

WYOMING STATE MUZZLE LOADERS ASSOCIATION

May 2013

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Letter from the President:

HI Fellow Muzzleloaders:

Maybe, just maybe, we will finally get some spring weather. The last couple of weekends have been nice in between the snow storms. I think the Big Horn Basin was the only place in Wyoming that was covered with snow all winter long, so I am looking forward to the warmer weather and getting out and attending some of the activities the various Muzzle loading clubs and Rendezvous have planned this summer.

We have already held the Buffalo Gong Shoot at Ten Sleep. Typical weather for the Buffalo shoot nice on Saturday and then gale force winds and cold on Sunday. We had a good turnout for the shoot; however, I think the weather kept a few people away. We held what I guess would be the 2nd annual Smoothbore Trap and Skeet shoot at the Worland Gun Club Range on, April 27th 2013. It was a resounding success. Weather was about as nice as anyone could ask for in Wyoming. We had 12 shooters and a lot of spectators. I am really glad to see enthusiasm that LZ is putting forth to start a new event for Wyoming muzzleloaders. Story will follow elsewhere in Newsletter.

Here are some upcoming events to look forward to in 2013. The Ed Green Memorial Shoot will be held May 10-12, 2013 at Sheridan. This is a very unique event that is catered to everyone, lots of kid activities, Quail walk, trail walk, paper targets, Buffalo shoot, archery and the evil grizzly bear shoot. Then the Wind River Muzzleloaders hosts the annual Memorial weekend shoot May 24-27, 2013 at Riverton. This event will have the full agenda of paper targets, primitive walk, hawk and knife throwing contests and Calcutta shoot on Monday. Then the WSMLA shoot is sponsored by the Deer Creek Muzzleloaders this year and will be held at their range at Glenrock on June 14-16, 2013. Because this is the state shoot, all of the state matches will be shot along with a real tough primitive match, hawk and knife throwing. All of these clubs go all out for hosting great events; I encourage everyone to support the other clubs in the states. The best part of all of the shoots is the pot luck dinners and the camaraderie of being with others who are also interested in supporting muzzle loading.

Our next board meeting is scheduled for noon May 26, 2013 at the Wind River Memorial weekend shoot. We will be taking action on any applications for financial support from clubs. The Wyoming State Muzzleloader Board has agreed to spend up to \$2,500.00 promoting the sport of muzzle loading in Wyoming. For example, if a club needs financial help to promote a new activity, or a new club needs help to get started or a club just needs financial assistance for their insurance, then the club can apply for assistance. Do you have something special your club wants to do to attract new members? The WSMLA board will be accepting applications for financial support up until the board meeting on May 26th, 2013. You can send a letter to a board member or you are welcome to present your applicant in person as long as the board is notified ahead of time. Please contact your local board member for more information.

There are a lot of events scheduled in Wyoming this spring and summer. Remember to send me the shoot fliers and I will get them posted on the state website; <http://www.wyomingmuzzleloaders.com> I look forward to seeing everyone at the various events.

Keep your powder dry! Bill Morrison

Wad's Up?

2nd Annual Wyoming Smoothbore Skeet and Trap

The 2nd Annual Wyoming Smoothbore Skeet and Trap shoot was held April 27, 2013 at the Worland Gun Club Range. LZ was in charge of explaining everything to everyone about what the trap and skeet shooting was all about. LZ brought about 10 smoothbores and all the fixings for shooting shotguns. We had 12 shooters, several were new to shooting black powder shot guns and several were still novices like me. We also had a few that actually knew what they were doing. (Show offs☺) We had quite a few people who showed up to watch the action, a few of the spectators even got in and took a couple of shots. I was really glad to see Don Olsen's son, Dave Olsen and grandson Keith Olsen show up with grandpa's shotguns ready to bust some birds. Ned Dunn was in charge of scoring targets, Jeannie was in charge of signing everyone up and providing bucking bronco numbers for our backs.

