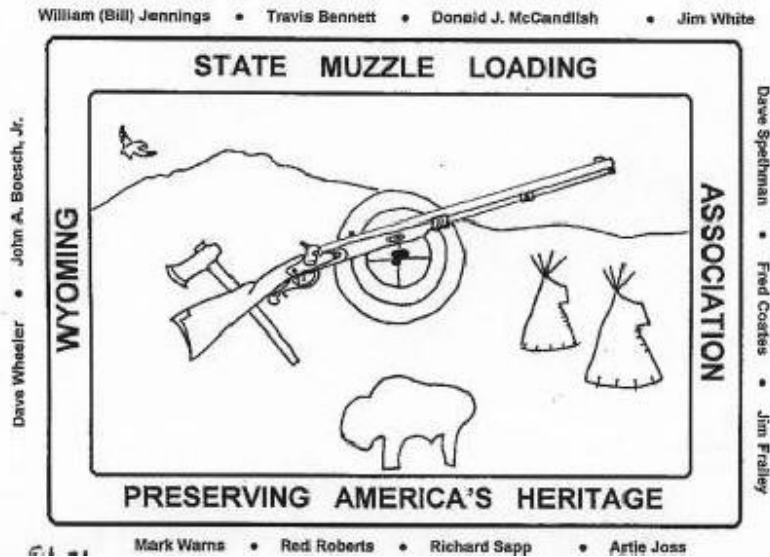


# *Wyoming State Muzzleloader Association's News*

*September, 2017*



*September is here already.... Summer is here and fall will be on its way in just a few short weeks. I certainly hope that all of you have filled your summer bucket lists, and that you are making plans for those fall bucket lists.*

*What a busy summer it was for the WSMMLA, with shoots all around the state. I hope that all of you had a great summer of shooting, and that you attended at least one state sponsored shoot. If anyone has pictures or stories to tell of the shoots that you attended this past summer, or past year, send them my way, and I will certainly try to put them in the upcoming newsletters. You can send all your information to me at [WsmmlaNews@gmail.com](mailto:WsmmlaNews@gmail.com). So until the next newsletter,... Happy Shooting.*

*Sandy Ladwig*

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**Mr Bill: Sounds like you have had a very busy summer, keeping up with work and attending shoots. So why don't you let the folks know what has been going on with you.....**

Hi Wyoming Muzzleloaders:

I am sorry I haven't written anything lately. I seem to have writer's block or something. This summer seems to have gotten away from me. It all started with the postponed shotgun shoot. I have the results and I am trying to write something about the shotgun shoot. I planned on going to the Ed Green shoot until one of my employees retired with a 2 week notice. They held a retirement party for her in Powell on Friday. I did make it to part of the Wind River Muzzleloader Memorial weekend shoot. Kind of the same thing, one of my bosses retired and they had his retirement party on Friday. We spent the night in Casper. So I only made it to on shoot Sunday. My shooting seems to recognize me being in a hurry. We then held the postponed shotgun shoot here in Worland. Numbers were down due to the date change. Weather was great; actually it was very warm on Saturday. We did

get to shoot trap, skeet and a little 5 stand. That 5 stand was way more challenging than regular trap. We did use black powder cartridge guns on the 5 stand. I did make it to the state shoot. Glenrock put on a great state shoot. Thank you goes out to the Deer Creek Muzzleloaders. Great shoot, good food and good camaraderie. You guys always have a great shoot, thank you to your club members helping out to make it always a good time. I think numbers were down a little and rain on Saturday morning slowed things down a little. We did have a board meeting in Schwindt's 5-wheel Trailer. We made it down to Encampment for the Sierra Madre Rendezvous. What a great turnout. They had quite a few new traders. The Sierra Madre Muzzle Loaders really spend a lot of time and effort with the children and trying to keep the interest in muzzle loading going into the next generation. Another annual shoot with great food, good friends and great camaraderie. I did learn what not to do with the gun when shooting a revolver. Luckily nobody was hurt; however it scared me and Steve Kerpan to whom I have profusely apologized to. You cannot take your mind off safety at any point when shooting a gun. I shot the revolver this past weekend a little bit nervously. We held our annual primitive shoot, the turnout was quite low. I am not sure what BHBMLA will do next year, it is a lot of work for only a few shooters. We did have a couple from Kansas and one from Colorado that showed up to our shoot. If anybody has any ideas on what we should change let us know. Weather was a little cooler than normal for our shoot. I did make it to the bench match held at Powell by Ned Dun and Rich Wormington. Ned was quite pleased with the turnout. He really worked on getting people from the Cody and Powell areas to the shoot. It was fun and way more puzzling to me since the last time I shot the bench match at Sheridan. I thought I had it figured out at Sheridan. Now I don't have a clue what I was doing wrong. Sunday was extremely puzzling to me; everyone was having problems on Sunday trying to get decent scores, so it wasn't just me. Jeanne and Marge cooked up a great supper which I didn't stay for Saturday evening; however there were leftovers on Sunday that were very good. Thank you to everyone for working so hard on hosting the annual shoots. Coming up in a few weeks is the Annual Pie Shoot in Sheridan. It is always a fun time. Enough rambling from me. Keep your powder dry.

