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2008 Schedule of Shoots and Events

| | Event | Location |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| November 9, 2008 | Mike Underwood Memorial Shoot | Saratoga, WY (Squirrel Tree) |
| January 9-11, 2009 | WSMLA Rendezvous & Convention | Casper, WY |
| February 20-22, 2009 | CSMLA Winter Convention | Castle Rock, CO |

Note from WSMLA President

Hi!

I hope you all have an enjoyable fall season. I have been lucky enough to get a nice buck antelope with my new .54 flint rifle. Jeannie and I will set up our elk camp this week. Please plan to attend our winter meeting in Casper, in January. Keep your powder dry and your flint sharp.

Ned Dunn

News from the Editor

Fall, what a great time to be in Wyoming! Hunting season! Get out and enjoy the great outdoors in Wyoming.

We have a lot of shoot results in this newsletter from Deer Creek, Ft. Fetterman and Big Horn Basin Muzzleloaders. Club officers and members, please remember to send me your shoot results and shoot bulletins so I can post them in the newsletter and on the web site. I would also welcome any hunting stories for the newsletter. I will even take expanded somewhat truthful stories. Come on members, write something up to share.

The high price of fuel and other economic events appear to have affected the attendance at many of our annual shoots in Wyoming this year. In these tight economic times we need to remember to continue to support the local clubs and the state association. We better start saving our nickels and dimes to spend with the traders at the annual convention. The traders will probably need our support also to stay in business.

Trish Miller is lining up seminars for the convention. Phil Nissan is working on hosting the Artisan's Fair again this year and the photo contest. So you better start planning to participate in these great events that showcase the talented Wyoming Muzzleloader members. The Convention will be held at the Ramada Plaza, formally the Holiday Inn on the River. Phone number is 307-473-3105 for reservations.

We had a small number of shooters show up for the annual primitive shoot of the Big Horn Basin Muzzleloaders in September. What we lacked in numbers was made up for with a lot of fun and a lot of lead flying down range. Changes to the primitive shoot seemed to work well. We just need to modify the horse it was way to easy☺. Willie is planning on adding hydraulic cylinders to it next time. I want to thank everyone who showed up and supported the BHBMLA at the shoot.

With all the politics, the financial crisis, and the price of fuel it appears we are in for a few interesting months, maybe years ahead of us. My brain is on overload with everything that is going on. We may want to keep our powder dry and handy.

Just remember to be safe in all ways when hunting and traveling to your favorite hunting spot. I wish everyone a successful hunting season.

Bill Morrison



GRAND MOTHER'S RECIPES

VENISON POT ROAST-STEW

For this use the less tender cut meat, cut into small pieces or 1 large piece. Place the meat in a marinade or this step may be omitted and the meat may be prepared like a pot roast.

3-4 lb. Roast

MARIANADE FOR VENISON

Cover venison with:

Equal part of water and dry wine [preferably claret]

Add:

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| 6-8 black peppercorns | 10-12 whole cloves |
| 1 bay leaf | sliced onion |

Permit the meat to remain in the marinade for 2-4 days. Turn it from time to time. Dry the meat, dredge it lightly with flour. Use the marinade for basting. Simmer the meat until tender, at least 2-3 hours. Add vegetables about 1½ cupfuls in all; green pepper, celery, carrots, parsley, potatoes, etc. Peel and slice and add to the roast ½-¾ hour before roast is done.

PHEASANT IN SOUR CREAM

Prepare bird for cooking; dredge with flour

Melt in skillet butter or lard, and 1 onion

Brown the pheasants lightly in the fat, pour over pheasant add 1 tabl. Sour cream spread over bird.

Cover the pheasants and cook them in a moderate oven 350 for 1 hour.

Baste several times

Season with salt and pepper.

Use the drippings for gravy adding more sour cream if needed and sautéed mushrooms.

Serve hot with wild rice.

SKILLET COOKIES

Marcey Dyer Pierce, Colo.

