

# Wyoming State Muzzleloader Association News

## December, 2025

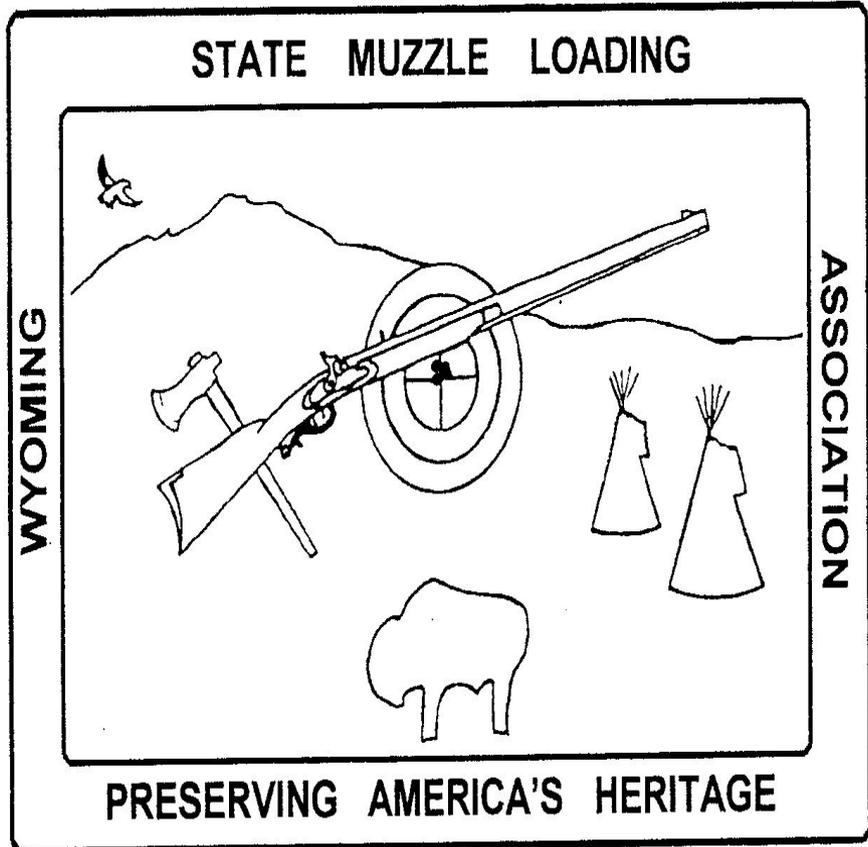
**NOTICE:** Motions were passed at the 2025 general meeting to increase annual dues and charge an additional fee for paper copies of the newsletter.

Effective January, 2026 membership dues \$30.

Sixty-five and older \$25.

An additional \$10 fee will be charged for paper copies of the newsletter to be mailed. No extra charge for email copies.

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



Dave Wheeler • John A. Boesch, Jr.

Dave Spethman • Fred Coates • Jim Fraitley

Mark Warns • Red Roberts • Richard Sapp • Artie Joss

### *President's Letter*

Hope everyone had a good Christmas and happy New Year! The weather here in Saratoga has been mild but the wind has been horrible.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at convention January 23, 24 & 25. I will not be in Hawaii this year so you will have to put up with my presence. Be sure to get your club shoot dates ready for the general meeting. Gary Millhouse

#### **LETTER TO THE EDITOR:**

Sad news, Mike Pence passed away Sept. 5th. He was a longtime member. I did not know if anyone knew. Old timers should remember him. He was 83 years old.

