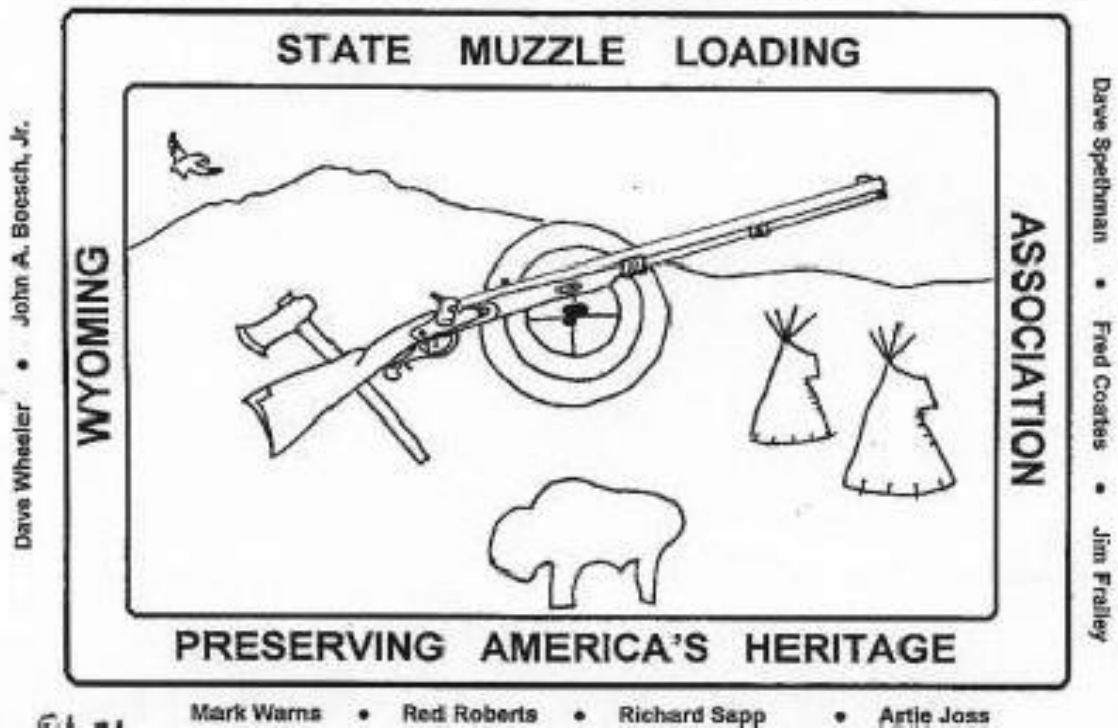


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FROM THE EDITOR

Greeting and a Happy New Year to all of you from your entire Newsletter editorial staff and the Board of Directors of the Wyoming State Muzzle Loading Association. For better or worse, 2006 is over and done with and we are having a great start for 2007.

I am writing this column after just returning home from our annual WSMLA Convention in Casper and I have to tell you that it was a good one. We had a good crowd in spite of the cold weather that settled in the day before Convention and stayed the week-end. The Saturday evening dinner was top-notch and about 147 folks sat down and enjoyed it with their muzzle loading friends, new and old. Trader's Row was as full as ever, even though several traders from Colorado had to cancel because of the continuous storms they have been having down there. The Holiday Inn was in good shape and the staff treated us as they always have, courteously and competently. Our membership was on it's best behavior (as far as I know anyway) and the event had a bright and enjoyable atmosphere throughout the week-end. Great stories were told, laughter echoed from every corner, smiling faces beamed from everywhere, and it was exactly as it has been so many times in the past, fine, fine winter doin's! I'd like to thank all who were able to attend for your friendship and kindness and for supporting the Association and each other, it was great! See you all again next year too, let's count on it! To those who couldn't make it I extend my condolences, and hope that maybe next year you'll be able to share the experience along with the rest of us. We'll be looking forward to it!

Inside this newsletter I will try to include some news from the Convention to let you know some of the ways the Board of Directors and the committees have worked hard to make the Association and Convention better each year and tend to the interests of the membership. There were three important meetings during the week-end where serious work took place and decisions made that effect all of us who are involved in shooting, collecting and enjoying muzzleloaders and reliving our historical past here in Wyoming. Even if my reports seem a little tedious or boring to some of you, I expect many of you will find them interesting and perhaps gain a little more understanding of the work it takes to bring all of our activities together. At least I hope so. Again, thanks for reading this, I appreciate it. Hyar's to spring, kaint come soon enuff fer me, that's fer sartin!

