

## WYOMING STATE MUZZLE LOADERS ASSOCIATION

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### Letter from the Editor:

Happy New Year!

Spring is just around the corner and we have a lot planned this summer. As you will see, we have several events listed. I added a small calendar in the back to help remind you of the upcoming events.

As the new editor, I welcome any comments, suggestions, or corrections. I would love to hear your stories, your favorite recipes, and other relevant bits of information. I cannot guarantee everything will make it in the following newsletter but will save any topics for later publications. I would greatly appreciate all material to be in digital format. Please send them to Melissa Connely at [melconn45@gmail.com](mailto:melconn45@gmail.com). Fliers should also be good clean copies. As you will notice, some of the illustrations are looking a little grainy. New copies would be appreciated.

For those of you who do not know me, I joined a few years ago when my husband, Brian, volunteered me to join the women's team for the Winter Challenge a few years back. It was lots of fun and I now own my own gun and a few beads. I am a geologist and work for the college. I used to do a lot of quillwork and would love to share this skill with anyone who asks.

It is my wish to print a newsletter every other month (6 times a year). So please send in your items prior to the 15th of each even # month. The next due date is April 15th. This first letter will probably be larger than most because I am printing the minutes from the last Board Meeting.

Hope to hear from you soon,  
Melissa

# SIERRA MADRE MUZZLELOADER RIFLE CLUB MOUNTAIN MAN RENDEZVOUS

JULY 27, 28, 29, 2012

Co-Sponsored by the Town of Encampment

## FREE CAMPING

*All Traders will be asked to donate a prize*

Dogs are the responsibility of the owner

Leash law strictly enforced

If you fail to comply you will be asked to leave !

No horses

Drinking water and some firewood available

Womens Aggregate - 200.00 Cash

Mens Aggregate - 200.00 Cash Junior

Aggregate Prize - 200.00 Cash

Sub-Junior Aggregate Prize - 200.00 Cash

Knife Throw Fri and Hawk Throw Sat for \$200.00 in Cash 3 PM and 5 PM

## SHOOTING FEES

NO PEEP SIGHTS

Single - \$20.00

ROUND BALL ONLY

Family - \$30.00

RANGE OFFICERS WORD IS FINAL

Hawk & Knife only - \$5.00

Frying Pan Throw - \$5.00

PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ALL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

KIDS GAMES FRIDAY. SATURDAY.



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FOLLOW SIGNS TO RENDEZVOUS ONCE IN ENCAMPMENT



**WSMLA**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**WYOMING**  
**January 27, 2011**  
**(approved Jan. 28th)**

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President, Angie Lehto.

Members in attendance: Carrie Gavin, Trish Miller, Dave Lehto, Paula Sorter, Ed Kern, Angie Lehto, Ginger Baumann, Kyle Lehto, Bill Morrison, Tony Larvie, and Ernie Evans.

**Minutes:** Copies of the minutes were passed out for the board to review. Dave moved to accept the minutes as written. Paula seconded the motion and carried.

**Treasurers Report:** Carrie presented a balance for the accounts. Kyle moved to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Paula, motion carried. [List of assets was removed for this printing. Copies available on the official minutes posted online.]

**Committee Reports:**

**Convention:** Trish reported that she used \$354.00 of the \$500.00 the Board allotted for advertising the State Convention. This year we advertised in the Casper newspaper, the Casper Town Crier, and on the KTWO TV station. This year we have 6 new Traders bring our total number of traders to 36.

**Auction:** Ed reported the Auction is going well so far. Our auctioneer this year will be Jr. Molina. We will still need floor help during the auction. Ed suggested that we place the Video Library on the Silent Auction table and the Board agreed.

**Photo Contest:** Kyle and Angie will be setting up the Photo Contest Saturday morning in the hall way out side Traders row.

**Newsletter:** Bill thinks Katie, from AMBI, has some good ideas on cost saving for mailing out hard copies of the newsletter. Bill is always in need of articles for the newsletter. He will be trying to keep the cost down by keeping the number of pages down around 4 to 5. Tony and the rest of the Board passed on their appreciation for all the time and work Bill puts into our newsletter.

