Wyoming State Muzzleloader Association News

March, 2026

President's Letter

Spring is just around the corner so more snow storms and time to get ready for upcoming shoots.

April is the shotgun shoot at Worland (24-26). Spring turkey season is opening.

May is Tensleep primitive on the 15th-,16th & 17th. And the following weekend is the Memorial Day shoot in Riverton (May 22-25).

Looking forward to catching up with everyone at the shoots. If you need anything, please call.

William (Bill) Jennings • Travis Bennett • Donald J. McCandlish • Jim White

STATE MUZZLE LOADING

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Dave Wheeler • John A. Boesch, Jr.

Dave Spethman • Fred Coates • Jim Frailey

Mark Warns • Red Roberts • Richard Sapp • Artie Joss

WSML 2025 CONVENTION

The 2026 WSMLA convention was well attended and cold, 14 below on Saturday in morning in Casper.

The Ramkota served ribs and chicken for supper followed by the auction of donated treasures, Traveling Trophy awards and music by Dane S.

At top is auctioneer Junior M. Below is the general meeting where officers were elected. Right is well dressed Boon D.

WSMLA Minutes
January 25, 2026

Call to Order:
Roll Call of Directors:

Gary Millhouse (2027) President
Paula Sorter (2029) Secretary
Trish Miller (2027)
Cyndy Sander (2028)
Dane Sorter(2027)
Ace Redman(2027) Vice President
Rich Wormington (2028)
Nick Elzay (2028) Treasurer
Jim Shipley (2028)
Frank Elzay (2029)
Angie Lehto (2029) ABSENT
Lisa Marchant (2029)

Minutes for January 24, 2026-Paula Sorter
Minutes accepted as read motioned to accept by Dane Sorter seconded by Nick Elzay

Treasurer Report- Crystal GIllen/Nick Elzay
94 meal tickets
$1540 for auction
There will be more totals after all is added up
Motion to accept by Trish Miller and seconded by Jim Shipley

President's Notes: Great Job this last year! Thank you to all the officers! Thanks to Jim Miller and Jim Shipley for getting the word out about the convention.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Convention-Trish Miller-30-35 traders! Areas are full. The contract has been signed for 2027. January 22,23,24 rooms will be $106.22. Trish is stepping down and a new person will take over this position.

Auction-Nick Elzay-Auction went well .

Photo Contest- Cyndy Sander-there were quite a few photos. All went well.

Hats and Shirts-Paula Sorter- There were a few items sold. Hoping to sell all the old stock to then gather a new stock.

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Traveling Trophy- went well only have a few items that needed to be sent to contestants. We will do a little tweaking to the plaques to make them easier to read.

Newsletter-Gary Gillen-Nothing new from Saturday. Please send information to post.

Entertainment-Dane Sorter- It was a success. I will keep doing it. If people keep dancing I will keep doing it. It will save the state money.

Website-Crystal GIllen-Same as on Saturday

Breakfast Break 8:35-9:15

Old Business:

2026 Shoot dates
Feb
Winter Challenge
13,14,15

March

April
Trap and Skeet Worland
24-26

May
Memorial Day Shoot
Riverton 22-25

Bighorn Basin (Ten Sleep)
15-17

June
Marion Baker Memorial Shoot
Encampment
June 6

DCML State Shoot
At Deer Creek
12-14

1838
24-28

High Plains
21-27 Lake City SD

July
Sierra Madre
24-26 Encampment

RMNR
10-18 Creede Co

Aug

Sept
Trap and Skeet
11-13 Worland

Sheridan Pie Shoot
13th

January 22,23,24 2027
Convention

New Business

Board Member elections

President-Gary Millhouse
V President-Ace Redman
Treasurer-Nick Elzay
Secretary-Paula Sorter

Committees
Convention-Dane Sorter
Auction-Jim Shipley
Photo Contest-Cyndy Sander
Hats and Shirts-Paula Sorter
Traveling Trophy/Awards-Nick Elzay
Entertainment-Dane Sorter
Website-Lisa Marchant

