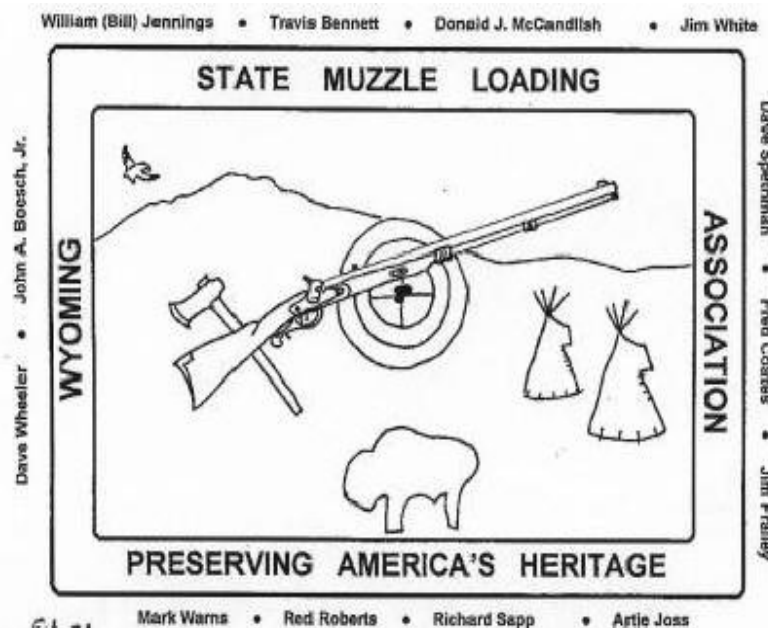


Wyoming State Muzzleloader Association's News

March, 2021



President's Letter:

Hoorah!

This past year has been tough, but with the vaccine being available, there is a light at the end of the dark tunnel. I hope everyone that can get a vaccine will get one. I for one am looking forward to spending time with family and friends this summer.

We have some great shoots planned this year and hopefully it will be safe enough to have them. This virus is still with us and will be for a while longer.

Be safe!

Frank

From the editor:

WSMLA treasurer Crystal would like to remind everyone to make sure their membership is up to date. If not, please use form on page 12 and send in your dues.

Besides the newsletter, membership allows you to shoot in state sanctioned events like the Winter Challenge, Worland Shotgun Shoot, Traveling Trophy and much more.

The newsletter will be sent to members only starting with June edition.

As always, send any stories, pictures or notices of upcoming or past events you want published in the newsletter to my e-mail or snail mail address.

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Wind River Muzzle Loaders **MEMORIAL DAY SHOOT** May 28-31, 2021 RIVERTON, WY

- * Evening Council Fire & Activities
- * Paper & Primitive Shoots
- * Men, Women, Jr & Sub Jr
- * Hawk & Knife Throw
- * Pistol & Revolver
- * Kids Games



* **Mountain Man Run**

* **KIDS Mountain Man Run**

SATURDAY NIGHT FEED

* **Knife Shoot**

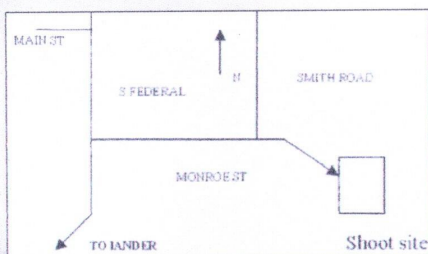
10am on Mon, May 31. Calcutta starts at 9am

6pm - \$5 per person or \$15 per family
(meat provided, bring a side dish)

