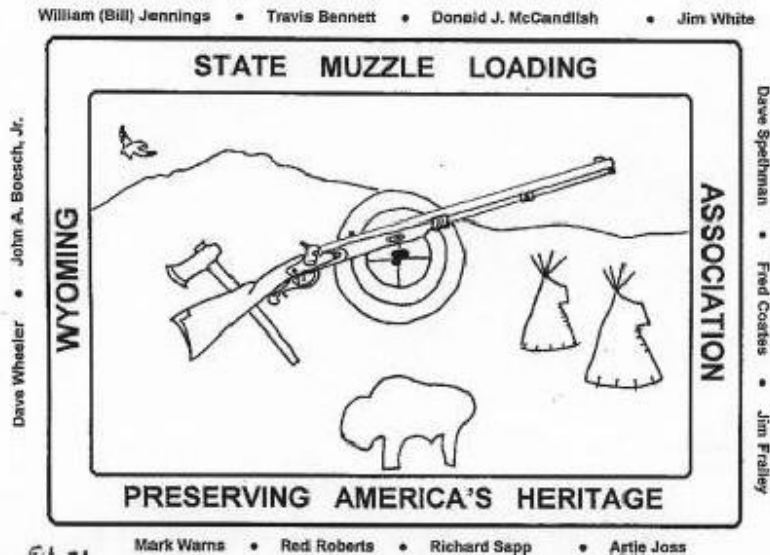


Wyoming State Muzzleloader Association's News

December, 2017



December 2017, already. Winter is here and old man winter promises to be a cold, snowy one. I'd like to wish each and every one of you and your families a very Merry Christmas, and a great 2018 New Year.

With the new year approaching, I would like to invite all of you to the Wyoming State Muzzle Loaders Rendezvous and Trader's Fair. This year the date is a little bit earlier, so be aware of the date: It will be held January 5, 6, and 7th, 2018, at the Ramkota Hotel in Casper. There will be entertainment, seminars, photo contests, trading, dinner, dancing, comedy, and you can even swap tall tales, and catch up with old friends. If you have any questions, feel free to give Trish Miller a call, at (307) 234-6591. The Rendezvous is free and open to the public. Hope to see you there.

If you have news to share, please contact me at WsmlaNews@gmail.com, so I can put it in the upcoming newsletters. So until the spring newsletter, Happy Shooting and stay warm. -Sandy-

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Hi Wyoming Muzzleloaders:

I hope everyone was successful on your fall hunts and have some great memories. We had our daughter, son in-law and the 2 grand girls at our house for Thanksgiving. We plan on going down to Cheyenne for Christmas so grandma can spoil the girls before they head to Alaska in February. Our son in law is in the Army and he is going to be stationed at Wainwright Army Base.

The annual WSMLA State Rendezvous and Trader's Convention is coming up next early next month January 5-7, 2017, at the Ramkota hotel in Casper, WY. It is a couple of weeks early due to the hotel forgetting we booked another week end. Due to their mistake they have lowered the room rates to \$65.00 per night.

The Annual Convention promises to be as fun and entertaining as always. We will have a picture contest so please bring any pictures you have, rules should be found in this newsletter. Magic Johnson is in charge of the picture contest. Plan to attend the seminars. If you have something you want to present at a seminar please call Trish and she will get you on the agenda. Take time to visit the trader's floor for some unique items. Friday evening is the annual potluck starting at 5:00 pm. Then on Saturday after spending the day on the traders floor, seminars and our annual Association meeting, you can kick up your heels with Swing Sounds after the dinner. The annual auction is also scheduled so bring in those wonderful items to support the WSMLA association. Be sure to save a little of your Christmas money for the auction.

All members should plan on attending the annual meeting; this is where the business of WSMLA is done. Your attendance is needed to conduct this business. We will have a couple of drawings for those in attendance. We have 4 board members that have terms expiring they are Katelyn Vaporis, Ed Kern, Bruce Schwint and Melissa Connely. If you want to see this organization continue please consider becoming involved on the WSMLA board.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the annual WSMLA convention. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year; along with safe travels.

Bill Morrison

WYOMING STATE MUZZLE LOADERS STATE RENDEZVOUS & TRADERS' FAIR

JANUARY 5, 6 & 7 2018

FREE ADMISSION AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Ramkota Hotel****CASPER, WYOMING

Henry says to follow him to
the rendezvous Jan. 5, 6 & 7,
2018 at the Ramkota Hotel
in Casper!



