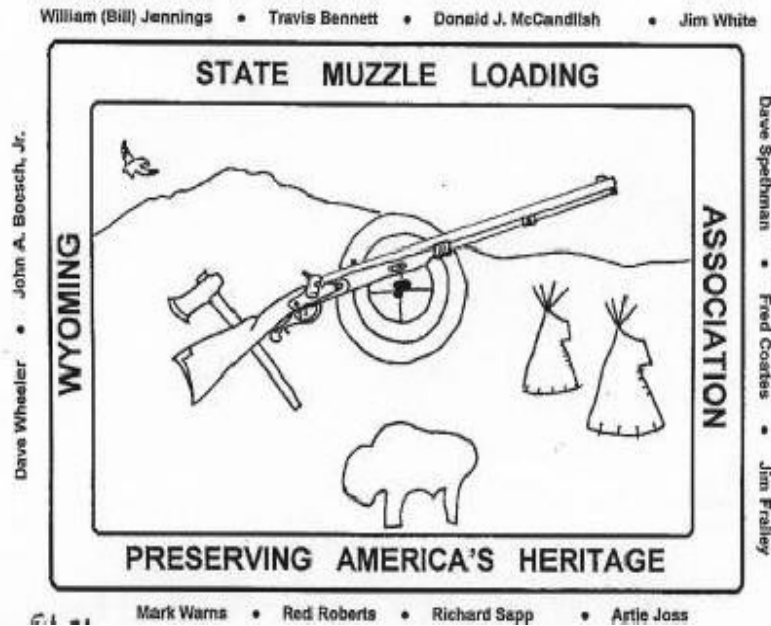


Wyoming State Muzzleloader Association's News

March, 2022



President's Letter

March 15, 2022

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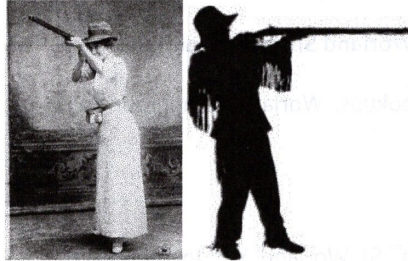
From what I could tell, convention went very well. There were lots of traders and many great seminars which were well attended. The auction was well attended and the bidding was great. Thanks for the wonderful donations. Give a big thank you to board members. It's a lot of work to make convention happen.

I would also like to encourage all of you to try and attend a shoot you have never been to before, or a venue you have never tried such as bench, shotgun, etc. Lots of good shoots this year. Hope to see you on the firing line.

Thanks,

Frank

10th Annual Wild's of Wyoming Muzzleloader Skeet and Trap Shoot April 22-24, 2022



Guns allowed: Any front stuff gun, shotgun, trade gun, smoothbore, flint, percussion.

Where: Worland, Wyoming, Shooting Complex

3 miles Northwest of Worland on County Rd 15 mile Signs will be posted.

When: April 22-24, 2022. Range will be open at 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Friday and Saturday. Sunday range will open from 9:00 till noon for shoot offs and awards.

Cost: Entry fees \$20.00 plus \$3.00 per match shot.

If you do not have a smoothbore or shotgun, show up, someone will have one for you to shoot and try out. Powder, shot and caps will be available. We will accept donations to help cover the cost of the powder, shot and caps. This is a family event; we want to encourage more women and youth to participate.

Currently there are 20 scheduled matches. Women: Skeet and Trap, Men's: Skeet and Trap; and Youth; Skeet and Trap. Additional matches for Flintlock and traditional shotguns will be offered. All but one match will be re-entry. You can shoot as many matches as you want. Cost is \$3.00 per round.

Trap Rounds: shoot 10-16 birds per match from 10-16 yards.

Skeet Rounds: will shoot 16 birds regular or 14 bird report doubles.

Quick lunch and drinks will be provided on Friday and Saturday. Other meals are on your own.

Prizes: Gold, Silver and Bronze Metals will be awarded to the top 3 of each match. We will also accept donations for additional prizes.

NMLRA Rules:

Contact Bill Morrison 307-347-4002 or Frank Elzay 307-332-4665 with questions.

Dry camp available at Worland Shooting Complex or Worland Campground 307-347-4251

Hotels: Town House Motor Inn 307-347-2426. Days Inn 307-347-4251 and more.

