

## Wyoming State Muzzle Loading Association JUNE 2007

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Sorry Rabbit but the winner this year of the knife shoot was: Ron Abbott. Congratulations guys!

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## 2007 Schedule of Shoots and Events

	Event	Location
June 15-17	Deer Creek Muzzleloader Annual Shoot	Glenrock, WY
June 15-17	Co NMLRA National Territorial Match	Ft. Lupton, CO.
June 19-24	Pelton Creek Mountain Man Rendezvous Brigade	Laramie River Black Powder
June 27-July 1	1838 Rendezvous	Riverton, WY
July 6-19	Rocky Mountain National Rendezvous	Vipond, MT
July 27-29	Sierra Madre Rendezvous	Encampment, WY
August 11, 2007	Pie Shoot, Sheridan Bull Shooters	Sheridan, WY
August 18-19, 2007	Crow Creek Fur Co. Shoot	Cheyenne, WY
August 31-Sept 3	Fort Bridger Rendezvous	Ft. Bridger, WY
September 15-16	Primitive Shoot, Big Horn Basin Muzzleloaders	Tensleep, WY
November 18, 2007	Turkey Shoot	Lander, WY
January 11-13, 2007	WSMLA Convention	Casper, Holiday Inn.

### NOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

IT WAS NICE TO SEE THOSE OF YOU WHO MADE IT TO THE STATE SHOOT IN RIVERTON. I HOPE ALL OF YOU SHOT BETTER THAN I DID, AND IF YOU DIDN'T YOU HAVE MY SYMPATHY. THERE WERE SOME FINE SCORES SHOT BY SEVERAL PEOPLE, CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE FOLKS.

IT WAS VERY NICE TO SEE A FEW NEW FACES ON THE FIRING LINE; ONE OF WHICH WAS MY WIFE, JEANNIE. WE ALL NEED TO ENCOURAGE NEW SHOOTERS, AND THEN MAKE THEM GLAD TO BE AMONG US. A BIG THANKS TO THE RIVERTON CLUB FOR PUTTING ON A VERY FINE SHOOT!

HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU SOON, AND THAT ALL OF YOUR PATHS LEAD TO PLEASANT CAMPS.

NED

## **From the Editor**

**It is spring going on into summer. Everything is green and growing. We still have snow on the mountains. Great time of the year to get out, camp, spend time with the family, shoot black powder, wet a fishing line, and maybe work on the skills that have gotten just a tad rusty over the winter. I know what few skills I had fell off over the winter.**

**We have been busier than a one legged bull frog this spring. My daughter Julie (18) just graduated from Worland High School. So I got caught by the short hairs on home maintenance and trying to prepare for a whole bunch of company. Something about too many fishing trips and/or black powder shoots when I should have been home doing a little maintenance. Anyway we got most everything done, through her graduation, and had a couple of great parties and barbecues. Heck, I even made it to a couple of her soccer games. Now the hard part is preparing for her to go away to college. She is now ready for adoption by someone in the upper 10% income bracket☺**

**Charlie (16) has moved up to Legion Baseball this spring. This has caused a big wrinkle in our other activities. Everyone should be happy he is playing baseball instead of doing much shooting this year. This gives the old man a chance now☺. Who knows, maybe I can take my gun back from him.**

**We did attend the Wyoming State Shoot sponsored by the Wind River Muzzleloaders over memorial weekend. It was a great time and we needed the break. The cooks for the barbecue did a fantastic job with the supper and the pork roast was great. The Wind River Muzzleloaders went to a lot of work running and managing a fine shoot. I want to thank everyone that helped with the shoot and especially all the sponsors of the awards. There are some fine craftsmen and women who donate awards. These events cannot be held without the support and help of the members of the WRMLA and other members of the WSMLA.**

**I will be posting pictures from the shoot on the web site. If anyone else has pictures from the shoot that they would be willing to share with others please send them to me. Note: Phil, I am not going to post the picture of me falling asleep before the meal!**

**We still have a bunch of shoots being held throughout the rest of the summer. For current updates on events, please check the web site and it will have the most current news. Club members, please make sure that someone sends me the fliers for posting on the web and in newsletters and of course shoot results so that I can get them posted. We will see everyone in Glenrock on June 15-17, 2007.**

**Hold steady and keep your powder dry.**

***Bill Morrison***

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## NED DUN

### WSMLA President



Hi there, I am Ned Dunn, and due to the fact that I don't listen well, I have been selected as your new President. It will be tough to fill the shoes of Brian, he has done a great job and with his help and the help of all the rest of you. I hope we can make some positive direction in our endeavor to promote our sport and the ways of our ancestors. My wife, Jeannie, and I live close to Powell and we have four sons. Scott (42) and wife Sydney and girls, Kyle and Dyane, live in Parker, Colorado. Sean (39) and wife Danielle and girls, Katie, and Kelcie, live in Billings, Montana. Ken (36) and his dog Hooch, live in Cody, Wyoming. Mike (35) and his cat, Missy, live in Buffalo, Wyoming. I actually had a job at one time. Most of my time was spent around work over and drilling rigs. That occupied twenty-five years of my life. Most of that time was spent in Wyoming and North Dakota, with some jobs in Colorado, Texas and California. I enjoyed that job so much that when the time came to start saving money for retirement I quit. That company was so nice, they had a retirement party for me that Jeannie attended (I was in Canada fishing). After that I hunted, fished, and golfed for two years. Then the thought of "retirement" hit me so I started consulting for two or three months a year until 1998 and have done nothing since, except my son Mike and I started a company in 2001. He runs it and I stand back and watch in amazement (Thanks, Mike.)

While doing nothing, our wonderful government pays me every month. I am so good at doing nothing they have given me a raise each year for the last three years.

I was raised in a small oil field camp (Dry Creek) 12 miles east of Red Lodge, Montana. Worked on a ranch for seven years while going to school in Bridger, Montana. Went to school off and on until 1964 and moved to Cody, Wyoming. Had a house there while I did that job I told you about. In 1992, Jeannie and I moved to Powell, where she supports us with her miniature horse herd.

About 1969, I was guiding two guys from Georgia. We hunted deer and when they were ready to leave they gave me a Thompson .50 Caliber muzzle loader. I shot it on a limited basis for several years and still have it. Then one day Ray Lawrence took me with him and Judy and a bunch of others you all know, to a place on the Clark's Fork. I can't tell you where because I can't spell it. Ray let me shoot his .40 and with help from everyone, I had a lot of fun. Since that time I have been trying and learn the correct way to use these things. My good friends, Ed Green and his wonderful

son-in-law Bret Smith, told me that at my age not to expect too much. I try to make a throwing knife or ram rod once in a while but that is about it for talent.

