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2009 Schedule of Shoots and Events

	Event	Location
February 13-15, 2009	WSMLA Winter Challenge Shoot	Glenrock, WY
February 21, 2009	John Colter Shoot	Meeteetse, WY
February 20-22, 2009	CSMLA Winter Convention	Castle Rock, CO
February 27-March 1, 2009	Frozen Toes Rendezvous	Ft. Lupton, CO
April 25-26, 2009	Colorado Squirrel Championship	Loveland, CO
May 2-4, 2009	Ed Green Memorial Shoot	Sheridan, WY
May 22-25, 2009	Wind River Memorial Day Shoot	Riverton, WY
June 19-21, 2009	Colorado Territorial Matches	Ft. Lupton, CO
June 20-22, 2009	WSMLA State Shoot	Glenrock, WY
July 1-5, 2009	1838 Rendezvous	Riverton, WY
July 11-19, 2009	Rocky Mountain Rendezvous	Douglas, WY
July 24-26, 2009	Sierra Madre Shoot	Encampment, WY
August 1-2, 2009	Rocky Mountain College Rendezvous	Colorado
August 22, 2009	Pie Shoot	Sheridan, WY
September 11-13, 2009	BHBMLA Primitive Shoot	Ten Sleep, WY
November 22, 2009	Mike Underwood Memorial Shoot	Saratoga, WY
January 8-10, 2010	WSMLA State Convention	Casper, WY

Note from WSMLA President

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the board as well as the membership for this opportunity to serve as President for the Wyoming State Muzzle Loader's Association for the next couple years.

And special thanks go to Carrie Gavin, treasurer, and Ginger Bauman, secretary for wanting to keep their offices, thanks also to Ed Kern for keeping his job as Convention Auction manager. This certainly makes for a smoother transition for me, especially in light of the fact that Bill Morrison will continue with the newsletter also.

To all who know me there isn't much to say but I would like to get acquainted with the rest by way of giving a brief personal history.

I started muzzle loading in 1979 and was hooked ever since. For awhile I tried to get to as many shoots as possible but the job I had at the time pretty much made sure I worked most weekends. One weekend I laid off "sick" and my picture showed up in the Rawlins paper the next edition; thankfully there weren't any repercussions!

My hobbies are working with leather and wood. So far I haven't found anything I'm good at but it is fun anyway.

Now that I'm retired, since 2001, I can devote as much time as I'd like to the sport. If the gas prices stay reasonably low I want to make as many of the shoots as possible.

Thank you,

Charlie Romaine

News from the Editor

I hope everyone had a Happy New Year. We had a great time at the Wyoming Muzzleloaders Annual Rendezvous and convention. It is always fun meeting everyone and renewing acquaintances. There were a lot of traders, good food, dancing and visiting with everyone.

There is so much to cover in this newsletter that I am going to keep my editorial short. There was a good turnout at the general meeting. There are a few changes to the rules and procedures for state shoot events. I have enclosed copies of the minutes from the general and board meetings. Please review changes. I will post the procedure changes on the Web site. Dave Lehto, Ed Kern and Charlie Romaine were re-elected to the WSMLA Board. Angie Frederick was elected as a new member to the board. The WSMLA board elected Charlie Romaine as President. Ned Dun continues on the board as past president. On behalf of the WSMLA we want to thank Ned for his service as president for the past 2 years. The WSMLA board also needs to thank Mike Corrigan for all of his service to the state organization through the years. We also want to thank Junior Molina for Auctioneering and Alan Hebert and family for working as callers during the banquet and auction.

We have several shoots coming up in the near future. Shoot fliers are listed in this newsletter and web site. Please forward to anyone who may be interesting in joining in on the fun or even better bring a friend who has never shot black powder.

The WSMLA has ordered T-shirts and hats with the WSMLA logo. They will be for sale at the Winter Challenge Shoot in Glenrock.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the shoots.

Bill Morrison



COPPER LADIES MTTELS

Cold weather is always a good excuse to make up a big pot of some sort of soup. This month's soup is **Corn Chowder**.

1/3 lb. Salt Pork, cubed
1 large onion, sliced
4 potatoes, sliced
2 Cups water
2 Cups fresh Corn, cut from the cob
1 tsp. Salt

Fry salt pork in bottom of iron pot until crisp. Add onion and cook until golden brown. Add potatoes and water. Cook until potatoes are tender.

Add milk, corn and salt. Simmer over low heat (do not boil) for 10-15 minutes. Season with pepper and serve.

Optional: Soak about 6 crumbled hardtack in the milk and add to the chowder. Or add fish, clams or scallops along with milk and corn.

Chowder deserves a good bread to go with it. Unless you added hardtack, try a pan of **Spoon Bread**.

1 ½ Cups Water
2 Cups Milk
1 ½ Cups Cornmeal
1 tsp Salt
2 tsp. Sugar
2 Tbsp. Butter
5 eggs
1 Tbsp. Baking Powder

Mix milk and water in pot, and heat to simmer but DO NOT BOIL. Slowly add cornmeal, salt, sugar and butter. Stir for about 5 minutes or until thick; remove from heat. Whisk eggs and baking powder until eggs are fluffy, and then mix into cornmeal. Pour into greased Dutch Oven and bake 45-60 minutes.

For dessert, you might want to try out an old pioneer **Vinegar Pie**. This was popular on the prairie when the dried and fresh fruit were all gone, and included only the basics - an egg, flour, sugar, water and vinegar. This is reputed to have a fruity flavor. You might want to make this ahead in your home kitchen and carry it with you to the campground. This recipe is a little more complex than what you would have made under the deprived conditions on the prairie.