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| 2 Eggs, beaten | In a heavy skillet combine eggs, sugar, dates and butter. |
| 1 c. sugar | Cook and stir over medium heat until eggs cook and dates are broken up. |
| 1-1/2 c Dates, Chopped | |
| 5 Tbsp. Butter or margarine | Remove from heat and add salt, vanilla, Rice Krispies |
| Dash of Salt | coconut and nuts; mix well. |
| 1 t. vanilla | When cool enough to handle, form into balls or small |
| 2-1/2 c. Rice Krispies | patties with wet hands. |
| 1 c. Angel flaked coconut | Roll in powdered sugar, crushed Rice Krispies or ground nuts. |
| 1/2 c. Nuts chopped | |

ELEPHANT STEW

Maryanne Forwood

1 elephant
Salt and Pepper

2 Rabbits

Cut elephant into small bite-size pieces. This should take about 2 months. Add enough gravy to cover. Cook this over kerosene fire about 4 weeks at 465°. This will serve about 3,800 people. If more are expected, 2 rabbits may added. Do this only if necessary as most people do not like to find hare in their stew.

GRANMA'S RECIPE FOR DOING FAMILY WASH

Elvira Benson

This is an authentic washday recipe in its original spelling as it was written out for a bride four generations ago: **1.** bild a fire in back yard to heet kettle of rain water. **2.** set tubs so smoke won't blow in eyes if wind is pert. **3.** shave one hole cake lie soap in bilin water. **4.** sort things, make three piles. 1 pile white, 1 pile cullord, 1 pile work britches and rags, **5** stu flour in cold water to smooth, then thin down with bilin water. **6.** rub dirty spots on board, scrub hard, thin bile. rub cullord, but don't bile, just rench and starch. **7.** take white things out of kettle with broom stick handle, then wrench, blew and starch. **8.** spred tee towels on grass. **9.** hang old rags on fence. **10.** pore rench water on flower bed. **11.** scrub porch with hot soapy water. **12.** turn tubs upside down. **13.** go put on cleen dress, smooth hair with side combs, brew cup of tee, set and rest and rock a spell and count blessins.

WSMLA BOARD MEETING RIVERTON WYOMING MAY 25, 2008

Our president Ned Dunn was delayed due to his participation and support of the State Trade Gun Match.

After mutual consideration among Board member present, and in agreement that a quorm had been met, the meeting scheduled for 5:00 was called to order at 5:40 by secretary, Ginger Baumann.

Roll call: Carrie Gavin
Ed Kern

Bill Morrison
Bryan Youngberg
Mike Corrigan
Ginger Baumann
Dave Lehto (came late after scoring Traveling Trophy Match)
Ned Dunn (held up by Trade gun Match)

Minutes: Copy of last the meeting Minutes were passed out and read. Carrie moved to approve the minutes unread and proceed into the meeting, seconded by Bryan, and carried.

Treasurers Report: Read and accepted

Committee Reports:

Convention: Trish's report was submitted by Mike in her absence. We have a contract with the Ramada Inn, the new owners of the Holiday Inn. Our contract will be honored with the same agreements as last year; however a board member will be allowed to assign the pool side rooms. We will need to get a head count for the Auction Dinner to the hotel cooks by 11:00 am, then at 2:00 pm for any extra meals (5% or 10% allowed by hotel), and then meal tickets are sold out period.

Auction: Ed reported no new updates. We had a great auction this year, and Jr Molina did a good job for the club. Some discussion was made on ways to shorten the auction time, such as start the dinner earlier, or not allowing bidders to have 50 cent increases for bids (rounding up to nearest dollar amount).

Photo Contest: No report.

Traveling Trophy: Bryon Wilczewski has resigned. Dave Lehto graciously ran the shoot for the State Shoot today. Bryan Youngberg and Ginger Bauman volunteered to co-chair the Traveling Trophy for the rest of the year. Dave will pass on the metals and information to Bryan.

Video Library: No report

Newsletter: Thanks for the great work with the Newsletter Bill!! Bill reported the newsletter is going well, and the search engine sight is fixed. The Copper Vittles articles will end soon, and replaced with Grandmother's recipes.

Bryan Youngberg has agreed to help Bill with the advertising articles for the Newsletter. A thought for a Seminar at next year's convention could be "Accessing the Newsletter on the Internet" or "Visiting our Muzzleloader Web site". A power point presentation could be set up to demonstrate finding and explaining links to information on our site.

Historian: Dave Lehto will remain our historian.