Wind River Muzzle Loaders MEMORIAL DAY SHOOT

May 27-30, 2022

RIVERTON, WY

- ★ Evening Council Fire & Activities
- ★ Paper & Primitive Shoots
- ★ Men, Women, Jr & Sub Jr
- ★ Charles Hanson Trade Gun Match
- ★ Hawk & Knife Throw
- ★ Pistol & Revolver
- ★ Kids Games



- ★ Mountain Man Run
- ★ KIDS Mountain Man Run
- ★ Knife Shoot
- ★ Travis Bennett Memorial Match

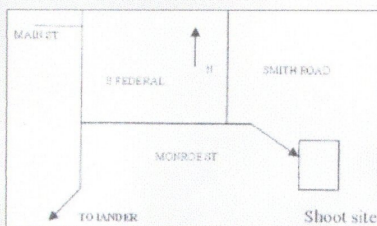
SATURDAY NIGHT FEED

6pm - \$5 per person or \$15 per family
(meat provided, bring a side dish)

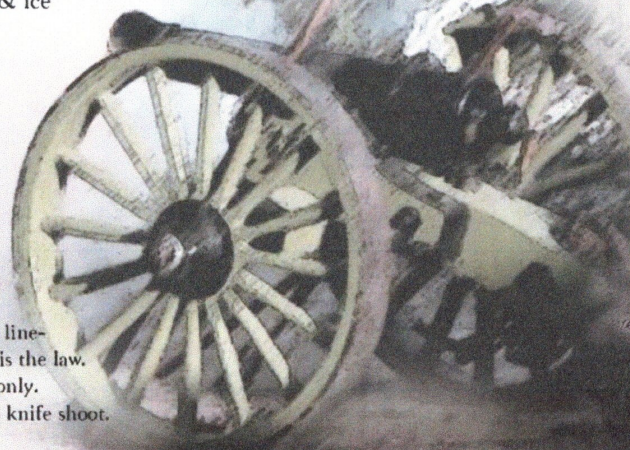
10am on Mon, May 30. Calcutta starts at 9am

Tin Teepee & Primitive Camp
Wood Available - Bring your own water & ice

Information: 307-851-5968



No spotting scopes or loading benches on firing line—
loading from pouch or bag only - range officer is the law.
Traditional rifle and pistol-patched round ball only.
Prizes will be awarded on May 30 following the knife shoot.



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WYOMING STATE MUZZLE LOADERS STATE SHOOT GLENROCK, WYOMING

SHOOT DATE JUNE 24 THRU JUNE 26, 2022

SHOOTING TIMES

FRIDAY THE 24TH - NOON TIL 5 PM

SATURDAY THE 25TH - 8:00 AM TIL 5 PM

DINNER SATURDAY NIGHT WILL BE 5:30ISH

SUNDAY THE 26TH - 8:00 AM TIL NOON

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED (IF ANY LEFT)

AWARDS WILL BE AFTER LUNCH

\$5.00 registration fee per person/\$20.00 per family

All targets \$2.00 including aggregate

All re-entries \$2.00

Camping is free (tin teepee & primitive)

Some firewood

No Water

Dogs welcome & must be on a leash

Horses no welcome



For information:

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Our range is still in the same wonderful place!!

WINTER CHALLENGE WINNERS 2022

Men's Division 1st 1126xx	Men's Div. 3rd 883xx	Women's Division	Sub Juniors
Shawn R,	Burt	Mel C.—192	Nic—122 –Top Sub Jr
Joel E.	Marc S.	Trish M.—186	Anders—73
Brian N.	Dave K.	Sandy L.—134	Owen—49
Randy	Erinie	Andie—131	Landen—84
Men's Div. 2nd 1027 xxx	Levi	Shannon—129	Jade—62
Tim F.		Jane—83	Rebecca—34
Bryan Y.		Linda—71	
Lincoln A.			Top Man Shooter—Joel E. 301x
			Top Woman Shooter—Melissa C