Board of Directors Next Meeting at Riverton Memorial Day

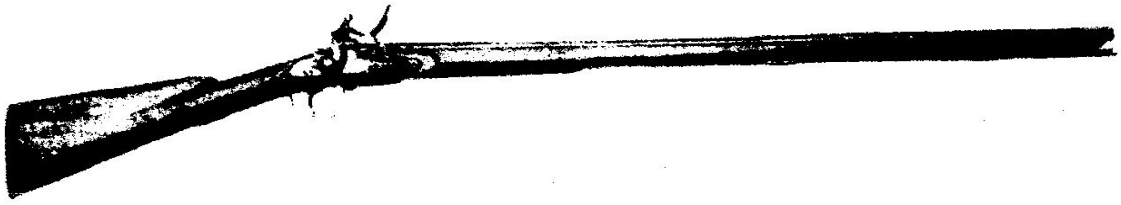
Next Meetings

Memorial Day at WRML
May 24, 2026
Sunday 1pm

If there is a problem and we are unable to meet it will be at the State Shoot at Deer Creek.
June 12-14 on Saturday, 1 pm

Meeting in Encampment
Saturday July 25 at 12 pm during kids games

Motion to Adjourn by Frank Elzay and seconded by Ace Redman
9:45 am.



INTERESTED IN STATEWIDE TRADITIONAL MUZZLE LOADER SEASON?

Muzzle loaders Dennis Faerber and Steve Kerpan are trying to find out how much interest there would be from WSMLA members and other traditional muzzle loaders to petition the Wyoming Game and Fish Department for a statewide elk season.

Our proposal would be for traditional, primitive muzzleloading rifles or muskets using black powder, patched round ball or minie balls. No inline rifles or scopes allowed! The proposed season would run with archery elk season (September 1 thru September 30). If unsuccessful, the license would be good for general elk season. Non-residents would follow the limited draw process now in effect.

If WGFD is willing to consider this proposal, we may propose that deer and antelope also be included sometime in the future,

Steve and Dennis are asking interested individuals to respond by the end of April, 2026. Ask the president of your local club to take a count and forward that info to them. We would like one response from each club.

If you have questions, contact Steve by phone or text at (307) 329-8409 or stevekerpan@hotmail.com . Dennis can be reached via email at dafaerber@aol.com

DCML Winter Challenge Shoot Results

	FUE DE LAC	BOT TLES	6-BULL	5 BULL BUFF	6 BULL SLUG	DBLBULL BUFF	SGL BULL BUFF	Pistol	Single Bull	200	TOTAL SCORE	TEAM SCORE	
Men's													
John Cheevers	38	27	34	21	19	30	7	28	0	7	211	1145	xx
Jim Shipley	38	21	39	25	18	41	7	19	5	0	213		
Kim M	35	28	21	6	8	10	6	5	0	0	119		
Phil Nissen	35	35	37	19	8	41xx	6	6	23	0	210	xx	
Juniper	31	10	30	22	10x	29	5	20	22	0	179		
Brian Connely	36	16	29	20	16	33	22	24	16	0	212	983	x
Dane Sorter	35	29	33	22	16	37	25	18	22	7	244		
Magic	33	22	18	13	10	22	0	18	13	0	149		
Shawn R	29	8	16	24	8	16	5	11	5	8	130		
Randy Preston	38x	23	28	0	35	27	30	33	20	14	248	x	
Vern Fauss	29	20	29	22	25	25	5	11	7	10	183	1180	xx xx
Tim Fauss	47x	37	39	20	44	38	0	28	10	0	259	x	
Bryan Y	39	35	36	27	29x	40	20	30x	15	26	285	xx	
Burt	34	25	25	23	44xx	32	10	20	16	0	229	xx	
Marc	39	26	46	10	8	32	14	27	12	10	224		
Nic	41	16	17	15	8	37	0	6	21	0	161	387	xx
Boone	25	16	17	10	16	0	0	8	10	0	94		
Clay	19x	25	11	10	26x	25	6	5	5	0	132	xx	

