



River Junction Epitaph



Presidential Ponderings

Howdy Pard,

Well it's election time again, no, I'm not talkin' bout those two yahoos runnin' all over the country promisin' a chicken in every pot, I talkin' bout the vote right here at RJSS. Most of you should have received a ballot by way of email, but I posted a copy here anyway. Remember to send your vote to

<[Bdoc' edougherty81@gmail.com](mailto:Bdoc.edougherty81@gmail.com)>

The members listed below were nominated by at least two members and have accepted the nomination. The list contains only those members who have accepted the nomination for the position they are listed under.

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Chuckwagon Sam

Vice President

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Secretary

Bdoc

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Treasurer

Durango Dave Hickok

Territorial Governor

Vegas Kid

Safety Officer

Dip

Match Results Officer (choose two)

SloPoke Sara

Mattie Hays

Members will be also be able to vote at the registration office during the October shoots and at the meeting October 25th at Brady's Restaurant before the meeting is called to order. Please try to attend the meeting as we will be announcing the outcome of the vote and discussing, and voting on, plans for the club next year.

See Ya There,

CW

P.S. I'll be away for the shoots this month but Sarsaparilla Sharon will be there with breakfast and lunch for the Saturday Shoot only. Sunday you'll have to have Mom pack your lunch.



Colonel's Column

From time to time I like to update our membership with regard to what states, other than our own, recognize the PA concealed firearms carry permit. Let me say that our Attorney General Tom Corbett has done an outstanding job working out reciprocity agreements with other states and deserves your consideration in the November election. The PA Concealed Firearms Carry Permit is now recognized in twenty six states. That's right; over half the states in the nation will recognize the PA permit. These states are Pennsylvania, Florida, Kentucky, Georgia, Michigan, Wyoming, Alaska, Idaho, Indiana, Montana, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Vermont, New Hampshire, Texas, Utah, South Dakota, Missouri, Virginia, West Virginia, Colorado, Louisiana, North Dakota, Arizona, and Arkansas.

As of this writing the Wild Bunch has not released the agenda for the Territorial Governor Convention in Las Vegas to the TG's. As you can imagine this has caused no small stir among the TG's who are tasked with representing their individual clubs wishes on these various items of discussion. The untimely release of the agenda gives TG's less time to gather their clubs feelings. I will, hopefully, have the agenda by the October meeting and perhaps we can talk about them then and come to some conclusions. I myself will not be going to the convention in Las Vegas but will give my proxy vote to another TG who will be going. So your desires will be carried to the meeting; your input is important. I will keep you informed as soon as I find out any new information from SASS.

Lastly, it has been my sad honor to fill the remainder of our good friend Fuzzy's term as Territorial Governor. I will not be seeking a term of my own. Per SASS ruling the TG's term is January 1 to December 31 with no term limits. We at RJSS have usually installed our TG right after the election in October; however, to come into alignment with the SASS rules the TG will take office in January along with the other society officers.



Clean Shooters for September (Gotta be a record, 15!)

Johnny Lawbreaker, Bigg Lead Foote, Yosemite Steve, Dirty Dale, Punch, JB McCree, SloPoke Sara, New Boots, Miss Dorothy, Doc Everyday, B Dawg, Slick Mick, Major Pain, Knife Man, and Sgt. John Campbell.

\$\$ Treasurer's 2-Cents \$\$

Great shoot on Sat. 70 shooters enjoyed the day and BBQ. Everybody involved with the match did a great job. My goal for the year was to have 100 members for 2008. I think we may have surpassed that number. I will have to check with Mattie. Enjoy the fall and the last shoot. It will have to hold you until spring 2009. See you at the October meeting.

Your "Corporate Treasurer",
WHIP



Mattie's Musings

Howdy all. I can't believe that the September shoot is over and probably by the time you read this True Grit will be over. October will mean the Ground Hog Day Shoots, the meeting and putting RJSS to bed for the year. 2008 is really going fast.

