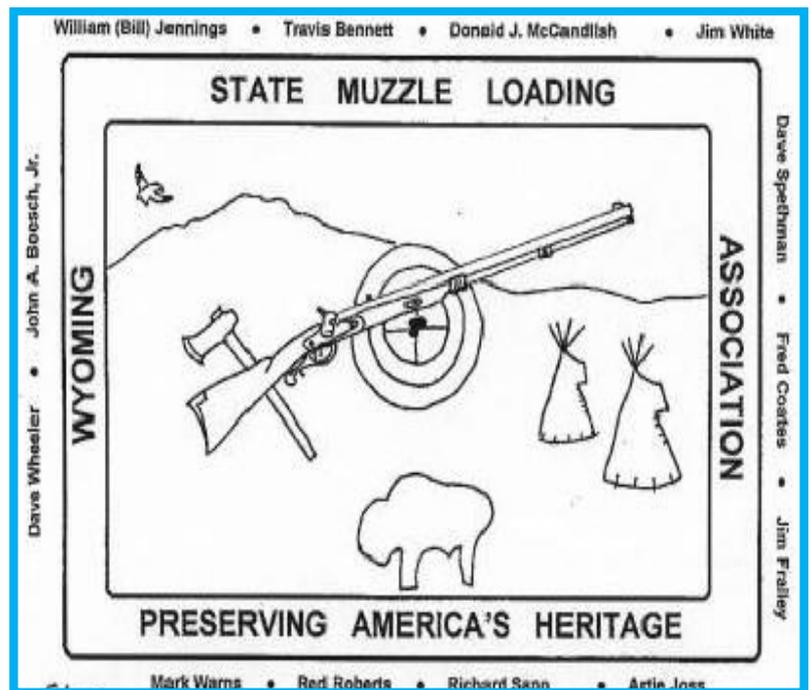


Wyoming State Muzzleloader Association News

March, 2023



Melissa Connely



President's Letter

Howdy,

Well, they say no good deed goes unpunished. So, while I was filling in for LZ at the Board meetings during the convention, someone (Crystal) decided I might as well continue.

All jokes aside, it is an honor to serve as the President of the Board for WSMLA.

First, I would like to thank Frank Elzay for his double term as president. Frank did a fabulous job and I have some big shoes to fill. I would also like to thank all the other board members, past and present, for their support and dedication. Second, I would like to welcome two new Board Members, Jeramiah Cash and Ace Redman.

The Convention did fairly well in spite of the bad weather. We had some great traders and I managed to spend all my walking-around-money. It was fun to talk to everyone who was able to visit, but I sure did miss many of you who could not attend. Unfortunately, because of the weather and attendance rate, we are down on our membership income. Please send in your annual membership dues as soon as you can.

There were some suggestions and many discussions on how to proceed this coming year. One proposal was to change the Memorial Day Board Meeting to a variable date decided on by the Board so that we can distribute the meeting time throughout the year. This was approved by the General Assembly but was tabled until next year. Because this will be a By-laws change, we will need to publish this change in the newsletter and vote on it next January. Please read the proposed change in this newsletter.

Finally, I would like to invite you to reach out if you have any questions, thoughts, ideas, suggestions, and/or other comments. My number and email address are posted with the list of Board Members. I would love to hear from you.

Stay warm, stay safe, and keep your powder dry.

Melissa Connely

2023 DCML WINTER CHALLENGE RESULTS

GLENROCK, WY

WINTER CHALLENGE SCORES 2023													
	FUE DE LAC	BOTTLES	6-BULL	5 BULL BUFF	6 BULL SLUG	DBLBULL BUFF	ISGL BULL BUFF	SNGL BULL BUFF	PISTOL	SNGL BULL	200	TOTAL SCORE	TEAM SCORE
Men													
Shawn R	39	30	25	11	26	17	21	16	27	16	35	247	
Dane S	43	30	26	28	43	44x	10	15	22	15	0	261x	
Wayne S	23	8	36	9	18	24	8	0	21	0	8	155	
Jim M	33	20	35	19	10	23	5	0	24	0	0	169	
Brian C	34	23	41	5	19	7	8	8	18	8	6	169	
												3RD PLACE	1001x
Bryon Y	32	37	37	17	35	36	19	27	40	27	6	286	
Vern F	37	18	36	28x	33	18	11	0	34	0	9	224x	
Tim F	41	14	33	36	26	35	22	5	29	5	22	263	
Burt	39	27	39	13	36x	27	13	0	26	0	7	227x	
Marco S	44	22	21	21	18x	24	8	13	25	13	0	196x	
												1ST PLACE	1196xxx
Gary M	47xx	25	42	12	35	41	11	36	34	36	0	283xx	
Steve K	32	28	37	15	10	25	8	5	23	5	21	204	
Josh S	39	30	38	18	17	42	14	12	16	12	0	226	
Gary G	42	28	33	5	8	22	5	0	7	0	0	150	
Dave K	39	27	31	10	16	26x	8	15	21	15	0	193x	
												2ND PLACE	1056xxx
Magic J	24	31	11	13	8	26	19	15	11	15	0	158	
Donald	22	27	28	5	27	43x	6	9	5	9	0	172x	
												4TH PLACE	330x
Sub Juniors													
Anders F	22	16		33		71							
Women													
Melissa C	38	25	25	39x	26	39	14	0	26	0	0	232x	
Trish M	33	18	33	6	0	33	0	11	0	11	0	134	
Paula S	20	8	23	6	18	23	0	0	0	0	0	98	
Kaylee O	35	11	23	16	17	7	0	9	12	9	0	129	
Crystal G	29	32	21	19	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	119	
Sandy L	34	20	10	14	8	17	0	0	0	0	0	103	

DEER CREEK MUZZLELOADERS WINTER CHALLENGE 2023

Photos by Trish and Jim Miller



Saturday was a busy day at the range.