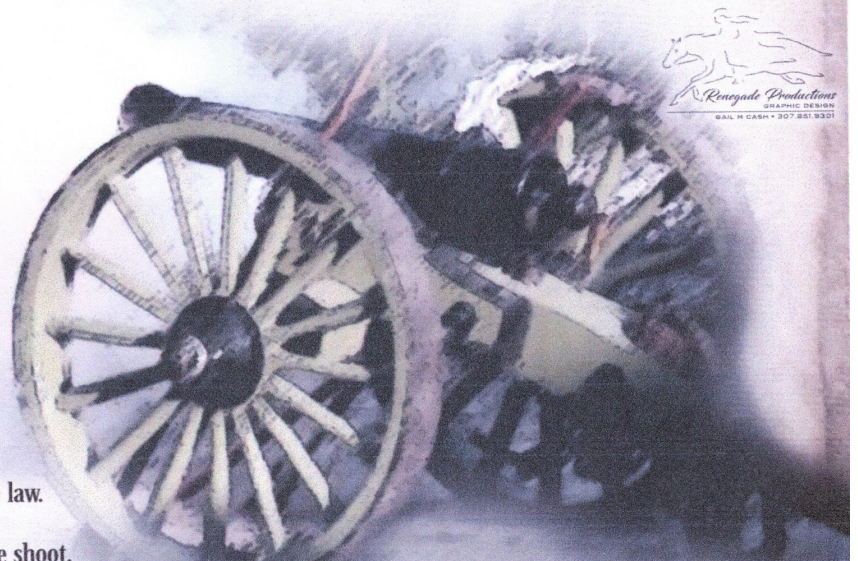
* **Travis Bennett Memorial Match**

Tin Teepee & Primitive Camp
Wood Available - Bring your own water & ice

Information: 307-851-5968



No spotting scopes or loading benches on firing line-
loading from pouch or bag only - range officer is the law.
Traditional rifle and pistol-patched round ball only.
Prizes will be awarded on May 31 following the knife shoot.



9th Annual Wild's of Wyoming Muzzleloader Skeet and Trap Shoot April 23-25, 2021



Guns allowed: Any front stuff gun, shotgun, trade gun, smoothbore, flint, percussion.

Where: Worland, Wyoming, Shooting Complex

3 miles Northwest of Worland on County Rd 15 mile Signs will be posted.

When: April 23-25, 2021. Range will be open at 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Friday and Saturday. Sunday range will open from 9:00 till noon for shoot offs and awards.

Cost: Entry fees \$20.00 plus \$3.00 per match shot. Day shooters \$10.00 plus \$3.00 per match.

If you do not have a smoothbore or shotgun, show up, someone will have one for you to shoot and try out. Powder, shot and caps will be available. We will accept donations to help cover the cost of the powder, shot and caps. This is a family event; we want to encourage more women and youth to participate.

Currently there are 20 scheduled matches. Women: Skeet and Trap, Men's: Skeet and Trap; and Youth; Skeet and Trap. Additional matches for Flintlock and traditional shotguns will be offered. All but one match will be re-entry. You can shoot as many matches as you want. Cost is \$3.00 per round.

Trap Rounds: shoot 10-16 birds per match from 10-16 yards.

Skeet Rounds: will shoot 16 birds regular or 14 bird report doubles.

Quick lunch and drinks will be provided on Friday and Saturday. Other meals are on your own. **Current COVID rules may be required.**

Prizes: Gold, Silver and Bronze Metals will be awarded to the top 3 of each match. We will also accept donations for additional prizes.

NMLRA Rules:

Questions Contact: Frank Elzay 307-332-4665 or Bill Morrison 307347-4002 or 307-432-5614

Dry camp is available at the Worland Shooting Complex

Camping with full hook up at Worland Campground 2313 Big Horn Ave. 307-347-2329.

Motels are available in Worland including:

Town House Motor Inn, 119 N. 10 th St. 307-347-2426

DEER CREEK MUZZLE LOADERS

2021 WINTER CHALLENGE JANUARY 19-20-21



Sub Juniors Winners (11 or)

Showing their winning targets at the awards announcements are: Anders Fauss, Owen Anderson and Landon Anderson. Proud grandpa Vern Fauss in the background.