Old Business: Mike Corrigan reported for the committee researching more affordable band option for the State Convention in 2009. Phil Nissen signed a contract with the band "Swing Sounds" for \$420.00 on January 10, 2009, to play 8:00 pm to 12:00 midnight. The Band plays a variety of music Western Swing, Traditional Country, and Jazz Standards.

New Business:

State Bench Rest Shoot: Bryan approached the board with a request by several members to amending the rule of no optics for all state shoots, to allow the use of spotting scopes and binoculars for the State Bench Rest Shoot in Casper. After discussion Mike motioned to amend the By-Laws to allow the use of spotting scopes and binocular on a trial basis at the Casper State Bench Rest Shoot. Seconded by Bryan, motion carried.

Hawk & Knife Match: Mike spoke to Ned concerning non-member youth throwing in the State Hawk & Knife Match under the sponsorship of a current paid State Member. Bryan motioned to table this discussion until the August 23 meeting or the Friday night convention meeting. Seconded by Mike, motion carried.

Board Member needed: Bryon Wilczewski has resigned his position as Traveling Trophy coordinator. Dave Lehto has graciously offered to finish out Bryon's term on the board for this year. Bryan motioned to accept Dave's offer, seconded by Carrie and motion carried.

Bryan motioned to adjourn the meeting, Carrie seconded and motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ginger Baumann

RADIO REPORT OF INTEREST

From KRVN 880 Rural Radio, July 14, 2008

Reprint from Colorado Poke and Stroke newsletter

A Denver man who was burned when his powder horn exploded at the Chadron Fur Trade Days buckskinner camp, apparently escaped serious injury but is to be checked out at a burn center in Denver when he returns home.

The man, whose name has not been released by authorities, was treated and released at Chadron Community Hospital (Chadron, Nebraska). He spent Friday night in town with a friend before returning to the hospital on Saturday to have his dressing changed.

The Buck skinner's Rendezvous draws muzzleloader firearm enthusiasts and reenactors for the American Fur Trade era. Camp Clerk Norm Martin of Chadron says this was the first serious injury in the event's 32-year history. The victim was reportedly working on his gun's flint..... the piece of stone that creates the spark that fires the weapon..... when a spark from the flint somehow fell into his powder horn.... The container for the black powder used in the gun.... And the gunpowder exploded. Martin says the horn had a mechanical cap that may have become partially jammed, allowing the spark to enter. He calls it a freak occurrence.

The man had reportedly been shooting much of the day and had a relatively small amount of powder left, helping keep the accident from being much worse. Witnesses said the explosion ignited the man's shirt and he began running. Two other buck skinner's caught and grabbed him, ripping off the shirt.

This brings to mind a couple of basic rules.....

- 1. NEVER** work on your flint with the powder horn on your body or near the work.
- 2. If your clothes are on fire, stop, drop & roll!** (Basic safety taught to kindergarten kids.)

DCML TWO-DAY SHOOT
June 20,21,22, 2008

| <u>Men's Agg.</u> | <u>1st</u> | | <u>2nd</u> | | <u>3rd</u> | |
|---------------------|------------|------|----------------|------|------------|------|
| 25 yd. 6 bull | Gary G | 46x | Gary Millhouse | 46 | Mike C. | 45 |
| 50 yd. 6 bull | Bruce | 43 | Gary G. | 35 | Verlin | 31 |
| 50 yd. single bull | Roger | 48xx | Vern F. | 46 | Tim F. | 46 |
| 100 yd. single bull | Ed K. | 40 | Jake | 35 | Jim M. | 32x |
| Agg. | Bruce | 157 | | | | |
| <u>Women's Agg.</u> | <u>1st</u> | | <u>2nd</u> | | <u>3rd</u> | |
| 25 yd. 6 bull | Jane B. | 43 | Trish | 42x | Teri | 40 |
| 25 yd. single bull | Teri | 49 | Jane B. | 48xx | Frankie | 47xx |
| 50 yd. single bull | | | | | | |
| buff | Angie | 44 | Teri | 43 | Ginger | 42 |
| 100 yd. single bull | Ginger | 39 | Frankie | 21 | Trish | 18 |
| Agg. | Ginger | 165 | | | | |

