

Wyoming State Muzzleloader Association News

December, 2024

President's Letter

Happy New Year!

Another year has come and gone. But what a great year! It looks like all of the clubs had successful shoots and attendance has increased! I am encouraged to see more young people and interested shooters. I would like to welcome the Platte Bridge Company to the group and hope to see them at the Convention.

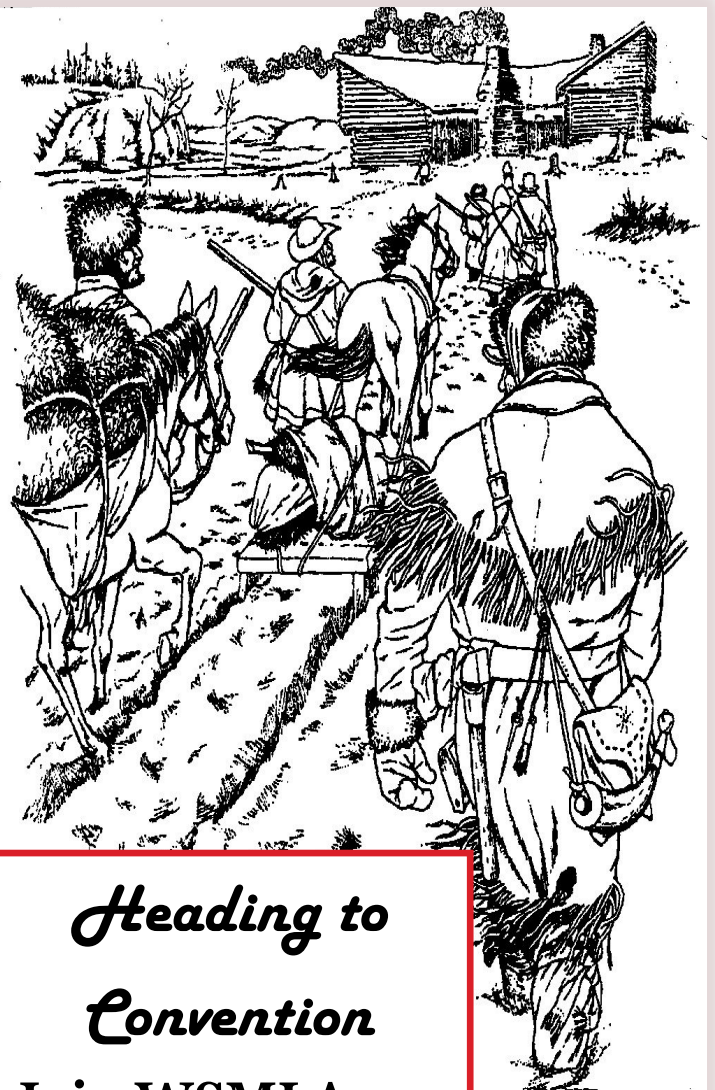
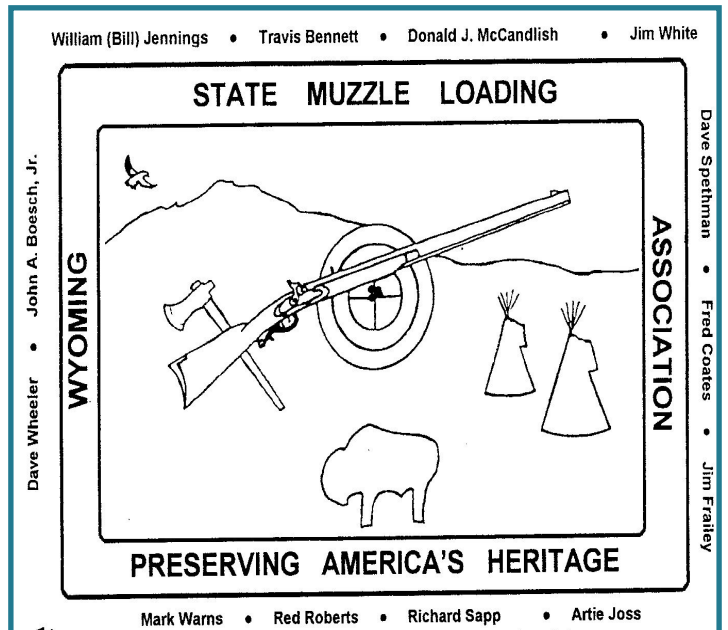
Speaking of which, Trish has set up another wonderful year of convention. We should have a great year and weather permitting a good turn out. I hope all of you plan to attend. Don't forget to bring your auction items and visit the traders!