Sub Juniors Scores

Anders—86

Owen—59

Landon— 42

Jade-15

Rebecca-10

WINTER CHALLENGE SHOOT SCORES 2021

	Team	Shooter	Fer-du-lac	Bottles	6-bull	5 bull Buff	6-bull slug	Dbl Bull Buff	Single bull buff	Pistol	Single Bull	Total
Men's												
1	#1	Brian C	42	20	29	22	27	31	14	10	7	209
2		Marc S	48xx	45	33	18	26	27	15	39x	15	281xxx
3		Jim M	43	25	37	19	33	20	0	5	0	182
4		Magic	21	17	36	11	27	32	10	26	13	225
5		Shawn R	33	17	19	15	17	7	7	11	0	132
6	#2	Wayne	30	0	16	14	9	14	0	6	7	96
7		Levi	36	5	36	24	34	7	14	28	9	193
8		Bert	37	26	38	12	23	25	5	6	0	172
9		Bill M	26	32	38	14	20	17	8	27	5	187
10		Dane	32	23	38	14	27	16	5	18	11	184
11	#3	Bryon Y	32	30	27	28	26	33	20	28	8	269
12		Vern F	44	23	37	14	24	34	13	8	16	228
13		Tim F	37x	39	42	26	45	34	18	36xx	14	297xxx
14		Rabbit	44x	30	38	6	16	38	13	34	19	253x
15		Lincoln A	43x	13	39	23	42x	16	6	22	9	213xx
16	#4	Dave K	34	25	25	21	16	26	21	14	13	195
17		Millhouse	34	37	35x	28	8	34	6	29	19	242x
18		Gary G	34	25	44x	10	8	34	11	26	9	201x
19		Steve K	33	25	33	31	17	34	12	28	26	265
20		Josh S	45	17	42	20	33	27	19	37	24x	289x
21	#5	Kyle O	26	23	18	0	0	15	0	9	0	96
22		Ernie	33	17	24	12	34	24	5	30x	32	211x
23												
24												
25												
26	Sub JR	Landen	23	19	0	Total 42						
27		Owen	18x	31	10	Total 59						
28		Anders	22	38	26	Total 86						
29		Rebecca	0	5	5	Total 10						
30		Jade	5	7	5	Total 15						
Women's												
1		Sandy	15	20	20	16	16	28	23	0	0	147
2		Echo	16	5	15	5	17	28	0	0	0	86
3		Mel C	39	18	38	5	36x	41	14	14	0	181x
4		Trish	36	31	39	12	36	15	19	24	14	226
5		Crystal	39x	20	25	10	18	33	0	0	0	145x
6		Paula	37	19	24	14	16	25	0	0	0	133

TRAVELING TROPHY WINNERS AT WINTER CHALLENGE 2021

Bryon Y. Men's— 49xx

Echo V. Women's—39

Anders Sub Juniors—26

WINTER CHALLENGE WINNERS 2021

Men' Division

1st Bryon Youngburg 1260 6x

Vern Fauss

Tim Fauss

Rabbit

Lincoln Anderson

2nd Dave Kriest 1192 3x

Gary Millhouse

Josh Saier

Steve Kerpan

Gary Gillen

3rd Brian Connely 1029 3x

Marc Smith

Jim Miller

Magic

Shawn Rothmeyer

WOMEN

Trish -226

Crystal—145x

Mel C.-181X

Paula— 133

Sandy-147

Echo-86

SUB JUNIORS

Anders-86

Jade-15

Owen-59

Rebecca-10

Landon-42

Top Man-Tim Fauss-297 3x

Top Woman— Trish-226

Deer Creek Muzzle Loaders State Shoot

JUNE 18,19,20 2021 GLENROCK WY

Join us at the Arnold Memorial DCML Range. Bring every muzzleloader you own because we'll have every kind of match there is. Registration is \$5 per person with a \$20 maximum per family. All matches are \$2.00 including the aggregate and re-entries are also \$2.00. A fine dinner included with your registration will be provided Saturday around 5:30ish PM or when the cook says it is done!

It'll be the same rules - No optics except by range officers. Open front and rear sights only. NMLRA rules for scoring. Only traditional muzzle loading hunting rifles using patched round balls. No Black Powder cartridge guns.

At the conclusion of the shoot all posted scores are final! NO EXCEPTIONS! IF there is a question about a target, alert the boothway immediately! All target challenges are \$5.00!

***PRIMITIVE MATCHES:** Primitive woodland park will be set up with some challenging and fun targets. Times and other rules will be posted in the club tent.

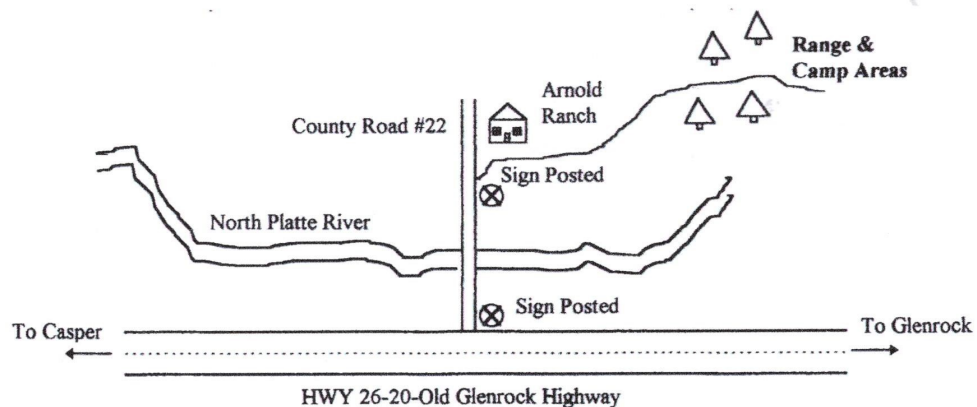
***TRADE GUN CLAYS** - Will be held at 4:30 Saturday afternoon. If there is interest