There are a few things I need to address as we wind down for the season. First off a **BIG COWBOY WELCOME** to the following new members:

Cathy Thornhill AKA Princess Happy Talk

Frank Thornhill AKA The Thorn Hill Kid

Jason Meyers AKA Penn Woods Drifter

We really are glad to have you as members. I got to shoot with Penn Woods Drifter the last two shoots and he is quite impressive.

Second, RJSS elections will be held in October. There are many offices that will need filled, one of which is Secretary. I have decided to step down from this position. I just don't have the spark, and feel that somebody who is fresh with new ideas is needed for this key position. I am willing to help the person who assumes this position. B-doc is the election officer this year and will be sending out the ballots by email. If you don't have email you can get a ballot sent out by mail or come to the meeting Oct. 25 to cast your vote. Nominations for officers will be taken until September 27th. Please contact either Bdoc or Chuckwagon Sam with your nominations.

Third, as I said earlier the season is winding down. We had 70 folks shoot at the Bonanza shoot and stay for the BBQ. I think everybody had a great time. I know I did. If you can, try to attend the Groundhog shoot in October and also the meeting. RJSS is your club and needs your input to continue to keep it going. Last but not least, don't forget our nation's elections in November and get out and vote.



Words from Dip

Hello out there to all you Cowboys and Cowgirls, it has been a great season so far and fortunately a very safe one. One thing that I would like to point out is that as CAS shooters we should download into our noggins all the newest information from SASS such as RO1 and RO2 manuals. I think a lot of us have a tendency after we have been shooting awhile is to rely on word of mouth for rule changes, additions and deletions. It is important for one to read all of the SASS manuals because to my dismay they only touch base on parts of certain things and one cannot get the whole picture sometimes unless you read all the books. After the season is over I would like to get together with our T.G. and other Officers and have a RO1 course before next season. I again would like to thank all past and present club officers for their service and all who have helped to make RJSS the great place that it is. Please vote and vote often. See you all at the Groundhog Day weekend. This could be your chance to win several buttons, you could have two aliases and shoot a SASS category one day and shoot a local category the next. (Wait till Poke reads this, you all may need a new safety officer.) Bye.

Dip

Registration Notes

Just wanted to pass along a word of thanks to all you cowpokes for registering "on time" for the September shoot. We had 70 shooters and it was certainly a beautiful day! We have been very fortunate this year for some great weather!

The True Grit shoot brought out 14 shooters and the rain passed us by and turned into a great day. It sure was a lot of shootin'!

Don't forget Groundhog Day next month. It's your chance to get that better score. Just a reminder, if you can shoot both days, that's terrific, but you can just shoot Saturday or Sunday, too.

Hope to see you next month!

Until then, don't squat on our spurs!

SloPoke Sara

Miss Lacey Remington



Fuzzy's Shotgun Raffle

By
Durango Dave

River Junction is sponsoring a raffle for one of Fuzzy's old shotguns to help H. J. & Honey Richardson's little girl Caddie. Caddie has a medical condition that needed a special procedure, but their medical insurance coverage left them with a sizable chunk of some uncovered expenses. To add to that, H.J. is scheduled to be deployed overseas in unfriendly areas. The Capgun Kid heard about their situation this summer and rode to the rescue. He donated Fuzzy's shotgun, which he had just purchased this summer, to be raffled off and all the proceeds given to H.J. & Honey for Caddie's expenses. Fuzzy's shotgun is a 12 ga. hammer double that had some handy work done to it by Capgun so it looks antiques.

Bdoc & I have "noodled" out a simple raffle plan, so here are the details of how you can win this cool looking shotgun of Fuzzy's that is guaranteed to hit what you aim at with the first shot, or you get to use the other barrel free! One of us will be at the next three weekend shoots, McDonald, Logan's Ferry, & River Junction, selling tickets for this very noble cause for just \$1.00 each, and you can buy as many tickets as you want to increase your chances. We'll put your name & phone number on the backs (notice I said backs so you buy more than one) and draw the winning ticket at the RJSS club meeting on Saturday October 25th. You need not be present to win. Please help us give this cute little girl a hand and show her parents how much we Cowboys care.