We shot 2 rounds of trap, 10 shots each round or 2 shots per position. We shot trap from 10 yards. High score on the trap range was Frank Elzey (LZ) with 10 of 10, Jerry Ashley 9 of 10, and Ben Elzey with 7 of 10. We then took a brief lunch which Kathi Morrison provided Sloppy Joe's, baked beans, potato salad, chips, brownies and tea; we were ready to go at it again. A few people had to finish their second round of trap and then we moved over to the skeet range.

Skeet shooting is real tough if you don't practice this a lot. I have decided that my hand-to-eye coordination is severely lacking☺. A couple of times I am sure one eye was watching the bird and the other was watching the shotgun, unfourtunely they didn't seem to match. ☹ A few times I was looking around to see where the bird went, heck I didn't even see it let alone get a shot off.

We shot 16 shots in the Skeet shooting, 2 shots from each position, 1 high house and 1 low house. High Scores on the skeet range were Jerry Ashley with 12 of 16, LZ with 11 of 16 and Bret Smith of 10 of 16. Bret Smith has a new English pointer dog. Really pretty dog and appears to be very well trained. The dog was trying to retrieve clay pigeons. It is nice to see a well trained dog work.

After we finished shooting the consensus was this was a whole of lot of fun and everyone wants to turn this into an annual shoot. The Worland Gun Range is a great trap range, location is kind of central for everyone. We had shooters from Billings, Sheridan, Buffalo, Powell, Cody, Lander and Worland.

Nick Nickelson, with the Worland Gun Club, donated some black powder as a prize along with paying for some newspaper ads in the Worland paper. A few others, including myself, donated prizes. A great time was had by everyone. A big thank you goes to my wife, Kathi, for cooking up a lunch fixings, Ned Dunn for scoring, LZ for providing the fixings for loading shot guns and explaining the rules. We are looking forward to trying it again next spring.

Scores for Skeet Shoot 16 possible

Shooter	Score	Placing
LZ	11	2nd
Jerry	12	1st
Bret	10	3rd
Ben	5	
Lindsay	4	
Keith	7	
Nick	5	
Tony	5	
Bill	3	
Al	5	
Rich	5	
Dave	5	

Scores for Trap Shoot 10 possible

Jerry	9	10	2nd
Bret	6	4	
Al	4	3	
Ben	6	7	3rd
Tony	3	4	
Rich	6	4	
Lindsay	5		
Nick	6	2	
LZ	8	10	1st
Dave O	3		
Bill	4	6	
Keith O	2		

