be moved into the bigger bays so it would be easier to get around the props and the spotters had better vantage points to clearly see the targets. So he and Ash have been taking advantage of any warm days to get-er-done. With the weather stating to break repairs to the road should begin soon.

Thanks to Tombstone Timi for settin' up the Winter Gathering. Ladles Restaurant is great place with good food and a nice place for Cowboys to get together. Sarsaparilla Sharon and I really enjoyed the evening.

The badge in the picture above is one that was done a few years back. I would like to do them again. They ain't cheap, bout \$70.00 apiece if buying just one. If we can put together an order of 25 or more the price goes down. So anyone interested in a badge email me. Also, if you're interested in tee shirts, shirts or jackets with RJSS logos and such, I'll look into these as well if there's enough interest. sgmiller@zoominternet.net





# From the Deputy

### **S & F AND AMBUSH REPORT FOR FEBUARY**

Well we are starting to get signups in for both matches, there are people from NJ., MD., VA., W.V. and Pa. already signed up. I sent out an email with the flyer on it about both matches and I sent it to 15 different clubs in Ohio, PA., VA., W.V., and MD. I sent them asking if they would put them in the area where they sign up for their monthly matches. Within two days every club I sent to sent me an email back saying they would do it for me. I've shot at different matches with a lot of people that belong to these clubs. Hopefully, people will see these flyers and give me or the club a call if they are interested. This is a lot cheaper then advertising in the Cowboy Chronicle and it reaches people in the local area. Also, in the newsletter that Chuckaroo puts out to shooters over a 7 state area there is mention about our club and the S& F and the Ambush. So, the club is trying it's best to get the word out there. Now, the club needs some help with something that anyone going to the Pa, state match can do for me. They need someone to take some flyers with them to pass out at the match, if you would like to do that see me at any of the matches and the club give you them. Here's another thing that I've found out over the years about the Ambush, it draws in a lot of shooters from other clubs from Pa. and other states but, few from our own club. Would someone tell me why that is? When you see me at a match, please let me know why you think that is.

### 2010 - SMOKE AND FIRE

I filled out the paperwork so the club would be able to get the Pa. State Black Powder match again in 2010. This paperwork has to be in by March. I will be the match director again if no one else steps up to do it. And I'm thinking of being the match director for the Ambush also. I have to check and see how well the setup that I have this year works to know if I can do it the same next year.

#### **RANGE WORK**

It was nice on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> so I went to the range and worked. I moved the town out of bay 2 and made it into two different stages. I put a saloon front up in bay 7, it has the saloon doors and a window in it and then there is a porch over it. The other half of the town was moved to bay 5. It has the other door and window, it will be like a bank or store or both with a porch roof on it also Both bays 5 and 8 are set to the left side of the bay so there is room for the spotters to see every target, when they stand to the right. The windstorm came through on Wednesday evening and it blew all through the night and all day Thursday. When I took the plywood up that was gotten to fix the floor in the signup building and panel the inside of the café, I checked on the stages. I was happy to see that bays 5 and 7 didn't have any damage on them. But the wind played hell with the ranch house on bay 8 So, I got the repairs done to it. The cold weather set back in. So, I'll have to wait to there's a break in the weather again. The old saying goes you got to make hay when the sun is shines, worked for me. Plywood was on sale at Lowes, it was \$5.97 a sheet for 7/16' so it was a good time to get it for the work that has to be done on floor in the administration building and the café needs to be paneled inside.

## FOOD BANK

A letter was sent to the food bank informing them that RJSS, this year will be waiting till the end of the year, which is after the meeting in Oct. and all the money it has collected over the year for them, will be sent in one check This is easier on the club and the food bank, because there is less chance of check getting lost when it is sent every month. Any food that is taken in on match day will be delivered to the bank the next week.

## REASON

The reason for writing so many items in the newsletter is to do like I promised when I took office and that is to keep the membership informed on what is happening at RJSS. I hope these articles will help do that. It doesn't matter who gets things done, it matters that they get done. It is with the help of memberships donations to the club that supply the money to do these improvements to the club.

### **AMBUSH NEWS**

I've decided to add a Josey Wales class to the Ambush, This class will be shot Josey style, which means duelist, and the class will include both male and female shooting it the Josey style and the rules will be the same as the Ambush rules.



## **News from Tombstone**

The Winter Gathering was held on Feb 21<sup>st</sup> at Ladles with over 30 cowboys and cowgirls attending. The food was great and everyone had a good time. The dress contest was won by Captain John Houston, and Doc Walker, they looked stunning. Captain Houston won the 50/50. We could not get Deputy to sing Happy Birthday but we tried. Thank you to all who came and made the night a great night. Timi

# **RJSS 2009 Rendezvous II**

March 21, 2009 ----10:00am

OK, all of you Curly Wolves. Here we go again. Pull up those galluses and head on out to the "RJSS Rondayvoo" on March 21at 10:00am. Booshway Chuckwagon will provide the grease and beans. Segundo Chalk (aka Hatchet Jack) will set up the match.

Here are the particulars: Two classes: flint and cap.

An 11point match (one shots per target). Shoot-off to break any ties between the square shooters after the match. Brief palaver at 9:45am. We'll throw smoke right after.

Now don't get yer bristles up if we have a gully washer or Norther on the announced date and have ta cancel. We'll find a new date down the trail.

Whether yer a keener or a green hand, troop on out to RJSS and load up that Big Fifty (any flintlock or percussion rifle in any caliber)=-----> (NO In-Lines)

I need to know how many ol' coons are going to shoot this match. Send a smoke signal to <u>Chalkdust</u> (aka Hatchet Jack) if yer interested. Check the new fangled RJSS website (www.riverjunctionshootistsociety.com) or the RJSS <u>Forum</u> for any changes and DON'T forget ta get yerself a new Mountain Man alias fer the day.

Pass this on by telegraph to anyone you know who doesn't have that new-fangled E-mule.

By the way, it'll cost ya five plews or five pesos.

Need help with the lingo??? http://www.xmission.com/~drudy/amm/gloss.html

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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>

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

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