Thank you,
Durango Dave & Bdoc



From the Deputy

The 4th week of Sept. will be the start of 17 years of shooting cowboy action shooting with SASS and during those years I've shot a lot of matches all over the U.S. I've torn down and help setup a lot of them also, too many to want to remember. I started to shoot in Sept. 1992 at the Appalachian Showdown, one of the only places that did cowboy action shooting then on the east coast. I've learned a lot of things since then and met a lot of people that I still talk to. Back when I started there were no RO schools, so you followed the rules at the club you were shooting at. As new clubs came about, they had different rules and that meant you changed with the rules or you didn't shoot. Then SASS started the RO schools to try and get all the clubs to shoot the same way, thus rules. Now, I've written lots of matches and been match director for them and have always asked people to tell me what I did wrong and what I did right in writing them. Big Fred and Punch would always let me know how I screwed up stages, and let me know if I wrote a good one, lots of times right in front of the posse shooting it. I would listen to him and Punch and others that had comments, I guess you could call it constructive criticism. When I designed a stage again, I would remember what I did wrong and make sure I didn't repeat it. Never end a stage with a rifle because the timer didn't pickup rifle shots every time, try and keep it SASS category friendly, keep the rifle and hand gun sweeps the same, keep it safe and fun and stay away from procedural traps in a stage and other things, so it would be fun to shoot both the new shooter and the shooter that had been doing it for a long time. Out of all the years I've been shooting, the only thing that I did not like was handoffs and that was from a horse or when you had a gun malfunction. I would rather ground it, in a safe direction when I'm not on a horse and come back after the stage and take it to unloading table and deal with the problem or give someone permission to look at it if I couldn't fix it. What if the person taking the gun drops it and makes the problem worse, or takes it back to the unloading table and starts messing with it and breaks it or it goes off, who gets the DQ? Even if he thought he was trying to help, he just made the problem worse. You have to pay to get it fixed. People that shoot this sport have lots of money tied up in firearms, like action jobs, and other things, so they don't like people fooling with them, unless they're asked to. I don't want to be asked to pay for the repair of a firearm that wasn't mine and I tried to fix. As a match director it is always nice to be offered help in any way with a match. After writing stages for a long time a person starts to run out of ideas, if you don't believe me just ask Mariah. So, a person that wants to write stages is a good relief, You learn as you go with writing stages and thank god I had Fuzzy to talk things over with as to what I could and couldn't do in a stage. But, whether it is a whole stage or just a few, a stage writer has to understand a few things. A stage has to be written so male or female, new, old, gamers, juniors, buckaroos, or handicapped can shoot it. It should be SASS category friendly, as much as possible. The stage must be written as to know the time it takes for the posse to get to the stage till they leave the stage when everyone is done shooting it. By this I mean you start to sentiment the time for the posse to get to the stage, reading the story, how to shoot it, answer any questions, how many new shooters on your posse, how many people in your posse, getting first shooter loaded and to the line, What you have to do first before any of this is take average fast shooter time it takes him to run a stage and the average slowest person to run it and get a average time and take that times how many people are in the posse and add these all together for time it takes the posse to shoot the stage. Don't forget to also add in the times between shooters for stage setup and brass pickup. Brass pickup should be from the time the TO yells range clear till he yells next shooter. After adding these times together you know how long it takes to shoot a stage. Then take that times six and you have a good idea how long the match will take. This has to be looked at when writing stages and to run a match. The person writing the stages should be there when the stages are setup for the match, so the people helping setup know where to set the targets and the stage writer can make adjustments if necessary. Because the day of the match they will be the match director and will take all the heat for problems that may arise, and there will be. (Been there) There are a few things that a person should try to understand when writing stages and these are but a few of them. The more a person writes stages the better they get and they will learn a lot more in the future, so those writing stages don't let people get you down, because I think if Jesus wrote a stage you'd still have people complain about it. God bless the new stage writers because us old guys are getting older every day, and will be able to say someday "Don't look at me I didn't write it."

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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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