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Women's													
Mel Connley	41x	20	30x	0	8		12			111	xx		
Sandy Ladwig	38	15	30	8	16		12			119	388	x	xx
Trish Miller	32	20	33	11	36x		26			158	x		
Pam M	23	16	14	0	8		6			67	171	x	
Paula Sorter	15x	13	14							42	x		
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1st 1180xxxx
Vern Fauss
Tim Fauss
Bryan Youngberg
Bert
Mark Smith

2nd 1145xx
John Cheevers
Jim Shipley
Kim M
Phil Nissen
Juniper

3rd 983x
Brian Connely
Dane Sorter
Magic
Shaun R
Randy Preston

Top Man- Bryan Y-285xx
Top Woman-Trish Miiller-158x
Top JR- Anders Fauss-42

Traveling Trophy Qualifiers
Men -Tim Fauss-46
Women- Sandy Ladwig-39
JR-Anderss Fauss-9

Women's
1st 388xxx
Mel Connely
Sandy Ladwig
Trish Miller

2nd 171x
Pam M
Paula Sorter
Linda Preston

DEER CREEK MUZZLELOADERS

Invite YOU to our

Wyoming State Muzzleloading Association State Shoot

Celebrating America's 250th Anniversary

June 12, 13 & 14, 2026

Range Hours

Fri 12 to 5, Sat 8 to 4, Sun 8 to 12

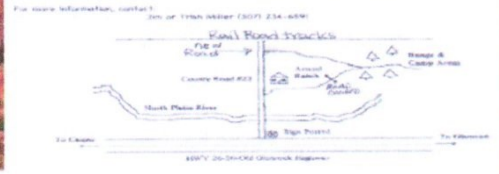
Matches include Ladies, Men's and Youth rifle, pistol, hawk and knife and state traveling trophy finals.

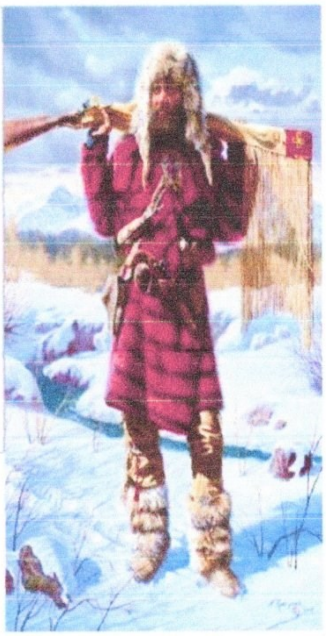
Shooting fee varies with event

Potluck Dinner 5:30 ish Saturday

No Camping fees, Firewood and facilities available. Fire restrictions may be in effect.

Bring your own water





Tensleep Primitive Shoot May 15-17

Big Horn Basin Muzzleloaders

Willie Felton Memorial Est. 1986-2026

40th Annual Primitive Shoot

May 15-17, 2026

Potluck dinner on Saturday evening, meat provided.

The members of the BHBML invite you and your family to participate in our annual primitive shoot at the Brewster Ranch, located on the Lower Nowood Road, Ten Sleep, WY. Primitive and tin-tipi camping is available. Wood is available. We are a small club with an excellent shooting range. Enjoy the BHBML shooting range on the lower Nowood River.

Primitive Matches: Saturday morning, afternoon, and Sunday morning.

Friday afternoon after primitive range is set up there will be trap shooting. Bring a front stuff shotgun or borrow from other shooters.

Limited Paper Matches
Paper Range 9-5 Saturday
9-12 Sunday

Trap Shooting Friday afternoon.
Hawk/Knife Throwing Saturday evening.
Candle Shoot Saturday Evening
Traveling Trophy Qualifier
Awards for Men, Women, Junior, and Sub Junior

Potluck dinner on Saturday evening. BHBML will provide hamburgers and fixings. Please bring food items to share.