Jr. Agg
NO ENTRIES

| <u>Sub-Jr. Agg.</u> | <u>1st</u> | | <u>2nd</u> | | <u>3rd</u> |
|---------------------|------------|----|------------|--|------------|
| 25 yd. 6 bull | Kaylee | 14 | | | |
| 25 yd. single bull | Kaylee | 33 | | | |
| 50 yd. single bull | Kaylee | 0 | | | |
| Agg. | Kaylee | 47 | | | |

| <u>Trade Gun Agg.</u> | <u>1st</u> | | <u>2nd</u> | | <u>3rd</u> | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----|------------|----|------------|----|
| 25 yd. dbl. buff | Ned | 46 | Jake | 44 | Dave | 43 |
| 50 pistol target | Jake | 46 | Dave | 40 | Ned | 29 |
| 3 gong | Sorry Lost Info | | | | | |
| 5 clays | Sorry Lost Info | | | | | |
| Agg. | | | | | | |

| <u>Men's Pistol</u> | <u>1st</u> | | <u>2nd</u> | | <u>3rd</u> | |
|---------------------|------------|-----------|------------|----|------------|----|
| 25 yd. pistol | Bruce | 97xxxxx | Gary M. | 92 | Dane | 88 |
| 50 yd. pistol | Bruce | 81x | Gary M. | 76 | Ned | 70 |
| Agg | Bruce | 178xxxxxx | | | | |

| <u>Women's Pistol</u> | <u>1st</u> | | <u>2nd</u> | | <u>3rd</u> | |
|-----------------------|------------|-----|------------|----|------------|-----|
| 25 yd. | Angie | 85 | Teri | 71 | Frankie | 69 |
| 50 yd. | Teri | 72 | Frankie | 69 | Angie | 54x |
| Agg. | Teri | 143 | | | | |

| <u>Re-Entries</u> | | | |
|-------------------|----------|----|--|
| 30 | No Entry | | |
| 31 | Angie | 42 | |
| 32 | Verlin | 42 | |

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|-------|----------|-------|
| 33 | Verlin | 46 |
| 34 | Kyle | 40 |
| 35 | John | 112 |
| | Gary and | |
| 36 | Frankie | 99xxx |
| 37 | Teri | 46xx |
| 38 | Verlin | 39 |
| 39 | Bruce | 48xx |
| 40 | Jake | 47 |
| | Dave | |
| 41 | Lehto | 50x |
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| 42 | Teri | 32 |
| 43 | Karen | 48xx |
| 44 | Frankie | 45 |



Harley Davidson's new mascot Tail gunner



Tony "Big Hawk" Showing proper throwing form at DCLMA in the hawk and knife contest



Mill House at his best.



Trish Miller and Joel Eldred members of DCMLA
Joel the highway patrolman did a great joke on Tail Gunner on the urging of Jake



Gary Gavin and Lehto telling tall tails.

WYOMING STATE MUZZLE LOADERS'
STATE RENDEZVOUS & TRADERS'S
FAIR

JANUARY 9, 10, & 11 2009

PLACE: RAMADA PLAZA RIVERSIDE
CASPER, WYOMING

WHY: FUN, ENTERTAINMENT,
GOODIES,
FRIENDS, DINNER, DANCING, ETC.

WE WILL HAVE 3 SEMINARS

ARTISAN'S FAIR
PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

WHO TO CONTACT:

TRISHA MILLER

(307) 234-6591

Ramada Plaza Riverside

300 W. 'F' St.

Casper, Wyoming 82601

(307) 473-3105

Note from your Treasurer

Hello everyone! I hope all of you have had a really great summer and are looking forward to a nice cool autumn. It is hard to believe that the year has advanced so quickly. Seems like just last week I was preparing for the Memorial Day shoot and here I am now trying to get ready for convention!

It has been a relatively quiet summer as far as membership renewals, new members, etc. We did receive a check from the Wind River Muzzle Loaders for membership sign up and traveling trophies sold at the Memorial Day/State Shoot in May. It took a few weeks for LZ and myself to get together on this but we did finally get it done. The state had a certificate of deposit that came due and since the interest rates at the time were so low, I just let it rollover. Hopefully the rates will be a little better after the election gets over!

It has been brought to my attention by several members that there is quite a bit of interest in having hats and T-shirts made up with a design representing the Wyoming State Muzzle Loading Association. I have passed this information onto all of the board members and it has been decided that we will bring this up for discussion at our general meeting at the 2009 convention. The board members will have some prices put together by then. The intention is to have a design made that would go on the back of the shirts with the organization's name being printed in small letters on the front. We would need a design also suitable for the front of a cap. If the general membership is in agreement with this, the organization would order a number of caps and shirts and make them available at all state sanctioned matches as well as many of the other scheduled matches.