2 Tbsp. Butter
½ Cup Sugar
3 Tbsp. Flour
2 tsp. Cinnamon
½ tsp. Ground Cloves
½ tsp. Ground Allspice
1 Egg, lightly beaten
2 Tbsp. cider vinegar
1 Cup Water
1 9" pie crust that has been baked about 3 minutes at 450 degrees.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cream sugar into the butter. Sift together flour and spices and mix well. Beat in egg, vinegar and water. Pour into a double boiler and cook over boiling water until thick.

Pour into the pie shell and bake about 30 minutes or until a knife comes out clean.

DEER CREEK MUZZLE LOADERS
WSMLA WINTER CHALLENGE SHOOT
February 13, 14, 15, 2009

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Attention Muzzle loading Clubs and Individual shooters: The Deer Creek Muzzle Loaders challenge you to form your best teams of men and women and join us in a fun weekend match. Enjoy a late winter muzzle-loading shoot! Shake that case of cabin fever and dust off your muzzle-loading rifle and come over to the Arnold Ranch near Glenrock. If you are an individual shooter or are short of having a full team, we will sign you up and make up teams as they sign up. If you are a couple bricks short of a load, one of our DCML teams may just whoop up on ya! This is why we call it the Winter Challenge Shoot. Men's teams are to be composed of 5 men; Women's teams are to be composed of 3 women. Women may shoot on a men's team but not vice versa even if a skirt is worn. This is a WSMLA sanctioned shoot. Each shooter must be a member of the WSMLA. You can join or pay your 2009 dues at this shoot.

Matches & Entry fees: The entry fee per shooter is \$20. This will include a target packet of ten targets. A lunch will be available to shooters both days and is included in the entry fee. Medallions will be awarded to the top three men's and women's teams, and individual awards for men, women, and senior high scorers. So challenge yourself and try to best the records for individual aggregate and team aggregate scores. The DCML range offers challenging matches at 25, 50, 100 and 200 yards. You must use a traditional muzzle loading, hunting type rifle with open sights and use black powder or substitute and a patched round ball. No under hammer or in line actions or black powder cartridge rifles. NMLRA scoring rules will apply.

Camping: The DCML Range on the old Arnold Ranch offers fine primitive and modern camping areas in the cottonwoods. Wood is provided but you will need to bring your own water. Dogs ARE allowed in camp but must be on leash, in control of an adult and kept a safe distance from the range. No horses. Come have a winter rendezvous and burn some powder with us.

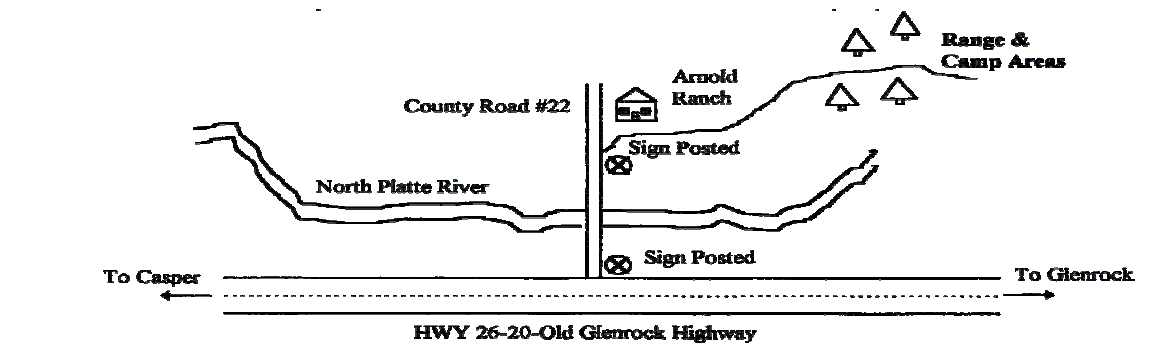
Schedule: Friday Feb 13 – Set up your camp, registration and shoot in afternoon

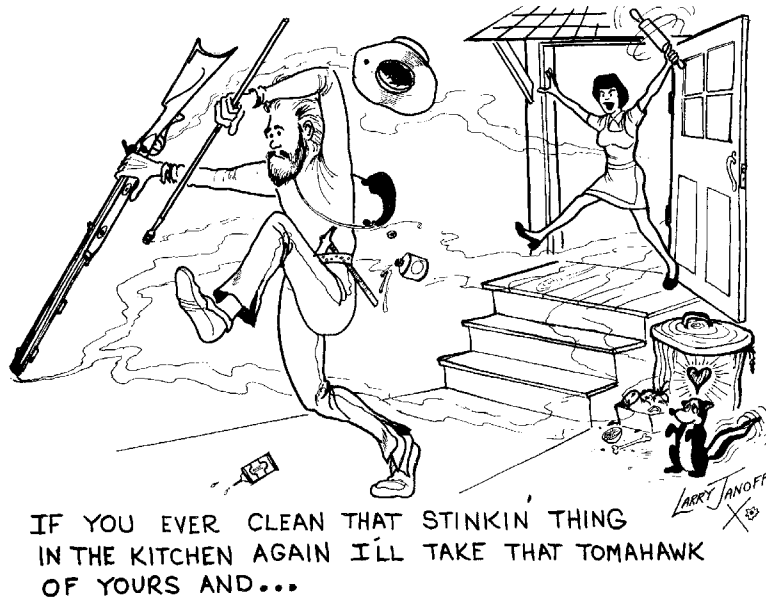
Saturday Feb 14 - Range open 8-5

Sunday Feb 15 – Range open 8-12. Awards at 1:00

Continue to enjoy a winter camp

Information: Phil Nissen, 235-8889, Delbert Lesser, 436-8809, Trish Miller, 234-6591





STATE WIDE POSTAL MATCH 2009

This is not sanctioned by the WSMLA match. We are going to do it the postal shoot again this year. Let's get more folks involved. Only one category. This is an individual match to see who the WSMLA's top gun is. Open to all members of the State Muzzle Loading Association and their families. The intent of this match is to foster bi-monthly competition within our organization. The rules are simple.