**Video Library:** The Library will be sold at the Auction on Saturday night.

**Hat & T-shirt Committee:** Paula reported that we have hats and shirts for sale at a table on Traders Row. We have not ordered new items for a while. Do we wish to change the design and then place another order? We could create a contest for a new design. This could be presented at the General Membership meeting tomorrow.

**Traveling Trophy:** Ginger has all the metals and plaques for Traveling Trophy and State Trophies ready. We have changed companies who make the trophies to the Douglas Business Center, who were able to order the same type of plaques we have been using. The total cost for the State Trophies and the engraving of the Traveling Trophy metals came to \$224.70. Last year we paid a total of \$258.20, so we had a savings of \$33.50 this year. Ginger submitted a bill to the treasurer for payment.

### **Old Business:**

**-WSMLA Face book page is up and running:** We have linked the Wyoming State Muzzle Loaders web page to the Face book page. We can also link other club's web sites to the Face Book page if they so wish.

**-\$10.00 "One time" State Membership is not working well:** After some discussion and several motions and a defeated motion, the Board decided to table the issue until the Sunday Board meeting.

**-Sub-adult sponsorship clarification:** Angie wished to clarify that the amendment concerning Sub-adult sponsorship, which state is only for the Hawk & Knife state competitions.

**-Amendment to Procedures:** Kyle mailed each Board member a letter concerning a new Procedures Amendment.

3. Any change, suggestion of, or addition to the State Shoot schedule must be brought before the Board of Directors for consideration, prior to the next concurrent General Membership meeting held at the Annual State convention. After consideration of such changes to the shoot schedule, and the approval of the Board of Directors, the change shall be tested temporarily for one year in review of the feasibility (financial impact and number of members using the change) before being accepted as permanent by the Board of Directors with a vote of the General Membership for approval.

Concerned that this may need to be voted on by the General Membership; Dave, Angie, and Kyle informed the board that By-Law changes require a vote by the General Membership, and the Procedures are voted on and changed by the Board of Directors. Carrie moved to accept the Procedure Amendment as stated in the letter. Seconded by Ernie and motion carried.

### **New Business:**

**-Presentation from AMBI:** Katie from AMBI, who does our hard copy newsletter mailings, did a presentation on how we could save on postage. If we started folding the newsletter, then place into an envelope or do a cover sheet with return and mailing addresses, we could save up to \$80.00 per newsletter mailing. Bill said he could work on a cover page for the newsletter. Trish moved to have AMBI fold & tape the newsletter. Seconded by Carrie and the motion passed.

**-State Traveling Trophy qualifying procedures:** The Board discussed several options concerning the Traveling Trophy procedures. Then Dave moved to table the discussion until the Sunday Board meeting to allow time for thought.

**-Jr. & Sub-Jr. Participation is dropping:** We have had a considerable drop in Jr. & Sub Jr. participation this last year. Angie suggested to help encourage more youth to shoot, that we allow them to shoot free through a free Jr. & Sub Jr. electronic membership. Tony moved to have a free electronic membership for Sub Jr. & Jr. which is applied for each year. Seconded by Ed and motion carried.

**-4-H Shooting Sports:** Dave moved that we continue to support the 4-H program with a \$300.00 donation toward shooting sports. Seconded by Paula and motion carried.

**Adjourned:** Angie adjourned the meeting.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Ginger Baumann  
Secretary**



# **Nowood Black Powder Cartridge Match**

**Eighteenth Annual**

**April 14 & 15th 2012**

*Hosted by the Big Horn Basin Muzzleloaders*

*In Memory of George Sinn & Mike Cash*

***No Food Service Available!!***

## 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?

Five Metal Gongs and a possible New long range gong.

250 yd gong shot offhand.

All other gongs shot from crossticks.

Matches will be six shots per gong.

## Range Hours

Range open Sat. 9 AM to 3PM for sight in and practice.

Sunday 8 AM to 10:00 AM practice and sight in.

**Must be Paid before practicing!!!!**

**Match Begins Sunday 10:00 A.M.**

**ENTRY FEE \$20.00**

## **Contacts.**

Dave Tyrrell 307 765 2289

Bryan Youngberg 307 266 9692

Tom Brewster 307 366 2391

## **Cabins & RV Park**

Ten Broek Campground & Cabins- TenSleep

307 366 2250

Paintrock Inn—Hyattville

307-469-2335

*“Come on to the Popasie. Plenety of whiskey and white women.”*

Note left by Moses Black Harris on the door of a rundown log structure on the Green River advertising the location of the 1838 Rendezvous on the Wind River. This might have been Harris' idea of a joke as he strategically did not mention that the 'white women' were all missionaries, married and appalled by the 'sin' that they were witnessing.