***TRAVELING TROPHY SHOOT OFF at 4 pm**

***HAWK AND KNIFE MATCHES:** After dinner Saturday

CAMP RULES: - Dogs are allowed but must be under adult control and leashed. No horses allowed. No vehicle parking allowed in the primitive camp area except to load and unload. Primitive camping only East of power line that runs North/South just East of the parking area. It looks to be a dry year so no open fires; use a fire barrel, have a fire bucket handy, bury your ashes, and leave your camp clean please.

For more information, contact: Trish Miller (307) 234-6591, Shawn Rothmeyer (307) 267-4879



Dear Members:

In January, I attended the Winter Convention of the Wyoming State Muzzle Loading Association in Casper. Jim Salmon, NMLRA Director from Utah and I were asked to come participate in the annual program and give our Wyoming members (and potential members!) a first-hand glimpse into the goings-on from NMLRA Headquarters in Friendship. This was my first official visit to a muzzleloading event since taking over as Editor of *Muzzle Blasts* and it was a fine trip! Thanks, Wyoming Muzzleloaders, for

making me feel welcome and as I said at the time, I'd like to visit again.....

During the banquet on Saturday night (where everyone who cares to, dresses in his best primitive attire) I was serenaded by three enterprising young men with the following song. I suspect it really was designed to accomplish exactly what it says! Sorry, fellas, it couldn't be the cover, but is this next best???

Thank you again, WSMLA, for your hospitality and support of the NMLRA.

Sharon

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Here is a letter from the editor of *Muzzle Blast* (monthly magazine published by the NMLRA) from August 1988 courtesy of Frank Elzay.



Jim Salmon, NMLRA Director, Utah; "Footnote" (that's all I know, He absolutely would NOT tell me his name!); "Young Man Singing" (nobody would even tell me this guy's nickname, much less his real one, so I hung this one on 'im); "Doc Bob" Eveland, the instigator of all this frivolity (fun stuff!); and me. We were using Wyoming NMLRA Field Rep, Travis Bennett's gigantic logo for our background. (I wonder if buckskinners ever get too old to sit on the ground!?)

MUZZLE BLASTS NEWS

Well, we're big buckskinners, we're pickers & grinners.

Kids love us ever' where we go.

We do our pickin' & we do our grinnin'

For a drink of whiskey you know.

We got all the friends that our plews can buy.

So we never have to sing the blues.

Yea we keep gettin' richer, but we can't get our picture.

On the cover of the MUZZLE BLASTS NEWS.

MUZZLE BLASTS NEWS, gonna see my picture on the cover.

MUZZLE BLASTS NEWS, gonna get five copies for my mother.

Gonna see my smiling face, on the cover of the MUZZLE BLASTS NEWS.

Well our partner's Yukon Jack, he watches our back.

He's with us ever' where we go.

We wear red underwear & say "Mind Yer Har",

When it's time for our friends to go.

We trap beaver & mink, but you know I think,

We'd never have to sing the blues,

If we could get a little richer & then just get our picture,

On the cover of the MUZZLE BLASTS NEWS.

We got a strange odor, from shootin' muzzleloaders,

But our friends never seem to mind.

Yea, they treat us real well, & they think we're swell,

Buckskinners are the friendliest kind.

We're known all around from town to town,

We got friends at all the rendezvous'.

That' why were gettin' richer but we still can't get our picture,

On the cover of the MUZZLE BLASTS NEWS.

August 1988

Sierra Madre Muzzle Loading Rifle Club

40th Annual Rendezvous

July 23, 24 & 25, 2021

Co-Sponsored by the Town of Encampment and in cooperation with the C.C.V.C.