1. There will be six targets. The shooting distance and any other instructions will be on each target. Please read each target before you shoot!
2. Highest aggregate score wins.
3. The scores will be posted on the Association web site.
4. \$5.00 protest fee. No Refunds

Matches are 1. Jan/Feb, 2 March/April, 3 May/June, 4 July/Aug, 5 Sept/Oct, 6 Nov/Dec
Note all targets must be in by December 15, 2009 for scoring.

Whatever money is left over after postage and other unknown expenses will be paid out at the WSMLA Convention Payouts are: 50%; 30%; & 20%.

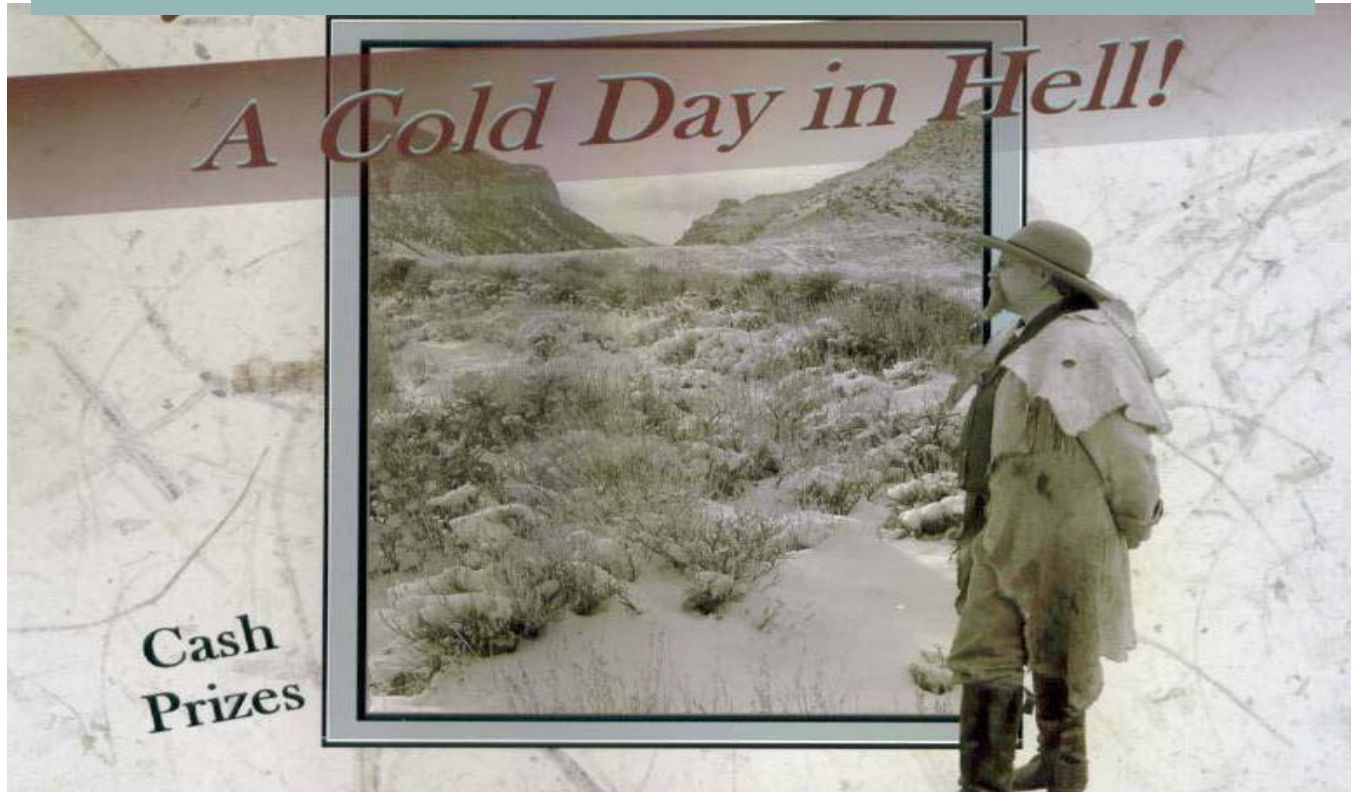
Want In?? Send \$6.00 to Trinidad Herrera, 865 Hobson St, Lander, Wyoming, 82520.

If you have questions contact Trinidad Herrera: 332-6574 or therrera@bresnan.net

Good Luck and may all your shots be plumb center! Trinidad

2008 Winners were: First Lyle Bader: Second Sean Dunn; Third Mike Dunn.

**2nd Annual John Colter's Hell
Muzzleloader Shoot
February 21, 2009 10:30 AM**



BLANKET COOKIE SHOOT

Each shooter must bring either homemade or store-bought cookies for a blanket shoot. Cash awards plus cookies to top shooters.

WHERE: Meeteetse Shooting Range, Meeteetse Wyoming.

DIRECTIONS: From Meeteetse, the range is located south towards Thermopolis approx 1/2 mile. Also located beside the Meeteetse rodeo grounds.

