

Wyoming State Muzzleloader Association News

September, 2023



President's Letter

Friends!

The cold nights and warm days of Autumn are here. And we know what that means.....pumpkin spice. On everything. But I am sure most of you are just as eager to see the bright leaves of aspen turn yellow or head to the mountains for deer/elk hunting. I am heading to the hills myself next week. But most importantly, we have pie shoots, turkey shoots, and blanket shoots! And when the cold of winter hits, we will all gather again for our annual convention.

This year we are going to focus on our budget. The winter storm and poor return on the convention has forced us to think about our finances and how to move forward. I will be asking for your input.

In the meantime, watch for updates on our webpage. Bill has done a wonderful job keeping it together these past many years. But unfortunately, the software is outdated and difficult to process. So, the board has decided to move forward with a new website. Thanks to our new member, Kaylin, we should have something up soon. So, check it out in a month or so and let us know what you think.

I look forward to seeing you all at the shoots or convention. Have fun and enjoy this magical season.

Melissa

2023 Sierra Madre Muzzleloaders Rendezvous Encampment July 21-23

The 42nd annual Mountain Man Rendezvous was well attended by participants, traders and visitors.

Hana (below) shows her new muzzleloader prize. Burt (right) won the knife throw and a new knife. Sean at the fire starting competition Saturday.



COMPETITION RESULTS

SIERRA MADRE

RENDEZVOUS

STATE TRAVELING TROPHY QUALIFIERS

MEN—Dane Sorter 47x

WOMEN—Natalie Adams 44

JUNIOR—None

SUB Jr—Lane Baldwin 41x

MILLHOUSKI

Men— 1st Gary Millhouse

2nd Nick LZ

3rd Ian Knight

Women— 1st Natalie Adams

2nd Rachel Whalen

3rd Trish Miller

Junior 1st Waylon McElprang

2nd Ty Baldwin

Sub Junior 1st Clay McElprang

2nd Lane Baldwin

3rd Coltan Ledgerwood

FUN TARGET

Men— 1st Louis Newton 59

2nd Dave Kriest 54

3rd Robert Kiernan

Women- 1st Rachel Whalen 29

2nd Laura Fillmore 20

3rd Cindy Sanders 13

Junior 1st Waylon McElprang 26

2nd Brenlyn Wallace 21

3rd Ty Baldwin 10

Sub Junior 1st Clay McElprang 23

2nd Coltan Ledgerwood 14

3rd Lane McElprang 9

CANDLE SHOOT

Men— 1st Joey Pinkelman

2nd Wayne Fillmore

3rd Colorado Bob

Women— 1st Paula Sorter

2nd Trish Miller

3rd Kelley Davis

Junior— 1st Ty Baldwin

2nd Waylon M.

3rd Brenlyn W.

Sub Jr. 1st Colton L.

2nd Clay M.

3rd Lane Baldwin

50 YD SCHUETZEN

Nen- 1st Joey P. 49xx

2nd Gary M. 49x

3rd Ernie Davis 48xx

Women— 1st Laura F. 46xx

2ns Natalie A. 44x

3rd Trish M. 42

Junior— 1st Waylon M.

2nd Brenlyn W.

3rd Ty Baldwin

Sub Jr— 1st Clay M.

2nd Lane B.

SPLIT BALL

Men— 1st Gary Millhouse

2nd Dane Sorter

3rd Joey Pinkelman

Women—1st Laura Fillmore

2nd Taylor Jaure

3rd Lellie Davis

BOBCAT (SPLIT BALL)

Junior 1st-Brenlyn Wallace 10

2nd Waylon McElprang 9

3rd Ty Baldwin 7

Sub Junior 1st Clay McElprang 9

2nd Lane Baldwin 8

3rd Coltan L. 7

PISTOL

Men— 1st Gary Millhouse 89

2nd Claude Tyrrel 83

3rd Robert Kiernan 80

Women— 1st Kelley Davis 66

2nd Laura Fillmore 65

3rd Natalie Adams 34

Junior— 1st Waylon M. 49

2nd & 3rd None

Sub Junior— 1st Zeva Adams 28

2nd Clay M.