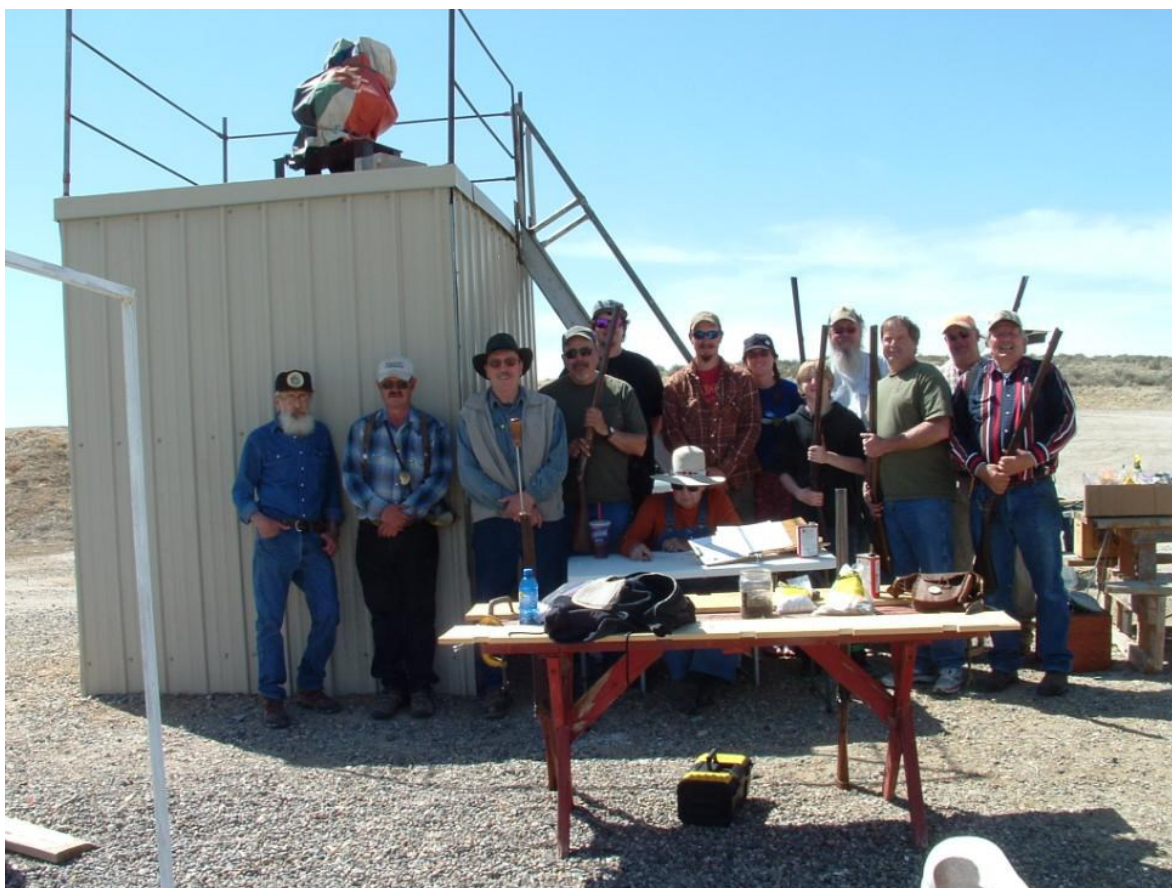


Re-loading, shooting, trying to score all at the same time!



Images of the Skeet
and Trap Shoot.

Lindsay Washkoviak bringing home supper☺
LZ and Ben have to get their own supper!



Participants in the smoothbore match.

Winter Challenge 2013



Fun was had by all!



A little snow but a beautiful day.

The competition was tough.





The 6th ED GREEN MEMORIAL RIFLE FROLIC

May 10th, 11th & 12th Sheridan, WY

DOGS MUST BE ON LEASH ! NO HORSES

Cost \$20.00 for entire weekend - cost covers family

Shooting starts at Noon on Friday

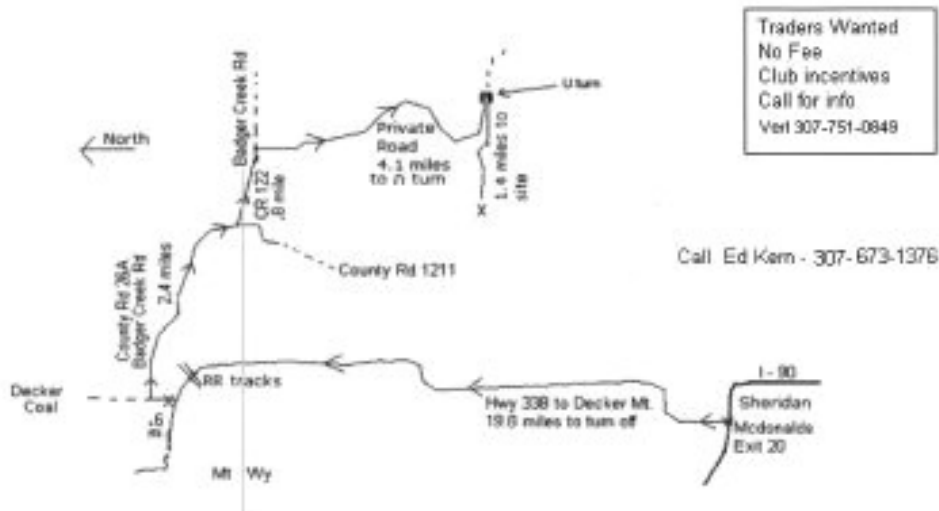
ALL - Shapes, Sizes, Ugly or Pretty of Black Powder Rifles, Shotguns, Smoothbores, Pistols - WELCOME