We are members of Sheridan and Riverton and try to support most of the other clubs as time allows. I have been a member of WSMLA for most of 12 or 13 years and on the Board of Directors for three years. I believe the best thing the WSMLA does is to help tie all of the state's clubs together by corresponding through the Newsletter and promoting our sport and beliefs. Our future is totally dependent on newcomers. We all need to encourage people to join our ranks and then make sure they are glad they did.

I congratulate Pat on his winning the WSMLA raffle, and a big thanks to all who participated to make this a success. We proved a point.

If you are in our area, please stop by, our latchstring is always out.

Ned Dunn

The following is some information that Lyle Bader submitted from one of his old books. Thanks Lyle.

#### Powder Charges for Muzzle Loaders

*For ordinary shooting, the customary charge was half the weight of the ball.*

*.36 cal. - 110 balls to the pound - 63 gr. divided by 2 = 31.5 grains of 3-F*

*.40 cal. - 74 balls to the pound - 94 gr. divided by 2 = 47 grains of 3-F*

*.45 cal. - 54 balls to the pound - 128 gr. divided by 2 = 64 grains of 3-F*

*.50 cal. - 36 balls to the pound - 175 gr. divided by 2 = 87.5 grains of 2-F*

*.52 cal. - 34 balls to the pound - 185 gr. divided by 2 = 92.5 grains of 2-F*

*.53 cal. - 32 balls to the pound - 190 gr. divided by 2 = 95.0 grains of 2-F*

*.54 cal. - 31 balls to the pound - 225 gr. divided by 2 = 112.5 grains of 2-F*

#### **To Members of the WSMLA State Association.**

As you might have heard Alan Hebert chose not to run for a seat on the board. He and his family have done an outstanding job running the Auction for the Association. I will do my best to see that it is successful again this coming year. It will only happen with your help. If you or your club can come up with something for the Auction, please do. It will be appreciated. Thank you for your time.

Ed Kern



## COPPER LADY'S VITTLES

The roast was great. The gravy was superb. Dinner is over, now what do you do with the leftover meat still sticking to the bones? Rather than trash a whole meal or making it into soup, you could consider making **Next Day Hash**.

2 Cups coarsely chopped cooked meat  
1 Cup diced boiled potatoes  
1 chopped onion  
Salt and pepper to taste  
Moisten with gravy, chili sauce or catsup

Combine meat, potatoes and onion and toss lightly with a fork. Pour into heated well-greased skillet and set over slow fire to brown and heat through. Moisten with preferred liquid and serve.

### Succotash

2 lbs tender green pumpkin or summer squash  
1 lb string beans  
3 ears yellow corn, cut from the cob  
2 large tomatoes  
Onion, garlic, green chili peppers

Chop pumpkin and beans along with onion, peppers, tomatoes and garlic. Drop vegetables in stew kettle and simmer slowly, adding boiling water as needed. When the beans are tender, mix in the cut corn.

Instead of tomatoes, a cup of milk might be used to moisten the dish and butter may be used to season.

(Based on John Bartram's corn soup shared with the Iroquois in 1743)

For easy camp biscuits, bring your own versatile **Biscuit Ready Mix**. Before you leave home, prepare the following:

2 lbs. flour/8 cups

2 tsp salt

¼ Cup baking powder

¾ lbs vegetable shortening/1 ½ Cups

1 Cup dry milk powder

Stir dry ingredients together sever times or mix well to be sure baking powder and salt are evenly distributed. Cut in the shortening with two knives or with a pastry blender until the mix looks like coarse corn meal.

Store unused mix in one or two cup portions in a sealed contained in the freezer or refrigerator.

When ready to use, spoon mix lightly into a measuring cup. Do not pack it down.

For Biscuits to go with the hash:

Combine 1 cup of mix with 1/3 cup water and stir until dough follows the spoon around the bowl. Pat out to 1” slices and place close together in greased tin. Bake in a Dutch oven about 15 minutes.

Enjoy! Copper Lady

## A Beaver Tale

By *Rosa Ballard*

First I want to thank everyone for the applause at the banquet for Albert’s and my 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary announcement. I have to tell you about our beginning which makes a good start for a book.

We were married on November 17, 1961 (a Friday) in a beautiful small chapel in the woods in Smallwood, New York. We went to Niagara Falls and come home on Sunday with 55¢ in our pocket and feeling down right happy. Monday was the opening day of deer season. Albert had quit his job and proceeded to show me how to shoot a gun. I had never even held one before. He took me out in the wood to be one of the sitters. Really, I have forever loved him more for showing me the pleasure of shooting, especially black powder, but that’s another chapter.

It didn’t take long for my mother to find out all this frightening news. She had always been the calmest, sweetest Mom in the whole world but fire came out of her eyes when she confronted Albert.

Now what? How were we going to make a \$44.00 a month car payment and \$35.00 for rent? Albert had a plan! He gathered all he needed and went to his favorite spot and in no time trapped some beautiful beaver that were bringing \$1.00 an inch. The first one was 60 inches long plus two more beavers, to show Mom. This already surpassed a month’s wages. My Mom got happy and life was pleasant.

Later on in our book of life, when we were expecting our fifth child, people asked how we could afford another one. My Mom just said, “Oh Albert will just catch some more beaver!”

*Thank you for sharing your story with us and congratulations on your 45 wedding anniversary.*



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## MIKE CORRIGAN

Convention committee



My name is Muskrat Mike some of you also know me a Mike Corrigan. I live with my wife Joann and son Sean (21 yrs old) and grandson Ian (13 years old), about 5 miles NE of Casper with our 4 horses, 2 dogs, cat, turtle, 1 fish, and Noodle, the ferret. We have lived here for almost 7 years and are truly enjoying the county life. I am 52 years old (and feeling every mile of it). I have resided in Wyoming all of my life except for 4 years in the Navy and several months getting to know my in-laws in Maryland. Our married children are Carrie (27) and her husband Justin, Devin (25) and his wife Mary are stationed in Hawaii, and have our second grandchild on the way. I currently have 28 years in with UPS and am anxiously waiting for January 2009; lots of plans of things to do when they will pay me not to come into work anymore. I keep offering to let them do that now but they are not listening. My wife Joann works at 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Realtors, she is a licensed agent but greatly prefers to take care of the paperwork end of the business.