TIME: 10:30 am

CONTACT: Jeff McManus 307-765-4584

Notes: Cookies are the entry fee. Both Iron and Paper Targets, Special discount meal offered after shoot in downtown Meeteetse. Awards and Payoff downtown at meal.

Period Dress. Guns & Accoutrements encouraged.

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PRESENTS the

CSMLA WINTER CONVENTION 2009

February 20th, 21st and 22nd

at the

Douglas Co. Fairgrounds Event Center

500 Fairgrounds Drive – Castle Rock, Colorado

Traders will be allowed to pull into the building to unload after 8:00 a.m. on Friday

NO VEHICLES inside after 12:00 p.m. on Friday.

Traders may still setup after that, just have to cart it in.

NO PETS ALLOWED, NO COOLERS, FOOD or DRINKS ARE TO BE BROUGHT IN (sorry!)

Open: Fri. - Noon - 9:00p.m. / Sat. - 9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m. / Sun. - 9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.

CONCESSION STAND FOR BREAKFAST & LUNCH

Traders Row – Mountain Man Supplies and Wares – DOOR PRIZES

We will have Traders and Sutlers selling period correct "Trade Goods" - anything from soaps and jellies to tents and tipis, and anything else a "Mountain Man" could possibly need!

FREE Classes and Demonstrations open to all attendees

SATURDAY NIGHT AWARDS BANQUET – featuring a **Guest Speaker**,
Awards for "Muzzleloader of the Year", "Masters" and other awards and recognitions for
outstanding members - LIVE AUCTION and ENTERTAINMENT following dinner
at the

EVENT CENTER (same place!!!)

Cash Bar opens at 5:30p.m. for Happy Hours!

Dinner will be catered by Flying Horse Catering

Hotel information available upon request

For more information contact:

Ron Saner at 720-933-9469

Email: rbsnya@yahoo.com

or Visit my web site at:

www.douwana.com

(information is subject to change without being noticed)



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**WSMLA
BOARD MEETING
CASPER, WYOMING
January 9, 2009**

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

Roll call: Carrie Gavin

Ed Kern
Bill Morrison
Mike Corrigan
Ginger Baumann
Dave Lehto
Paula Sorter
Phil Nissan
Ned Dunn
Charlie Romaine
Trish Miller
Bryan Youngberg

Minutes: The minutes from the June meeting were read by Bill, Mike motioned to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Dave, motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Treasures report was read and accepted.

Committee Reports:

Convention: Trish reported we have a total of 30 traders, new and returning. Everything is looking good. Trish and Mike did a great job with publicity this year including, KTWV TV arriving on Saturday. Karin East, director of the Ramada Plaza, presented to the Board a proposed contract for the 2010 Convention for the dates January 8-10. This will be passed on to the membership during the General meeting.

Auction: Ed reported that Jr. Molina will be the Auctioneer and he could use the help of a few members to help display the items during the auction.

Photo Contest: Phil reported he is ready to set up the Photo Contest and the Artisan's fair at 8:00 in the morning, and Charlie volunteered to help.

Traveling Trophy: Bryan received the plaques today with a total cost totaling \$ 238.50. Angie Fredericks was sent the Traveling Trophy Qualifying metals. She has engraved the backs and they are ready to be awarded. Ginger has volunteered to continue as Traveling Trophy chairperson.

Video Library: Charlie noted a couple of inquiries this year into the library.

Newsletter: Bill reported the newsletter is going well. He will be doing a presentation during the General Meeting to help our membership with navigating through our web site. Bill is still working on Sponsorship links for the website.

Historian: Dave Lehto would like to do articles for the newsletter on the history of each club and the founders of the WSMLA. We all agreed that this would be a good idea. This will help us not lose all record our association history.

Old Business:

The State WSMLA procedures have been amended to include:

Hawk and Knife Sponsorship: First time participating minors, under the legal age of majority in Wyoming (age 19) would be allowed to participate under a current paid WSMLA membership for one state sanctioned event.

Bill moved that Individuals who are not state member, be allowed to participate in WSMLA sanctioned matches by paying a \$10.00 fee per shoot. Mike seconded and the motion carried with a vote of 8 yes and 3 no.

Mike suggested a fee for a one day membership for nonmembers (kids or adults) who wish to participate at state sanctioned shoots. The majority of the members agreed that the motioned needs to be voted upon by the general membership during the General meeting at the State Convention in January.

Ned had a letter from the State 4-H thanking the association for their donation of \$200.00. We talked about increasing the donation. Mike motioned to donate \$300.00 this year, requesting it be used toward supplies and awards needed for muzzle loading events. Paula seconded, motion carried. Carrie will be sending a letter to inquire into the needs of the State 4-H and if the funds are sufficient to meet their needs.

Phil reported for the Convention Band Committee, stating the "Swing Sounds" band plays a variety of music and has played at many events all across the state.

Mike moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:59pm, seconded by Carrie.

The meeting was reopened at 9:00pm by our President Ned.

New Business:

Mike and Carrie have been approached by members asking for shirts and hats with the WSMLA logo. We will have a local Tee Shirt company doing a presentation during the General meeting.

We will need to vote in 4 Board members this year, the terms ending are:

Charlie Romaine

Dave Lehto

Mike Corrigan

Ed Kern

Mike moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Carrie, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Ginger Baumann

**WSMLA
CONVENTION GENERAL MEETING
CASPER WYOMING**

January 10, 2009

The meeting was called to order by president, Ned Dunn who welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes: Minutes from 2008 meeting have been posted. It was moved to approve the 2008 General Meeting minutes as posted and proceed right into the meeting. Motion seconded and carried.