PRIMITIVE AND TIN TEPEE CAMP - FIREWOOD ON SITE - BRING DRINKING WATER

Paper Matches
Primitive Matches
Pistol Match
Hawk & Knife
Fire Starting
Archery - traditional bows
Lots of Kids events

Quail walk - any smoothbore
Smoothbore Match - any smoothbore
Longrange Match - BP Cartridge - muzzleloader - Bring X-sticks
Runnin' Grizz Match
Trail Walk
Womens Challenge

Sat. Evening HOG ROAST - free, donations welcome, Side dishes welcome - By Oscar Rucki



Submit your flyers, photos, stories and more by June 15th to be included into the July Newsletter.

Email to Melissa Connely, mconnely@caspercollege.edu



Come to the Popo Agie July 3rd—7th 2013

Please join the 1838 Rendezvous Association in celebrating the
17th Anniversary of the Rendezvous on the Wind River.

Authentic Trapper or Horse Camp \$25

Authentic Trader Fee \$50 (or \$50 in prizes)

“Tin Teepee” (modern camp) \$25

We are a “teaching” Rendezvous and focus on authenticity and offering seminars in skills and history related to the Mountain man era. We offer primitive Black Powder Shooting Matches, Tomahawk/Knife throws, Nightly Council Fire, Daily Seminars, Trader’s Row, and much, much more!

For more information, news, discussions and updates: Check us out on Facebook or go to www.1838rendezvous.com. Or please contact: Mike “Numbers” Lewis, Booshway d_tumbleweed@hotmail.com or 307-438-1152 or Rich “Smoking Hawk” Lechner, Segundo rlechner49@gmail.com or call 307-349-4327.

Father's Day Weekend
June 14, 15, and 16

State Shoot
Hosted by the Deer Creek Muzzleloaders

Arnold Memorial DCML Range, Glenrock Wyoming.

Food, Fun, Friends. What more could you ask?

See you there.

Registration is \$5 per person with a \$20 max per family. All matches are \$2.00 including the aggregate and re-entry. A fine dinner included with your registration will be provided Saturday around 6pm or whenever Dane and Brian says it's done. It'll be the same rules as last year. 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 9flint or percussion), women's Aggregate, Junior Aggregate (age 12-15), Sub-Junior Aggregate (under age 12), Trade Gun Aggregate (must be smoothbore with no rear sight), Men's Pistol aggregate (one hand hold only), women's Pistol Aggregate 9may use two hand hold).

Re-entry Matches

Primitive Matches

Trade Gun Clays

Ladies Rifle Salute

Hawk and Knife Matches

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

For more information, contact: Dane Sorter (307) 333-2709

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Wind River Muzzle Loader' s
2013 Memorial Day Shoot
May 24, 25, 26, & 27
Riverton, Wyoming

- Evening Council Fire/Activities
 - Meal Ticket: \$5 per person or \$15 per family
 - Saturday Night Feed starts at 5pm
 - Meat provided, side dishes welcome
- Paper and Primitive Shoots
- Men, Women, Junior and Sub-junior
- Hawk Knife Throw
- Kid Games

Calcutta Match will be at 10am on Monday, May 27th with the
auction beginning at 9 am.