I have been shooting Muzzleloaders since about 1985 or 1986. Reggie Pierce came to a Natrona County Sportsman's Assn. meeting and challenged us to a shoot. Our high powered rifles against their muzzleloaders, of course we accepted. We won but we had 2 Olympic shooters in the club at the time and we could reload faster. We all had a great time and then one day Reggie calls and suggests that I should meet him at the Holiday Inn and I then attended my first Convention. Of course he convinces me that life simply would not be complete without owning a muzzleloader, Reggie helps me find a very nice \$50.00 CVA 45 cal. Shows me how to shoot with it and the rest is history. What a grand time we have had ever since. I have always enjoyed shooting anything that goes BANG! I now have several percussion rifles and pistols and was hoping to own a trade gun after last convention (like 99% of us) now I'll have to breakdown and buy one. I truly enjoy shooting a flintlock but have not purchased one. All of our children have enjoyed the camping, shooting, knives and hawks, hopefully they will return to it if as they find the time. I enjoy going to Rendezvous, large or small, trapping the pre-1840 style and always love to talk about it around a fire or in front of 200 children at a school, one of the things I plan to do more of after retirement.

I am a member of the Rocky Mountain Free Trappers, Wind River Muzzleloaders, Deer Creek Muzzleloaders, WSMLA and NRA. I have held offices in many clubs and associations throughout the state and have served as a City Councilman and Mayor for the City of Casper (and am grateful that most of you don't hold that against me). I have been a member of the WSMLA for about 22 years and have been on the Board of Directors for longer than I can remember. I have thoroughly enjoyed just about all aspects of the board and the people that I have gotten to know better because of this time spent. I like to think that the Board had done a good job guiding the Assn. through some financial difficulties but most of the years and events were purely "SHINING TIMES" and I hope that all of the members have enjoyed themselves as much as I have.

It is my belief that what the WSLMA does best, besides promoting Black Powder Shooting is supporting the State Shoot, Convention and maintaining the bond that hold us together as a club. We are able to do this only because as members you all support the events and funds raisers that happened during the year. As a board we can suggest and attempt to steer opinion but in truth it is the members that determine whether or not the Assn. will be a success. For future goals we should keep it simple, support your club encourage new members and always remember to "HAVE FUN"!

Muskrat Mike

### **Here is what Jeff Foxworthy has to say about Wyoming...**

If your local Dairy Queen is closed from September through May, you live in Wyoming.

If someone in a Home Depot store offers you assistance and they don't work there, you live in Wyoming.

If you've worn shorts and a parka at the same time you live in Wyoming.

If you've had a lengthy telephone conversation with someone who dialed a wrong number, you live in Wyoming.

If "Vacation" means going anywhere south of Ft. Collins for the weekend, you live in Wyoming.

If you measure distance in squares of farm land, you live in Wyoming.

If you know several people who have hit a cow more than once, you live in Wyoming.

If you have gone from "heat" to "A/C" and back to "heat" all in the same day, you live in Wyoming.

If you can drive 75 mph through 2 feet of snow during a raging blizzard without flinching, you live in Wyoming.

If you install security lights on your house and garage, but leave both unlocked, you live in Wyoming.

If you carry jumpers in your car and your wife knows how to use them, you live in Wyoming.

If you design your kid's Halloween costume to fit over a snowsuit, you live in Wyoming.

If the I-80 speed limit is 75 mph -- you're going 90 and everybody is passing you, you live in Wyoming.

If driving is better in the winter because the potholes are filled with snow, you live in Wyoming.

If you know all 4 seasons: almost winter, winter, still winter and road construction, you live in Wyoming.

If you have more hours on your snow blower than miles on your car, you live in Wyoming.

If you find 10 degrees "a little chilly", you live in Wyoming.

If you understand these jokes, and forward them to all your Wyoming friends & others, you actually have lived in Wyoming.

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### TRISH MILLER

CONVENTION CHAIRWOMAN



Hi, my name is Trisha Miller. I have “no name” for muzzle loading ‘cuz I have not been caught (yet) doing anything silly enough to earn one. I do not think I have any great knowledge to earn one, either. My husband, Jim (Juniper) and I live in Casper. Jim works at Casper College (he does NOT teach). I work at Two Tymers, a clothing consignment store. We have 2 sons, 3 daughter-in-laws, a 4 year old grandson, and 1 month old granddaughter. Tim and Emily (she was our late Christmas gift) are the most entertaining and fascinating people ever.

Magic Johnson talked (not very hard) Jim into trying muzzle loading at Deer Creek sometime in the 80’s. I could not let the 2 of them get into trouble by themselves. I started tagging along only in the good weather. Then I decided to try to out shoot at least one of them. Once in awhile I even manage to do it☺. Now we belong to the DCML, where at this time I am the Treasurer and WSMLA, where I have been the convention chairperson for 2 years. I think we joined the State Assoc. sometime in the 90’s. It took a while to join because we did not think we “knew” enough about the sport to belong. Then we learned that everyone was willing to share their knowledge and were friendly about it. We started going to rendezvous when Gray Rocks was held. We try to attend RMNR every summer. It is the best way to spend time in the spring, summer and fall.

The best thing about the WSMLA is the people involved. Everyone is willing to share with the next person. The history, explaining, showing and teaching. Jim and I learned so much from everyone. The talent in the club totally amazes me. I am sure that there are “crafts” being done that I can’t even fathom. The goal is: I wish every person in this association could and would get just one person interested in our sport this year. That would double our membership and friendships.  
Trish (no name) Miller

**Deer Creek Muzzle Loaders Two-Day Shoot**  
**June 15, 16, 17 2007, Glenrock, WY**

Welcome to the Arnold Memorial DCML Range. A full slate of traditional muzzle loading events has been planned. Registration is \$5 per person with a \$20 maximum per family. All matches are \$2.00 including the aggregate. Re-entries are \$2.00 for the first target and \$1 for other entries in the same match. A dinner included with your entry will be provided around 6PM Saturday.

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 under hammer or in-line actions and no Black Powder cartridge guns.