Treasurers Report: Carrie reported the treasures report: We are about \$800.00 ahead of this time last year. It was moved to accept the report, seconded and motion carried.

Membership Presentation:

Carrie has been approached by members requesting clothing items with the WSMLA logo on them. She and Mike have done some research, and have a local Casper Tee shirt business here to do a presentation and answer any questions. Nova informed the membership of set up fees, quality, types of imprinting, and price ranges. The membership was responsive to having clothing and hats with the WSMLA logo on them.

Committee Reports:

Convention: Trish reported we have 30 Traders and 4 of them are new. The membership has used 58 rooms for Friday night and 59 rooms for Saturday night.

The Ramada Plaza has presented us with a new contract for 2010 which includes:

- A block of 75 rooms for \$60.00 per night, however one must reserve the room **2 weeks in advance of the convention.**
- 1 complimentary room for every 25 rooms reserved. These room credits can be applied to the cost of the Saturday night banquet cost.
- 1 complimentary Jacuzzi suite to be used throughout the convention. (We usually auction this off each year)
- Conference Facilities with no room rental, set-up or tear down charges.
- Banquet Food and Beverage operations, with a staff happy to work with us to accommodate our budget and special needs.

Auction: Ed reported we have many auction items this year thanks to the generosity of the members.

Photo Contest: Phil reported numerous Photos entered into the contest. Ballots are in the back; please vote soon for it closes at 3:30pm. The Artisan's Fair is doing well; we have some very talented members.

Historian: Dave approached the membership with an idea of doing articles for the newsletter on each Club's history and the WSMLA founding members. This will help us to archive all of the history of our association before it is lost. The membership agreed this would be a very good idea.

Video Library: Charlie had been sending Tail Gunner items via mail this year, and then he would return the items along with postage reimbursement.

Newsletter: Bill did a presentation with an overhead projector on accessing and navigating through our website. He answered many questions and his tour of our website was very helpful the attending membership.

Bill is always in need of articles for the newsletter. The website has helped cut down on the expense (\$3.45 per letter) of printing and mailing out newsletters by 100 copies this year. The cost of the website is \$100 for 5 years, averaging out to \$20.00 per year. **GREAT JOB WITH THE NEWSLETTER BILL!!**

Elections: Terms ending this year are: Charlie Romaine, Dave Lehto, Ed Kern, and Mike Corrigan, all of which are 3 year terms.

The floor was opened up for Nominations.

Charlie Romaine

Angie Frederick

Ed kern

Dave Lehto

It was moved to cease nominations, and vote in all of the members nominated to the board unanimously. The motion was seconded and carried.

Winter Challenge Match Awards: Phil Nissen presented the high overall score awards.

Men's...Verlin Dannar...410xx

Women's...Ginger Baumann...258

Senior's...Ned Dunn...306xxxx

Postal Match Awards: Trinidad awarded the winners of the postal matches.

1stLyle Bader....160 points.... \$30.00

2ndShawn Dunn....159 points.... \$20.00

3rdMike Dunn.....156points.... \$10.00

Traveling Trophy Awards: presented by Ginger Baumann

2007-2008 Qualifiers

Bench Rest Shoot-07.....Bruce Schwindt 48

Jane Black 49xx

Deer Creed Shoot-07.....Willie Felton 49xxx

Ginger Baumann 47

Jr Brooke Mason 41

Sierra Madre Shoot-o7.....Harry Percival

Sheryl Hunter

Jr Lucas Jarrett

Sheridan Pie Shoot-07.....Bill Morrison 49x

Teri Schwindt 46

Big Horn Basin Shoot-07.....Ed Kern 49x

Traci Cooper 42

Winter Challenge-08.....Bryan Youngberg 49x

Carrie Gavin 46

Ed Green Frolic-08.....Jake Jacobsen

Angie Frederick

Riverton-State Shoot-08.....Ron Abbott 50xxx

Connie Moore 42

Jr Skyler Erickson 44

Sub Jr Morgan Erickson 43

2007-2008 Winners

Bryan Youngberg 51x

Teri Schwindt 42xx

Lucas Jerrett 45x

Morgan Erickson 43

State Shoot Awards: presented by Bryan Youngberg

WYOMING STATE SHOOT WINNERS / 2008

MENS' FLINTLOCK AGGREGATE:

Bruce Schwindt / 167xxx

MENS' PERCUSSION AGGREGATE:

Bruce Schwindt / 170x

LADIES AGGREGATE:

Ginger Bauman / 163xx

CALEB PIERCE JUNIOR AGGREGATE; 1st:

Skyler Erickson /118

CALEB PIERCE JUNIOR AGGREGATE; 2ND:

Ian Corrigan / 113

CALEB PIERCE JUNIOR AGGREGATE; 3RD:

Brooke Mason / 109

SUB – JUNIOR AGGREGATE; 1st:

Morgan Erickson / 122

SUB-JUNIOR AGGREGATE; 2nd:

Richard Anderson / 118

SUB-JUNIOR AGGREGATE; 3rd:

C.J. Watterson / 68

SMALL BORE AGGREGATE:

Kyle Lehto / 88x

BIG BORE AGGREGATE:

Mike Dunn / 74xx

CROSS STICKS AGGREGATE:

Bruce Schwindt / 90xx

REGGIE PIERCE PISTOL AGGREGATE:
LADIES PISTOL AGGREGATE:
JUNIOR PISTOL AGGREGATE; 1st:
TRADE GUN AGGREGATE:
BENCH REST AGGREGATE:
PRIMITIVE AGGREGATE:
MENS' KNIFE:
MENS' HAWK:
WOMEN'S HAWK:
WOMEN'S KNIFE:
JUNIOR HAWK:
JUNIOR KNIFE:
SUB-JUNIOR HAWK:
SUB-JUNIOR KNIFE:

Bruce Schwindt / 177xx
Teri Schwindt / 163x
Lucas Jarrett / 104
Frank Elzay / 107x
Teri Schwindt / 146
Tony Larvie
Bill Moore
William Wells
Carrie Gavin
Mae Moore
Chancy Wilzewski
Ian Corrigan
Richard Anderson
None

Old Business:

Ned had a letter from the State 4-H thanking the association for their donation of \$200.00 last year.