# *The Buckhorn Skinners*

*Sponsor The 35th Annual*

## *Colorado Squirrel Rifle Championships*

**April 28 & 29, 2012**

**SNOW DATE:** May 19 & 20, 2012

.40 caliber or smaller -open iron sights - no shaders -patched round ball -spotting aids OK

Scoring Posted & Aggregate Re-entry on the Hill

Men Flint & Men Percussion, Ladies, Juniors & Hunters

Hunters Aggregate -Any Caliber - Cash Pay Back

Mountain Man Walk - Show off your skills

CSMLA Members \$10.00/Aggregate -- Non-Members \$12.00/Aggregate

In- Lines Welcome // Ladies Aggregate -Any Caliber

Juniors (16 & Younger) & Sub-Juniors - \$5.00 - 5 Targets-Any Caliber

Mountain Man Walk -\$5.00      Camping - \$5.00      Registration - \$5.00

**Range Hours :** Sat 8 am - 5 pm --- Sun 8 am - 2 pm

### **LARGEST PRIZE TABLE IN THE REGION**

**Open to the Public –Spectators FREE & Appreciated**

**Traders Welcome - Camp & Registration Fees Apply**

**Prize Table Donations Appreciated**

**Potluck Dinner --- Saturday Night at Registration Tent -- Council Fire to Follow**

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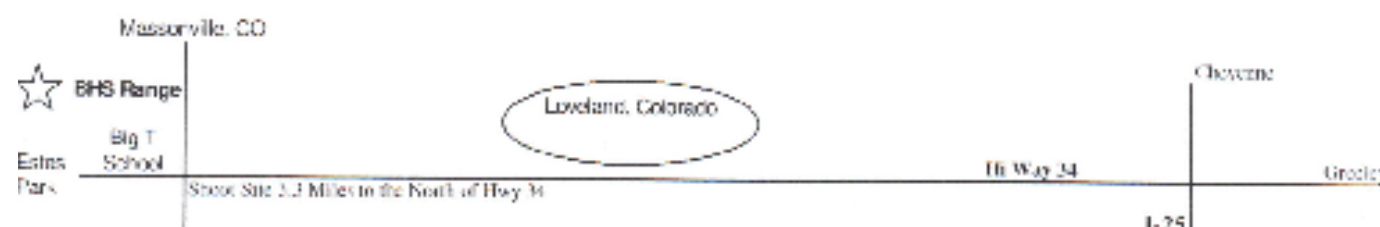
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# WSMLA CONVENTION GENERAL MEETING CASPER WYOMING

January 28, 2012  
(approved Jan. 29th, 2012)

The meeting was called to order by president, Angie Lehto who welcomed everyone to the meeting. **Roll call** was done with the following Board members present; Dave Lehto, Ed Kern, Bill Morrison, Paula Sorter, Ginger Baumann, Kyle Lehto, Trish Miller, Carrie Gavin, Tony Larvie, Ernie Evans, and Angie Lehto.

**Minutes:** The Minutes from the Friday night Board meeting were read by Rooster Baumann. Kyle Lehto moved to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Carrie and motion carried.

**Treasurers Report:** Carrie reported the club assets: [this was removed for printing. List of assets available online] Kyle moved to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Paula Sorter and motion carried.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Convention:** Trish reported we have 6 new traders bring the total number of traders to 36, which is a record for our Convention.

**Auction:** Ed reported we have good quality auction items this year. We still need spotters and floor help.

**Entertainment:** Paula reported that Swing Sounds is happy to be back and we are paying them \$420.00 to play from 8:00 PM to 12:00PM.

**Photo Contest:** Kyle reported the Photo Contest has been set up in the hallway, and will be open until 3:00 PM.

**Newsletter:** Bill stated he is always in need of articles for the newsletter. To help cut down on the cost of mailing the newsletter, we will start folding and taping the newsletter. We need your e-mail and address changes.