Now comes the fun part!! The board would like to use something other than our state logo for the design. We are asking you to help us by coming up with some designs that can be presented at the general meeting. The designs would be posted (possibly at the registration booth or with the photo contest) for members to look at and vote on their favorite choice. We would like to be able to order these items as soon as possible after convention so we can begin selling them.

I would like to stress that this is not meant to be a huge money maker, but more as a way to show how proud we are to belong to such a great organization. This would be a wonderful way to get our name on the streets and maybe spark some more interest about our sport. I know I would wear a shirt or cap with great pride! Maybe this will inspire others to ask questions about the Wyoming State Muzzle Loading Association. Of course, the state will make a small profit on each shirt and cap sold but the goal would be to bring in more members by way of advertisement.

I know that there are a great number of "artists" among us and hope to hear from many of you. So, please put pencil to paper and come up with as many designs as you can for this project. I do not think it is a matter of getting membership approval as much as it is coming up with the design. Anyone that is interested can send their design to myself or one of the other board members, or bring your design to the registration booth at convention for presentation at our general meeting. Remember that we want to have your ideas in time to let everyone have a chance to look at them "before" our meeting so the sooner, the better!

Thank you to the ones that came up with this idea (**you know who you are!**) and to everyone for taking the time to read this and hopefully to the many who will give us some "awesome" designs and ideas.

Good luck to everyone on their hunting adventures and we hope to see pictures and read stories from many in our next newsletter.

Until later,
Your treasurer,
Frankie

Send designs to: Carrie Gavin
216 Valley Circle
Riverton, WY 82501

or email them to: frankiegavin@hotmail.com

Remember - if we can't spark interest amongst ourselves, then we will never be able spark it amongst others! Please, lets work together to keep membership up and interest in our great sport alive!

First-year students at Texas A&M's Vet school were attending their first anatomy class, with a real dead cow. They all gathered around the surgery table with the body covered with a white sheet. The professor started the class by telling them, 'In Veterinary Medicine, it is necessary to have two important qualities as a doctor: The first is that you not be disgusted by anything involving the animal body.' As an example, the Professor pulled back the sheet, stuck his finger in the butt of the dead cow, withdrew it and stuck his finger in his mouth. 'Go ahead and do the same thing,' he told his students. The students freaked out, hesitated for several minutes, but eventually took turns sticking a finger in the butt of the dead cow and sucking on it. When everyone finished, the Professor looked at them and said, 'The second most important quality is observation. I stuck in my middle finger and sucked on my index finger. Now learn to pay attention. Life's tough. It's even tougher if you're stupid.'

**WSMLA BOARD MEETING
GLENROCK, WYOMING
JUNE 21, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by President, Ned Dunn.

Roll call: Carrie Gavin
Ed Kern
Bill Morrison
Mike Corrigan
Ginger Baumann
Dave Lehto
Paula Sorter
Phil Nissan
Ned Dunn

Minutes: Mike motioned to suspend the reading of the minutes, seconded by Paula.

Treasurers Report: Read and accepted.

Committee Reports:

Convention: Trish's reported nothing new since last meeting in May. The new owners, the Ramada Inn, will continue to honor our contract with the same agreements as last year.

Auction: Ed reported no new updates.

Photo Contest: Phil reported nothing new, waiting for January. Phil will publish the rules of the Photo contest soon along with information for the Artisan's fair which was a big hit.

Traveling Trophy: Bryan Youngberg and Ginger Bauman will be taking over the Traveling trophy as of the 21st of June. All new Traveling Trophy information needs to be sent to Bryan or Ginger for recording.

Video Library: No report.

Newsletter: Bill reported the newsletter is going well and nothing new to report.

Historian: Dave Lehto had nothing new to report.

Old Business:

Hawk & Knife Match: Discussion continued on Mike's motion to allow sponsorship for first time participating minors, under the legal age of majority in Wyoming (age 19), at state sanctioned shoots. This would be allowed under a current paid membership of the WSMLA for one time only. Seconded by Bill, motion carried. Mike also suggested a fee for a one day membership for nonmembers (kids or adults) who wish to participate at state sanctioned shoots. The majority of the members agreed that the motion needs to be voted upon by the general membership during the Friday meeting at the State Convention in January.