A full slate of traditional Muzzle Loading events is planned. ***Primitive match will be a blanket shoot. Please bring a prize valued at $20.00 or cash.*** Paper Matches $2.00 first time, $1.00 each additional re-entry of paper match. The registration fee is $20.00 per family.

No optics except by range officers. Open front and rear sights only. NMLA rules for scoring. Only traditional Muzzle Loading hunting rifles using patched round balls. Camp Rules: **-No Dogs or horses allowed as this is a working ranch with guardian dogs protecting livestock**. No vehicle parking allowed in the primitive camp area except to load and unload.

Matches:

1. Willie Felton Rusty Trapper aged 55 and older-25 yd. crow.
2. .40 Cal and under -25 yd. Grizzly
3. .54 Cal and over -50 yd. single Bull
4. Any caliber 25 yd. squirrel
5. Any caliber 50 yd. slug gun target
6. Any caliber 100 yd. single bull
7. X-sticks 50 yd. Double Buffalo
8. Men's Pistol 25 yd. pistol target
9. Women's pistol 25 yd. pistol target
10. Women's Rifle 25 yd. Fer-de-lac
11. Junior 25yd. Prairie Dog
12. Sub-Junior 25 yd. Prairie Dog
13. Traveling Trophy 25 yd. Double Buffalo. **Must be or will be a WSMLA member to shoot traveling trophy.**

Contact: Bill Morrison 307-431-5614 or Tom Brewster 307-388-0891
Camper trailer rentals available from Mike Orona 307-431-2131

Wind River Muzzle Loaders
MEMORIAL DAY SHOOT
May 22-25, 2026
RIVERTON, WY
Paper & Primative Shoots
Men, Women, Jr & Sub Jr
Hawk & Knife Throw
Pistol & Revolver
Charles Hanson Trade Gun Match
Travis Bennett Memorial Match
Mountain Man Run
Knife Shoot
WIND RIVER MUZZLE LOADERS
SATURDAY NIGHT FEED
(meat provided, bring a side dish)
n water & ice
Wood Available - Bring your ow
307-851-2453 or 307-251-79
TO LANDER
Shoot site
o spotting scopes or loading benches on firing
ne-loading from pouch or bag only - range
ficer is the law. Traditional rifle and pistol-
atched round ball only. Prizes will be awarded
Fun Shoot April 24-26, 2026
Champion Shoot Sept 11-13, 2026

NMLRA Rules Apply

Questions Contact:

LZ -307-332-4665

Bill Morrison 307-431-5614

Dry camp is available at the Worland Shooting Complex.
Camper rentals Mike Orona 307-431-2131

Camping with or without full hookups: Worland Campground 2313 Big Horn Ave, Worland **307.347.2329**

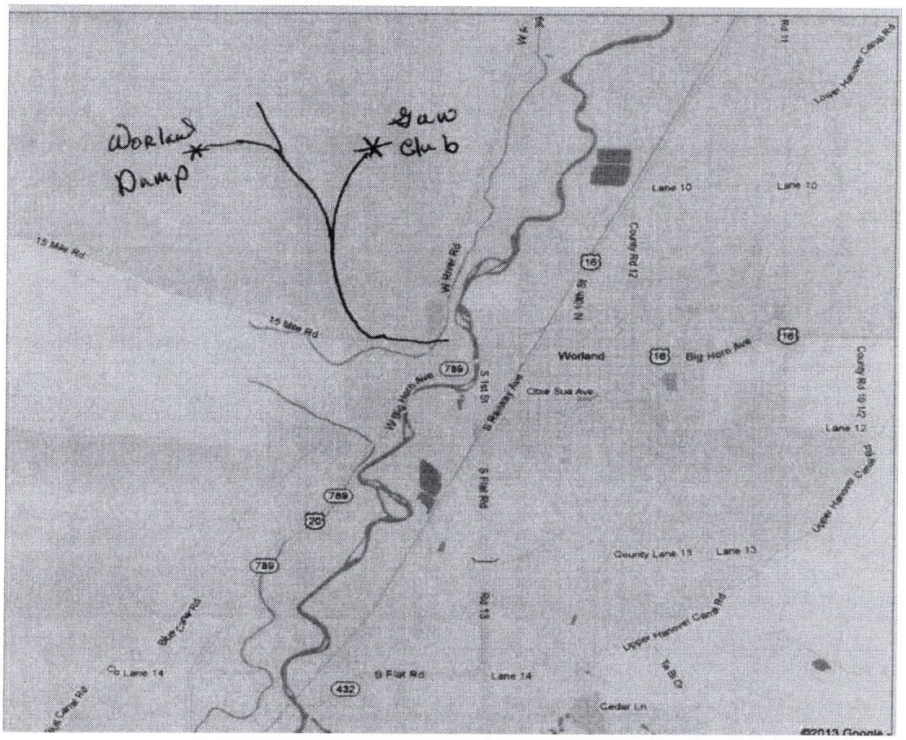
Hotels:

Econo Inn 1021 Russell Ave, Worland, WY 307-347-3249

Travel Lodge by Wyndham, 2500 Big Horn Ave. 307-347-9236

Days Inn, 500 N 10th, Worland, WY 307.347.4251.

Town House Motor Inn, 119 N Tenth St. Worland, WY 82401



Sierra Madre Muzzleloading Rifle Club's Mountain Man Rendezvous July 24, 25, and 26, 2026

Co-Sponsored by the Town of Encampment and in cooperation with the CCVC

NO CAMP SET UP UNTIL WEDNESDAY, JULY 22nd
. Bring own water and firewood.
Dogs are the responsibility of owner – Leash law enforced!! NO HORSES

SAW DUST PIT FRIDAY AFTERNOON – THRU SATURDAY FOR KIDS 12 AND UNDER ONLY

SHOOTING FEES
SINGLE $20
FAMILY $30
HAWK AND KNIFE $5 EACH
ALL OTHER EVENTS $5 EACH

All individual events will have awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place

Men Aggregate - $200.00 cash
Women Aggregate - $200.00 cash
Junior Aggregate - $200.00 cash
Sub-Junior Aggregate - $200.00 cash

NO PEEP SIGHTS – ROUND BALL ONLY
RANGE OFFICER'S WORD IS FINAL

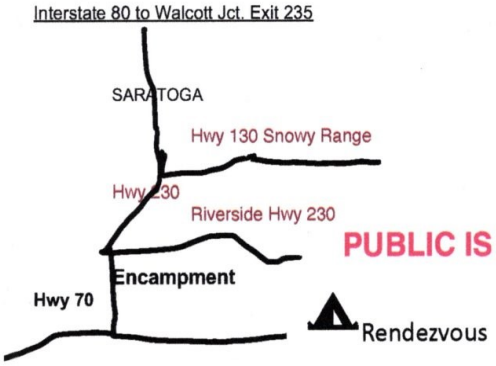
Friday Events: Registration, at 1pm - Kids Knife Throw at 3pm
Adults Knife Throw at 5pm

Saturday Events: Shooting events start at 9am – Kids Hawk Throw at 3pm
Adults Hawk Throw at 5pm

Sunday Events: Pistol Shoot 9am
Awards 1pm

Raffle and auction to follow prize distribution on Sunday. Must be present to win.

Directions:



For More Information Contact:
Josh Saier (231) 620-1012
Crystal Gillen (307) 329-6968
Steve Kerpan (307) 326-8409
Or write:
SMMLRC
PO Box 1871
Saratoga, WY 82331
Email: smmlrc@gmail.com

PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ALL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

1838 Rendezvous 2026

June 24th
Opening Ceremony

June 28th
Closing Ceremony

On Original 1838 rendezvous Site
Riverton, Wyoming

Camp Activities June 24 – 28, 2026

Primitive Black Powder Shooting Matches
Hawk / Knife Throws - Games - Nightly Council Fire
Seminars, Traders and more!