**Video Library:** The Video Library will be sold at the auction tonight.

**Hat & T-shirt Committee:** Paula reported that we have hats and T-shirts for sale near the registration table. Before placing a new order we are looking for a new shirt or hat design. Please contact the Board with your ideas.

**Traveling Trophy & State Trophies:** Ginger reported that we have all the awards ready to be presented at the end of the meeting.

**Historian:** Dave Lehto stated that we need a new person to be the Historian. Lyle Bader volunteered to become our new Historian.

**Procedures Committee:** Kyle read a new amendment for the procedures accepted by the Board of Directors in last night's meeting.

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**Elections:** Terms ending this year are: Charlie Romaine, Angie Lehto, Dave Lehto, & Ed Kern

The floor was opened up for Nominations to fill the 3 year positions ending.

Nominated: Ed Kern, Angie Lehto, Mike Lewis, Willy Felton, and Melissa Connely  
Kyle moved to cease the nominations, seconded by Tony and motion passed.

After the membership voted, our new Board members are: Ed Kern, Angie Lehto, Mike Lewis, and Melissa Connely.



## Old Business:

**Face Book:** The Face book site us up and running. Please contact Carrie Gavin if you would like to have a link to your club's website added, or wish to have shoot flyers, pictures, or announcements on the page.

**Jr. & Sub-Jr. free Electronic membership:** Due to the dropping number of Sub-Jr. and Jr. Shooters, it was suggested to give all the Sub-Jr. and Jr. Shooters a free electronic membership. Kyle moved to update the By-Laws to give all the Sub-Jr. and Jr. Shooters a free Electronic membership, which is applied for yearly. Seconded by Ernie and the motion passed. The changes to the By-Laws and Procedures will be posted to our website once they are updated.

## New Business:

**Charter Memberships:** Kyle moved that we give the remaining original Charter Members a life time free membership which includes the yearly dues and Newsletter subscription. Dave seconded and the motion passed.

**2013 Rocky Mountain National Rendezvous:** The 2013 RMN Rendezvous will be held near Laramie Wyoming. The booshway will be Calvin Hall. If you would be interested in helping put on this event please contact Calvin.

The Big Horn Basin Muzzle Loaders requested to host the State Shoot for this year on Aug. 3, 4, & 5<sup>th</sup> of 2012. The membership voted to have BHBML host the state shoot for 2012.

## Awards:

**Winter Challenge Match Awards:** Presented by Dane Sorter.

High Men: Dave Hein

High Woman: Ginger Baumann

High Sr.: Phil Nissen

**State and Traveling Trophy Awards are listed at the end of the minutes.**

## 2012 Calendar Shoot Dates:

Feb 25th...Meeteetse John Colter Shoot –entry fee-container of Cookies

Feb 17-19th...Glenrock DCMLA Winter Challenge Match

April?...Big Horn Basin Black Powder Cartridge Shoot-check newsletter for details

May 11-13th...Sheridan Ed Green Memorial Shoot

June 15-17th...Glenrock DCML Shoot

July 4-8th...1838 Rendezvous in Riverton

July 13-20th...National Rocky Mt. Rendezvous in Lyman Wyoming

July 21...Ft. Laramie Shoot

July 21...Heritage Center Mountain Man Event

July 27-29th...Encampment Sierra Madre Shoot

**Aug 3, 4 & 5th... State Shoot BHBML at Nowood near Ten Sleep**

Aug 11 & 12th... Sheridan State Bench Rest Shoot

Sept 8th...Sheridan Pie Shoot

Nov ??...Lander Valley Turkey shoot

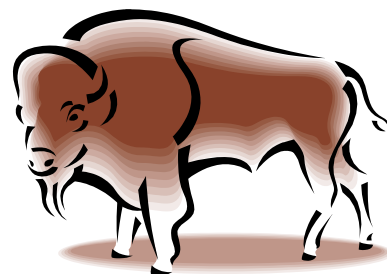
Jan 12 & 13, 2013...Riverton WRML Meat Shoot

Jan 19 & 20, 2013...Riverton WRML Winter Camp

Jan 25, 26 & 27, 2013...WSMLA State Convention...Casper at Parkway Plaza

President Angie Lehto adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginger Baumann  
Secretary



**WSMLA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
WYOMING  
[unofficial]**

**January 29, 2012**

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President, Angie Lehto. Members in attendance: Bill Morrison, Paula Sorter, Ginger Baumann, Kyle Lehto, Trish Miller, Carrie Gavin, Tony Larvie, Ernie Evans, Ed Kern, Angie Lehto, Mike Lewis and Melissa Connelly.