Travis Bennett, Editor

**2007
SCHEDULE OF SHOTS AND EVENTS**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
FEB. 16-18 GLENROCK	WINTER CHALLENGE SHOOT	DEER CREEK MUZZLE LOADERS,
MAY 25-28 RIVERTON	STATE SHOOT	WIND RIVER MUZZLE LOADERS,
JUNE 9-10 GLENROCK	ANNUAL SHOOT	DEER CREEK MUZZLE LOADERS,
JUNE 16-17 CASPER	BENCH MATCHES	PLATTE VALLEY MUZZLE LOADERS,
JUNE 19-24 BRIGADE	PELTON CREEK MT. MAN RENDEZ.	LARAMIE RIVER BLACK POWDER
JUNE 27-JULY 1	1838 RENDEZVOUS	1838 RENDEZVOUS SITE, RIVERTON
JULY 6-19	ROCKY MTN. NAT'L RENDEZVOUS	VIPOND, MONTANA
JULY 27-29	PRIMITIVE SHOOT	BIG HORN BASIN MUZZLE LOADERS, NOWOOD
AUG. 11TH	PIE SHOOT	SHERIDAN BULL SHOOTERS, SHERIDAN
AUG. 18 & 19	CROW CREEK FUR Co. SHOOT	CHEYENNE, WYOMING
AUG. 31-SEPT.3	FORT BRIDGER RENDEZVOUS	FORT BRIDGER, WYOMING
NOV. 18	TURKEY SHOOT, LANDER	LANDER VALLEY SPORTSMEN RANGE
JAN. 11-13, 2008	WSMLA CONVENTION	CASPER HOLIDAY INN

COLORADO EVENTS

FEB. 24 & 25,	FROZEN TOES RENDEZVOUS (SEE FLYER IN THIS ISSUE)	FT. LUPTON HISTORIC PARK, FORT LUPTON, CO,
MAR. 24 & 25	CO. ST M.L.A. WINTER CONVENTION (SEE FLYER IN THIS ISSUE)	FT. LUPTON, CO,
APR.28 & 29	CO. SQUIRREL RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIPS	W. OF LOVELAND, CO
JUNE 15-17	CO. NMLRA NAT'L TERRITORIAL MATCHES	FT. LUPTON, CO

NOTE: IF YOU DON'T SEE YOUR SHOOT LISTED, OR HAVE ANY ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THIS PAGE, CONTACT THE EDITOR OF THIS PUBLICATION ASAP.

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PHOTO CONTEST

The winners of the annual Photo Contest held at the Convention were passed on to me by the outgoing Chairman of that Committee, Mr. Ed Dunn, who has since moved upward and onward in the field of politics and is now, after a hard fought and sometimes bitter election campaign, the Association's new President. Congratulations Ned, and thanks for your hard work and dedication to the past years as Photo Contest Chairman. And thanks to all who took time to enter and participate.

WINNERS FOR 2007

Humorous:

1st Place	Jan & Rabbit Hubenka
2nd Place	Two Cups
3rd Place	Big Tedd

Camp Life:

1st Place	Amber Starr
2nd Place	Phil Nissen
3rd Place	Big Tedd

Scenery:

1st Place	Jan & Rabbit Hubenka
2nd Place	John Hart
3rd Place	Jan & Rabbit Hubenka

Shooting:

1st Place	LuAnn Nelson
2nd Place	Willie Felton
3rd Place	Allen Hebert

Best Overall:	LuAnn Nelson
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AUCTION REPORT

from the WSMLA Convention
January 12-14 2007

The auction this year was again a great success and the membership owe their gratitude and accolades to Alan Hebert, Auction Committee Chairman; his family who worked so hard making it a success; Junior Molina who ably served as Auctioneer; and all the folks who donated and bought the various items in order to support or Association's activities for another year. Thanks to you all, you deserve it.