Bill Morrison

President WSMLA

*For those of you keeping score.....*

*The Ed Green Rifle Frolic Score Sheet*

*Paper Targets*

*Men*

*Women*

*JR's*

*25 Yd 5 Bull*

1st= Joe Crump 41X

Trish Miller 32

Elsa P. 12

2nd= Steve K. 41

April C. 30

Cash 7

3rd= Steve P. 40

Missy 15

Shannon 5

*25 Yd. Bottles*

1st= Kelly B. 43

April 23

Cash 19

2nd= Jake 35

Trish Miller 20

Elsa P. 3

3rd= Steve 35

Missy 5

Shannon 3

*50 Yd Double Bull*

1st= Mountain Dew 45X

Ginger 37

Elsa P. 18

2nd= Coyote 42X

April 34

3rd= Kelly 40

Trish Miller 29

*100 Yd Single Buff*

1st= Rooster 38

April 34

2nd= June Bug 35

Trish Miller 29

3rd= Misfire 30

Ginger 25

*Long Range Gongs*

Winner: Misfire

*Quail Walk*

Winners: Coyote Skinner, and Grand Poop with a 21.

*Pistol*

1st= Mountain Dew 71

April 56

Nathan 34

2nd= Kelly 68

3rd= RMJP 67



## *The Ed Green Shoot continued:*

*Men*

*Women*

*Juniors*

*Sub Juniors*

### *Gongs*

*Winner= Jon 40*

*April 30*

### *Rifle Toss*

*Winner= Brian*

*Shydn May*

### *2017 Running Grizz*

*1st= June Bug*

*Ginger*

*Cash*

*Ian*

*2nd= JR*

*Missy*

*Elsa*

*Ryan*

*3rd= Grand Poop*

*April*

*Nathan*

### *Bow*

*1st= Zack 54*

*Ginger 34*

*Katie 22*

*Ryan 39*

*2nd= Coyote 51*

*April 32*

*Elsa 15*

*Shannon 20*

*3rd= Bubba 50*

*Megan 22*

*Esabella 14*

*Sam 17*

### *Re-Entry*

*Winner= Kelly 44*

### *Smooth Bore*

*Scores not turned in.*

### *Women's Challenge*

*1st= Ginger and Connie*

*2nd= Meg and Shyda*

*3rd= Tammy and Bella*

### *Cook Off*

*1st= Rod Beatty 80*

*2nd= Jr olina 52*

*3rd= Joe Crump 51*

### *Kid's Games*

*All kid's were winners!!*

*Great shooting to everyone who attended the Ed Green Rifle Frolic this year.*

## State Shoot Results

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The State Shoot was held in June near Glenrock, WY, this year with the Deer Creek Muzzleloaders hosting the shoot. What fun it was. With shooting of all ages, Hawk and Throw competitions, Primitive ranges, and an Archery range for the kiddo's, it was a great weekend for everyone to get together and enjoy. A Saturday evening meal was provided, and stories were told of all ages. Deer Creek Muzzleloaders even hosted a raffle for a gun. That was a lot of fun, and thanks to everyone who participated in the raffle.

During the State Shoot, State Board Members, had a meeting. Look for the minutes of the meeting in the newsletter to come. It was brought up in the meeting, that Mike Johnson, who is in charge of the photo contest, at the convention in January, that he would like to change a few things about what categories are in the contest. So look for that, but he would also like to remind everyone that all those pictures you took over the summer would be a great addition to the photo contest. So be thinking of what picture you could enter in the contest, and we do need more entries for the contest.