**Minutes:** Ginger read unofficial minutes (notes) from the General Meeting. Kyle moved to accept the unofficial minutes, seconded by Trish and the motion and carried.

**Treasurers Report:** Carrie reported the report is the same except for the checks written to Trish, Ginger, and Swing Sounds. Tony moved to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Ernie, motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Convention:** Trish had nothing new to report.

**Auction:** Ed reported we had some nice quality auction items; however, we had fewer donations this year. The auction generated \$2,221.00, which considering the down swing of the economy is good. For comparison, the auction generated \$2,997.50 in 2009, \$2,487.00 in 2010, and \$3,190.00 in 2011.

**Entertainment:** Paula reported that everyone enjoyed the band, Swing Sounds. Swing Sounds would be happy to play next year, but the 2012 cost will be \$480.00. Ed has a music group who wishes to play for the Convention. Paula will check into this and report back to the Board.

**Photo Contest:** Kyle reported that we had some good participation this year. However, we did not have any youth entries. To help increase more participation, Kyle moved to change the Youth category to Photos with Captions. Carrie seconded and motion carried.

**Newsletter:** Melissa volunteered to take over the newsletter and Bill will continue to run the website.

**Hat & T-shirt Committee:** Paula reported that we sold a lot of items. Paula thought it would be good to have a deadline for new designs to be submitted to the Board. Kyle moved to have a deadline for submitting new designs to the Board of Aug. 3&4<sup>th</sup> during the State Shoot, and to award a Sweatshirt to the winning design. Tony seconded and the motion passed.

**Traveling Trophy:** Ginger said the awards went well.

**Elections:**

Angie opened the floor for nominations for the officers.

Nominations for President: Angie Lehto and Bill Morrison

Kyle moved to cease nominations, seconded by Tony and motion carried.

Bill was voted to be our president.

Trish nominated Paula Sorter for Vice-president, Tony moved nominations cease, seconded and motion carried.

Carrie nominated Ginger for Secretary, Kyle moved nominations cease, seconded and motion carried.

Angie nominated Carrie for Treasurer, Ernie moved nominations cease, seconded and motion carried.

Before Angie turned the meeting over to the new president, Bill, he requested the \$500.00 for the BHBML for hosting the State Shoot in 2012. Ernie moved to give BHBML the \$500.00 to host the State Shoot, seconded by

Tony and motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**\$10.00 “One time” State Membership:** Discussion was reopened, and Tony moved to have a \$10.00 Non-member participation fee for all State Sanctioned Shoots (each Shooting Event) for one year (2012), seconded by Ernie, and motion failed due to confusion with wording already in the Procedures.

Bill suggested that we need to have a committee to do a complete updating of the By-Laws and Procedures before doing any changes. Angie, Tony, Melissa, Mike and Trish volunteered to be on a By-Laws and Procedure Committee. The updates will be presented to the General Membership at the next Annual Convention in 2013.

**Traveling Trophy:** Ginger will send out a reminder letter of the State Sanction Shoots Procedures to all the clubs.

**New Business:** [no new business was presented]

**Scholarships:** Paula suggested that we could offer College Scholarships to help improve Youth participation. The Board agreed, but concern for rules, guideline requirements, and tax aspects need to be checked into first. Mike Lewis and Paula agreed to head a Scholarship Committee and report back to the Board their findings.