Men's Aggregate (flint or percussion)

- 1 - 25 yd six bull, 8 ring black
- 2 - 50 yd six bull, 7 ring black
- 3 - 50 yd single bull buffalo, 8 ring black
- 4 - 100 yd single bull, 7 ring black
- 5 - Aggregate

Women's Aggregate

- 6 - 25 yd six bull, 8 ring black
- 7 - 25 yd single bull, 8 ring black
- 8 - 50 yd single bull buffalo, 8 ring black
- 9 - 100 yd single bull, 7 ring black
- 10 - Aggregate

Junior Aggregate - age 12-15

- 11 - 25 yd six bull, 8 ring black
- 12 - 25 yd single bull, 8 ring black
- 13 - 50 yd single bull, 8 ring black
- 14 - Aggregate

Sub-Junior Aggregate - under age 12

- 15 - 25 yd six bull, 8 ring black
- 16 - 25 yd single bull, 8 ring black
- 17 - 50 yd single bull, 8 ring black
- 18 - Aggregate

Trade Gun Aggregate – Must be smoothbore with no rear sight

- 19 - 25 yd Double Buffalo
- 20 - 50 Pistol target
- 21 – 3 Gongs
- 22 – 5 Clays
- 23 - Aggregate

Men's Pistol Aggregate - one hand hold only

- 24 - 25 yd pistol target
- 25 - 50 yd pistol target
- 26 - Aggregate

Women's Pistol Aggregate - may use two hand hold

27 - 25 yd pistol target

28 - 50 yd pistol target

29 - Aggregate

RE-ENTRY MATCHES: All matches first entry \$2, then \$1.00

30 - Junior - 25 yd. Bottles (age 15 & under, X sticks for Subs)

31 - Women - 50 yd 3-bull

32 - Any Caliber Rifle - 50 yd 5-bull Buffalo

33 - Big Bore - 50 yd slug gun - .58 cal minimum

34 - Small Bore - 25 yd squirrel - .40 cal maximum

35 - Rusty Trapper - 25 yd Old Crow - age + score (min age 50)

36 - Man/Woman - 25 yd dbl buff

37 - X Sticks - 100 yd Single bull

38 - Bench - 200 yd large bull

39 - Pistol - 25 yd pistol target, 5 shots

40 - Smoothbore Re-entry - 25 yd single bull buffalo

41 - WSMLA Traveling Trophy - 25 yd dbl buff-(2 shots/3 shots)

PRIMITIVE MATCHES: The primitive range is located West of the paper range. Different courses for Adults and Children. Open all weekend during normal range hours. Hawk/Knife matches Sat evening

TRADE GUN CLAYS - Will be held at 4:30 Saturday afternoon.

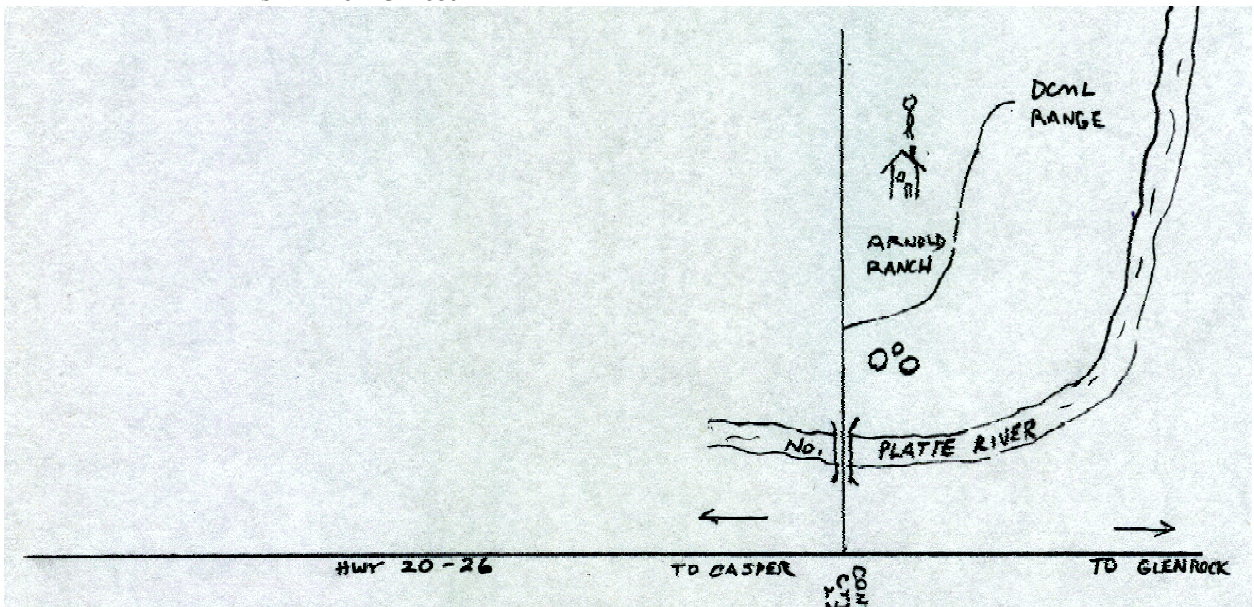
HAWK AND KNIFE MATCHES: After dinner Saturday

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. 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: Dave Hein, 577-1071

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Trish Miller 234-6591



# The Cooking Pot

By Travis Bennett

Over the last thirty or so years that I've been hanging around the various types of Historical Re-creationist (how'd you like my new word?) who, when gathered together talking the interests instead of doin' em, nearly always agree to disagree over one topic or another before the confab is over. They love to quote the currently favorite gurus of their interests on whatever topic might come up, be it the correct sizes, types or colors of beads for a given time period; the correct rifles and in what caliber would be authentic to their favorite time span; how small the hand sewn seams should be on their authentic Lindsey Woolsey rifleman's frock; or any number of details that are continually being addressed in Muzzle blasts or Muzzleloader magazines. As soon as one dedicated re-creationist finishes quoting his most admired mentor, another brings forward the name of another equally distinguished "expert" with entirely opposite opinions, one that is not only better educated, older and wiser, but actually "knows what he's talkin' about"! Soon the entire group is individually and clandestinely checking out his own and everyone else's beadwork, seams, weaponry and persona to see how he or they fit into the currently acceptable level of authenticity. (Kind of like the kids you see sometimes down at the Eastridge Mall, all dresses up nearly the same but trying so hard to be different, with their baggy pants hanging at a nearly reckless elevation, their caps on backwards and the chains clanking and tinkling from numerous locations throughout their wardrobe and carcass, all the while exchanging high fives and knuckle butts and "secret" finger signs). But I digress, again!

The authentic primitive/rendezvous camp is a currently much discussed topic in Muzzleloader Magazine and rightly so. You have seen, as I have, the absolutely awe inspiring camps that are sometimes erected at the big National and even some local rendezvous.