During the Board Meeting last night, we unanimously agreed that an increase in the donation was in order. Mike moved to increase our donation to \$300.00 this year, requesting for it to be used toward supplies and awards needed for muzzle loading events. Paula seconded, and the motion was carried.

Carrie will be sending a letter to inquire into the needs of the State 4-H, and if the funds provided are adequate. Carrie will also send a copy of our shoot schedule, website address, and list of contact persons that would be happy to help teach anyone interested in learning to shoot muzzle loaders during any of our shooting events.

The State WSMLA procedures have been amended to include:

Hawk and Knife Sponsorship: First time participating minors, under the legal age of majority in Wyoming (age 19) would be allowed to participate under a current paid WSMLA membership for one state sanctioned event.

The Board reviewed ideas to help encourage and allow non-members to shoot at WSMLA sanctioned matches. Bill moved to allow individuals who are not state members, to participate in WSMLA sanctioned matches by paying a \$10.00 fee per shoot. Mike seconded and motion carried.

After presenting this to the General Membership, there was concern that this would be discouraging to a family attending our events. Mike moved to amend our amendment by changing the individual fee to a family fee for the year of 2009. Tony seconded and the motion was carried 30 to 5.

The Platte Valley Muzzle Loaders have declined to host the State Bench Rest Shoot for the coming year. The Sheridan Bull Shooters club has asked to host the Bench Rest Shoot.

The Deer Creek Muzzle Loaders have requested to host the State Shoot for this year on June 20, 21, & 22. The membership voted to have DCML host the state shoot for 2009.

2009 Calendar Shoot Dates:

Jan. 16-18th ...Riverton Pig Shoot
 Feb. 21st ...Meeteetse John Colter Shoot
 Feb. 13th to 15th ...Glenrock DCMLA Winter Challenge Match
 May 2nd & 4th ...Sheridan Ed Green Memorial Shoot
 May 22nd to 25th ...Wind River Memorial Day Shoot in Riverton
 June 20, 21, & 22nd ...Glenrock WSMLA State Shoot
 July 1st to 5th ...1838 Rendezvous in Riverton
 Rocky MT Rendezvous...July 11thru 19...at Greyrocks
 July 24th to 26th ...Encampment Sierra Madre Shoot
 Aug. 1&2... State Bench Rest Shoot...Sheridan
 Aug. 22rd ...Sheridan Pie Shoot
 Sept. 11th & 13th ...BHB Primitive Shoot
 Nov 22...Mike Underwood Memorial Shoot...Saratoga
 Jan. 8th, 9th, & 10th 2009 ...WSMLA State Convention
 A move to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded and carried.
 Respectfully submitted, Ginger Baumann

WSMLA

**BOARD MEETING
CASPER WYOMING
January 11, 2008**

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

Roll call:

Ned Dunn
Charlie Romaine
Carrie Gavin
Ginger Baumann
Trish Miller
Ed Kern
Phil Nissen
Dave Lehto
Bill Morrison
Bryan Youngberg
Paula Sorter
Angie Frederick

Minutes: Dave moved to accept the minutes unread and as printed, Bill seconded, motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Carrie reported the following assets:

CD (US Bank) balance.....	\$ 3,940.63
CD (1 st Interstate Bank).....	\$ 4,000.00
CD (1 st Interstate Bank).....	\$ 1655.77
Total Checking balance	\$ 1,915.93
Grand Total	\$ 11,512.33

Several bills were submitted to Carrie. Phil moved that we pay the bills submitted, Dave seconded and carried. Ed turned in auction funds totaling \$2997.50.

Committee Reports:

Convention: Trish reported we had 30 traders of which are 4 new with a total of 48 tables used. There were three seminars all of which turned out really good.

Auction: Ed reported we had another good year for auction donations, 97 items total. The auction generated \$2997.50 income, which is more than last year's \$2908.00. We need to thank Jr. Molina for being the auctioneer. An embroidered jacket with the WSMLA logo on the back was suggested. Bill moved that the association purchase an embroidered jacket with our logo on back for Jr. as a thank you gift for his help with the auction, seconded by Ned and motion carried.

Photo Contest: Phil reported we had good turnout, fewer numbers than last year. The Artisan's Fair displays were down to 8 to 10 items this year. We may need to alternate years with another activity like a fashion show.

Traveling Trophy: Bryan passed the heavy box of Traveling Trophy medals and information on to Ginger with a smile.

Video Library: Charlie has a few videos out. It was suggested that we take the video library to the shoots, where it could be rotated among the clubs. Having the items in a convenient local area, for a period of time, may increase the use of the library.

Newsletter: Bill reported that the newsletter is doing well

Historian: Dave had nothing to report.

Election of Officers:

Charlie was unanimously voted in as President.

Paula was voted in as Vice President.

Ginger volunteered to remain the Secretary.

Carrie volunteered to remain the Treasurer.

Committees:

Ed volunteered to continue as Auction chairperson.