3rd none

**SIERRA MADRE
RENDEZVOUS 2023
RESULTS CONTINUED**

KIDS KNIFE THROW

Junior Division

- 1st Waylon McElprang
- 2nd Ty Baldwin
- 3rd Mesa Suttee
- 4th Abram Hanson

Sub Junior Division

- 1st Clay McElprang
- 2nd Thomas Koch
- 3rd Lane Baldwin
- 4th Emmitt Hanson

KIDS HAWK THROW

Junior Division

- 1st Waylon M.
- 2nd Jon Ackerman
- 3rd Ty B.
- 4th Abram H.

Sub Junior

- 1st Clay M.
- 2nd Jasper Tilden
- 3rd Joey Wallace
- 4th Thomas K.

FIRE STARTING

Men Ian Knight

Women Ashley George

OLD TIMER'S SHOOT

Frank Elzay

ADULT KNIFE THROW

Men's Division

- 1st Burt Blackford
- 2nd Zack Knight
- 3rd Rosco Rouse
- 4th Joey Pinkelman

Women's Division

- 1st Hana Pinkelman
- 2nd Kelley Davis
- 3rd Ashley George
- 4th Cenina Jaure

ADULT HAWK THROW

Men's Division

- 1st Kaleb Weaver
- 2nd Zach K.
- 3rd Leland Fabel
- 4th Jason Weaver

WOMEN'S DIVISION

- 1ST Natalie Adams
- 2nd Kyenna Jackson
- 3rd Ashley G.
- 4th Candace Hill

OVERALL AGGREGATE WINNERS

\$200 CASH PRIZE EACH

Men—Joey Pinkelman

Women—Laura Fillmore

Junior—Waylon McElprang

Sub Junior—Clay McElprang

WOMEN'S PAN THROW -Natalie Adams 61' 5"

MEN'S DISCUS THROW—Joey Pinkelman

JUNIOR THROW—Kinley Woodmanse 68' 8"

SUB JUNIOR THROW—Mesa Suttee 44' 2"

BEST DRESSED

MEN—Kaleb Weaver

WOMEN—Tarin Quinn

JUNIOR—Waylon McElprang

SUB JUNIOR BEST DRESSED

(l to r below) Elizabeth and Emma Whalen



**11th ANNUAL WILDS OF
WYOMING
TRAP AND SKEET SHOOT
WORLAND SEPT 8-10**



The second trap and skeet shoot this year drew 14 participants. The weather was fantastic, lunch was provided and shooting skills were at all levels.

Top: Claude and Robert were trappers for Gary M. shooting cartridge match. Right: Steve K. accepts first place award for hitting 8 of 10 clays with his flintlock.



Below are complete results from the 11th Annual Trap and Skeet Shoot in Worland Sept. 8-10

Frank Elzay and Bill Morrison organized the event again this year at the Worland Shooting Complex where Bill is a member. "We need to get more participation from shooters especially on the skeet range and women shooters," Bill said. Please contact Frank or Bill with any ideas for the next shoot April, 2024

Matches	1 st	2 nd	3rd
Match 1	Jerry 9	Millhouse 6	Gary Gillen 1
Match 2	Millhouse 10	Shawn 4	
Match 3	Jerry 10	Millhouse 10	
Match 7	Nick 8	LZ 8	Bob 7
Match 8	Bob H 12	Shawn 12	Millhouse 10
Match 9	Shawn 7	ACE 6	Bill 6
Match 10	Bob H 10	LZ 10	Shawn 10
Match 11	Claude 10	Bob 9	Nick 9
Match 12	LZ 8	Shawn 8	Bill 5
Match 13	Bob 8	Shawn 8	Claude 7
Match 14	Steve K. 8	Millhouse 7	Shawn 5
Match 15	LZ 12	Millhouse 11	Steven 9
Match 17	Sandy 3		
Match 18	Sandy 5		
Match 20	LZ 23	Millhouse 17	Jerry A 15