Thank You, Allen Herbert (Whitetail)

# WYOMING STATE MUZZLE LOADERS RENDEZVOUS & TRADERS' FAIR

JANUARY 23, 24 & 25 2026  
FREE ADMISSION & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
RAMKOTA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER  
CASPER, WYOMING



- \*LEARN ABOUT HISTORY OF THE EARLY 1800'S
- \*ATTEND A SEMINAR
- \*ENTER A PHOTO CONTEST
- \*DO SOME TRADING
- \*HAVE FUN
- \*MEET LIKE MINDED PEOPLE
- \*LEARN SOMETHING INTERESTING
- \*HAVE DINNER AND A DANCE
- \*LEARN SOMETHING NEW OR OF INTEREST
- \*HAVE A GOOD TIME & SMILE

For information contact: Trisha Miller (307) 234-6591  
For reservations call Ramkota Hotel @ (307) 266-6000

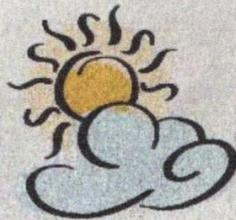


Artist & sheep  
horn bowyer  
Tom Lucas



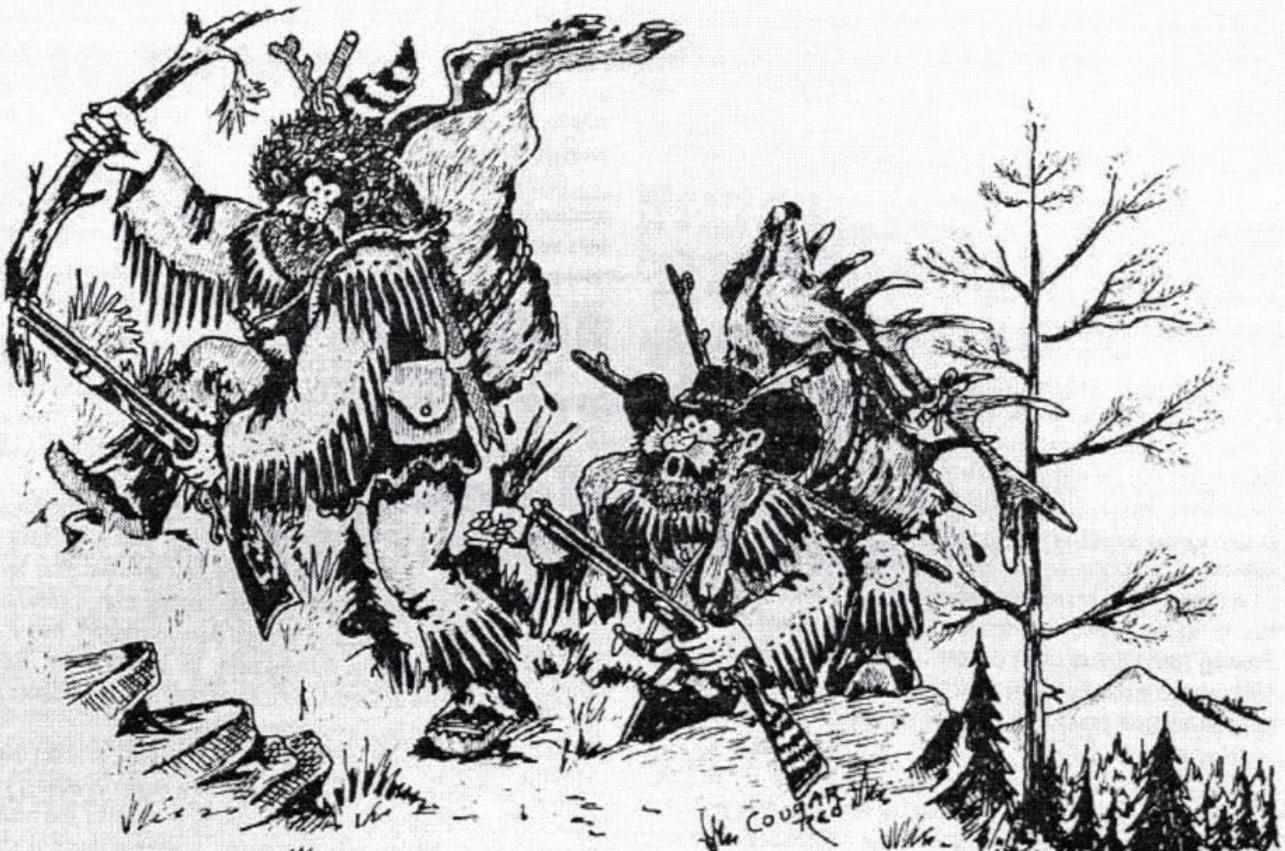
# DEER CREEK MUZZLE LOADERS GLENROCK

## HEAR YE! HEAR YE! GEORGE WALKER WINTER CHALLENGE FEBRUARY 13, 14 & 15, 2026

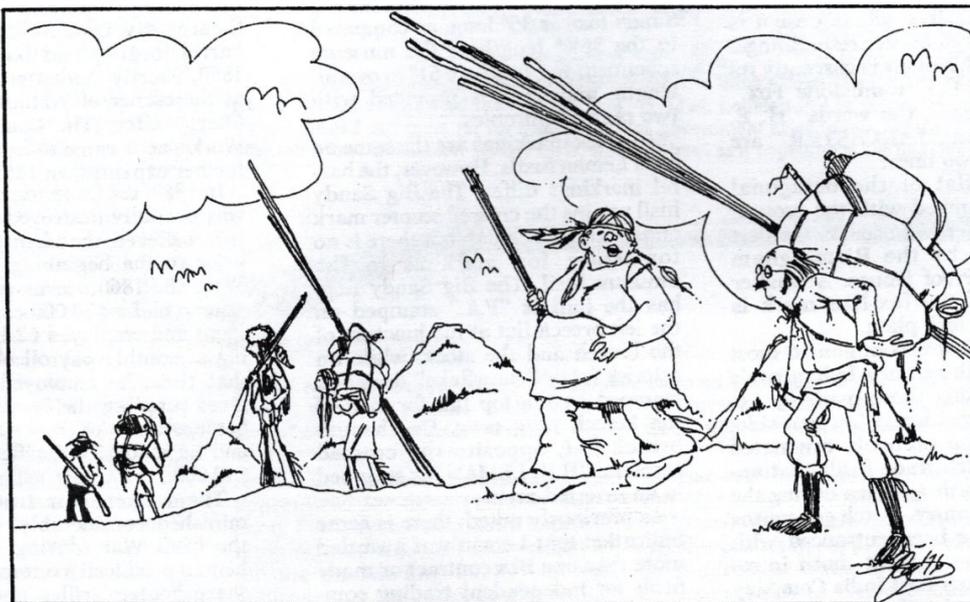


Attention muzzle loading clubs and individual shooters:  
The Deer Creek Muzzle Loaders challenges you to form your best teams of men & women to join us for a fun weekend match. Come for a great weekend of shooting, eating and fun. Men's teams are composed of 5 men; women's are 3 women (duh!). Women 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.  
For Information: Trish (307) 234-6591

# BLASTS FROM THE PAST



" YOU KNOW!!! IT'D BEEN EASIER CARRYING OUR CAMP TO THE ELK"



DAMNIT, MARVIN, WILL YOU QUIT COMPLAINING ABOUT "AUTHENTICITY" AND "HOW IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE DONE", AND HURRY UP - WE'RE FALLING BEHIND!

By Lyle Bader





## 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  
 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:**

Interstate 80 to Walcott Jct. Exit 235



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**PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ALL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

## 2026 WSMLA PHOTO CONTEST

The Wyoming State Muzzle Loading Association will feature a photo contest at State Convention in Casper on Saturday January 24 & 25 2026. 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 24th. 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:**

- \* 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes will be awarded in each category.
  - \* 1<sup>st</sup> prize in each division will be \$ 15.00 in Trader Bucks
  - \* 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in each division will be \$10.00 in Trader Bucks
  - \* 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:soncyndy52@hotmail.com).

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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: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

NRA# \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NMLRA# \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL CLUB AFFILIATION: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership fee - \$30**

**Mailing Fee \$10**

**65 years or over - \$25**

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 \_\_\_\_\_

**(Membership is for one year January to January. If military or junior/sub junior 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 on new webpage:

<http://www.wyomingmuzzleloaders.com>

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

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