The following is a list of Donors and Buyers and the amounts the items were sold for:

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Desc.</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1.	Sash, hand woven	Bull Mtn. Traders	John Hart \$	25.00
2.	Horn Mug	Heberts	Jack Riddell	12.00
3.	Ceramic Jug, handmade	Trish Miller	Rita & Magic	13.00
4.	Candle Holder	Heberts	C. Romaine	30.00
5.	Boxes of Beads	Heberts	Craig Kirkland	30.00
6.	Book, Steel Canvas	Heberts	Jim Brines	40.00
7.	Hearing Protectors	Wilczewskis	Mike Corrigan	15.00
8.	Lanter	Wilczewskis	Kae Jones	10.00
9.	Perc. Pistol, .50 cal.	Wilczewskis	Vince Lukowiak	95.00
10.	Kilt Book	Barb Cash	Mike Corrigan	10.00
11.	Rifleman's Frock	"Sew-it-Seams"	Nathan Harp	60.00
12.	Shooting Bag & Sash	Charlie Romaine	Casino	55.00
13.	Handmade quilt, WSMLA	Ryan&Penny Covalt	Curly	80.00
14.	Coffee Pot	Jake	Ryan Covalt	20.00
15.	Bone Knives & Forks	Travis Bennett	Charlie Romaine	35.00
16.	Oregon Trail Book	Travis Bennett	Craig Kirkland	70.00
17.	Chokecherry Wine	Phil Nissen	Big Tedd	45.00
18.	Knife	John Brahaney	Harry Warpness	45.00
19.	4 Strands of Beads	Harry Warpness	Trinidad Herrera	15.00
20.	Rifle Stand	Bill Morrison	Travis Bennett	20.00
21.	.50 cal. Shooting Kit	Charlie Morrison	Jack Riddell	12.00
22.	Buffalo Horn Utensils	Bill Morrison	Conan	25.00
23.	Inkle Weaving Loom	Big Tedd	Casino	22.50
24.	Loom & Dye Chart	Big Tedd	Craig Kirkland	65.00
25.	Pack Basket	Big Tedd	Ted Nelson	35.00
26.	Indian Art Work	Big Tedd	Ned Dunn	12.50
27.	Carved Ducks	Leigh Henning(Conan)	Brad Rogers	50.00
28.	Loading Blocks,etc.	Jack Riddell	Charlie Romaine	12.50
29.	Leather	John Sexton	Mike Corrigan	35.00
30.	Knapped Flint Knife	Tailgunner	Ryan Covalt	75.00
31.	Shooting Bag	Brett Smith	Casino	130.00
32.	Wool Blanket	Doc Bob	Bill Raymond	40.00

33. Antique Handled Knife	Big Hawk	Casino	45.00
34. Crocheted Afgan	Donna Weeks	Vince Lukowiak	22.00
35. Bev Doolittle Print	Heberts	Mike Dunn	47.00
36. Framed Verse w/pictures	Jennifer Flowers	Charlie Romaine	15.00
37. Leather Journal & Paper	3 Hands Trading Co.	Buzz Holler	35.00
38. Breechcloth	Big Tedd	Alan Hebert	15.00
39. Chimenea	Yellow Bloomers Trading	Rita & Magic	17.00
40. Antique Beads	Yellow Bloomers Trading	Herb Larvie	30.00
41. Red & Gold Bag	Cloud Peak Traders(Sue)	Mike Dunn	60.00
42. White Trash Cooking	Aunt Melba	Ginger Baumann	30.00
43. Hand Carved Bear	Gary Weeks	Mike Dunn	27.50
44. MiniTropical Vacation	Wyknot (Liva)	Tim Hollen	25.00
45. Jewelry Box	Dave & Dottie Lehto	Pat Shattuck	42.00
46. Rhubarb Wine	Scratch	Big Tedd	45.00
47. Photo with Wine	Jan & Rabbit	Big Tedd w/above	-0-
48. Jacuzzi Suite	Holiday Inn	Mike Dunn	<u>85.00</u>
Total.....			\$1,830.00

THANKS AGAIN TO ALL OF YOU WHO HELPED MAKE THIS AUCTION A GREAT SUCCESS.

Alan Hebert



**Alan Hebert and Junior Molina
working the Saturday evening
Crowd at the Auction.**



**Alan Hebert & Son working hard to
make the auction a success.**

DURING THE ANNUAL CONVENTION IN CASPER JANUARY 12-14 THE WSMLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERSHIP HELD THREE IMPORTANT MEETINGS. THE FIRST IS ON FRIDAY EVENING, THE NEXT IS THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON, AND THE LAST ONE IS ON SUNDAY MORNING .