- *Enjoy the items &
history
of the 1800's
- *Entertainment
- *Seminars
- *Photo Contest
- *Trading
- *Dancing
- *Dinner
- *Comedy
- *Eating some more
- *Swap tall tales
- *Catch up with old & new
friends
- *Enjoy yourself
- *Have a week-end away

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or RamkotaCasper.com

Wyoming State Muzzle Loaders Rendezvous and Traders Fair Photo Contest:

2018 WSMLA Photo Contest

The Wyoming State Muzzle Loading Association will feature a photo contest at State Convention in Casper on Saturday January 6th, 2018. This event is open to all members and your participation is encouraged.

Categories:

- A. **Humorous** - Relating to our sport
 - B. **Shooting/Hunting** - black powder target shooting or hunting
 - C. **Camp Life/Portraiture** - rendezvous, primitive camps, people
 - D. **Scenery/Nature** - a picturesque view or landscape/wildlife
 - E. **Captioned Photos** - photos submitted with a phrase or saying attached to them
- **If your photo does not quite fit one of the above categories, we will, with your help place it into one anyway.

Who may enter: Any paid up member and their immediate family

Rules:

*Photos must be enlarged to 8 X 10 and matted. Digital photos are acceptable but Xerox copies and pictures that are framed will not be allowed. This is to make it fair to all participants. Please try to have your photos turned in at the photo contest table by 10:30 A.M. on Saturday January 6th. Remember, the earlier you have it on display, the more time people will have for voting on your entry. Limit of three photos per category per person.

Awards:

- * 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes will be awarded in each category.
- * 1st prize in each division will be \$ 15.00 in Trader Bucks
- * 2nd prize in each division will be \$10.00 in Trader Bucks
- * 3rd prize in each division will be \$5.00 in Trader Bucks
- * A grand prize for best photo overall will be awarded \$25.00 in Trader Bucks

****These Trader bucks will only be valid for this year's convention**

Judges:

All members (including family) will be allowed to vote during the viewing period on Saturday. You will vote for one photo per category plus the best of show. Judging will be closed at 3:00 p.m. to allow for a count of the ballots. Prizes will be awarded during the auction. Photos may be auctioned off at the owner's discretion. If you have any questions about the photo contest, please feel free to contact Mike Johnson, at (307) 265-3256.

Upcoming Events from around the State.

THE George Walker Winter Challenge Shoot

Plan on attending the George Walker Winter Challenge Shoot.

When: Date to be announced at the general meeting at convention.

Where: At the Deer Creek Muzzle Loaders Range near Glenrock.

Rules: Set up a team of five men or three women. Women can be on a man's team, but men cannot be on a woman's team. Come out and shoot all weekend. The top three men's and women's teams will place and be awarded medallions. Junior's are also encouraged to participate.

So come join in all the fun, come out enjoy the people, enjoy the competition, eat some great food, shoot some powder, get dirty, and have a great time.

Camping is available for the weekend on the range.

For complete rules, and for more information, call Trish Miller at (307) 234-6591, or Shawn Rothmeyer, at (307) 267-4879.

Flyer to follow.

The Big Hon Bench Match

Held - August 13 & 14, 2910 At The Powell Rod & Gun Club

Powell, Wyoming

Great weekend of shooting. Best weather ever enjoyed by 15 shooters who descended on the Powell Rod & Gun Club for some real good shooting, and food. 5 rifle targets; 50, 75, 100, 150 & 200 were awarded with metals. One 50 yd. Pistol Target also awarded with metals. Then a RE-entry was shot for a competitive score separate from the Aggregate. All Re-entry Money was paid back in cash awards.

Aggregate winners;

<u>Pistol</u>	<u>50 Yd.</u>	<u>75 yd.</u>	<u>100 yd.</u>
1 st Sean Dunn 72	1 st Misfire 40	1 st Dunn 39	1 st Misfire 33
2 nd Royal 66	2 ⁿ Sean Dunn 35	2 nd Bill Morrison 35	2 nd Royal 31
3 rd Ned Dunn 65	3 rd Lisa Marchant 30	3 rd Mike Gams 33	3 ^r d Ethen Kolacny 30

<u>150 yd.</u>	<u>200 yd.</u>
1 st Misfire 21	1 st Sean Dunn 32
2 nd Ned Dunn 20	2 nd Florida 20
	3 rd Bill Morrison 18

Re-entry;

<u>Pistol</u>	<u>50 yd.</u>	<u>75 yd</u>	<u>100 yd.</u>
1 st Sean Dunn 48	1 st Rich 19+	1 st Misfire 28	1 ^s Sean Dunn 23
2 nd Ned Dunn 40	2 nd Misfire 19	2 nd Bob Florida 17+	2 ⁿ Rich 10
3 rd Bill Morrison 27	3 rd Bill Morrison 17	3 rd Rich Wormington 17	3 ^r Ned Dunn 6