Trish Miller would like to thank everyone that helped get the WSMLA State Shoot together. She reports that there were a lot of kids this year, and that everyone had a great time, especially her grand children, Tim, Emily, and Kyle, who had a grand time throwing arrows down range. And they look forward to the event next year.

Hope that everyone had a great time at the state shoot.



**Congratulations to the winner of the gun raffle that was hosted by the Deer Creek Muzzle Loaders. Thank you.**

















# SIERRA MADRE MUZZLELOADING RIFLE CLUB

## RENDEZVOUS RESULTS 2017

### STATE SHOOT

Men	Chris Nickelson (47)	Women	Katie Vaporis (44)
Junior	Caleb Lee (43)	Sub Junior	Shannon Crump (45)

### MILLHOUSKI

Men	1 <sup>st</sup>	Robert Hageman	Women	1 <sup>st</sup>	April Crump
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bill Morrison		2 <sup>nd</sup>	Laura Fillmore
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Don Whisonant		3 <sup>rd</sup>	Trish Miller
Junior field	1 <sup>st</sup>	Caleb Lee	Sub Junior	1 <sup>st</sup>	Clarence Crutch-
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thomas Duncan		2 <sup>nd</sup>	Katelyn Crump
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	William Shade		3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tae-Ree Nickelson

### FUN TARGET

Men	1 <sup>st</sup>	Wayne Fillmore	Women	1 <sup>st</sup>	Linda Preston
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Marshal Hill		2 <sup>nd</sup>	Laura Fillmore
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gary Gillen		3 <sup>rd</sup>	Katie Vaporis
Junior	1 <sup>st</sup>	Caleb Lee	Sub Junior	1 <sup>st</sup>	Kalley Ellis
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wyatt Duncan		2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shannon Crump

### CANDLE SHOOT

Men	1 <sup>st</sup>	Bob Jairell	Women 1 <sup>st</sup>	Trish Miller
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bill Morrison	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Linda Preston
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Don Whisonant	3 <sup>rd</sup>	April Crump
Junior	1 <sup>st</sup>	Caleb L ee	Sub Junior	1 <sup>st</sup> Parker Lakeman
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	William Shade	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Benjamin Shade
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wyatt Duncan	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Clarence Crutchfield

### 50 YARD SCHUETZEN

Men	1 <sup>st</sup>	Ron Abbott	Women 1 <sup>st</sup>	April Crump
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chris Nickelson	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Katie Vaporis
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wayne Fillmore	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Trish Miller
Junior	1 <sup>st</sup>	Caleb Lee	Sub Junior	1 <sup>st</sup> Shannon Crump
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	William Shade	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Benjamin Shade
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Thomas Duncan	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Parker Lakeman

### SPLIT BALL

Men	1 <sup>st</sup>	Marshal Hill	Women 1st	Laura Fillmore
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gary Gillen	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Natalie Adams
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tom Zennie	3 <sup>rd</sup>	April Crump



## PISTOL

Men	1 <sup>st</sup>	Gary Gillen	Women	1 <sup>st</sup>	April Crump
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gary Millhouse		2 <sup>nd</sup>	Corkey Brown
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Steve Kerpan		3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kelley Davis
Junior	1 <sup>st</sup>	Thomas Duncan	Sub Junior	1 <sup>st</sup>	Tanner Duncan
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	William Shade		2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tae-Ree Nickelson
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wyatt Duncan		3 <sup>rd</sup>	-----

## KIDS KNIFE THROW

Junior	1 <sup>st</sup>	Wyatt Duncan
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	William Shade
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Loren Buford
Sub Junior	1 <sup>st</sup>	Benjamin Shade
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Scott Wilson
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kalley Ellis

## ADULT KNIFE THROW

Men	1 <sup>st</sup>	Steve Fletcher
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Xavier Jaure
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ed Brown
Women	1 <sup>st</sup>	Laura Fillmore
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Carol Wagnon Zahn
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kelley Davis

## KIDS HAWK THROW

Junior	1 <sup>st</sup>	Jaden Hill
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thomas Duncan
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Caleb Lee
Sub Junior	1 <sup>st</sup>	Kanean Roberts

## ADULT HAWK THROW

Men	1 <sup>st</sup>	Dave Coombs
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jesse Hinshaw
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Donald Vaughan
Women	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sheridan Hinshaw

Men	Marshal Hill	Women	Virginia Parker
Junior	William Shade	Sub Junior	Ali Wilson