Trish volunteered to continue as Convention chairperson.

Old Business:

Phil moved to appoint Mike & Paula in charge of researching prices and companies for the WSMLA logo project for clothing and hats. Dave seconded, motion carried.

Bill moved that the association purchase enough shirts and hats to get the price break, not to exceed 100 of each; and have them ready for sale at the Winter Challenge match in Glenrock. Dave seconded, motion carried.

Carrie moved that we make the shape of the logo oval, to have a medium quality short sleeve tee shirts for the first order, and allow Paula and Mike to choose a shirt color that would enhance the new logo. Bryan seconded, motion carried.

Angie would like to see this project as a means of getting the WSMLA association noticed by the public, not a fund raiser.

Ned moved that the price be rounded up to the next dollar above cost. Seconded by Angie, motion carried.

New Business:

Bryan moved to allow Trish to work with the Ramada Plaza, concerning the contract and negotiations concerning the Convention, for the next 2 yrs. Bill seconded, motion carried.

Trish moved to have Phil and Mike be in charge of selecting the band for 2010. Seconded by Bryan, motion carried.

Phil requested the \$500.00 for the Deer Creek Muzzle Loaders to host the State Shoot in June. Carrie moved to give Deer Creek the funds for hosting the state shoot, seconded by Ned motion carried.

The next meeting will be at the Memorial Day weekend shoot in Riverton on Sunday at noon. Then the third meeting will be at the state shoot in June. We will email the time later.

Trish motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Phil motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ginger Baumann

2009 WSMLA Convention Photo Contest Winners

Category:

Humorous

1st Sue Page 2nd John Hart 3rd Jerry Ward

Shooting/Hunting

1st Amber Starr 2nd Amber Starr 3rd Jim Miller

Camp Life/Portraiture

1st Newt Starr 2nd Jim Miller 3rd Lazy Beaver

Scenery/Nature

1st Amber Starr 2nd Lazy Beaver 3rd Amber Starr

Grand Prize: Amber Starr



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Auction Report

From the WSMLA Convention, January 10, 2009

The auction this year was a great success, more items donated, weather was great so a lot of buyers were in attendance for dinner and dance. The WSMLA membership owe their gratitude and accolades to Ed Kern, Auction Committee Chairman, Jane Black for all her hard work, Alan Hebert and his family for working the auction and Junior Molina who ably served as Auctioneer; and all the folks who donated and bought various items in order to support our Association's activities for another year. Thank you to all, you deserve it.

The following is a list of Donors and Buyers from the Auction. **(Please forgive any spelling errors)**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Donated By</u>		
1. Wall Hanger	Phil Nissen	49. Indian Lamp	Blomquist
2. 3 Bowls and Grater	John Sexton	50. Belt	Unknown
3. Woodlands Dress	Sew It Seams	51. Arrowhead	Jennifer Flowers
4. Man's Shirt	Sew It Seams	52. Shirt	Dave Hind
5. Empire	Sew It Seams	53. Fingers Ears Claws	Buzzard
6. Tub Books	Iverson	54. Two Brass Wall Sconces	Alan Herbert
7. Tub Magazines	Iverson	55. 2 Pewter Candlesticks	Alan Herbert
8. Shooting Pouch	Albert Pierce	56. 2 Brass Candlesticks	Alan Herbert
9. Tree for Potpourri	Jane Black	57. Chain Web	Alan Herbert
10. Wizard of Oz Witch	Jane Black	58. Wine	Kathy Irvin
11. Depression glass plates	Jane Black	59. Wine	Kathy Irvin
12. Elk Sinew Bear Grease & Oil	Lazy Bear	60. Wine	Kathy Irvin
13. Skull	Lazy Bear	61. Wine	Kathy Irvin
14. Shot Glasses	Ed & Jane	62. Honey Wine	Mike Corrigan
15. Pewter Buffalo	Sue Lytton	64. 2 Buffalo Horns	Doc Bob
16. Lace Doily	Ed & Jane	65. Buck Saw	Big Ted and Konan
17. Glass Clown	Ed & Jane	66. Robert Wells Painting	Big Ted and Konan
18. Linen Table Cloths	Ed & Jane	67. Knife and Sheath	Ray Lawrence
19. Linen Napkins	Ed & Jane	68. Whisky Jug. Looks Only	Ron A7bbott
20. Needle Work	Ed & Jane	69. Wine Crock	Ron Abbott
21. Sterling Sliver Cuff	Jane	70. Moccasin	Ron Abbott
22. Lace Trim	Ed & Jane	71. Women's Cloths	Ron Abbott
23. Sugar & Creamer	Jane	72. Book	Ron Abbott
24. Boxes	Ed	73. Knife	Albert Pierce
25. Wine Lamp	John Boesch	74. Colonial Pouch w/oilier	Albert Pierce
26. Wine Lamp	John Boesch	75. Pan	Kirkland
27. Wine Lamp	John Boesch	76. Knife	Red Wings
28. Indian Book	Dra Rock	77. Toy's	Red Wings
29. Cinnamon Rings	Rosa Ballard	78. Knife	Tony Larvie
30. Cinnamon Rings	Rosa Ballard	79. Neck Knife	BJ Larvie
31. Painting	Mary Stack	80. 2 yards plus Wool	Doll maker
32. 2 Beads	Harry Warpness	81. Bread Basket	Penny & Ryan Covalt
33. Tent Stacks	Harry Warpness	82. Candle Holders	Nancy Riddell
34. Choker	Ken Baken	83. Leg Ties and Garters	Bull Mountain Traders
35. Print	Ned Dunn	84. Game Box	Three Hands
36. Carson Book	John Hart	85. Ice Bowl, wine glasses	Bill and Kathi Morrison
37. Pouch with Starter and Prime	John Hart	Wyoming Private Label Wine	
38. Picture	Caraly	86. Rifle Stand	Bill Morrison
39. Picture	Caraly	87. Gavin Horn	Gary Gavin
40. Knife Two Sheaths	Rabbit	88. Hawk	Brett
41. Barrel Table	Alan Herbert	89. Iron Pot	Tail Gunner
42. Tanker Pewter Mugs	Alan Herbert	90. 3 clay Bowls	Tail Gunner
43. Candles & Cookbook	Blomquist	91. Leather	Tail Gunner
44. Turtle Bag	Blomquist	92. Turtle Bag	Rooster & Ginger
45. Deer Wine Bottle		93. Berry Rhubarb Pie	Rooster & Ginger
Holder	Blomquist	94. Print	Rogers's family
46. South West Lamp	Blomquist	95. Lead 20 lbs	Rogers family
47. Cowboy Statue	Blomquist	96. Bell	Bob Golden
48. Chardonnay Wine	Blomquist	97. Cannon Fuse	Bear River Powder