This Rendezvous has been tentively set for the end of July. However, if the health department or town will not let us have this rendezvous due to COVID19, it will be either cancelled or postponed.

Masks – We will follow the state guidelines

Camping is available. Bring own water and firewood

Dogs are the responsibility of the owner – Leash law strictly enforced!! **NO HORSES**

SHOOTING FEES

Single \$20

Family \$30

Hawk and Knife \$5 each

Frying Pan, Firestarter, Discs Throw \$5 each

NO PEEP SIGHT

ROUND BALL ONLY

RANGE OFFICER'S WORD IS FINAL

KIDS GAMES FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Knife Throw Friday at 3 pm

Hawk Throw on Saturday at 5 pm

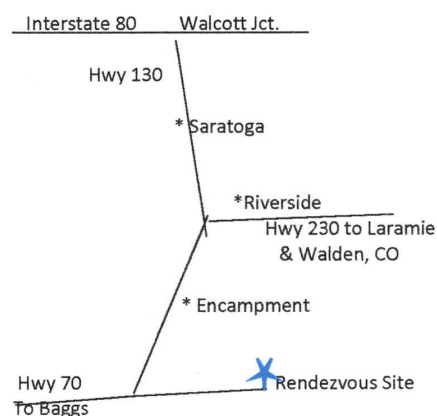
All individual events will have awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place

Men Aggregate - \$200.00 Cash

Women Aggregate- \$200.00 Cash

Junior Aggregate - \$200.00 Cash

Sub-Junior Aggregate - \$200.00 Cash



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PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ALL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Sheridan Bullshooters Annual Championship Shoot was held Dec. 20, 2020. Normally it's held the end of October. The high aggregate at the monthly club shoots gets on the trophy for that year. If that person is on the trophy, the next highest score not yet on the trophy gets on. At the end of the year, everyone on the trophy shoots for, and possibly win the trophy to take home. There are five or six targets and each person on the trophy brings three prizes that any of the shooters can win. Only the trophy names can win the trophy and any other prizes. (Score results on next page)

Holding t-shirts left to right are: Jay, Bubba, Grand Poop, Snivlin, Misfire and Paolo. Coyote Skinner was not able to come that day. Shirts have Bullshooters logo on right shoulder and POWDER PATCH BALL printed on front upside down so it can be read while loading. Shirts were given to members who dry balled a lot.



Tristan Covault taking possession of his muzzleloader from his grandparents on Christmas day.

(Text and Photos courtesy of Jane Black and Ed Kern)



SHERIDAN BULLSHOOTERS ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOOT RESULTS 2020

2020 Championship

Name	Double Ball 25 yd	Pen- 25 yd	Single Ball 25 yd	3 Ball 50 yd	50 yd Single Ball	100 yd 7 Ring	Trophy	Agg
Paolo	45 ^③	42	39 ^①	23	6		②	155
Babba	45 ^②	44 ^②	32	26	8 ^③		①	155
Grand Poop	44	38	33 ^③	9	0		⑤	124
Jon	44	45 ^①	31	42 ^①	8			170 ^{2x}
Tristin	0	71	9	15	0			35
Ron	31	20	0	16	0			67
Snixlin	47 ^①	38	32	19	0		③	136 ^x
Jane	31	36	9	25	0			101
Jay	32	36	38 ^②	15	12 ^②		④	133
Mis Fire	42	36	14	10	0		⑥	102
Kelly B	44	42 ^③	30	31 ^③	0			147
Dar S	25	41	29	29 ^①	6			130
D'C	44	0	0	0	0			44
Uncle	42	32	0	0	16 ^①			90
Agg Winner								
Jon								

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Wyoming State Muzzle Loading Association

NAME: _____

NAME OF SPOUSE: _____

NAMES OF CHILDREN (living at home): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ CELL: _____ WSMLA# _____

E-Mail Address: _____

NRA# _____ EXPIRATION DATE: _____

NMLRA# _____ EXPIRATION DATE: _____

LOCAL CLUB AFFILIATION: _____

Membership fee is \$25 \$20 if 65 years or over Make checks out to the WSMLA

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

The WSMLA newsletter is now available for your convenience online at:
<http://www.wyomingmuzzleloaders.com>

Memberships are free for active military, junior and sub-junior shooters. You still need to fill out the form listed above and request membership in the WSMLA.

If mailing, please complete the above membership form and send along with your check to:

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