New Business:

State Bench Rest Shoot: The Board agreed to allow the hosting club of the State Bench Rest Shoot the use of optics. Bryan was not present to report to the Board at this time, but the review from board members who participated was good. The use of optics helped with the timely flow of the shoot, and met the approval of the participating shooters.

Paula motioned to cancel the next Board Meeting scheduled for Aug 23, due to calling a meeting at the Deer Creek Shoot. Ed seconded and motion carried.

Dave motioned to adjourn the meeting, Trish seconded and motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ginger Baumann

ARTISAN'S FAIR

Last year's Artisan's Fair was a hit. What a bunch of multi-talented members we have. The Board would like to do it again in January 2009 so we will again set up a room at the Convention to display your handcrafted items. Please bring a couple of items you have made for everyone to see and enjoy. I will have tables set up but will not be using the large glass display cases as they were very heavy to haul in and out. We will again provide some security in the room at all times and if you have brought something to display I am asking you to volunteer a 30-60 minute shift to keep an eye on things so we can all enjoy the rest of the convention.

What Items to bring and display you ask? Items that fit in with muzzle loading, buck skinning, or the historic period we are interested in. Some examples that come to mind include muzzle loading firearms of course, but also accoutrements like powder horns, shooting bags, tools, pistol presentation cases, etc. Hand crafted buckskin or leather items such as clothing articles, moccasins, bags, par fleche boxes, equestrian accessories, etc. would be great. Hand or loom woven textiles, dresses, moccasins, sashes, would be fine too. Beadwork, jewelry, knives, scrimshaw, antler art, hand forged tools, pottery, and wooden items are good too. Fine art such as oil paintings or water colors would also be most welcome if the subject matter is time period appropriate, an outdoor landscape, a portrait, or animals for example. Anything that would be of general interest to our members "fits" what to bring. Everything displayed last year was great! Uncertain about the appropriateness of an item? Give me call (307) 235-8889, or you can email me at stands_in_ants@yahoo.com

Not only is this an opportunity for all of us including the general public to enjoy seeing something you have proudly crafted, this fair will hopefully stimulate some latent creativity and sharing of ideas on how to fabricate or decorate various items. Along with the item, please provide a small note card no larger than 4" x 6" giving your name and telling what the item is. Here is the only rule: It is not the place to display your items to sell; no visible price tags will be permitted. If you want to display things to sell, buy a trade table for the weekend. If someone expresses interest in buying an item, you can certainly do that at the end of the convention when the fair is finished.

There will still be a photo contest so bring your photography for display in a separate area. We will use the same categories as in previous years; scenery and wildlife, hunting and shooting, camp life, and humorous. Photos can be B & W or color and should be 8" x 10" and mounted on a durable backing. Photos can also be matted but should not be framed as frames are too heavy and an unfair display advantage. *Phil Nissen*

The 2008 Fort Fetterman Shoot

As you know, DCML's August shoot was held at Fort Fetterman on Saturday August 16th. This was part of the Fort's celebration of Fort Fetterman Days. The doing's included a band, wagon rides, a cemetery tour (Dave Hein suggested those who didn't survive our shoot could be left there), a bivouac of soldiers set up on the grounds, a cream can dinner, and later in the evening a dance with live music. Those of us who participated in the shooting that Jim Miller, Jake, Dave and I set up would like to think the highlight was our shoot!

Twenty one shooters participated, most in era resembling outfits. The range was a short distance east of the Fort on a private ranch as state park regs don't allow the discharge of firearms there, can you imagine that? Anyway, we set up a mish mash of challenging targets in and about a handy little ravine and fought the wind all day. Some new faces turned out and may find their way to club membership. Everyone seemed to have fun. When the dust cleared, here were the winners. Five hundred bucks in prize money was given by the Fort Fetterman folks. Five dollars was kept to reimburse your Prez for supplies.

Women: The three winners tied in number of hits so a center of card shoot off determined the winners. It was so close that the 1st place winner had a card shot .011 closer to center than the 2nd place finisher.