This year there may be some changes concerning duties with convention and such. Please consider running for office or chairing a committee. Our group needs your help and those who have done so for many years may need a break, or at least more help. Without the support of its members, our group would not be able to function. My term in office will be up and I am also needing to pass on the Traveling Trophy chair position. I'm not leaving, just making room for others to participate. Ideas are always welcome.

If your group has not yet done so, please be ready with a flyer and dates for next year's shoot. That way it can get into the newsletter soon. Next year's state shoot will be decided at the general meeting at convention as will most other events. Some exciting events scheduled already include the Rocky Mountain National Rendezvous celebrating the 200th anniversary of the first western fur trade rendezvous.

Hope to see you all soon!

Melissa



*Heading to
Convention*
Join WSMLA Today

SHERIDAN BULLSHOOTERS

PIE SHOOT AND THANKSGIVING TURKEY SHOOT

Bullshooters 2024 Pie Shoot Sept. 29 By Ed Kern

Awesome results on a sunny day with ANOTHER great group of muzzleloaders. We had guys from here and there and over the mountain....could've been over the river and through the woods even. OH, that's Thanksgiving!

But it is always somewhat like that because people show up early and always lend a hand to set up the shade cover and run the flag up the pole and bring prizes (yup pies) and help in any way that needs a hand. And we are truly grateful!

This year three guys showed up in their outfits and we welcomed a new member that we let know that we are not the only show in Wyoming. So many of our participants always make the comment that they particularly come to the pie shoot because it's full and they have a good time and good lunches.

For those of you who were unable for any reason to come and share the social aspect and the food and camaraderie in Sheridan on a September day...we missed you and hope your fences are mended and your health has improved and your schedule will allow you time to get somewhere to get to one of Wyoming's muzzleloading events.

Lastly: Huge thank you to everyone who made this another successful shoot by coming early and those who stayed after helped tear down and put away so we all got off the range and away home before a red flag warning.

Sheridan Bullshooters

(Pies are us)

Bullshooters Nov. 24 Turkey Shoot

By Jane Black

Fall seems to be bumping along and us with it. Ed took pictures of the goodie bags I did for the shoot. I have done goodie bags for years for shooters who don't win turkeys but I got a bee in my bonnet and decided to make them with more personality than just little brown bags. Just an idea to get more participation for different events. Maybe get some more involvement. Just fun type stuff instead of stuffy. Maybe some other shoots would have some ideas for various matches too?

See you at Convention!!



DEER CREEK MUZZLELOADERS

GEORGE WALKER WINTER CHALLENGE FEBRUARY 14,15 & 16 2025

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

Attention muzzle loading clubs and individual shooters:
The Deer Creek Muzzle Loaders challenges you to form your best teams of men & women to join us for a fun weekend match. Come for a great weekend of shooting, eating and fun. Men's teams are composed of 5 men; women's are 3 women (duh!). Women may shoot on a man's team but not the other way! We are not politically correct, we have fun!! If you need help with a team, we will help you out. This is a WSMLA sanctioned shoot, therefore, the Traveling Trophy Target can be shot. All shooters must be a State Member. You can pay your dues at the shoot. There will be a HOT lunch served Saturday, please bring a covered dish to share, if you wish. For Information: Trish (307) 234-6591



COME SHOOT AND PLAY WITH US!!

