

Presidential Ponderings

The weather could not have been better for the start of RJSS's 11th season. With almost 70 Cowpokes showing up to rid themselves of the winter blahs. Sure felt good lettin' loose a few downrange.

Currently plans are in full swing preparing for our big July shoots. Going to do things a little different this year as you'll read in this and future Epitaphs.

Also the Executive Committee will be at the range soon to do evaluation of the range, props, targets and such and see what needs done as far as repairs and additions. If you have any suggestions on anything you would like to see done please email me. My link is at the bottom of the Epitaph.

See ya at River Junction!

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News from Tombstone

A big **THANK YOU** to all who helped me to setup and tear down for the April match and the True Grit match. Thank you to all that volunteered to be Posse leaders. We are in need of volunteers for the May match.

The May match theme is the Rifleman. Based on the TV show from the 50's and 60's. Come along to North fork and see how Lucas McCain struggles to build a ranch and make a home for his son in the newly settled west. Lucas teaches his son to appreciate the wild and beautiful country that surrounds him and to know the meaning of bravery and courage.....the necessity of tolerance and understanding....the wisdom of justiceand the physical skills for a youngster living in an untamed land. To believe and trust in the Lord and to use violence as a last resort.

To shoot this match you can use 2 rifles in place of your pistols but you must shoot the 2nd rifle from the hip.

Hope you to see you there.

Tombstone Timi



Mattie's Musings

Howdy all. I sure had a good time at the first shoot last Saturday. I had a hard time spotting the Colonel due to the amount of folks in uniforms. Hats off to Tombstone Timi for the F Troop theme and fun scenarios. I sure enjoyed seeing old friends, new friends and getting to shoot. I think the jitters finally got out of my system after the first scenario.

The tribute to Fuzzy was very touching. Special thanks to the folks that participated in the military volley. It just didn't seem normal without Father Fuzzy walking around the town. He sure will be missed.

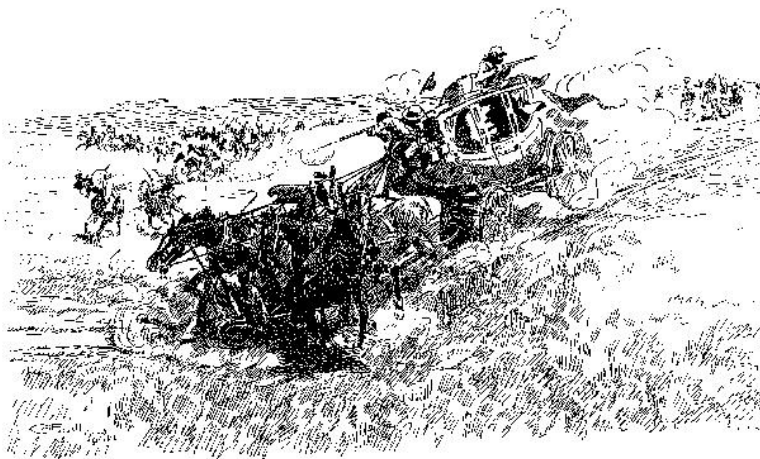
Membership Directories were available at the first shoot to the members. If you are unable to get to a shoot and pick one up, let me know and I can mail it to you. Also, applications for "Smoke N Fire" and Ambush 10 are available. They can be downloaded from the website or let me know if you need one. You can contact me at csipe@lhtot.com or 724-593-6602.

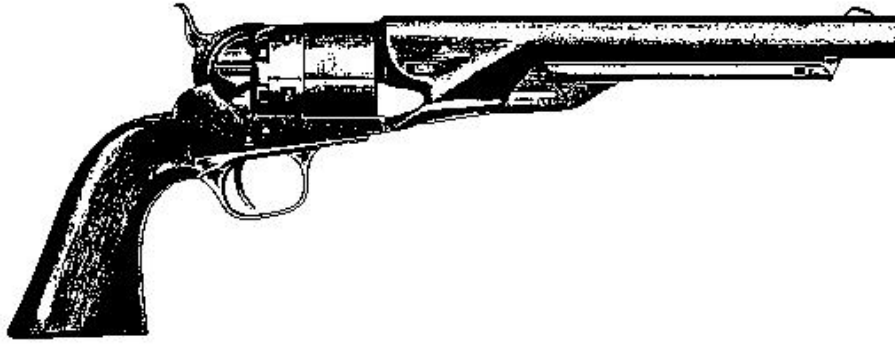
Speaking of membership, we have 14 new members this season. Once you are bitten by the CAS bug you just got to join. Welcome to each and every one of you. We are glad you are part of RJSS.