Twenty two foot teepees with poles emerging six or eight feet out from the top, sporting ten foot long ribbons of expensive wool trade cloth on their ends that flow colorfully in the slightest breeze. Absolutely perfectly carved willow pins lace the snow white lodge together from the smoke flaps down to the door and more such stakes hold the tightly stretched canvas lodge down to the ground at exactly the acceptable height for OSHA required ventilation and peer judged aesthetics. The concentrically spaced smoke poles are set at the perfect angle to be most authentically photographed and a wrinkle anywhere in the stretched canvas requires endless lodge pole adjustments from within until perfection is achieved. Inside the lodge is every conceivable amenity to allow inconvenience free camping, from cleverly concealed ice chests in "authentic" cooperage to the Coleman stove hidden behind the museum quality will backrests and the goose down sleeping bags on top of inflatable rubber air mattress, cleverly concealed by genuine buffalo robes. I even saw a Porta-Potty against the back wall of a lodge at Fort Bridger a few years back.

Outside the lodge is scattered numerous chests, boxes, chairs, tables and furniture that would do a Goodwill store proud. All this was packed in with a ¾ ton, four wheel drive SUV or pickup truck that didn't have enough room left in it for another Big Mack wrapper or bottled water jar. Ever see anything like this? Bet you have!

Authenticity nearly always collides head-on with comfort and convenience, especially when the serious re-creationist expects his not-so-enthusiastic spouse and kids to accompany him on his journey into the past. I am seeing now a new call for more authenticity at the National Rendezvous level and I have an idea that it will once again be causing hate and discontent between participants before it's done.

I know several fairly serious re-creationists who have spent a lot of time and effort researching the authenticity of their persona and gear and I have much respect for their efforts.

The participants at our annual Winter Camp on the Wind in late January, five hardy individuals who didn't mind suffering for the sake of doing it right, set up a winter camp site that came about as close as possible to being my idea of "right".

## **WINTER CAMP**

### **Jan. 19 - 21, 2007**



The sloping, three-sided camp consisted of several simple ground cloths set up with the open side to the east, erected stoutly against the possibilities of Wyoming winter winds. A camp fire in the

middle of the common area radiated heat outwardly to the sleeping areas tucked in on the low side of the lean-to and served also the purpose of cooking and light. I seem to recall a painting of John Clymer that showed a winter camp somewhat similar to this.

A January dusting of frigid snow fell on the second night of their stay but did not discourage these gentlemen, nor did the sub-zero temperatures of both nights. Their cooking gear was kept simple with only a common iron Dutch oven (I know, I know! Iron!) Serving as both oven and pot, a couple of individual corn boilers and a small coffee pot, tin cups for coffee and not much else. A buffalo tongue lay baking on the coals of the fire when I visited and generously shared, boiled coffee warmed hands and innards alike from the borrowed tin cup.

Was their camp authentic? Who knows for sure, and who will criticize their efforts? Not me, who went directly home from my visit and turned by backside to the gas stove until chilled parts regained their normal circulation. These guys are getting ever more authentic as their experiences grow and their research increases and they are doing not for accolades of their friends and acquaintances but for the inner satisfaction that comes with achieving a common goal through hard work and dedication. Oh, if I were younger and more enthused!

As to an authentic story concerning a cooking pot I offer the following, taken from the book *Steam boating on the Upper Mississippi* by William J. Peterson, published at Iowa City, Iowa in 1968 by the State Historical Society of Iowa.

“Shortly before the opening of the West of 1812 the Sauk and Fox Indians were at war with the Winnebago and the life of every fur trader was endangered. Robert Grant, a friend of the Sauk and Fox, made his headquarters at Prairie du Chin but traveled much through the lead district. Seldom sleeping two nights in the same place, Grant traversed the hilly, heavily wooded country in quest of furs. Stream and forest supplied this self-reliant trapper with food prepared in a brass bowl tucked unceremoniously under his fur cape when not in use.

One day Grant met a party of Winnebago who instantly recognized him as a friend of the Sauk and Fox. Grant fled, but was overtaken by a Winnebago who drew his tomahawk and struck a terrific blow on Grant’s head. A sharp metallic clink was the only result. Sensing the situation, the hardy pioneer calmly turned around and confronted the astonished Indians who recoiled in terror crying “Manitou! Manitou!” Henceforth Grant went his way unmolested. Grant County, Wisconsin, bounded for sixty miles along its western border by the Mississippi, is named in honor of hard-headed Robert Grant.”

Well, now you have a least one more authentic way to carry your cooking pot if authenticity is truly your future goal.





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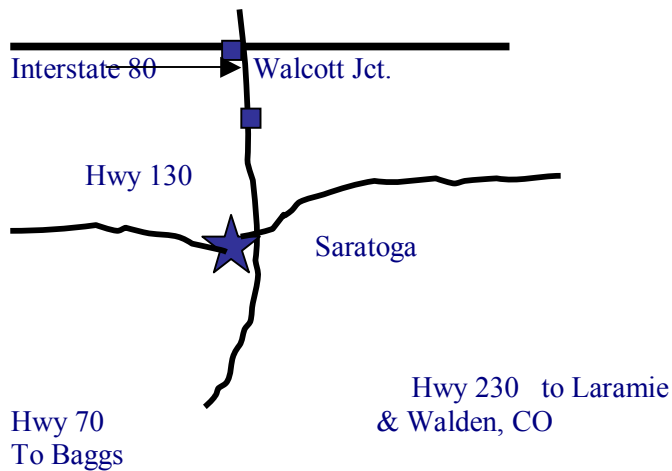
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**Results of the Wyoming State Shoot held at the Wind River Muzzle Loaders at Riverton,  
Wyoming, May 25-26, 2007**