DURING THESE MEETING THE GOALS AND CONCERNS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ALL MEMBERS PRESENT ARE DISCUSSED IN PUBLIC AND DECISIONS MADE THAT WILL EFFECT THE ORGANIZATION AND ALL IT'S MEMBERS IN THE FUTURE. WITHOUT THE SERIOUS PARTICIPATION OF EVERYONE CONCERNED IT IS UNLIKELY THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE SUCH A DYNAMIC, ACTIVE AND ORGANIZED ASSOCIATION THAT WE HAVE HAD IN THE PAST. I URGE YOU TO BE ACTIVE IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE WYOMING STATE MUZZLE LOADING ASSOCIATION AND, BY READING THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS, YOU WILL HOPEFULLY HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORKINGS OF IT'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THANKS FOR READING THIS.

Travis Bennett, Editor

Board of Directors Meeting

Friday Evening, 1/12/07
Aspen Room, Holiday Inn
Casper, WY

1. President Bryon Wilczewski called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.
2. The roll call of Directors was taken and all were present except Carrie Gavin who had sent a letter explaining her absence.
3. Minutes of the last B.O.D. Meeting were read by Mike Dunn and accepted.
4. The Treasurer's report was read by Bryon Wilczewski and accepted. The Association is in good shape.
5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Convention Committee Report: by Trish Miller. 18 Traders are on hand, everything seems to be going quite smoothly. Several traders from Colorado have called and canceled due to the cold and miserable weather to the south.

Auction Committee: by Alan Ebert. Donations will be accepted in the morning and everything is ready.

Photo Contest Committee: by Ned Dunn. Will be accepting entries first thing Saturday morning.

Traveling Trophy Shoot Committee: by Dave Lehto. Reported that the cost of trophies and awards for this shoot for last year was \$260.31, a little higher than normal but due to additional numbers of awards required.

Video Library Committee: by Tony Larvie. Not much activity during the last year for whatever reason. Some of the items in the Library are outdated and need to be replaced with ones on more up-to-date formats.

Historian: by Dave Lehto. Reported that both Dave and Lyle Bader are still acting in the capacity of Historians with both of them having nearly the same material in their archives. The Board as a whole thought that was a good idea and encouraged it's continuance.

Trade Gun Raffle Committee: by Ned Dunn. Report that sales of raffle tickets had been very good throughout last year and is continuing still at Convention. It appears that the results of the raffle will accomplish the intended goals.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

Travis Bennett reported to the Board that he had finally finished the rifle that was raffled several years ago and has it in hand. He displayed the rifle to the Board and agreed to accept three year's rooms at WSMLA Conventions as payment in full if the Board agreed. The Board accepted his proposal and will present the rifle to the winner who is Bryon Wilczewski, current President of WSMLA., during the General Membership meeting on Saturday.

Travis Bennett agreed to edit the WSMLA Newsletter for another year and encouraged the Board to become as active as possible in this endeavor, by each Director writing an article during the year and also submitting a biography for publication. It was so agreed.

The President brought up the fact that Tony Larvie, Alan Hebert, Ed Green, and also himself, would be due for replacement on the Board due to their terms expiring. Also that Lyle Bader had resigned and it was necessary to name a replacement for him. Bryon will automatically have a seat on the 2007 Board of Directors as the most recent Past President, as directed by the By-Laws.

The first of the above items discussed was the appointment of a member to fill the unfinished term of Lyle Bader who resigned last year. After some discussion it was moved by Tony Larvie and seconded by Mike Corrigan to ask Charlie Romaine to fill the position. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Romaine was contacted and agreed to serve the Association in that capacity.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A proposal was presented by the Manager of the Holiday Inn offering a bid for our next Conventions. After some serious negotiations the proposal and following terms were accepted:

- a) Two year contract, 2008 and 2009
- b) Rooms rate to be set at \$55 per night.
- c) Banquet rate to be \$16 a meal
- d) Others item such as meeting rooms, ballroom, upgrades for VIP suites, etc., are to remain as in the past.

The proposal was accepted as negotiated and will cover us through the 2009 Convention.