**Thank You Letters:** Bill suggested that the Secretary send out Thank You notes to all the Auction donors each year.

**General Meeting:** We need to be thinking of ways to increase the General Meeting participation for next year.

**Our next meeting:** The Riverton Memorial Day Weekend Shoot on Sunday at 12:00 noon, place to be announced.

**Adjourned:** Bill adjourned the meeting.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Ginger Baumann  
Secretary**

*“One good husband is worth two good wives: for the scarcer things are, the more they’re valued. “*

*Benjamin Franklin*

**State & Traveling Trophy Awards:** presented by Ginger Baumann

**2010-2011 Qualifiers**

<b>Winter Challenge 2011</b>		
Man	Charlie Morrison	50x
Woman	Sonya Drake	45
Jr.	Kaylee Sorter	31
<b>Riverton Shoot—May 2011</b>		
Man	Dave Hine	49xxx
Woman	Jane Black	46
Jr.	NA	
<b>State Shoot Qualifiers—Deer Creek, June 2011</b>		
Men	Jake Jacobson	50xx
Woman	Trish Miller	46x
Jr.	Charles Whalen	22
<b>Deer Creek Shoot, June 2010</b>		
Men	Bill Morrison	49xxx
Woman	Ginger Baumann	48x
Jr.	Kaylee Sorter	15
<b>Sierra Madre—July 2010</b>		
Men	Gary Gavin	?
Woman	Teri Schwindt	?
Jr.	Matthew Jarrett	45xxx
Sub Jr.	Brandon Droner	4
<b>Big Horn Basin Shoot-Aug 2010</b>		
Man	Bruce Schwindt	49xx
Woman	Judy Lawrence	48
Jr.	Josh Miller	?
Sub Jr.	Matt Boravatz	42

**2010-2011 Winners!**

Man—Jake Jacobson 50xx  
Woman—Ginger Baumann 48  
Jr.—Charles Whalen 39

**2011-2012 Qualifiers**

<b>Winter Challenge 2012</b>		
Man	Dane Sorter	47xx
Woman	Ginger Baumann	47x
Jr.	Kaylee Sorter	31x
<b>Riverton Shoot—May 2012</b>		
Men		
Woman		
Jr.		
<b>State Shoot Qualifiers—Deer Creek, June 2012</b>		
Men		
Woman		
Jr.		
<b>Deer Creek Shoot, June 2011</b>		
Men	Gary Gavin	48x
Woman	Carrie Gavin	46x
Jr.		
<b>Sierra Madre—July 2011</b>		
Men	Ben Jarrett ??	48x
Woman	Dorla Baker ??	41
Jr.	Marshall Hill	46
Sub Jr.	Thomas Duncan	46
<b>Big Horn Basin Shoot-Aug 2011</b>		
Man	Dave Hein	49x
Woman	Jane Black	48x
Jr.	Matt Boravatz	44
Sub Jr.	Matt Boravatz	42
<b>State Bench Rest Shoot—Aug. 2011</b>		
Man	Bill Morrison	47



**WE WISH TO EXTEND OUR SINCERE THANKS  
FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION  
TOWARDS SUPPORTING OUR AUCTION.  
THE 2012 WSMLA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



**Special Thanks**

To all the donors, Ed Kern, Jane Black, and the Wyoming Muzzle Loaders State Board for the Benefit Auction at the Winter Convention.

**Donors:**

Jane Black	Sherri Covalt	Doyle Reid
Big Ted	Ray Ferree	Allen Hebert Sr.
En kern	Professor	Penny and Ryan Covalt
LKF Blacksmith	Bear River Powder	Chris Bezold
Ray and Judy Lawrence	Roadkill Recycling	Lady Bug
Bob Golden—Golden Brothers	Bill Morrison	Mike Corrigan
Blacksmith	Ray Defrank	Brett Smith
Mike Bezold	Booker	Big Hawk and Dave Lehto
Tail Gunner	Deer Creek Muzzleloaders	Woodman
Rosa Ballard	Ginger Baumann	Jake Jacobson
Ginger Barrel	Allen Hebert	Doc Bob
Ball Mountain Traders	Mark Starr	John Sexton
Trish Miller	Karen Felton	Parkway Plaza
Harry	Sew it Seams	Other friends and family we may
BJ Larvie	Brian and Melissa Connely	have missed

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**Letter from Ed Kern**

One more convention is over. I think you will agree with me that it is nice to have all the room we have at the Parkway. The Traders have all the room to spread out and the auctions tables are not stuck out in the middle of everyone's road. I think we need to give the convention chairperson, Trish Miller, a thank you for all the work.