	Shooter Number	Match 1 Men' s Skeet 16 bird percussion	Match 2 Men' s Skeet 16 bird Flintlock	Match 3 Men' s Skeet 14 bird Report Doubles	Match 6 Junior 16 Bird Any Gun	Match 7 Men' s Trap 10 bird 10 yds. Percussion Original Gun	Match 8 Men' s Trap 15 bird 10 yard Percussion Original Gin	Match 9 Men' s Trap 10 bird 16 yard Any Gun	Match 10 Men' s Trap 15 bird 16 yard Any Gun	Match 11 Men' s Trap 10 bird 10 yd. tradition gun	Match 12 Men' s Trap 10 bird 16 yard Tradition Gun non re-entry	Match 13 Men' s Trap 15 bird 16 yd. tradition gun	Match 14 Men' s Trap 10 bird 10 yd. Flintlock	Match 15 Men' s Trap 15 bird 086 yd. Flintlock	Match 17 10 bird 10 yd. Women Percussion	Match 18 15 bird 16 yd. Women Percussion	Match 20 Cartridge 25 bird 16 yd
LZ	710					8			10		8		5	12			23
Nick	782					8				9			4				14
Millhouse	11	6	10	10		7	10	4		6			7	11			17
Steve K	12						12			6	3		8	9			
Claude	13									10		7					
Bill	15							6		5	5						
Bob H	16					7	12	5	10	9	5	8					13
Robert	17									8	2						
Gary Gillen	18	1						3		3							12
Mark	19									3							
Ace	20					6	9	6					3				2
Sandy	22														3	5	5
Shawn	25		4					7	10	8	5	8	5	8			14
Jerry A	26	9		10		5	11										15

**Wyoming State Muzzle loaders Meeting
September 9, 2023**

Melissa called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Roll call present:

Melissa
Crystal
Frank
Ace
Gary
Cyndy
Rich

Roll call not present:

Paula
Jeremiah
Trish
Ed
Mike



Minutes were read from previous meeting. Crystal made a motion to accept minutes. Cyndy seconded the motion to accept the minutes as read. All in favor. Approved.

Treasurer's report: Crystal went over expenses for convention 2023. She also went over the CD's that came due. See Crystal for further treasurer information. Gary moved to accept the treasurer's report as read. Frank seconded the motion to accept the treasurer's report. All in favor. Approved.

Crystal went over members wanting a newsletter mailed to them. Cost is expensive to send newsletters out via mail. A suggestion was made to add an additional five dollars onto membership fees, if you would like a hard copy of the newsletter.

Melissa made a suggestion to entertain a budget session during convention. Crystal made a motion to have a budget meeting. Cyndy seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed. Meeting to be held right before the board meeting on Friday, during convention, starting at 6 p.m.

Convention chairs:

Cyndy-Photo contest. No new business.

Melissa-Traveling Trophy. State shoot traveling trophy was not held at the past state shoot with members showing up to shoot. Members left the state shoot, not knowing of a time to shoot the traveling trophy. When the traveling trophy was announced with a time at state shoot only one participate was available to shoot the traveling trophy. It was asked that we could hold the traveling trophy shoot off for 2023, and 2024, at the state shoot, in 2024. All in favor. Melissa

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WSMLA MEETING SEPTEMBER 9 WORLAND (continued)

will let who ever holds the state shoot in 2024, of the shoot off.

Gary-Newsletter. Deadline for the next newsletter will be the third week in September. Please get everything to Gary for the newsletter before then.

Crystal-Web page. Web page is going nowhere. We need to update web page. Crystal is looking for someone to help get a new web page up to date. Melissa recommends a sub committee to visit about a website at a later date. Frank wants to make sure it is very easy to access. Melissa suggested making two people accessible for the web page.

Old Business: Frank made a suggestion to have a state board meeting during the Worland shotgun shoot. Have discussion about moving a board meeting to be held in Worland. There is a open agenda to be held at the general meeting. Crystal made a suggestion to hold a meeting during the Encampment rendezvous as well.

New Business: General meeting quorum at convention. Very few attend the general meeting at convention. Looking for suggestions to get members to the general meeting. Maybe have some incentives for members to attend. More will be discussed at the Friday night meeting at convention.

Crystal went over quotas for the dinner at convention. Price is extremely high for meals. Suggestion to lower the quota for dinner. Maybe ask to lower the guarantee for the meal. We need to also try to sell more meal tickets.