1st – Jane Black - \$100
2nd – Cindy Sander - \$75
3rd – Trish Miller - \$50

Men: Two shooters tied for the best score, followed by three shooters tied for 3rd, 4th, and 5th, and two more shooters tied for 6th and

7th. After center of card tie breaker shots the winners were:

1st – Bruce Schwindt - \$100
2nd – Phil Nissen - \$75
3rd – Danny Nugent - \$50
4th – Ed Kern - \$25
5th – Dave Hein - \$10
6th – Brian Nugent - \$5
7th – Rod Dye - \$5

A great time was had by all shooting the fifteen targets we set up. The prize money was generous and the general consensus was that we would do it again if we are invited.

Stands_in_Ants, DCML Prez



Chief Shivers-a-Lot was on hand to greet us and help set up the range. Come to think of it the weather was a mite nippy.



View of makeshift range



The top six men shooters: Man with walker (came to shoot the bull), Ed Kern, Dave Hein, Bruce Schwindt, Danny Nugent, Phil Nissen, and Brian Nugent



Group mug shot before six late comers showed up to make some more smoke

A man wakes up one morning to find a bear on his roof. So he looks in the yellow pages and sure enough, there's an ad for "Bear Removers." He calls the number, and the bear remover says he'll be over in 30 minutes. The bear remover arrives and gets out of his van. He has a ladder, a baseball bat, a shotgun and a mean old pit bull. What are you going to do," the homeowner asks. "I'm going to put this ladder up against the roof, then, I'm going to go up there and knock the bear off the roof with this baseball bat. When the bear falls off, the pit bull is trained to grab his testicles and not let go. The bear will then be subdued enough for me to put him in the cage in the back of the van." He hands the shotgun to the homeowner. "What's the shotgun for?" asks the homeowner. "If the bear knocks me off the roof, shoot the dog."



The top 3 out of 5 total Women shooters: Trish Miller, Jane Black, and Cindy Sander

2009 WSMMLA Photo Contest

The Wyoming State Muzzle Loading Association will feature a photo contest at State Convention in Casper on January 11-13, 2008. 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, etc.)
- C. Camp Life/Portraiture (rendezvous, primitive camps, scenery
Around camp/people)
- D. Scenery/Nature (a picturesque view or landscape/wildlife)

(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 by 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 to Phil Nissen by 10:30 A.M. on Saturday January 12th. 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 is \$ 15.00 in Trader Bucks
- 2nd prize in each division is \$10.00 in Trader Bucks
- 3rd prize in each division is \$5.00 in Trader Bucks
- A grand prize for best photo overall will be awarded \$25.00 in Trader Bucks
(These prizes 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 3:30 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 call Phil Nissen at: (307)235-8889 or email me at stands_in_ants@yahoo.com

Big Horn Basin Muzzleloaders 2008

The traditional two day primitive shoot was held on Saturday and Sunday, September 6 and 7, 2008. Saturday was a nice day but Sunday was a bit wet and cool. There were fourteen different targets plus assorted paper targets and tests for mountain man skills. The results turned in by the fifteen adult and one sub-junior are as follows. The BHBMLA wants to thank all who turned out for the shoot. A great time was had by all.

Primitive

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| 1st Rod Salzman | 11 | 2nd Ron Abbott | 11 | 3rd Bill Morrison | 11 |
| 4th Jim Hanchett | 9 | 5th Roger Roebing | 9 | 6th Mike Chapin | 8 |
| 7th Jane Black | 7 | 8th Ed Kern | 7 | 9th Willie Felton | 7 |
| 10th Lyle Bader | 6 | 11th John Hart | 5 | 12th Tom Brewster | 5 |
| 13th Terry Crane | 4 | | | | |

25 yd pistol

1st Caleb Salzman 27

Sub-Junior

25 yd Bottles

1st Jane Black 29

Women

50 yd Fur-de-lac

1st Jim Hanchett 37

Men

Roger Roebing 36

25 yd Pistol

1st Mike Chapin 79

Everyone

Willie Felton 72

100 yd Single Buff

1st Mike Chapin 24

Everyone

Bill Morrison 14

25 yd Six Bull

1st Ron Abbott 44

Everyone

Jim Hanchett 43x

Tomahawk/Knife

1st Roger Roebing

Traveling Trophy

Rod Salzman 50x



Rod Salzman and Jane Black Winners of the BHBMLA Primitive Shoot 2008



3 Generations of Brewster's Tom Brewster, Mark Brewster, Rod Salzman and Ethan Salzman. Future muzzleloaders!



Caleb Salzman Sub Junior Winner BHBMLA 2008



Ethan Salzman



Award's at BHBMLA 2008 Just a little wet and cool.