To the auction. We go over 54 donations this year. With the economy the way it is, I was not expecting our members to be so generous. Once the auction started, J.R.Molina, our auctioneer, kept things going at a fast pace. The two young women that worked the floor showed the items off, and Paula Sorter kept things in order. The spotters did not miss a bid. All in all; the help I had made my job easy. I could not do my job without all the great help I get.

A special thank you to Kathi Morrison for making the Auction Catalogue and to Jane Black for keeping all the bids straight with back-up from Joanne Molina. Lest I forget the most important people that make the auction work –is YOU–the members of our Association. Thanks you all

# **The 25<sup>th</sup> Winter Challenge Shoot**

## **Phil Nissen**

It's almost inconceivable that in this day and age something would still be going strong after 25 years -certainly not most of our cars, household appliances, and even many people's marriages. The Deer Creek Muzzle Loaders have taken an idea dreamt up in 1987 by George Walker and made it a tradition. In his honor we have renamed the event the "George Walker Winter Challenge Shoot".

Forty-six shooters on seven men's teams and four women's teams turned out to help commemorate the event which was highlighted by the reformation of the original 1987 first place team. They were George Walker, Delbert Lesser, Mike Johnson, Jeff Walker, and George's son Caleb Walker. Caleb filled in for Brian Moore who dropped out of sight shortly after that first challenge shoot. Maybe he couldn't deal with fame. A little encouragement from George and me brought Jeff up from Gunnison, CO to shoot with this team. Jeff had moved his family to Gunnison in 1994 and hadn't shot a muzzle loader since. Just for old time's sake, he ended up scoring 299, the same as his 1987 score! Coincidence? I don't think so. You can take a man out of Wyoming but you can't take Wyoming out of the boy.

The shoot began on Friday shortly before noon and a dozen or so of us threw lead downrange in balmy, almost wind-free conditions. The sun was warming and the temps were in the high thirties. As seems to be the case fewer and fewer shooters come to camp and instead enjoy the comfort of their own beds at home or in a motel. Misfire commented that as he was checking in to his motel and when carrying in his rifles, another lodger from Tennessee commented, "Ah, this is just like home". I don't know if it was Roger's appearance or the fact he had an armload of muzzleloaders.

Saturday began calmly enough but by late morning a stiff breeze had come to pay its traditional visit along with the rest of the shooters. I'm not going to say it helped any of us but for most of the day though, it blew from the south and was not as troublesome as it could have been. A fine lunch of sloppy Joe's and chili with lots of accompaniments was served – thanks to all the DCML members who brought the delicious eats!

Sunday dawned to light snow which continued for the duration of the shoot. It was warm though and there was absolutely no wind which no doubt helped the late shooters. Another filling pot luck lunch capped the day with chicken gumbo and sausage and bean soup served up for everyone that remained. Many of the out of town shooters had finished up their targets and gone by then so they missed out.

We had wanted to have a special silver anniversary medallion for this shoot and in September began working with an outfit in Florida that made our state shoot medallions last June. A sample was delivered but had some casting flaws we wanted corrected. The actual order never arrived reportedly due to a fire in their plant. The medallions were supposed to be here in time but weren't and we have lost communication with the company. If they do arrive all registered shooters will receive one.

George Walker was presented with a commemorative medallion and necklace made by Jim Miller. DCML members Mike Johnson and Delbert Lesser have shot in all twenty-five Winter Challenge Shoots so a silver anniversary medallion and necklace was presented to them as well.

Then came the team awards. First place for the sixth year in a row was DCML Team One, the Cole Creek Social Club. Captain of this team was Dave Hein who once again posted the top score for all men shooters – 381 XXXX. Joel Eldred, Jim Miller, Brian Connely, and Phil Nissen rounded out this team which scored a total of 1609 10X. Second place were the Rejects with Ned Dunn, Mike Wooten, Misfire, and Bill Morrison with a score of 1361 6X. Third place was The Wind River Muzzle Loaders with a score of 1321 5X. They were Angie & Kyle Lehto, Gary & Carrie Gavin, & Vince Lukowiak.

Three of the four women's teams were from DCML and all three won the medals! The top scoring team scored 747 and was Melissa Connely, Sonja Drake, and Cindy Sander. Second place were the Deer Creek Dames with 553X, Ginger Baumann, Paula Sorter, and Kaylee Sorter. The third place team was Willa Walker, Bev Lukowiak, and Lori who tallied 484 X.