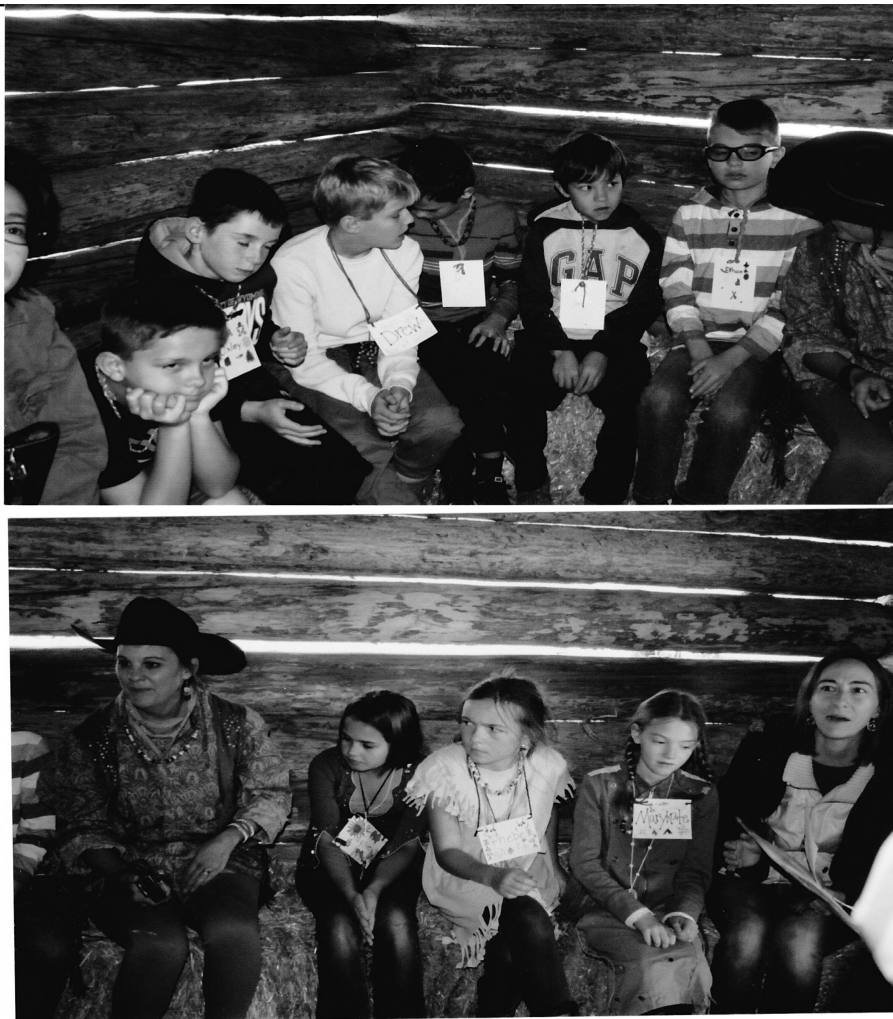
<u>150 yd.</u>	<u>200 yd.</u>
1 st Ned Dunn 5	1 st Misfire 26

Mike Gams won The Scoped class

CLUBS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL:

What is your club doing? Send me pictures, stories, and articles on what your local club is doing and I will publish it in the newsletter.

On October 25, 2017, Jim and Trish Miller, Shawn Rothmeyer, and Sandy Ladwig , with Deer Creek Muzzle Loaders went to the Historic Trails Center in Casper, to teach fourth graders about the history of the black powder gun. The children absolutely loved the hands on experience, and the parents of the children even were more interested than the fourth graders.



The fourth graders were taught the parts of a black powder gun, and why it is called a muzzle loader. They were taught how the muzzle loader can either be a flint lock or a percussion, and what the difference is between a pistol and a revolver. But most of all they were taught gun safety, and to not touch an unattended gun. What fun they had.

The Historic Trails Center



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Don't forget our upcoming events:

January 5th, 6th, and 7th: Wyoming State Muzzle Loaders State Rendezvous and Traders Fair. Ramkota Hotel (307) 266-6000. Call Trish Miller for details, at (307) 234-6591.

February: George Walker Winter Challenge, at the Arnold's Range near Glenrock. Call Trish Miller at (307) 234-6591, or Shawn Rothmeyer at (307) 267-4879, for more details.

If anyone has a shoot flyer or an event that you know that is coming up please contact me, so I can put the information in the newsletter. You can contact me at WsmlaNews@gmail.com.