



## **River Junction Epitaph**



### **Presidential Ponderings**

With the passing of Miss Dorothy, aka Cindy Wagner, we go into September at River Junction with a heavy heart, but knowing that she touched many people and her spirit will always be a part of our club. SloPoke Sara wrote the following and I feel it sums up most of our feelings.

#### **“MY GOODBYE”**

“Howdy Folks,

I had an article written for this month’s newsletter, but when we received the call that our friend, Miss Dorothy had passed, I felt this to be appropriate.

We have known Whip and Miss Dorothy for eleven years. They were one of the first shooting couples Dip and I meet here at R.J.S.S. Miss Dorothy was the best marketing person that River Junction ever had. She could talk a blue streak about shootin’ and how much fun she had doing it. She certainly inspired me to start shooting and made me feel very at ease being a “new shooter.”

We became friends and had many wonderful times with her. I can look back at so many good memories, special times and the laughter we shared.

I remember last June when I was facing some medical problems and was very uncertain what my future would be. She called me several times to give me support and just to talk and tell me I would get through this no matter what and she was praying for me. Imagine, she was supporting me through this problem when Miss Dorothy

herself was facing a terminal illness. What courage and strength she had! I only wish I could be that strong.

If you have had the privilege of having Miss Dorothy in your life, you are one of the lucky ones; I know Dip and I are!

She was, and always will be a very special lady....our "Happy Posse" will not be the same without her, but we are glad for the time we spent with her.

We love you and will miss you,  
Happy Trails, Miss Dorothy, until we meet again,

SloPoke Sara"

This month we have our annual Groundhog Day shoot taken from the movie of the same name. You shoot Saturday and then get a chance Sunday to do a reshoot and better your score. Honeydipper is the match director for this one. Sarsaparilla and I will not be there this month due to a prior commitment. There will be no food service so you need to bring your own fiddles. Dip's planning a covered dish after the shoot Saturday so check out his article.

Deputy Keck and his gang have been very busy at the range. We now have primitive camper slots available. And the construction of the Saloon / Hotel is under way.

Due to the fact that I won't be at RJSS till the October shoot, if any of you are interested in RJSS Badges or Tee Shirts let me know. I can accept credit cards and ship them to you. Each Tee Shirt sale gets the club \$2.00

The Wild Bill Shootoff was canceled last month due to the extreme heat. Deputy Keck will handle it this month in my absence. Please give it a try. The money raised goes to range improvements.





## **From the Deputy**

### **THE TOWN**

**The air- conditioners that Caption John Huston gave to the club for the saloon and the administration building really came in handy at the monthly Aug. match, as soon as I can get someone to help, I'll try and get the one that Chalk and Surly gave us, put up in the café. Thanks, Capt Huston and his wife and to Chalk and Surly, for keeping the town cool. Also, the pavilion that is going to come and replace that tent between the café and the courthouse will be up before the Sept. match. It is just like the other metal one only 20x21, after putting that tent up and taking it down, it'll be mighty nice.**

### **THE PARKING LOT**

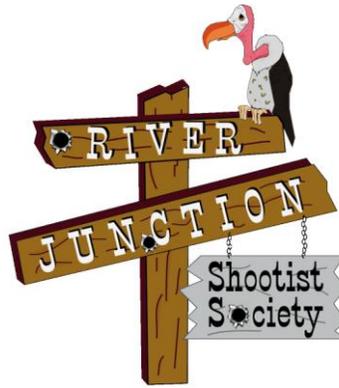
**There have been six camper pads put in the parking lot, for shooters to use when they come to stay overnight. There were 4, set in on the left side going into the town and 2 on the right side.**

### **RANGE IMPROVEMENTS**

**It seems that range improvements is a never ending thing at RJSS, The berm between bay #9 and #10 was lengthen and make higher for better safety when shooting at those two bays, during matches. In bay #6 the saloon/hotel stage front has been started. The holes were drilled and the poles set, and now starts the real part, getting the building up. I got wood donated from some lumber mills around the area and some other businesses gave us some lumber also. But there are still some other things that the club needs to get, like nails, screws and roofing, would like to see this building done by the last match.**

## **FUZZY AND I**

**The club has had ten matches this year so far this year and at the beginning of the year Cutter brought to the first meeting in Jan. items that Fuzzy wanted to be given to the club to run on a tip board and the money made from that to be given for range improvements, I gave the club a picture of the Lone Ranger, signed by Clayton Moore, to be run on a tip board for a dollar a pull. Now Fuzzy's board still has 50 or more on it. The Lone Ranger board has all been sold. Flatrock won it. Now here's the real issue, the club has over 100 members and other people like to come to shoot, but nobody wants to support the club to improve it. The club needs funds to improve things to make shooting here more enjoyable, this cost money to do. Now here's the question, why would it take over ten matches to sell a hundred tips at a dollar a tip to a membership of over a 100. I took it to an IVCSA meeting one night a sold 25 tips and there only about 30 people there. So that means it took ten matches to find a winner. Support, where's it at. Another thing, 50/50 board, it takes the club all day to try and sell one board at \$2.00 a tip with 38 tips on a board. That's the winner getting \$38.00's the food pantry getting \$10.00, and the club keeps \$27.00. I keep work days down because people are bitching it cost them money to get to the club. How many people have to do anything at this club in help setting up or tearing down at a match or helping in any other way You don't do anything but show up shoot, and go home, where else do you get do that? So, why don't you buy two 50/50 tickets or get two or more chances on a tip board. If more people did this things would improve faster around the RJSS range. If I made some people mad, so be it. Go look in the mirror, and asked yourself what have I done to help make improvements at RJSS, physically or financially. To all the others that have helped me in the past, thank you for all the help, and you know who you are. If you don't help at your clubs, soon there won't be a place to shoot at and you can go set at the bar and cry in your 5.00 beer on what use to be the day you were a the range shooting.**



## Groundhog Day

Hi Pard,

Poke and I have set up for Sept. match yesterday, we will be using bays 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8. We will be there the Friday before the match cleaning up the bays, weed wacking, changing garbage bags, mowing and general clean up. Any help would be appreciated.

LUNCH WILL NOT AVAILABLE. CW and Co. will not be doing lunch. There will be a covered dish dinner after the shoot on Saturday, Poke and I will be supplying ham and buns, please bring your favorite dish for all of us to enjoy. I have a propane corn cooker if corn is still available if someone wants to buy corn.

There are level campsites in parking area that are now complete.

We will be doing long range shooting after dinner and feel free to use the range. Hope to see a lot of smiling faces that weekend.

For those of you not familiar with this shoot, we will be shooting the same stages Saturday and Sunday and you get to pick your best score from each day. If you can only come for one day that's fine. You will be paying regular price for one day and \$5.00 for second day.

People shooting one day either Sat. or Sun. will pay regular price only. Any questions feel free to call or e-mail me.

Dip

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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**

**Extras**

**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**

**SASS PA STATE BLACK POWDER SHOOTOUT – July 17**

**AMBUSH AT INDIAN CREEK 11 - July 18-19**

**COMMUNITY DAY WITH ICVSA – July 25**

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