The Women's high scorer once again was Ginger Baumann with a 324 X, her first time over 300. The other women had to point out that she outshot me by 20 points! It wasn't the first time me or any other man has been outscored by Ginger. The Senior high scorer this year was Delbert Lesser with a 356 XX. Thanks to everyone who came out and enjoyed President's weekend with us. Let's do it again next year.





1987 1<sup>st</sup> place team – Mike Johnson, Jeff Walker, Brian Moore, Delbert Lesser & George Walker



Fast Forward 25 years. Here's the original team with George's son Caleb filling in for the missing Brian Moore



Snowy Sunday with targets posted at 100 and 200 yards



Forty-six shooters enjoyed a balmy Saturday morning on the DCML range



Top scorers yuk it up for us mortals

WSMLA Past Prez Jeff Walker felt at home



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Marion Baker Memorial Shoot  
Sponsored by the Sierra Madre Muzzleloaders  
June 3rd 2012

The invitation to this shoot is your paid membership to the Sierra Madre Muzzle Loading Rifle Club or the Wyoming State Muzzle loading Association. If we do not know you, your membership card must be presented at the sign-up.

Signup starts at 9 am. Shooting starts at 10 am sharp. Bring your own chair. Camping is available onsite/ There will be 10 targets; 300 point aggregate. 15 shots will be fired from 25 yards and 15 shots from 50 yards. Break the line scoring method.

Shooting Fees

Adult (16 and Over) - \$20.00

Kids (15 and under) - \$10.00

Adults Aggregate Prize—\$100.00 Cash

Kids Aggregate Prize - \$100.00 Cash

Round Ball Only

No Peep Sights

Range officer's word is final

Membership Fees:

Adult—\$20.00

Family—\$30.00

Senior—\$10.00

Shooting Schedule

9:00am Attendees sign up for shoot, get membership if desired, etc.

9:30am Range is open for fouling

10:00 am Shooting will begin. There is more than ample time allowed for all participants to fire the required shots. Generally, the 25 yard targets are fired before noon; the 50 yard targets fired after lunch.

12:00pm Club Meeting

After lunch, we will have a short time for remembering Marion Baker such as a Mountain Man Volley and stories by those who know her and how she helped establish our shooting club.

1:00pm Post targets for remainder of shoot. Continue until folks have completed shooting their targets.

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Location: Event is held at the Encampment Rendezvous site: Camping available.

*Coming soon!*

*Sheridan Bull Shooters Flyer  
Held Sept. 8th 2012*

*Fun stories  
Pictures,  
Recipes  
Etc.*

# Wyoming State Bench Shoot

## AUGUST 11th & 12th, 2012

### Sheridan Bull Shooters Range

Take 5th Street Exit. Go west to end of pavement.

Continue for 3.5 miles on dirt road to gun club.



RIFLE: 50 - 100 - 150 - 200 YARDS

PISTOL: 25 - 50 YARDS

SMOOTH BORE: 50 - 100 YARDS

ALL matches are re-entry (WITH A TWIST) - \$1.00 PER RE-ENTRY

Any muzzleloader patched round ball only

In-line action welcomed (separate category)

No scopes on rifles

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## Important Dates

### April

April 15th,  
Deadline for newsletter

April 28th & 29th 2012  
Colorado Squirrel Rifle Championships

### May

May 11th, 12th, & 13th 2012  
Ed Green Memorial Rifle Frolic

May 26th, 27th, 28th  
Riverton Memorial Day Shoot

### June

June 15th-17th  
Glenrock DCML Shoot

### July

July 4th—8th  
1828 Rendevous in Riverton

July 13th—20th  
NRMR in Lyman WY

July 21st  
Ft. Laramie Shoot  
&

Heritage Center Mountain Man Event

### August

Aug 3rd, 4th, and 5th  
State Shoot BHBML at Nowood near Ten Sleep

Aug 11th and 12th  
Sheridan State Bench Rest Shoot

### September

Sheridan Pie Shoot

### October

### November

Date TBD  
Lander Valley Turkey Shoot

### December

### 2013

Jan. 12 and 13 Meat Shoot WRML  
Jan 19 and 20 Winter Camp WRML