<b>OLD TIMER’S SHOOT (55 AND OLDER)</b>	RMJP (Ronald Perichini)
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<b>WOMEN’S FRYING PAN THROW</b>	Katie Vaporis
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<b>MEN’S DISCUS THROW</b>	Zack Vaporis
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<b>JUNIOR THROW</b>	William Shade
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<b>SUB JUNIOR THROW</b>	Shannon Crump
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**OVERALL AGGREGATE WINNERS**

Men	Wayne Fillmore	Women	April Crump
Junior	Caleb Lee	Sub Junior	Clarence Crutchfield
		5 Way Tie	Kalley Ellis
			Parker Lakeman
			Shannon Crump
			Tanner Duncan

**BEST DRESSED**

Men	Terry Hughes	Women	April Crump
Junior	Wyatt Duncan	Sub Junior	Kalley Ellis

## Sierra Madre Muzzle loading Rifle Club Rendezvous 2017:

Crystal Gillen reports the Sierra Madre Muzzle Loading Rifle Club Rendezvous was a success. It was a lot of fun with over 60 shooters, and well over 400 visitors both local and from out of town. As usual the Hawk and Knife throws brought in large groups for throwing and observing. The competition was great. They had the biggest primitive area on site. There is also a new mountain man wood carving figure made by Dave Driest. He has been named Platte Valley Pete and will be at future rendezvous. Sounds like everyone had a great time and everyone is looking forward to next year.







Thank you so much Crystal for the great pictures, and for letting us know how the Sierra Madre Muzzleloading Rifle Club Rendezvous Shoot went this year. Hope to see all of you there next year.

**It is with sadness, that I let everyone know that we have lost a few of our long time members. Willie Felton passed away this past June.**

**Willie Felton obituary....**

**William Willis Felton**

**June 26, 2017.**

**William W. Felton, 77 year old, Ten Sleep resident passed away in Big Horn, WY on June 26, 2017.**

**Willie was born on March 28, 1940 in Greybull, WY to Howard and Mildred (Herron) Brown. He was later adopted by Leonard Felton. He spent his early years in Greybull. He graduated from Natrona County High School in Casper in 1958. He loved racing stock cars where he was the state champion in 1958. Following graduation Willie chose to serve his country in the United States Marine Corporation.**

**He had many hobbies and was outstanding in each one. He had many of his award winning photographs published in books and magazines. He was also a Cowboy poet and singer. Hunting was a favorite past time as he was an avid black powder shooter. He was a member of the Big Horn Muzzle Loaders Club He spent his career with Pacific Power on the line crew, retiring in 1977, after 25 years of service.**

**He married Karen Weber on June 4, 1983.**

**He was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother, Lloyd.**

**Survivors include his wife of 34 years, daughters, Kim Blackman, Sheri (Jason) Hiser, Donette (Gene) Wilenius; son Mark (Regina) Weber; sisters, Hazel (Reese) Beck, and Norren Brown; 12 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren and with one on the way.**

**Memorial services were held at Willow Park in the Big Horn Mountains. Online condolences can be made at [www.bryantfuneralhomeonline.com](http://www.bryantfuneralhomeonline.com).**



**Another long time Muzzleloader has passed also:**

**To all Muzzleloaders:**

**Velma Harlow, spouse of Bunny Harlow has passed away. They were long time Wyoming Muzzleloaders. They are planning a muzzle loading salute.**

**Velma Harlow: Velma Harlow, 99, of Gillette died Tuesday July 11, 2017 at her home. Funeral services begin at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, at Gillette Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Ernie Bishop officiating. Interment will follow at Mount Pisgah Cemetery.**

**Memorial and condolences may be sent in care of Gillette Memorial Chapel, 210 W. Fifth St., Gillette, WY 82716. Condolences also may be expressed at [gillettememorialchapel.com](http://gillettememorialchapel.com).**

**I would also like everyone to know that Trish Miller with Deer Creek Muzzle Loaders is also in our thoughts and prayers, as she has lost her mother, on Wednesday, August 30, 2017. Funeral services for her mother were held Tuesday, September 5, 2017.**

**If any one knows of a passing member, or family member of a muzzleloader, please let me know, and I will put it in the newsletter. You can email me at [WsmlaNews@gmail.com](mailto:WsmlaNews@gmail.com).**

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**Don't forget our upcoming events:**



**September 22, 23, 24, 2017: Two Rivers Rendezvous, at Water Works Park, Des Moines, Iowa.**

**January: Convention. Further details to follow.**