No further business to be brought before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:55 PM.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, 1:00 o'clock PM, 1/13/2007

Holiday Inn, Casper Wyoming

1. WSMLA President Bryon Wilczewski call the meeting to order at 1:13 o'clock PM and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. A Financial report was read by Bryon to the membership and was approved as read.
3. The membership was informed that Tony Larvie, Alan Hebert, Ed Green and Bryon Wilczeski were at the end of their elected terms and that four new Board members would be elected at this meeting.
4. The membership was informed that Charlie Romaine had been appointed to the Board of Directors to fill Lyle Bader's unexpired term on the Board.
5. Nominations for Board of Directors were accepted and the following members were nominated:

Rooster Bauman	Paula Sorter	Big Tedd
Bill Morrison	John Hart	Phil Nissen
Ginger Bauman		

Nominations were closed, each candidate made a short statement about how they felt about the Association and why they desired election to the Board of Directors, a secret ballot was prepared and the membership voted. After the Counting Committee made their final count, the following members were successful in their efforts:

Paula Sorter
Bill Morrison
Phil Nissen
Giner Bauman

6. The bid offer by the Holiday Inn for our Conventions in 2008 and 2009 was explained to the membership.
7. Alan Hebert gave an Auction Committee report to the membership.
8. Ned Dunn explained the dead-line for entries in the Photo Contest.
9. Dave Lehto presented awards for the Traveling Trophy winners of 2006. They were:

DCMLA Winter Challenge Shoot, Mar. 3-5, '06: Men-Brett Smith 50X; Women – Judy Lawrence, 48X, no junior or sub-junior entries.

WRML Memorial Day Shoot, May 26-29, '06: Men – Ron Abbott, 50X; Women – Ginger Bauman, 48X

WSMLA Bench Rest Shoot, June 10-11, '06: Men-Roger Roebbling, 50XX; Women-Jane Black, 47X; no junior or sub-junior entries.

WSMLA Bench Match, PVMLA, June 10, '06: Men-Dave Hein-48X; no women, junior, or sub-junior entries.

DCMLA, WSMLA State Shoot, June 16-18, '06: Men-Ned Dunn, ?, Women-Connie (Dobbs) Thomas (?); Junior-Ian Corrigan (?); no sub-junior entries.

DCMLA Annual Shoot, June 25-26, '06: Men – Mike Dunn, 50XX; Women-Carrie Gavin, 49XX; Junior-Weston Mason, 45; Sub-Junior – Brooke Mason, 48XX

SHERIDAN BULL SHOOTERS Annual Shoot, Aug. 13, '06: Junior Molina, 50XX; Women-Angie Frederick, 43; No junior or sub-junior entries.

SIERRA MADRE MUZZLELOADERS, Aug. 20-21, '06: Men-Ben Jarrett; Women-Louella Ebert; Junior-Charlie Morrison; Sub-Junior-Lucas Jarrett

WSMLA STATE SHOOT FINALS, June 16-18, '06: Men-**Dave Hein**, 50XX;
Women-**Ginger Bauman**, 44; Junior-**Charlie Morrison**, 49X; Sub- Junior-
Brooke Mason, 46

10. It was announced that Travis Bennett would be doing the newsletter again this year and that Bill Morrison would again serve as web master to our organization.
11. The rifle built by Travis Bennett for the WSMLA Zac Herrera tribute was formally presented to Bryon Wilczewski who had been patiently waiting for it for several years.
12. Ned Dunn reported to the membership about the progress of this year's Trade Rifle raffle and announced the time cut-off for selling tickets this evening.
13. A Shoot and Activities schedule was collected from the membership and will be posted in the newsletter as usual. Future additions to this schedule should be sent to the Editor of the Newsletter as soon as possible.
14. A volunteer club to host the 2007 Wyoming State Shoot was asked for. The Wind River Muzzle Loaders were the only volunteering club so it was awarded to them by acclimation.
15. Throughout the meeting there were random drawings for \$10 Trader Bucks. The idea of this is to encourage our members to attend and take part in this meeting.

NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Sunday morning, 1/14/2007
Holiday Inn, Casper, Wyoming

1. Outgoing President Bryon Wilczewsky called the meeting to order and welcomed the new members of the Board to their first meeting. The first order of business was the election of officers for the year 2007. The following officers were elected to serve:

President: Ned Dunn
Vice President: Charlie Romaine
Secretary: Ginger Bauman
Treasurer: Carrie Gavin
2. Outgoing President turned the gavel over to the new President of the Association, Ned Dunn, and assumed his new position on the Board as the newest Past President.
3. Minutes of the previous Friday's meeting of the Board of Directors was read and accepted.
4. Due to not having all the information compiled yet, the Treasurer's report could not be read to currently reflect the financial status of the Association. It was agreed that it would be completed and read at the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors in Riverton at the Memorial Day Shoot.
5. Committee assignments were agreed on and are as follows:
Auction Committee: Ed Kern
Photo Contest Committee: Phil Nissen
Traveling Trophy Committee: Dave Lehto
Video Library Committee: Bill Morrison
Historians: Dave Lehto and Lyle Bader
Convention Committee: Trish Miller and Mike Corrigan

6. It was moved by Mike Corrigan and seconded by Mike Dunn to have the Zac Herrera rifle suitable engraved on the cheekpiece and paid for by the Association with funds left over from the proceeds of that rifle. Motion carried unanimously.

7. It was agreed to pay for Travis Bennetts room at the Holiday Inn starting this year and for two more years as payment for building the Zac Herrera rifle.

8. It was moved by Phil Nissen and seconded by Mike Corrigan to contract with Prickly Pair to again provide our musical entertainment at next year's convention. After various aspects of the expense of this items and different alternatives were discussed a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

9. It was moved by Dave Mike Dunn and seconded by Mike Corrigan to allow \$500 to the Wind River Muzzle Loaders in Riverton to help defray expenses of the 2007 State Shoot.

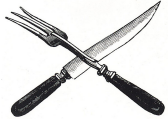
10. It was moved by Dave Lehto and seconded by Mike Corrigan to help wish some financial support for the Wyoming State 4H Blackpowder Shooting Program. A reasonable amount of support was agreed upon and President Ned Dunn will find out the particulars. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Phil Nissen questioned the Board's commitment to financially assisting the Stuckendorf Black Powder program. It was decided that this is a laudable activity and the Association will help to some extent if a request is received from them.

12. Mike Corrigan brought up the suggestion to have a fashion parade, or some such activity, at next year's convention. No decisions were made but the Board will keep it in mind for the future.

13. It was agreed by the Board of Directors that the Winner of the Trade Gun Raffle would have his picture highlighted on the web-site and that a news release with a picture would be made available to whomever on the Board might need it for local insertion in community newspapers around the state. This will be available from the Newsletter Editor upon request.

14. No further business to be brought before this Board of Directors the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting of the WSMLA Board of Directors will be at the Wind River Muzzle Loaders range at Riverton, Wyoming during the 2007 State Shoot over Memorial Day week-end.



COPPER LADY'S VITTLES

by Jean Willson Read, PhD

I ran across another version of Spotted Dog the other day from a pioneer's memories of cooking as a young boy. Instead of bread, he used white rice that had already been cooked. Added a handful of raisins, milk and sugar. Simmered together until flavors mixed and served with a bit of syrup if desired.

With cold weather upon us, this feels like a good time for stew. When rabbits are abundant, they make tasty fare.

RABBIT STEW

Cut up the rabbit into quarters and set in your heated Dutch oven. Pour some good red wine over top. Add sliced onions, celery, and carrots, and whatever spices you like. Add enough water to just cover the meat and vegetables. A little vinegar will add flavor if you don't want to use wine.

Set the pot over a bed of coals and simmer until meat is tender, stirring from time to time. You might want to add other vegetables if you have them along. When you're good 'n hungry, you'll have tender meat and good victuals.

Goes good with some kind of bread, such as Cornmeal Johnny Cakes from the Old-Fashioned Dutch Oven Cookbook, by Don Helm.

Mix 2 cups cornmeal, 1 teaspoon salt, one beaten egg and 1-1/4 cups milk or warm water.

Drop dollops into a preheated greased Dutch oven and fry until done.

SEARS CATALOG

1902 Edition

Browsing through my old reproduction 1902 Sears, Roebuck catalog and somehow ending up in the gun section (imagine that!), I noticed for the first time an advertisement for an original Sharps Rifle at a great price. I have copied the section of the catalog page below and it's definitely interesting reading. The main thing that comes to my mind is the thought that "Damn Grandpa, why didn't you buy a half dozen of these things and put 'em back for your grandson"? But then again, I probably would have sold them to some slicker for about half of what they were worth some time in the past and ended up with the same number of original Sharps that I have now.