**Thank you to the Wind River Muzzleloaders for sponsoring the State Shoot.**

<b>Agg &amp; Match</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>1st Place</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>2nd Place</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>3rd Place</b>	<b>Score</b>
Bob Hampton Agg	<b>STATE SHOOT</b>	Name	Score	Name	Score	Name	Score
Match 1	25yd 6 Bull 8 ring	<b>Reagen Cooper</b>	<b>48X</b>	<b>Verlin Danner</b>	<b>46X</b>	<b>Mike Dunn</b>	<b>46X</b>
Match 2	50yd 6 Bull 7ring	<b>Bruce Schwindt</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>Don Danner</b>	<b>39X</b>	<b>Mike Dunn</b>	<b>34</b>
Match 3	50yd S Buff 8 ring	<b>Jake Jacobsen</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>Brett Smith</b>	<b>47X</b>	<b>Mike Dunn</b>	<b>46</b>
Match 4	100yd S Bull 7 ring	<b>Bruce Schwindt</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>Verlin Danner</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>Sean Dunn</b>	<b>36</b>
Match 5	<b>Total</b>	<b>Bruce Schwindt</b>	<b>171</b>				
Ed Bartel Agg							
Match 6	25yd 6 Bull 8 ring	<b>Verlin Danner</b>	<b>48XX</b>	<b>Don Danner</b>	<b>46X</b>	<b>Ron Abbott</b>	<b>45</b>
Match 7	50yd 6 Bull 7ring	<b>Verlin Danner</b>	<b>41X</b>	<b>Dave Hein</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>Ed Green</b>	<b>36</b>
Match 8	50yd S Buff 8 ring	<b>Mike Chapin</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>Phil Nissen</b>	<b>45X</b>	<b>Bruce Schwindt</b>	<b>45X</b>
Match 9	100yd S Bull 7 ring	<b>Bruce Schwindt</b>	<b>41X</b>	<b>Jim Hanchett</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>Mike Dunn</b>	<b>39</b>
Match 10	<b>Total</b>	<b>Verlin Danner</b>	<b>163XXX</b>				
Ladies Agg							
Match 11	25yd 6 Bull 8 ring	<b>Teri Schwindt</b>	<b>46X</b>	<b>Ginger Bauman</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>Alta Bloomquist</b>	<b>41</b>
Match 12	25yd S Bull 8 ring	<b>Teri Schwindt</b>	<b>48X</b>	<b>Traci Cooper</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>Judy Lawrence</b>	<b>47XX</b>
Match 13	50yd S Buff 8 ring	<b>Ginger Bauman</b>	<b>44X</b>	<b>Traci Cooper</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>Teri Schwindt</b>	<b>41</b>
Match 14	100yd S Bull 7 ring	<b>Teri Schwindt</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>Ginger Bauman</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Claudia Bonella</b>	<b>29</b>
Match 15	<b>Total</b>	<b>Teri Schwindt</b>	<b>174XX</b>				
Jr							
Match 16	25yd 6 Bull 8 ring	<b>Brooke Mason</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>Chancy Wski</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Ian Corrigan</b>	<b>21</b>
Match 17	Single Bull 8 ring	<b>Chancy Wski</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>Ian Corrigan</b>	<b>43X</b>	<b>Brooke Mason</b>	<b>40X</b>
Match 18	50yd S Buff 8 ring	<b>Brooke Mason</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>Jesse Dillon</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Chancy Wski</b>	<b>15</b>
Match 19	<b>Total</b>	<b>Brooke Mason</b>	<b>98X</b>				
Sub-Jr Agg							
Match 20	25yd 6 Bull 8 ring	<b>Skyler Erickson</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>Trent Hover</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>Matt Dillon</b>	<b>11</b>
Match 21	Single Bull 8 ring	<b>Skyler Erickson</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>Trent Hover</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>Matt Dillon</b>	<b>39</b>
Match 22	50yd S Buff 8 ring	<b>Skyler Erickson</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>Matt Dillon</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Trent Hover</b>	<b>17</b>
Match 23	<b>Total</b>	<b>Skyler Erickson</b>	<b>127</b>				
Small Bore Agg							
Match 24	25yd 6 Bull 8 ring	<b>Big Ted</b>	<b>50XX</b>	<b>Ron Pieracini</b>	<b>47X</b>	<b>Mike Dunn</b>	<b>47</b>
Match 25	50yd S Bull 8 ring	<b>Big Ted</b>	<b>49XXX</b>	<b>Misfire</b>	<b>47X</b>	<b>Rabbit</b>	<b>46</b>
Match 26	<b>Total</b>	<b>Big Ted</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>XXXXX</b>			
<b>Agg &amp; Match</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>1st Place</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>2nd Place</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>3rd Place</b>	<b>Score</b>
Big Bore Agg		Name	Score	Name	Score	Name	Score
Match 27	50yd S Bull 8 ring	<b>Mike Dunn</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>Don Danner</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>Vern Fauss</b>	<b>42</b>

Match28	100yd S Bull 7 ring	Ed Green	38	Don Danner	34	Vern Fauss	33
Match29	<b>Total</b>	Don Danner	78				
X-Sticks Agg							
Match 30	50yd DblBuff 8ring	Burce Schwindt	48X	Bill Rynor	48	Teri Schwindt	47X
Match 31	100yd S Buff 8ring	Bruce Schwindt	44	Mike Dunn	36	Sean Dunn	36
Match 32	<b>Total</b>	Bruce Schwindt	92X				
Reggie Pistol Agg							
Match 33	25yd Pistol	Bruce Schwindt	93X	Ned Dunn	91XX	Ed Green	90X
Match 34	50yd Pistol	Bruce Schwindt	82	Dick Jones	75	Roy Bryan	74
Match 35	<b>Total</b>	Bruce Schwindt	175XX				
Ladies Pistol							
Match 36	25yd Pistol	Teri Schwindt	95X	Frankie Gavin	80	Marilyn Mills	79X
Match 37	50yd Pistol	Angie Dunn	66	Teri Schwindt	63X	Claudia Bonella	63
Match 38	<b>Total</b>	Teri Schwindt	158XX				
Junior Pistol Agg							
Match 39	25yd Pistol	Skyler Erickson	82				
Match 40	50yd Pistol	Skyler Erickson	63				
Match 41	<b>Total</b>	Skyler Erickson	145				
Ed Fowler Agg							
Match 42	25yd 6 Bull 8 ring	Mike Dunn	46	Verlin Danner	45	Ron Abbott	42
Match 43	50yd 6 Bull 7ring	Rabbit	44	Mike Chapin	32	Gary Gavin	31
Match 44	50yd S Buff 8 ring	Misfire	48X	Rabbit	45	Mike Dunn	44
Match 45	100yd S Bull 7 ring	Verlin Danner	32	Sean Dunn	31	Ron Abbott	28
Match 46	<b>Total</b>	Verlin Danner	145				
Trade Gun Match							
Match 47	25yd Dbl Buffalo	Frank Elzay	47XX	Ron Abbott	47X	Terry Crane	45
Match 48	50yd Pistol	Ron Abbott	43X	Dave Hein	42	Rabbit	40
Match 49	Clay Pigeons	Brett Smith	40	Terry Crane	30	Mike Penz	30
Match 50	<b>Total</b>	Brett Smith	124				