Traveling Trophy Qualifiers: Men-Tim Fauss Women-Mel Connely Sub Jr-Nc

2022 WINTER CHALLENGE INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	FUE DE LAC	BOTTLES	6-BULL	5 BULL BUFF	6 BULL SLUG	DEB BULL BUFF	SGL BULL BUFF	Pistol	Single Bull	200	TOTAL SCORE	TEAM SCORE
1 Shawn	34	22	28	21	8	37	18	5	19	0	192	1126xx
2 Joel E	45	35	40	24	35	45	30	28	19	0	301x	
3 Brian C	33	34	41	20	36	32	22	13	19	6	256	1st
4 Brian N	31	0	0	0	0	0	14	20	7	16	88	
5 Randy	44	25	37	26	26	24	22	37	20	25	289x	
6 Burt	40	34	36	15	28	24	14	16	8	0	215	883xx
7 Marc S	36x	25	25	29	36	25	16	23	6	7	228x	
8 Dave K	40	17	16	14	17	14	7	15	5	0	145	3rd
9 Ernie	25	22	35	14	8	24	10	6	0	0	144	
10 Levi	34	23	38	21	9	16	0	0	0	0	151	
11 Vern F	37	22	35	12	16	24	5	17	8	6	182	1027xxx
12 Tim F	40x	44	35	12	18	34	5	30	12	0	230x	
13 Bryan Y	45x	15	36	15	45	26	23	33	12	9	259x	2nd
14 Lincoln A	34	15	32	7	17	26	11	35	6	0	184x	
15 Lil Tim	34	10	27	21	17	17	10	26	10	0	172	
16 Wayne	44x	32	25	12	27	24	15	13	9	0	217xx	801 4x
17 Mike	40x	10	31	16	28	26	0	21	7	0	172x	
18 Jim	38	20	18	11	28	24	14	13	26	8	180x	
19 Ed	33	25	35	15	28	32	11	19	8	232		
20 Mike M												
Sub Juniors												
21 Nic	31	23	31	37		122	1st					
22 Anders	25	15	29	6		75	3rd					
23 Owen	21	13	0	15		49						
24 Landon	38	10	17	19		84	2nd					
25 Jade	20	6	24	12		62						
26 Rebecca	5	5	10	14		34						
Women												
27 Mel C	34	34	24	7	18	26	8	17	14	0	192	1st
28 Trish	32	25	30	16	9	23	16	17	18	0	186	2nd
29 Jane	28	10	20	0	18	7	0	0	0	0	83	
30 Andie	30	25	31	13	17	9	6	0	0	0	131	
31 Sandy	25	17	18	6	42	14	0	12	0	0	134	3rd
32 Shannon	26	13	20	0	33	25	0	12	0	0	129	
33 Linda	34	20	11	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	71	

2022 WSMLA Convention at the Ramkota Hotel in Casper Jan. 28, 29 &30 was a huge success. A variety of traders, events and meetings were featured.

At the general meeting:

- Mike "Magic" Johnson was elected to the board of directors to fill vacancy left by John Nelson.
- Cyndy Sanders was elected to fill vacancy created by expiration of Brian Spiecher's term.
- Approved a motion to replace the band at next convention with DJ or recorded music.
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Photos: Top—Jerry displays a fine collection of guns for sale.

Below: Shawn and Sadie enjoy band music.

Below right: Brian votes in photo contest.



**Sierra Madre Muzzle Loading Rifle Club
41st Annual Rendezvous
July 22, 23 & 24, 2022**

Co-Sponsored by the Town of Encampment and in cooperation with the C.C.V.C.

Camping is available. Bring own water and firewood
Dogs are the responsibility of the owner – Leash law strictly enforced!! **NO HORSES**

****There will be no dinner served on Saturday.****

SHOOTING FEES

Single \$20

Family \$30

Hawk and Knife \$5 each

Frying Pan, Firestarter, Discs Throw \$5 each

NO PEEP SIGHT

ROUND BALL ONLY

RANGE OFFICER'S WORD IS FINAL

KIDS GAMES FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Knife Throw Friday at 3 pm

Hawk Throw on Saturday at 5 pm

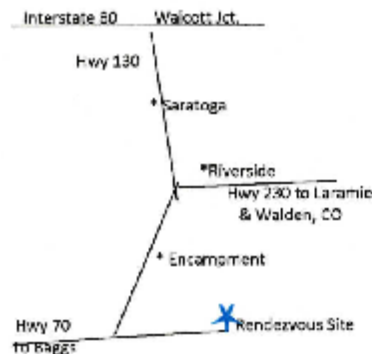
All individual events will have awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place

Men Aggregate - \$200.00 Cash

Women Aggregate- \$200.00 Cash

Junior Aggregate - \$200.00 Cash

Sub-Junior Aggregate - \$200.00 Cash



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PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ALL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

BUCKSKINNERS

BY Jim O'Meara

It's a crisp, cold morning in the Wind River Mountains. A hunter walks along a mountain trail, through the dark timber and across the frosty brown grass of a small clearing. The hunter is looking for elk.

He wears buckskin clothes and moccasins, carries a long barreled flintlock muzzle-loading rifle, a hat made of prairie wolf sits on his head and the straps of powder horn and shooting bag cross his shoulders. It would not have been an uncommon sight in the early 1800's.

But this is the 1980's, the hunter traveled from home in a four wheel drive pickup, tipi poles carried on a special rack to the hunting camp. More and more often hunters are returning to the pre-1840 years of the Rocky Mountain Fur Trade Era and hunting in the manner of their ancestors, with black powder guns and buckskins, where the emphasis is on the human and his skills rather than the equipment itself.

Nowhere was the fur trade more active than in Wyoming where 11 of the 16 fur trade rendezvous of the 1800's were held. The "Mountain Man" remains an important part of the history and heritage of Wyoming. And, in recent years, there has occurred a rapidly growing rekindling of interest in black powder shooting sports.