Bryce Salzman and girl magnetic "Bell"

God, grant me the senility
To forget the people
I never liked anyway,
The good fortune
To run into the ones I do,
And the eyesight to tell the
difference

The 2008 Rocky Mountain National Rendezvous

With fall soon on the horizon, the memories of this year's RMNR are still fresh. That must mean it was a good 'un, and it was! Of course, I love to rendezvous and have only missed one Western since 1990.

Though held in Wyoming, its native sons and daughters were in short supply. The site is one the RMNR had camped on in 2003, a nicely wooded plot on a private ranch along Henry's Fork less than a mile from where the original 1825 rendezvous was held. I must admit my memories of the previous doings were marked by hot temperatures and dusty ground where short term and trader's row had been situated. The site had been pressed into service on a last minute basis then and was not the first planned choice this year either. However, the land owner opened up more of the river bottom land to the rendezvous this year so even the traders had ample shade. It's too bad that fears of a hot, dusty, shadeless camp kept some of you away. Our fears were unfounded. The spot was green; almost lush with trees and in short term, tall green grass! Day time temps reached a high of 86 only one day. The rest of the days were in the low eighties. Night time temps were most pleasant, and even chilly mornings were the norm. Cooling off in the river was a pleasant diversion for many.

WSMLA members who participated included Jim and Trish Miller, Mike Johnson and Rita Burg, Doc Bob, Mike and Liz Irwin and their three girls, Eric Distad, Cindy Sander and her beau Brian Speicher who came on the day before closing. Bruce and Terri Schwindt attended their first national rendezvous and had a ball. Bruce won the overall men's shooting competition which came as no surprise.

I hung out with my daughter Susan and her husband Bryan and my brother Jim and his extended family of out-laws who welcomed a steady stream of first timer boy-friends and girl friends for a couple days each. All were thrilled with rendezvous and want to come back. The point here is that with next summers RMNR being held just south of Douglas, those of you who have never participated in a national rendezvous should start making plans now to get some primitive clothes together and come walk through for a day or two at the very least. Eric Distad is the Co-Boushway and can answer any questions I or the Millers can't. Jim and I are going to put together the shooting range so if you're planning to attend and want to help, we would welcome the help setting up the range and maintaining it during the week.

In summary, the site was superb, the weather excellent, and the rendezvous camaraderie fine as always. There were several interesting seminars, highland games, contests in horse camp across the river, archery, hawk and knife competition, and a challenging rifle and shotgun range. Good times!



View along Henry's Fork of the lush greenery



Once again, Magic Johnson celebrates a Birthday at rendezvous, this time the BIG ONE!



View of a trader's tent stocked with fooferraw



One of several delicious pot luck dinners



Trish Miller and all 137# of Bailey, take a pleasant afternoon nap



Rendezvous is for relaxing! Here a trader takes a snooze



The youngest of the Irwin clan gets ready for her snooze in the Wagon while Mike and Liz make the rounds of Traders Row



Trish getting read to “fire” several pieces of hers and her students’ pottery at rendezvous



Jim “Juniper” Miller doing what he does best at rendezvous



View of rendezvous site from hill above. Green, green, green



Trish Miller doing one of the things she does Best at rendezvous...enjoying one of my Famous hand blended margaritas!



First time rendezvousers, Bruce & Terri Schwindt camped in their fifth wheel by night and hung out with the full time buck Skinners by day



Jim Miller cooling off in the lobster pot and polluting the water for miles downstream



Doc Bob and I play a few tunes to kill what few mosquitoes that might have been hovering near by



Mike Johnson with Rita Burg and her grandson Christopher at his very first rendezvous. We celebrated his birthday too and he had a ball!



Meet the Co-Boushways for the 2009 Rocky Mountain National Rendezvous; Eric Distad and Barry "Mouse" Maxfield from Wausau, Wisconsin. The Greyrocks rendezvous site is on a private ranch near Esterbrook, WY.



Magic uses a little natural hot air to blow up a big campfire

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