Crystal was also concerned with the fees charged for convention. Service charge for convention was too high, almost like they had double charged the service charge. We need to ask why to the staff at the hotel.

Cyndy wanted to know if we could change from the band to a DJ at convention. Open vote with Paula. Cyndy made a motion to vote on a DJ. Frank seconded the motion to have a DJ. Get Paula's input on issue before vote goes into effect. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be at 6 p.m. for the budget meeting at convention. Next board meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Friday, during convention.

Gary motioned to adjourn meeting. Frank seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 1:00 p.m.

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RENDEZVOUS

SHOOT RESULTS DCML SEPTEMBER 15-17 GLENROCK

Scores for the September DCML Rendezvous:

	25 yd Slug gun	25 yd Bottles	25 yd Fer-du	50 yd Dbl buf	50 yd 9-ring	100 yd sing buff	AGG
Dane	46	15	42x	32	39	18	192x 6th
Jim	47x	39	35	17	34	27	199x 4th
Trish	46	15	39	17	39	0	156 2nd
Dave K.	37x	17	32	14	11	0	111x 18th
Wayne	35	19	32x	0	36	5	127x 17th
JR	37	25	35x	34	40	11	182x 8th
Linda	47x	20	38x	22	25	25	177xx1st
Randy	45x	30	33	34	31	26	158x 14th
Melissa	9	5	31	24	16	0	85 8th
Brian C.	49xxxx	37	37	26	35	6	7th 190xxxx
Vern	46	20	37	23	31	15	172 11th
Claude	48xxx	33	41x	27	40	29	9th 178xxxx
Robert	45	34	37x	46	43	12	217x 1st
Burt	46	24	42	17	34	8	171 12th
Ernie	35x	20	31	14	40x	15	15th 155xx
Curly	35x	18					
Ed	9	18	31	25	6	0	89 20th
Jane	27x	25	20	8	13	0	93 7th
Millhouse	47x	25	43	32	33	23	203x 2nd
Josh	45	20	36	23	38	6	168 13th
Shawn	46	28	38	15	24	26	177 10th
Sandy	37	30	40	9	20	8	136 5th
Mike Duke	46	30	39	39	35	8	197 5th
Bill M.	47	37	38	36	38	5	201 3rd
Andie	43	18	40	0	18	8	127 6th
Cyndy	26	15	41	39	12	13	146 3rd
Steve	18	27	24	7	28	5	109 19th
Magic	27x	15	42	22	35	6	147x 16th
Paula	25	22	32	40x	20	0	139x 4th
Jr.'s Nic		20		41	Pistol 39		100 1st

DCML RENDEZVOUSE SHOOT RESULTS (CONT.)

Winning Re-Entry scores	Primitive Trail Walk	
25 yd pistol 5 shot Randy 46xx	Mike D. 9	Bill 5
25 yd pistol 10 shot Josh 91	Burt 7	Jim Mevissen 2
25 yd Jim's Jug Bill 44	Shawn 6	Nic (JR DIV) 5
50 yd Ladies' Target Trish 111	Steve 5	

4th Annual Deer Creek Members Rendezvous

What a great weekend for a relaxing rendezvous. Deer Creek Muzzle loaders had their 4th annual Members Rendezvous this past weekend, September 15th, 16th, and 17th.

Twenty eight shooters, including one junior came out to shoot some powder. There was also a family member that came out to try his luck at learning how to shoot some powder.

There was six targets in the blanket shoot aggregate, two buy in pistol matches, one Jim's Jar, buy in target, and one ladies 50 yard buy in target to fill the weekend. There was no entry fee, other than a ten dollar item for the blanket, and top score got to pick off the blanket first, and as Brian Connely said, its like kindergarten, everyone gets to take something home.

During the shooting on Saturday, Dane held a Mountain Man Walk for those who wanted to participate. Dane did a great job putting the Walk on. He said that next year will be even better, with more time to plan a greater walk. Way to go Dane for putting it on.

After all the shooting was done on Saturday, we had a great meal cooked by Brian Connely, and Jim Mevissen. They were to the range by 7 a.m. to cook a full pig. And was it great!! Those guys can sure cook. Everyone else brought a side dish to share.