No. 6R676 Our special price with 22-inch barrel..... 4.10

This \$12.00 Sharps Rifle for \$2.90.

\$2.90



For \$2.90 we offer you this genuine Sharps Rifle with twenty rounds of 50-caliber Government Standard Central Fire Cartridges.

These rifles were originally made for the United States Government, and made to pass the most careful government inspection, and made at a cost of \$12.00 for the rifle alone, and this is the identical rifle which we are offering you as the best rifle value ever offered by any house in this country. The Sharps Rifle is too well known to require an exhaustive description. It is made from the very best materials that money can buy, made true and accurate in every detail, has the best quality rifle steel barrel, the finest quality walnut stock, fitted with graduated leaf sight, as shown in illustration, and made to kill any kind of game, such as bear, deer, moose, etc. We bought a large lot of these rifles at a forced sale on our own cash terms, and by adding our one small percentage of profit, we are able to offer you this handsome Sharps Rifle with 20 cartridges for only \$2.90

No. 6R677 Sharps Rifle, with 22-inch barrel, weight about 7½ pounds, taking caliber 50-70 central fire cartridges. Our special price **\$2.90**

No. 6R4294½ Loading Tools, 50-70 caliber for this rifle, per set **1.75**

Old catalogs are not only good for nostalgic purposes of course, they are also useful for checking out the age of a lot of antiques that are offered for sale by either unscrupulous or maybe just plain dumb dealers. This particular catalog is literally full of items that are regularly on the shelves or in glass cases labeled as from the Civil War era or older and although they might certainly be old, some of them are surely not THAT old! I see it all the time on eBay where cutlery is listed as being of Civil War vintage when it is listed in this 1902 Sears catalog at what seems to be "give-away" prices.

Anyway, for those of you who love the past, and should be lucky enough to get a copy of this old wish book, it will probably end up in nearly the same condition as mine is now, dog eared, dirty and much loved.

Travis

WSMLA TRADE GUN RAFFLE

After a year of diligently selling tickets throughout the state of Wyoming, and probably elsewhere, the WSMLA Board of Directors and most of the members were glad to see the date of the raffle arrive. Ned Dunn, who spearheaded the ticket sales, was pleased to announce early in the Convention that sales had been brisk throughout the year and he anticipated that the goals of the raffle would certainly be met or exceeded. (The exact amount of the net proceeds are not now in the notes of the Editor but I will see that they are reported in the next issue of the newsletter for sure.)

After the successful WSMLA Auction ended and with tension mounting rapidly, Ned finally took the spotlight and, with the help of a young assistant, turned the drum containing the ticket stubs a bunch of times. Then his young assistant reached into the door of the drum and selected the winning ticket. You could have heard a pin drop in the recently raucous dining room as Ned took the ticket from his assistant and held it at the optimum distance where his aging eyes could focus on the winner's name. "And the winner is.....PAT.....SHATTUCK!" A roar erupted from the crowd and everyone was on their feet applauding and shaking the hand of the grateful winner who could hardly believe his luck. The only way it could have been better was if they would have called the name of your Editor, but then I suppose everyone who was there felt the same way.

Pat and his family live in Casper and he shoots with the Deer Creek Muzzle Loaders and the Wind River Muzzle Loaders in Riverton, among others. He is the son-in-law of Tony and B.J. Larvie and I'm sure that Tony will assist him in any way possible sighting in and learning his new rifle. Also won with the rifle were a whole passel of accouterments that certainly helped illuminate the already shining win. First was the fine copy of a Hudson's Bay Trade Gun built by Brett Smith (center- back row in picture), a soon to be famous gun builder from Sheridan. There was a fine, hand-made shooting bag made by Rabbit Hubenka (extreme right of picture) of Lander. Mike Corrigan (extreme left in picture), longtime Casper resident, made the plunder box in the picture and Frank Elzay (second from left), from Lander, contributed the fine patch knife and sheath as well a a beautiful, hand forged tomahawk. Big Tedd (3rd from right) contributed the high quality buffalo powder horn and Alan Hebert (not pictured) a nice priming horn. Ned Dunn is the guy second from the right. What a great win for Pat! And what a great job by all the individuals in the picture. Thanks to all of you!



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and have held the office of _____ in _____ (explain)

I have been in the WSMLA for _____ years and have been active on the Board of

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and the goals for it's future should be _____

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