Don't forget that July will be here before you know it with "Smoke N Fire" on July 18th and Ambush 10 on July 19-20. Comanche Joe Tracker has donated 2 non-firing Franklin Mint replica pistols to be raffled on the 7PM PA Lottery number July 18 and July 19. They are non-firing replicas of a 44 caliber engraved revolver of Wyatt Earp and a blued Jesse James Revolver and are mounted in cherry frames. They sure are beauties. The blued Jesse James revolver will be raffled off on July 18 and the other on July 19. Cost is \$5.00 per ticket with 5 chances to win. This benefits RJSS. See Philadelphia Kid for tickets.

Chalkdust responded correctly to last month's "Smoke N Fire" multiple choice question, which was "Who sang the "Blazing Saddles" theme. The answer was Frankie Laine. Now for this month's trivia question, who played the villain Hedley Lamarr? You can email me your responses to csipe@lhtot.com
Thanks and take care.

Mattie





The Colonel's Column

First of all, thank you for wishing me well in my new office as Territorial Governor. I will be consulting with my fellow TG's Chicken Coop from McDonald and Deputy Keck of Logan's Ferry. In addition I have asked Vegas Kid to be my assistant in this office as he has had experience in these matters working with Fuzzy.

From a TG standpoint there is not much new to report. I have no word on when the pocket handbook for 2008 will be in general circulation but feel it will be sometime before End of Trail. Many of the changes for 2008 relate to the minimum power factor to be applied at state and above level shoots, illegal shotgun ammo and handling and movement of firearms.

One new item bears mention in particular and that is in the case of a firearms malfunction where live rounds are still in the firearm. An attempt should be made to unload first at the firing line, if this is not possible then attempt to unload at the unloading (or loading) table. If this is not possible without holding up the posse then a Match Official (at RJSS the Vice President or the Safety Officer) may move the firearm to the Firearms Handling Bay. I might add two people (one should be the owner of the gun) should be with the firearm at all times when trying to clear it just to keep each other safe.

Thanks to Dr. Mary Walker for briefing our posse leaders on the Medical Assistance Plan and Safety Evacuation Plan during the walk through. The Doctor and I are in the process of updating both plans. Walkie talkies and air horns will be replacing the whistles. You will see this year our emphasis will be on making RJSS as safe as possible through many different means. If you have a suggestion please let any member of the Executive Committee know.

**Good Shooting,
The Col.**

REGISTRATION NOTES

Howdy all!

Our first shoot is under our boots. We spent all winter looking towards the shootin' season starting and now here it is and we are working on shoot #2. We hope ya'll had a good time, we had terrific weather and you got the chance to get those "beginning of the season jitters" out.

Thanks to all you cowpokes for being so patient and signin' all those waivers! It's very important that we have one signed for everyone, including spectators! So if you couldn't make the first match, please make sure you fill out a current waiver the next time. We would also like to thank shooters for making an extra effort to be on time for registration. It really makes for much less confusion.

Everything went as planned for opening day in the Registration Office – 'cept the ol' computer & printer decided to take early retirement! Miss Lacey & I looked at each other with terror in our faces and exclaimed "NOT NOW!" Huge thanks to Vegas Kid for coming to our rescue. We thank you soooo much!

Membership Directories will be available at the office for those of you that did not receive one at the past shoot. You may also contact Mattie Hays.

See y'all next shoot, until then remember, Cowboy Up or go sit in the truck!

SloPoke Sara & Miss Lacey Remington



Ambush “May” Update

By

Durango Dave Hickok

The Ambush at Indian Creek has some traditional activities that Cowpokes like to take part in each year. One deals with food and the other with clothes. The food activity is easy because we have the Saturday Night BBQ, which is free to registered shooters. The clothes activity, which translates into the Costume Contests, is going to be explained by the Colonel Hays this month so folks can start their costume planning early. Please remember, that the “wearing of clothes while shooting at the Ambush is mandatory.” Come to think of it, they are mandatory even if you’re not shooting & just walking around. But costuming is more than just clothes, and this year with our theme being the Lone Ranger the Colonel informed me that we really have several historical Lone Ranger costume choices for shooters to pick from. To many of our shooters costumes are just as important as their scores.