Editorial

by John D. Baird

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE ANTI—GUN PRESS
by Tom Gresham
(From NRA-ILA's *Report From Washington* June 27, 1978)

Dear Editor:

I read with great interest your recent editorials decrying the recent Supreme Court decision giving police the power to conduct searches of newspaper offices with a search warrant. Your cries of infringement of constitutional rights, the frightening intrusion of government into our lives, and particularly, your outrage that a police force could take action against a newspaper, although it wasn't suspected of committing any crime, all struck a familiar chord. You see, I've been there. I'm a gun owner.

While the erosion of one of the amendments in the Bill of Rights horrifies you if it touches your First Amendment freedoms, you are joyous at, even encourage, the wholesale destruction of Second Amendment rights. The gun owners in the United States are suffering attacks on their constitutional rights the likes of which can scarcely be imagined, and there is a lesson in it for America's press. For a good look at what is in store for newspapers in the future you have only to look at what has happened, and is happening, to a class of law-abiding citizens whose only common trait is that they own guns.

Imagine a squad of police invading your offices with guns drawn. They order everyone to "assume the position" against the wall while they search for, and take, tape recorders, typewriters, reporter's notes, and negatives from the photo department. When you complain and ask when you will get your property back, you are told not to make waves or the police will file charges against you. Impossible! Think again.

That exact scene has taken place dozens of times in the last couple of years - the only difference being that instead of journalists, it was gun owners who were getting the heat from the police. In these cases, the "police" were a branch of the federal police, agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. These citizens' guns were taken and no charges were filed against the gun owners. No arrests were made. When inquiries were made as to the disposition of the guns, BATF agents threatened to indict the gun owners if they "made waves." In one case, three days after a gun owner filed suit to get his guns back, he was indicted for dealing in guns without a license - exactly what an agent said would happen if he tried to get his guns back.

There are even more legal abuses awaiting the press corps if the experiences of America's gun owners are examples. One of the greatest "pleasures" you have in store are physical beatings of anyone who looks like a reporter. Nonsense, you say? Tell that to the two New York residents who were hospitalized in April as a result of a beating administered by BATF agents because they were driving a car similar to one a suspected criminal owned. These agents had no warrant and didn't identify themselves as police officers; they just beat up

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two men and handcuffed a woman until it became clear they had the wrong people, at which point one agent warned one of his victims not to file a complaint.

Perhaps journalists will be afforded the ultimate in recognition by the federal government with a computerized dossier in government files on every *federally licensed* reporter. Of course, you will be told, at first, that no one wants to regulate who can be a reporter, but that the government just wants to know where the reporters are.

You have drawn a parallel to countries where dictators have taken over the government, pointing out that the first thing a dictator must do is eliminate a free press. Of course, a dictator must disarm the citizens at the same time he takes over the press. But we know that these fears are lunatic paranoia; you've been telling me that for years.

Now, dear editor, you have an idea of what may well be in store for journalists. Take a long, hard look, setting aside the thought that it can't happen in America; then help me in stopping it.

The inescapable fact is the loss of any of our constitutionally guaranteed rights weakens all of the other rights. If you accept that fact, you must realize that the preservation of your First Amendment freedoms is dependent upon the preservation of the entire Bill of Rights - including the right to keep and bear arms.

I understand. When they took away the gun owner's rights, you were not a gun owner, so you didn't speak up. In fact, you cheered them on. When they take away the journalists' rights, who will speak up for you?

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Writing letters to the editor of your local newspaper seems to be a wide-spread American custom - I've written my share of such letters, expressing my opinions on current affairs. I remember one such letter, written nearly fifteen years ago, in which I scathingly pointed out to the local newspaper editor that his position on the 2nd Amendment to the Constitution was diametrically opposed to his position on the 1st Amendment, his freedom of the press, and I suggest then that someday the shoe might very well be on the other foot, with him crying foul because of government tampering with what he considered sacred.

Obviously gun owners have suffered at the hands of anti-firearms legislation and bureaucratic regulations to a greater degree in recent years than they did at that time. Consequently, firearms owners, as much as they would like to laugh at the present discomfort of the press, know that the situation is much too serious for that, and that the time has now come for closing the ranks between those whose Constitutionally guaranteed freedoms are endangered, be it 1st Amendment rights, 2nd Amendment rights or whatever - for the simple reason that a government capable of taking away any one of our Constitutional freedoms is capable of *taking them all!* jdb

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