TIN TEEPEE AND PRIMITIVE CAMP

Wood available—bring your own water and ice

For More Information, Write:

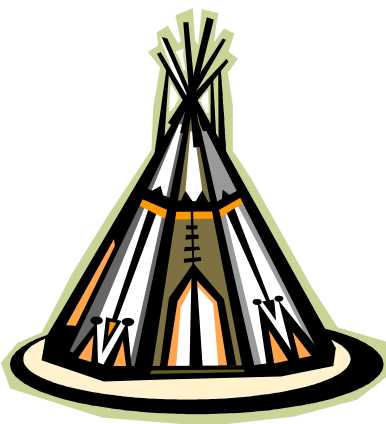
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BY-LAWS
Wyoming State Muzzle Loading Association, Inc.
ARTICLE I
NAME

Section 1 Name

The name of this Corporation shall be the Wyoming State Muzzle Loading Association, Inc. The Corporation is also commonly known as the WSMLA.

ARTICLE II
OBJECT

Section 1 Object

The object of this corporation shall be to encourage and advance organized shooting of muzzle loading firearms and to promote higher standards of sportsmanship, safety, and good fellowship among those who participate in such sport.

ARTICLE III
MEMBERS

Section 1 Admission to Membership

Any individual and/or his/her family residing in a common household may acquire a Membership of their own upon payment of dues established by the Members, unless he or she is disapproved by the Board of Directors.

Section 2 Certificates of Membership

The Corporation shall issue cards evidencing Membership in the Corporation to each Member.

Section 3 Membership Dues

Membership dues shall be due and payable on/before the annual meeting of the Members. Annual Membership dues shall be \$25 if the Member chooses to receive his/her newsletter via electronic delivery and \$35 if the Member chooses to receive his/her newsletter via mail delivery (hard copy). Members who are in arrears at the time of the annual meeting of the Members shall have voting rights suspended and be barred from further rights and privileges of Membership. Members who are still in arrears 30 days after the annual meeting of the General Membership shall be automatically dropped from Membership in the Corporation until such time that all dues owed to the Corporation are paid current.

Section 4 Membership Classes

Membership Classes in the Corporation are as follows:

A) Regular Membership

Any paid Member who does not fall under a different Membership Class shall be considered a Regular Member of the Corporation.

B) Charter Membership

Original Charter Members of the Corporation shall receive a free Life Membership which shall include their annual Membership dues and subscription to the Corporation's newsletter. (January 2012)

C) Membership for Military

Any active Military Service person will be allowed a free electronic membership. This shall be applied for yearly, with the presentation of an active military card. (January 2010)

D) 65 and Over

Members over 65 years of age at the time of renewal shall receive a 20% discount on their annual membership. (January 1996)

E) Junior and Sub-Junior Membership

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Juniors and Sub-Juniors shall receive a free electronic membership. This shall be applied for yearly. (January 2012)

F) Life Membership (no longer available for purchase as of January 1996)

A Life Membership may be presented to a Member of the Corporation with a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS

Section 1 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Members shall be held in January in Casper, Wyoming with the exact time and place to be designated by the Board of Directors. The purpose of the annual meeting shall be to elect Directors and for the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting. Notice of the time and place of the annual meeting shall be posted in the Corporation's newsletter no less than 90 days prior to the meeting.

Section 2 Voting

Each member in good standing shall have one vote to be cast in person and not by proxy. All Members shall have the right to attend and be heard.

Section 3 Quorum

Presence of twenty (20) Members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Membership.

Section 4 Order of Business

The order of business at all meetings of the Members and the Board of Directors shall be as follows:

- A) Call to Order
- B) Roll
- C) Reading and Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting
- D) Reports of Officers and Standing Committees
- E) Reports of Special Committees
- F) Filling of Vacancies
- G) Guest Speakers
- H) Election of Directors or Officers (Board of Directors meeting only)
- I) Unfinished Business
- J) New Business
- K) Time/Place of Next Meeting (Board of Directors meeting only)
- L) Adjournment

ARTICLE V

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 Number, Tenure, and Qualification

The business, property, and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by an elected Board of Directors composed of twelve (12) members of the Corporation who shall hold office for a term of three (3) years. Four (4) Directors will be elected each year at the annual meeting of the Members. The immediate Past President may continue to serve on the Board in an advisory capacity if his/her elected term as a Director ends with his/her term as President. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the election of a Director to succeed himself/herself. The election of Directors shall be by secret ballot. The term of each Director shall commence immediately upon his/her election.