As a reminder, if anyone wishes to donate an Ambush Prize, please contact me by phone (724-228-8999) or e-mail. (see my address below)

Last month, we asked this Lone Ranger trivia question.

1. According to Clayton Moore who played the Lone Ranger, Kemo Sabe means?

a) honest friend b) faithful friend c) trusted scout

The answer was b) faithful friend according to Clayton Moore. Meaner N. Zinn was first and Allegheny Trailblazer a close second.

According to Native American experts though, answer c) trusted scout is correct, so Chalkdust gets the scholarly award this month.

Here’s our May trivia question.

What breed of horse was Tonto’s Scout?

a) spotted palomino b) appaloosa c) paint

You can email me your choice again at: durangodave44@comcast.net. We’ll post the answer in next month’s update. Until then, “Hi-Yo Silver, Away”.

Ambush Update

Durango Dave has asked me to head up the costume contest for this year's Ambush X. I thought this would be a good time to fill you in on what to expect so you will have plenty of time to get ready.

The judging for the Costume Contest for Ambush X will be held all day long on Saturday July 19, 2008. Just come to the Short Twig Saloon anytime that day and give the judges your presentation.

The categories will be as follows:

- 1. Working Cowboy**
- 2. Working Cowgirl**
- 3. Military**
- 4. B western Men**
- 5. B western Ladies**
- 6. Working/Town Men**
- 7. Working/Town Ladies**
- 8. Couples**
- 9. Lone Ranger**

Each contestant will be given 60 seconds (90 seconds for couples) to present their costume. The presentation can be done "in character" or as an explanation as to how the costume was assembled. The presentation will count for 25% of the total score. The remaining 75% of the score will be equally divided between originality, authenticity, and detail. So you see how the average costume having been presented in a superior manner can win over a fantastic costume presented "well here I am".

A few words about the Lone Ranger category, this is a special category this year to go along with our 10th Ambush Theme. Don't be intimidated by this one, but have fun with it. Besides the 1950's Clayton Moore Lone Ranger most of us are familiar with there were two move serials in the 1930's starring Lee Powell and Bob Livingston. Also in the 1930's was the comic book Lone Ranger. During the 1940's was the radio Lone Ranger Brace Beemer version not to mention the 1981 Klinton Spilsbury model. Last but not least the Warner Brothers Lone Ranger of just a few years past. That gives you at least seven different Lone Ranger costumes to choose from. Have fun with this, and by the way I will not be a contestant.

Assisting me once again as judges will be Incognito and Dr. Mary Walker. The winners will be announced and given their awards on Sunday July 20 just prior to the shooting awards ceremony.

If you have questions or need ideas, talk to any of the judges. We want to make this fun for everyone.

Good Shooting,
The Col.

Clean Shooters for Cavalry Days

Frankfort Kid

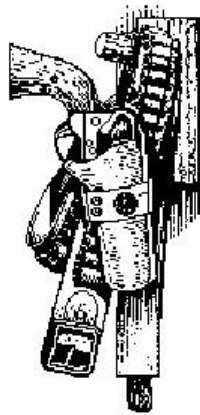
Col. Wm. Hays

Slick Mick

Capgun Kid

Sgt. John Campbell

New Boots



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RJSS MONTHLY MATCHES 2008

April 19 - Calvary Days

May 17 - Rifleman

June 21 - Have Gun Will Travel (Paladin)

August 16 - Josey Wales

September 20 - Bonanza

October 18, 19 - Groundhog Day

Registration 8:00 AM to 9:25 AM --- Shooters' Meeting at 9:30AM

Extras

April 26 - True Grit

July 27 - Wild Bunch (Sunday Shoot)

September 27 - True Grit

RJSS Membership Meeting Dates - Jan. 12, Oct. 25, - Brady's Restaurant - 10:00 AM

SASS PA STATE BLACK POWDER SHOOTOUT - July 18

AMBUSH AT INDIAN CREEK 10 - July 19-20

COMMUNITY DAY WITH ICVSA - July 26

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