WYOMING STATE MUZZLE LOADERS STATE RENDEZVOUS & TRADERS' FAIR

January 24, 25 & 26, 2025

Ramkota Hotel - Casper, WY

Free & Open to the Public



- * Seminars
- * Explore items of the early 1800's
- * Shop Traders's Row
- * Dinner & Dancing Saturday night
- * Photo Contest

For info contact:

Trisha (307) 234-6591

For reservations call:

Ramkota Hotel

1-307-266-6000

2025 RMNR At Lonetree Wyoming



2025 Rocky Mountain National Rendezvous

<http://www.rmnr.org/rendezvous%202019.html>

July 12 – 19, 2025, early set-up July 9 – 11, 2025 -Lonetree, Wyoming

1825-2025 Bicentennial Celebration of Rendezvous in the Rocky Mountains — From Ashley to the Rocky Mountain National Rendezvous.

2025 is also the 250th Anniversary of the beginning of the American Revolution. So we have lots to celebrate this year.

Wyoming will be hosting the 2025 RMNR near Lonetree, about 27 miles southeast of Fort Bridger and 14 miles west of the first Rocky Mountain Rendezvous held in 1825.

It will be the 200th Anniversary of the first Rendezvous in 1825 on the Burnt Fork of the Henry's Fork of the Green River. We have a site at Lonetree, WY on Poison Creek of the Henry's Fork. Co-Booshways are Todd Erlandson and James "Bear" McDonald. Look for posts from them over the next year to fill all in on their plans for the Bicentennial Rendezvous.

FOR 2025 ONLY — TRADER FEES WILL BE WAIVED

PLEASE NOTE: Dates, times, events, and activities are subject to change.

2025 Co-Booshways: Todd Erlandson booshway1rmnr2025@gmail.com

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Sierra Madre Muzzle Loading Rifle Club

The club held a turkey shoot for Thanksgiving and a Christmas shoot . After the Christmas Shoot, members gathered at the Saratoga American legion Post 54 for a banquet and open bar.



SMMLRC TURKEY SHOOT

Date: 11-10-2024

MATCH	3 GONG	PIG	MILLHOUSE	LONG BEAR	LONG COYOTE	SWING. RAM	BUFF. HEART	SMALL RAMS	POKER		APP. TOTAL	RANK	
MEAT →	CHOICE OF		TURKEY OR		SPRIGAL		CUT		N/A M - APP.				
NAME													
GARY G.	10 (50)	23	0	40	0	0	30	0	28		171	1ST	
MILLHOUSE	10 (20)	27x	0	0	0	30	30	20	30		157x	2ND	
RUSTY	10 (20)	28x	0	0	0	30	30	20	17		145x	3RD	
CHRIS N.	8 (10)	26	0	40	0	30	0	0	26		132	4TH	
RANDY	8 (20)	26	0	0	0	30	0	20	20		116	5TH	
JOSH	8 (20)	23	0	0	0	0	0	20	40		103	6TH	
STEVE H.	8 (20)	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	24		100	7TH	
BUTCH H.	8 (20)	13	0	0	0	30	0	20	16		99	8TH	
FRANK	8 (10)	0	0	40	0	0	0	20	19		89	9TH	
BUTCH C	8 (50)	N/A	N/A	40	0	0	0	20	N/A		70	10TH	
ABRAM	8 (10)	20	8	0	0	0	0	0	0		38	11TH	JR
MICHELLE	8 (20)	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	30		30	12TH	
EMMITT	8 (20)	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7		7	13TH	SUB JR