Agg & Match	Target	1st Place	Score
<b>Re-entries</b>		1st Only	
State Traveling	Qualifiers	Name	Score
Men	Match 51	Bruce Schwindt	50XXX
Women	Match 51	Angie Dunn	47
Junior	Match 51	Pete Hebert	42
Sub-Jr	Match 51	None	
52 Travis Bennett	50yd Fer-Du-Lac	Tony Larvie	46
Match 53	40 Cal & Under	Mike Dunn	49XX

State Tr	Name	Score
Men	Bruce Schwindt	52X
Women	Angie Dunn	40
Junior	Brooke Mason	43
Sub-Jr	None	

Match 54	58 Cal & over	Don Danner	43
Match 55	Any Cal 50yd	Mike Dunn	46X
Match 56	Women's Rifle25yd	Judy Lawrence	47
Match 57	Women's Pistol 25	Frankie Gavin	36
Match 58	Jr. 25yd Grizzly	None	
Match 59	Sub-Jr 25yd Grizzly	Skylar Erickson	47X
Match 60	Man&WomanDbIBuf	Rooster&Ginger	99XXXX
Match 61	X-sticks 50yd	Mike Dunn	46
Match 62	Any ML Rifle100yd	Misfire	48XXX
Match 63	Men's Pistol 25yd	Ned Dunn	35
Match 64	Trade Gun 50yd	Frank LZ	45
<b>Primitive</b>	Trail Walk		
1 st	<b>Saturday</b>	Charlie Morrison	
2 nd		Tony " BigHawk	
3 rd		Bill Morrison	
4 th		Dusty \$	
5 th		Big Ted	
1 st	<b>Sunday</b>	Tony " BigHawk	
2 nd		Old Hide	
3 rd		Teri Schwindt	
4 th		Jack Jacobsen	
5 th		Charlie Morrison	
Primitive Agg		Tony " BigHawk	
<b>Agg &amp; Match</b>			
		<b>Name</b>	
Men's Knife		Allen Hebert	
Men's Hawk			
Ladies Knife		Teri Schwindt	
Ladies Hawk		Frankie Gavin	
Junior Knife		Ian Corrigan	
Junior Hawk		Ian Corrigan	
Sub-Jr Knife		Kaylee Sorter	
Sub-Jr Hawk		Kaylee Sorter	

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**The lovely lake region between Paint Rock and Ten Sleep**

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Up among the pines and cedars, where the trout-filled clear lakes lie,  
There you hear the night winds sighing,  
See the homeless night birds flying,  
Hear the eerie, savage wailing of the grey wolf's hunting cry.**

**Down the slopes the creeks are rushing to the green-clad vales below,  
With a murm'ring and a whisp'ring that makes music in the ears;  
On their waves they carry treasure,  
That, with full and heaping measure,  
Fills vale and slope and meadow with the harvests of the years.**

**And the lakes above lie gleaming 'neath the shade of spruce and pine,  
For the soul that's worn and weary they hold joy, and peace and rest.  
There the woodland nymphs are singing--  
There the mountain chimes are ringing--  
There aloof, alone and wary, the eagle builds his nest.**

**On their wings the night winds carry haunting tones of harps Aeolian--  
There the fairy bands are playing, you can hear them in the trees.  
Sprites of wood and hill will greet you;  
With harp and dance they'll meet you;  
You can catch their songs and laughter in the murmur of the breeze.**

**Fairer far than fields Elysain that the Greek and Latin dreamed,  
Are the lakes along the Paint Rock and the Ten Sleep's silver stream.  
All this world has nothing fairer,  
None more beauteous, nothing rarer,  
Never aught of charm more haunting in the poet's wildest dream.**

**Let me lead you where the Paint Rock has its birth among the snows;  
Where the glaciers drowse forever in their prison walls of frost,  
For the fevered soul there's healing,  
Of life's joy a new revealing,  
They'll give you back the vigor, in the war of life, that's lost.**

**Where the Med'cine Lodge sings sweetly the song of rippling waters,  
'Mid the sagebrush and the aspens where the lovely Spratt ranch stands;  
There are fairy harpers playing,  
In their branches nodding, swaying,  
While the stream a dirge is singing for its death in ocean sands.**

**From the caves around Black Mountain are the shadowy hosts advancing--  
You can hear the rhythmic pulsing of their feet along the trail;  
    Their steel-tipped spears are gleaming,  
    At their head are green flags steaming--  
They're the exiled fairy squadrons from the land of Granuaile.**

**On the lonely Shell Creek mesa I can hear the giants marching,  
Marching where the Trapper's rushing past the vanished Red Man's sign.  
    Who this ghostly host will follow,  
    Over hill, through vale and hollow,  
Will come at last to trout streams, and the joy of rod and line.**

**Here the moonbeams shed their glory on the massive walls they builded,  
Walls of porphyry and granite by the Shell Creek's rugged head;  
    And the night winds filled with wailing,  
    Like some dirge your ears assailing,  
They're the ghostly notes of mourning for men and days long dead.**

**I've heard the chimes of Strassburg and the sweet-toned temple bells;  
I've seen the tall pagodas, and I've heard the Moslem's call;  
    But the Big Horns' charms still hold me,  
    Like some fairy cloak they fold me  
And they keep my soul forever in their strange compelling thrall.**

**Author: Joe Magill**

A few photos from Phil Nissen from the WRMLA State shoot. More posted on the web site.



Jane Black and Ed Kern



Rich and Sue Page

**WSMLA**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**RIVERTON WYOMING**  
**MAY 26, 2007**

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Ned Dunn. Members in attendance: **Ned Dunn, Carrie Gavin, Charlie Romaine, Phil Nissen, Bill Morrison, Dave Lehto, Mike Corrigan, Paula Sorter, Bryon Wilczewski, Ed Kern, Trish Miller, Mike Dunn, and Ginger Baumann.**

**Minutes:** Ginger read the minutes from January's State Board Meeting and The minutes were accepted by the board.

**Treasurers Report:** Carrie reported the following club assets:

Dave motioned to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Mike C., motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Video Library:** Charlie Romaine agreed to be our new committee chairman. Thank You!! Tony Larvie noted that the Library hasn't been used much lately. Ginger suggested having the Video Library rotated between the clubs. Each year at state convention in January, a club will take the library along with a \$150.00 allowance to fund new additions to the library for that current year.