Sunday, wrapped up the shooting at noon, and lunch was served, and then it was onward to the awards. Overall, it was a great weekend for Deer Creek Members to come out to the range and enjoy one last nice weekend for the summer.

So until next years rendezvous, Happy Shooting.

Sandy Ladwig

Deer Creek Muzzloaders Announce Rifle Raffle
.50 cal Hawkin Style Tickets 5/\$20 or 1/\$5
Buy tickets at DCML booth at January 2024 Convention

BLAST FROM THE PAST

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The Old Mountain Man

They headed outa the canyon,
late autumn, and in the snow.
The old Mountain Man and his mule,
loaded down n' movin' slow.

He'd buttoned high his collar,
had his hat stuck on like glue,
'n they headed straight for Deer Creek
'cause, well, they wanted to!

He chewed a twist of somethin'
that'd most likely curl your hair,
his long beard matched his steel-grey
eyes, with their penetratin' stare.

He moved with calm demeanor,
seemed fearless thru and thru,
as they headed straight for Deer Creek
'cause, well, they wanted to!

His mule was short and wiry,
with his face kinda long and sad,
'n he had a way of movin'
kinda like his owner had.

They seemed to fit together
and their partnership was true,
'n they headed straight for Deer Creek
'cause, well, they wanted to!

When they hoofed it into Deer Creek
a bunch of cowboys gathered round,
they'd just come off the northbound trail
and was shootin' up the town.

When they spied the Mountain Man
they decided what they'd do,
and they circled up around him,
'cause, well, they wanted to!

One asked the old Mountain Man
if he'd ever learned to dance.
"Naw", he said real cautious,
"I ain't never had the chance!"

The cowboy drew his six-gun,
said, "You'll dance before I'm thru!"
So he danced that night in Deer Creek,
just as if he'd wanted to.

Yeah, he danced and dodged the bullets
just like a jumpin' jack,
'till he counted six, and then he stopped,
and took something from his pack

In his had he held a shotgun,
his voice was calm and cool,
he said, "Sonny, tell me somethin',
have you ever kissed a mule?"

The young man's face contorted
as he pondered his disgrace,
he stared with consternation
at the shotgun in his face.

He swallowed hard before he spoke,
it was plain he'd thought it thru,
"No, I ain't never kissed a mule,
but I've always wanted to"!!

Proposed BY-LAWS Change

During the Annual Convention in January, a discussion was made to make one of the Board of Director's meetings flexible. The purpose is due to the fact that the Annual State Shoot is often at, or shortly after, Memorial Day. Therefore, having a meeting later in the year will make the meeting more relevant and better distributed throughout the year. The proposed By-Laws listed below was brought to the General Members meeting and received full support. However, since this is a By-Laws change, it is important that everyone have an opportunity to review and participate in the vote. The final vote will be held at the annual convention in 2024 at the next General Members Meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any Board Member.

Currently reads:

ARTICLE V

Section 2 - Regular Meetings

Meetings of the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall last no longer than two (2) hours and shall be as follows:

- 1) The location of the Annual Convention
 - a. Friday at 7pm
 - b. Sunday at 8am
- 2) Riverton, WY; Memorial Day Shoot
 - a. Sunday at noon
- 3) The location of the annual competition
 - a. Saturday at noon

The exact location of the Meetings shall be determined by the President.

Proposed Changes:

ARTICLE V

Section 2 - Regular Meetings

Meetings of the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall last no longer than two (2) hours and shall be as follows:

- 1) The location of the Annual Convention
 - a. Friday at 7pm
 - b. Sunday at 8am
- 2) The location and date To Be Determined (TBD) by the Board of Directors
- 3) The location of the annual competition (State Shoot)
 - a. Saturday at noon

Because this will be a By-laws change, it was first published in March newsletter, it will also be in the December newsletter so it can be vote on it next January. Please read the proposed change above.

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NRA# _____ **EXPIRATION DATE:** _____

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LOCAL CLUB AFFILIATION: _____

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I wish to receive the newsletter by postal service YES _____ NO _____

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