Period Correct Camp or Horse Camp Fee $35
Period Correct Trader Fee $65 or ($85 in prizes)
Period Correct Blanket Trader Fee $25 or ($35 in prizes)
'Tin Teepee" - modern Fee $35
(Members receive a $5 discount)

We focus on authenticity and offering of courses in "skills & history" related to the mountain man era
"Everyone" is welcome!

Join us and learn what mountain man life was about!

For more information, news, discussions, and updates: www.1838rendezvous.com
Or contact:
BOOSHWAY: *Carrie "frankie" Gavin*
Email: the1838rendezvous@outlook.com **Cell:** (307) 851-2388

OR

SEGUNDO: *Angie "Honeycomb" Lehto*
Email: ajfred48@hotmail.com **Cell:** (307) 851-9054
Or Write To:
1838 Rendezvous Association - PO Box 1838 - Riverton, WY 82501

Check us out on **Facebook** *also!!*

WYOMINNG STATE MUZZLELOADING CLUBS

Big Horn Basin Muzzleloaders
President: Robert Kiernan 307-256-3484
Vice President: John Murphy
Secretary/Treasurer: Bill Morrison 307-431-5614
Monthly shoot : 1st Saturday of month
Range: Brewster Ranch on Nowood River outside of Ten Sleep

1838
President: Kyle Lehto 307-214-7882
Vice President: Angie Lehto 307-851-9054
Secretary: Jacque Stoldt 307-333-3061
Treasurer: Carrie Gavin 307-851-2388
Meeting: 1st Thursday of every month

Deer Creek Muzzleloaders (DCML)
President: Dane Sorter 307-253-8042
Vice President: Wayne Strozzi 307-680-1194
Secretary/Treasurer: Trish Miller 307-234-6591
Assistant: Sandy Ladwig 307-267-4879
Monthly Shoot: 1st Sunday of month at 10am

Sierra Madre Muzzleloading Rifle Club (SMMLRC)
President: Josh Saier (231) 620-1012
Vice President: Steve Kerpan (307-326-8409)
Secretary/Treasurer: Crystal Gillen (307) 329-6968
Monthly Shoot: 2nd Sunday of month

Sheridan Bull Shooters
President: Verlan Dannar 307-751-0849
Vice President: Aaron May
Secretary/Treasurer: Ed Kern 307-673-1376
Monthly Shoot: Last Sunday of Month

Wind River Muzzle Loaders (WRML)
President: Ken Hall 307-259-0822
Vice President: Jeremiah Cash 307-851-5968
Secretary: Dusty Cash
Treasurer: Mark Lewis 307-345-0066
Monthly Shoot: 2nd Sunday of month

Wyoming State Muzzle Loading Association
Board of Directors 2026

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Trish Miller – Director (2027)
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Gary Gillen – Historian/Newsletter (Not a Board Member)
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_____Year
Membership Form
Wyoming State Muzzle Loading Association

NAME: _____

NAME OF SPOUSE: _____

NAMES OF CHILDREN (living at home):

_____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ or CELL:_____

E-Mail Address: _____

NRA# _____EXPIRATION DATE: _____

NMLRA# EXPIRATION DATE: _____

LOCAL CLUB AFFILIATION: _____

Membership fee - $30 65years or over $25 Mailing Fee $10

I wish to receive the newsletter by postal service. If yes the fee to mail is $10 YES___ NO___

Make checks Payable WSMLA

Active Military Membership Free ___Junior and Sub-Junior shooters Free __

Memberships are free for active military, junior and sub-junior shooters. You still need to fill out the form listed above and request membership in the WSMLA.

The WSMLA newsletter is now available for your convenience online at:
http://www.wyomingmuzzleloaders.com

If mailing, please complete the above membership form and send along with your check to:

WSMLA
Attn: Nick Elzay
391 Amoretti
Lander, WY 82520

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