SMMLRC CHRISTMAS SHOOT

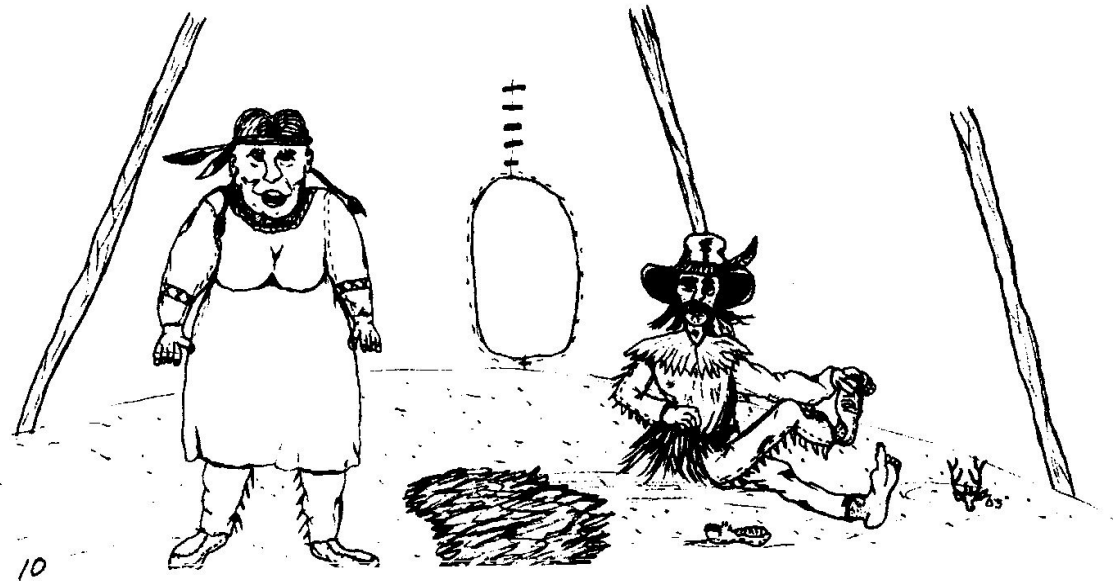
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MATCH	LONG BEAR	LONG COYOTE	3 GONG	BUFF. HEART	SWING. RAM	SHORT BEAR	CANDLE	PIG	BOLCAT	MILLHOUSE		APP. TOTAL	RANK	
MEAT →	CHOICE - APP.													
NAME														
GARY G.	10	0	10 (20)	0	10	30	30	17	29	8		154	1ST	
MILLHOUSE	0	10	10 (20)	20	0	30	15	24	15	8		142	2ND	
RANDY	0	0	10 (20)	0	10	30	10	26	27	8		131	3RD	
CHRIS N.	0	0	8 (20)	0	10	30	10	28x	22x	0		120x	4TH	
RUSTY	0	0	8 (20)	0	0	30	10	22	26x	0		108x	5TH	
BRIAN	4c	4c	8 (10)	0	0	30	10	27x	29	0		106	6TH	
JOSH	0	10	10 (20)	0	0	0	0	22	28	8		98	7TH	
STEVE K.	0	0	8 (30)	0	0	30						60	8TH	
ABRAM	0	0	8 (10)	0	0	0	0	21	0	9		40	9TH	JR
DAVE K.	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	13	25x	0		38x	10TH	
FRANK	0	0	8 (10)	0	0	0	0	22	6	0		38	11TH	
ART W.	0	0	0	0	0	30	0					30	12TH	
EMMITT	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	16	0		26	13TH	SUB JR