**News Letter:** Travis Bennett resigned his position of News Letter editor due to a terminal condition. Our prayers are with him and family. Bill Morrison agreed to take over as our new editor for the news letter. Thank You !!

**Auction:** Ed would like to have an article placed in the news letters asking for auction items, and homemade pies for the state convention. He thought it would be helpful if each club member on the board solicited their clubs for such items also.



**Old Business:**

Carrie sent the State 4-H foundation a support check of \$200.00 in January. Ned received a letter of thanks acknowledging our donation.  
(See in following pages)

**New Business:**

Phil suggested that we have a "Travis Bennett" display noting the activities and accomplishments during Travis's life. Phil is talking to the family and will give update later. Dave suggested that the club should continue with the offer to pay for a room at state convention for the family the next 2 years.

Phil also suggested that we expand the display at state convention to also include an "Artist Fair" for our many talented artists and crafters within the state. This will be for display, to recognize our members and their many amazing talents.

Ginger was approached by the Fort Fetterman Days club about a demonstration of Muzzle loading shooting during their activities in August of 2008. Phil noted that our origination does not have insurance to cover a shoot hosted on an undesignated shoot site. We need to check in on insurance coverage through the individual club or State Park before shooting. Ginger will talk to Jean Blair and return with an update for the state convention in January.

The Wyoming Summer State Games, to be held in Casper, contacted Ned to inquire as to our hosting a shooting competition June 9, 2008. It would be nice to have 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place medallions. Our Casper Club member, Bryon Youngberg, will collect more details and report back to the board in January during convention.

Mike Corrigan paid the post office \$14.95 for rent on the PO Box of the WSMLA. Dave moved that Mike be reimburse for the expense, seconded by Phil motion carried.

Ned suggested that the next meeting take place at the Deer Creek shoot in Glenrock WY on June 16, 2007. Bryon made a motion to accept the date, seconded by Paula motion carried.

With no further business, Ed moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trish motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginger Baumann  
WSMLA Secretary

The Laramie River Black Powder Brigade  
& Rocky Mountain Living History Society  
Presents Third Annual

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# 2007

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**Membership Renewal Form  
Wyoming State Muzzle Loading Association**

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I wish to receive the newsletter by postal service (yes or no) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please enclose a check for \$25.00 made out to the WSMLA with the above form and send to:

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## ARTISAN'S FAIR

Several years ago for convention I arranged a gun maker's fair. Expanding on that idea, and as a tribute to the many talented folks who are the Members of the WSMLA, we are going to have a room set up at the 2008 Convention to display your handcrafted items. Please bring a couple of items you have made for everyone to see and enjoy. I will have tables set up in one of the meeting rooms. There may be some room for a few larger stand-alone items but check with me before you lug over a full sized totem pole or full-sized bronze buffalo you made last winter!

Items to display? Items that fit in with muzzle loading, buck skinning, or the historic period we are interested in. Some examples that come to mind include muzzle loading firearms of course, but also accoutrements like powder horns, shooting bags, tools, pistol presentation cases, etc. Hand crafted buckskin or leather items such as clothing articles, moccasins, bags, parfleche boxes, equestrian accessories, etc. would be great. Hand or loom woven textiles, dresses, moccasins, sashes, would be fine too. Beadwork, jewelry, knives, scrimshaw, antler art, hand forged tools, pottery, and wooden items are good too. Fine art such as oil paintings or water colors would also be most welcome if the subject matter is time period appropriate, an outdoor landscape, a portrait, or animals for example. Anything that would be of general interest to our members "fits" what to bring. Uncertain about the appropriateness of an item? Give me call (307) 235-8889, or you can email me at [stands\\_in\\_ants@yahoo.com](mailto:stands_in_ants@yahoo.com)

Not only is this an opportunity for all of us including the general public to enjoy seeing something you have proudly crafted, this fair will hopefully stimulate some latent creativity and sharing of ideas on how to fabricate or make various items. Here is the only rule: It is not the place to display your items to sell; no visible price tags will be permitted. If you want to display things to sell, buy a trade table for the weekend. If someone expresses interest in buying an item, you can certainly do that at the end of the convention when the fair is finished.

There will still be a photo contest so bring your photography for display in a separate area. We will use the same categories as in previous years; scenery and wildlife, hunting and shooting, camp life, and humorous. Photos can be B & W or color and should be 8" x 10" and mounted. Photos can also be matted but should not be framed.

Phil Nissen



# The Wyoming State 4-H Foundation

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January 24, 2007

Dear Wyoming State Muzzle Loaders,

Thank you for your continued support of the Wyoming 4-H Program. With your donation, you support the largest after-school youth development organization in Wyoming.

Many of the 4-H youth are in 4-H to learn, have fun, and compete. All three are important in the development of a well rounded child. When you make a donation to support a 4-H award or competition, you are actually contributing to the development of Wyoming's 4-H youth. When you attend a county fair and/or state fair you see only the end result of the 4-H project year, however in 4-H the journey and educational experiences undertaken are more important than the final outcome. The knowledge and skills gained on this journey are what makes a quality 4-H member and over time these experiences develop them into capable, caring, and competent adults.

Once again we encourage you to "Partner" with us and continue being a 4-H Donor by investing in the development of our 4-H youth. The attached 4-H Donor Agreement, which also serves as a bill or invoice, shows how you helped last year and we invite you to continue your support by matching or making an even larger contribution for the upcoming 4-H year. Also, enclosed for your convenience is a pre-addressed envelope. A prompt reply will ensure that you are properly recognized in the 2007 Contest and Awards Manual and the 2007 Wyoming State Fair Premium catalog, which are distributed statewide.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please call the Wyoming State 4-H Foundation at (307) 766-2528.

Sincerely,

Steve Mack, Director  
Wyoming State 4-H Foundation

Enclosures: *Donor Agreement*  
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P.S. Please keep one copy of the Donor Agreement for your records.

*"To Make the Best Better"*



**More Pictures from the Wyoming State Shoot. May 25-27, 2007. Thank you Carry Gavin**



Phil Nissen with his Travis Bennett rifle.



Bryan Youngberg proudly showing his Bennett rifle.



Angie Dunn, Connie Thomas and Frankie Gavin dressed for dinner.



Proud Grandma with Brooke



Will the real Rendez-Claus please stand up?



The Archibald's.

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