All of the large cities and towns in Wyoming have black powder shooting clubs, the Wyoming State Muzzleloading Association increases in membership daily and thousands of hunters use only the old muzzle loaders. A state championship shooting match is held each year, attended by hundreds of shooters. Ft. Bridger restored trading post near Rock Springs, is the site of an annual get together of black powder shooters and mountain men, held each year on Labor Day and open to the public. There are several modern day "Traders" throughout the state who sell equipment and supplies for the black powder shooter as their only business.

Black powder shoots are the most visible aspect of the sport, but the rendezvous are at least as popular. At these gatherings of modern day mountain men, often called "buckskinners" after the style of dress, an attempt is made to re-create the appearance and spirit of the fur trade. Much as were the old time mountain men, the buckskinner tends to be very individualistic and independent, so that information as to location, rules, requirements, etc. for the rendezvous can be difficult to find unless they are specifically for visitors as is the Ft. Bridger gathering. Inquiry at the local black powder's shop is a good step toward finding out what's going on in a specific location.

Buckskinners can be found walking through the Big Horns in July or camping in tipis on the North Laramie River in January, always in pre 1840 clothing carrying a long barreled "smokepole." Buckskins can be seen on trail rides and on city streets, but more and more frequently Buckskins and muzzle loaders are seen in the field during hunting season.

The individualistic, independent nature of the black powder shooter and the Buckskinner are, for the most part, admirable and in the spirit of the old timers they admire. But at times, this attitude works against them. For instance, most of the muzzle loader shooters would like a season set aside for hunting with the old rifles when they don't need to compete with the modern guns. But they seem unwilling to organize or turn out for public hearings on the issues that affect them. Until these independent folk realize that they will carry very little influence without organization, they must be willing to accept little or nothing from those who set seasons and approve public use of land. Since the nature of Wyomingites is independent to start with, and the black powder shooter and Buckskinner is much more so, overcoming this tendency is a very big job.

Not all Buckskinners hunt, and many are interested in the history or the hand crafts and skills involved, but not the firearms. Some trade, but never hunt or shoot. There is a place in the world of black powder and Buckskin for anyone. One old timer, who's been shooting the old smokepoles for years, claims that shooting black powder "Is the most fun you can have with your clothes on." He could be right.

Black powder and shooting and buckskinning are highly contagious and the visitor to a rendezvous or shoot should not be surprised if a Mountain Man places a rifle in his hands and insists that he give it a try. Though independent, these are some of the friendliest folk in the world, and they love to "make converts!"

And as you pick up the long rifle, put the target in your sights, feel the balance, touch the trigger, hear the boom, see the cloud of white smoke, smell the sulphurous odor and see the target hit, why, it wouldn't surprise you at all to look up and find Jim Bridger or John Colter looking on with a critical eye and a grin of approval. Or maybe a band of marauding Blackfoot, or some Crow braves looking to trade. Maybe some "pilgrims" to hear a tall tale. Or maybe a visitor to "convert." You've just spent a minute or so in 1835. And it feels great!

Editor's note: This was given to me by Jim Miller during this year's convention for the newsletter.



John Colter Enters Jackson Hole

A painting by Wyoming artist Dave Paulley on display at the American Heritage Center on the UW campus.

**Several of Paulley's mountain man paintings are on display. Check it out next time you're in Laramie. —GG
WSMLA Historian**

This notice is provided for all you muzzleloaders who also participate in cartridge matches in Wyoming and elsewhere like the Quigley Buffalo Rifle Match in Montana June 18 & 19, 2022.

Nowood Black Powder Cartridge Match

Twenty Sixth Annual

April 1, 2 & 3rd 2022

Hosted by the Big Horn Basin Muzzleloaders

nowoodgongmatch@gmail.com

In Memory of George Sinn & Mike Cash

No Food Service

Where?

The Big Horn Basin Muzzleloader range located between TenSleep and Hyattville, Wy. on the Brewster Ranch.

Rifles and Loads?

Any single shot rifle or replica in the spirit of the era(Late 1800 to early 1900).
Any lever action rifles of this same period (Must be loaded singularly.)
BLACK POWDER OR SUBSTITUTES. METALLIC SIGHTS, CAST LEAD BULLETS ONLY!

Targets?

SIX Metal Gongs
250 yd gong shot offhand.
All other gongs shot from "Any Position" cross sticks.
Matches will be five shots per gong.

Range Hours

Must be paid before Practicing

Friday Sight - In

Saturday Morning Sight -In 8 AM to 12:30 PM

Official Match Saturday 1:00 PM

ENTRY FEE \$20.00

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Membership Form
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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 is \$25 \$20 if 65 years or over 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 _____

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