Tales from the Past

The sun had passed the midday point when I opened up my eyes – my head throbbed like a beating drum – my stomach churned and growled – I had a taste in my mouth like day old Buffalo dung – I hocked and hacked and spit. I'ds been swilling down Traders whiskey for the last two days and had spent all my bever dollars. The woman and I had come to the Rendezvous on the green with plenty of plews to trade. I wernt a greenhorn so I traded for supplies before I went on my whiskey run. I had got lead, powder, flints, wipeing sticks, tobacco, sugar, two blankets, some beads, and foofraw for the woman. When I came out of my whiskey stupor the woman and most of my plunder were gone. Still had my hawkin, traps, horse, mule and dog. I was one poor bever – but by Damn I was a free bever. So I saddled up my horse and packed my mule. Got to get back to them mountains, cause I'm no fool. My woman took off with a traveling man. So here I sit with my reins in my hands, I look to the north – I look to the south – I got a frown on my face – got chew in my mouth. My ole Redbone hound is ready to go. Wants to get to them mountains before the winter snow. When I cross them mountains, theyer high and wide. I will be in the market for a brand new bride. Well I did just what I said I would – but she cost me my horse and my mule – but a young Blackfoot squaw is mighty good. She can skin out your meat and chop up your wood and keep you warm on a cold winter night. She's mighty handy with a gun and a knife. So I think I'll stay right here till the day that I die. There's game to hunt and fish to fry.

Crooked Hand



2025 WSMLA Photo Contest

The Wyoming State Muzzle Loading Association will feature a photo contest at State Convention in Casper on Saturday January 24 & 25, 2025. This event is open to all members and your participation is encouraged.

Categories:

- A. **Humorous** - Relating to our sport
- B. **Shooting/Hunting** - black powder target shooting or hunting
- C. **Camp Life/Portraiture** - rendezvous, primitive camps, people
- D. **Scenery/Nature** - a picturesque view or landscape/wildlife
- E. **Captioned Photos** - photos submitted with a phrase or saying attached to them

****If your photo does not quite fit one of the above categories, we will, with your help place it into one anyway.**

Who may enter: Any paid up member and their immediate family

Rules:

*Photos must be enlarged to 8 X 10 and matted. Digital photos are acceptable but Xerox copies and pictures that are framed will not be allowed. This is to make it fair to all participants. Please try to have your photos turned in at the photo contest table by 10:30 A.M. on Saturday January 25th. Remember, the earlier you have it on display, the more time people will have for voting on your entry. Limit of three photos per category per person.

Awards:

- * 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes will be awarded in each category.
 - * 1st prize in each division will be \$ 15.00 in Trader Bucks
 - * 2nd prize in each division will be \$10.00 in Trader Bucks
 - * 3rd prize in each division will be \$5.00 in Trader Bucks
 - * A grand prize for best photo overall will be awarded \$25.00 in Trader Bucks
- **These Trader bucks will only be valid for this year's convention**

Judges:

All members (including family) will be allowed to vote during the viewing period on Saturday. You will vote for one photo per category plus the best of show. Judging will be closed at 3:00 p.m. to allow for a count of the ballots. Prizes will be awarded during the auction. Photos may be auctioned off at the owner's discretion.

If you have any questions about the photo contest, please feel free to contact Cyndy Sander at: (307) 462-9012 or by email at soncyndy52@hotmail.com.

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Club Notes

Wind River Muzzle Loaders are having a rifle raffle and will auction off a David Wright print to celebrate their 50th anniversary at the Memorial Day Shoot in Riverton.

The drawing for a 50 cal. Kibler Woodsrunner longrifle will be held Saturday 5/24/25 after supper, Tickets are \$20 or 6/\$100 available from any WRML member.

_____ Year
Membership Form
Wyoming State Muzzle Loading
Association

NAME: _____

NAME OF SPOUSE: _____

NAMES OF CHILDREN: (living at home) _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ CELL: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

NRA# _____ EXPIRATION DATE: _____

NMLRA# _____ EXPIRATION DATE: _____

LOCAL CLUB AFFILIATION: _____

Membership fee - \$25 65 years or over - \$20 Make checks out to the WSMLA

Active Military Membership Free _____

Junior and Sub-Junior Shooters Free _____

(You still need to fill out the form listed above and request membership in the WSMLA.)

I WISH TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER BY POSTAL SERVICE: YES _____ NO _____

The WSMLA newsletter is now available for your convenience on new webpage:

<https://www.wyomingmuzzleloaders.com>

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