Section 2 Regular Meetings

Meetings of the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall last no longer than two (2) hours and shall be as follows:

- 1) The location of the Annual Convention
 - a) Friday at 7pm
 - b) Sunday at 8am
- 2) Riverton, WY; Memorial Day Shoot
 - a) Sunday at noon
- 3) The location of the annual competition
 - a) Saturday at noon

The exact location of the Meetings shall be determined by the President.

Section 3 Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Corporation's Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the President or any seven (7) Directors. Notice of the time, place and purpose of such special meetings shall be communicated in writing to each Director at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of such special meeting.

Section 4 Vacancies

Vacancies in the Board of Directors shall be filled by a majority vote of the Directors at any meeting of the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 5 Quorum

Presence of fifty percent (50%) of the Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 6 Internal Affairs

The internal affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS

Section 1 Officers

The Officers of the Corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Section 2 Election and Tenure

The Officers of the Corporation shall be elected annually by and from the Members of the Board of Directors at the Sunday morning meeting of the Board during the annual Convention. New offices may be created and filled at any meeting of the Board. Each Officer shall hold office until his/her successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified. The President shall not serve more than two (2) years consecutively.

Section 3 Removal

Any Officer elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed for any cause deemed sufficient by the Board by a three-fourths vote of the Members of the Board; provided that such Officer and all Directors shall have been served with a written notice of the accusations against him/her and of the time and place of the meeting at which such Officer shall be given an opportunity to produce his/her witnesses, if any, and to be heard. Such notice shall be served at least fifteen (15) days prior to the time of the meeting.

Section 4 Vacancies

A vacancy in any Office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, may be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 5 President

The President shall be the principal Executive Officer of the Corporation and shall in general, supervise and control all the business and affairs of the Corporation and shall preside at all meetings.

Section 6 Vice-President

In absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President.

Section 7 Secretary

The Secretary shall keep Minutes of all the meetings and take care of correspondence as directed by the President or Board of Directors.

Section 8 Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have custody of all Corporation funds and shall be responsible for the collection of dues. He/she shall disperse funds of the Corporation only by checks signed by him/her. He/she shall report the financial status of the Corporation at each regular meeting and special meeting and shall keep, in books belonging to the Corporation, full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements.

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

Section 1 Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended at any annual meeting of the Members by a vote of a majority of the Members present. Proposed amendments to these By-Laws will be presented to the Members in writing in the Corporation's newsletter a minimum of 60 days prior to the annual meeting of the Members.

ARTICLE VIII PARLIAMENTARY

Section 1 Parliamentary Authority to govern Corporation

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (current edition) shall govern the Corporation in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-laws and any special rules the Corporation may adopt.

ARTICLE IX CORPORATION SPONSORED EVENTS

Section 1 Events Sponsored by the Corporation

Events sponsored by the Corporation such as, but not limited to, the Annual Convention and Corporation Sanctioned Shooting Matches, shall be governed by the WSMLA Policies and Procedures. These Policies and Procedures may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

(These bylaws were approved by the voting members at the Convention 2013)

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Important Dates

April

May

Sheridan Ed Green Memorial May 10, 11, 12
Memorial Day State Shoot May 24-27

June

State Shoot (DCML) June 14, 15, 16
June 15th, Newsletter deadline

July

1838 Rendezvous July 3-7
RMNR July 12-20th

August

BHB Primitive Aug 2, 3, 4
Sheridan Bench Shoot Aug 10 and 11
Aug 15th Newsletter deadline

September

Pie Shoot Labor Day Weekend

October

Oct. 15th Newsletter deadline

November

Lander Valley Sports Assoc. Turkey Nov 24

December

Dec 15th Newsletter deadline
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January

State Convention Jan 24-26