L to R shooters are Brian, Steve, Magic and Tim.



Middle picture-Trish taking aim
And Wayne taking a look.

Bottom:

Sandy , left and Paula

FROM DCML PRESIDENT SHAWN R.

Thanks to all of those that came out to Winter Challenge. It was a great weekend
Thanks to Wayne for dozing the range out so we could shoot and for the great job
on the shoot medallions.

Thanks to the ladies for running the tent and to Trish and Melissa for the first,
second and third place medallions that you spent and evening making

Thanks to Bryan for doing all the scoring. Thanks to everyone else that helped set
up the range and tents and to those who helped tear down the tents and range.

We had some great boothways that ran the range as well. Thanks to everyone that
helped and to everyone who participated in Winter Challenge.

Shawn

STATE WIDE SHOOT SCHEDULE 2023

- April 21-23 Trap & Skeet Shoot in Worland.*
- May 26-29 State Shoot in Riverton over the Memorial Day Weekend.*
- June 9-11 Deer Creek Muzzle Loaders Two-Day Shoot.*
- June-July 1838 June 28—July 2 in Riverton .*
- July 7-14 Rocky Mountain National Rendezvous near Montrose, CO*
- July 21-23 Sierra Madre Rendezvous in Encampment*
- August 25-27 Bench Shoot in Powell (Dates not final. May change)*
- September 24 Pie Shoot in Sheridan*
- Sept. 8-10 Shotgun Shoot in Worland*
- November Turkey shoots at various clubs*
- January 26-28 2024 WSMLA Convention*

**SNAPSHOTS FROM WSMLA CONVENTION
JANUARY 27-29, 2023 IN CASPER**



APRIL BLACK POWDER SHOTGUN SHOOT IN WORLAND TRAP, SKEET, CARTRIDGE MATCHES

Shotgun Shoot

Due to overwhelming demand we are keeping the original April Shot Gun Shoot. It will be held on April 21-23.

This shoot will be in addition to the September shoot. Instead of 20 dollars registration it will be 10 dollars and still \$3.00 per round.

Lunch will be on your own, but this could change.

Same shooting program as always. One new match - black powder cartridge skeet.

No awards- just bragging rights.

Can be canceled because of the weather.

Any questions, please call Frank Elzay (307) 332-4665

The National Muzzleloading Rifle Assoc. has a 3 year membership for a 2 year price. This is happening right now and is an excellent deal. If you are currently a member this will add on to your membership. If you are interested contact me (Frank Elzay)(307)332-4465.

Thanks,

Frank

Nowood Black Powder Cartridge Mat

Twenty Seventh Annual

April 14th & 15th 2023

Hosted by the Big Horn Basin Muzzleloaders

nowoodgongmatch@gmail.com

In Memory of George Sinn & Mike Cash

No Food Service

Where?

The Big Horn Basin Muzzleloader range located between TenSleep and Hyattville, on the Brewster Ranch.

Rifles and Loads?

Any single shot rifle or replica in the spirit of the era(Late 1800 to early 1900).
Any lever action rifles in this same period (Must be loaded singularly.)
BLACK POWDER OR SUBSTITUTES. METALLIC SIGHTS, CAST LEAD BULLETS C

Targets?

SIX Metal Gongs
250 yd gong shot offhand.
All other gongs shot from "Any Position" cross sticks.
Matches will be five shots per gong.

Range Hours

Must be paid before Practicing

Friday Sight - In

Saturday Morning Sight -In 8 AM to 12:30 PM

Official Match Saturday 1:00 PM

ENTRY FEE \$20.00

Contacts.

Bryan Youngberg 307 377 9345
Tom Brewster 307 366 2391
Dave Tyrrell 307 765 2289

TenSleep Motels
Carter Inn 307-366-9911
TenSleep Campground & Cabins
307 366 2250

Deer Creek Muzzleloaders

Two-Day Shoot

June 9, 10 and 11, 2023

Glenrock WY

Come and join us at the Arnold Memorial DCML range. Bring every muzzleloader you own because there are many matches you can shoot. Registration is \$5 per person/\$20 max per family. All matches are \$2 per target including aggregate and re-entries. There will be a potluck dinner included with your registration on Saturday evening around 6 pm or when food is ready. You are welcome to bring something to share.

All shooting events are traditional muzzleloaders with open iron sites. No underhammer and in-line. All matches are off handed except for 200-yard targets. Any gun problems contact range officials. If you shoot another person's target, leave both targets and contact the range official to initial the error before scoring. NMLRA rules for scoring targets. At the end of the shoot all scores will be final. If you wish to contest a score it is a \$5 fine.

BE SAFE! No Smoking or alcohol on the range. No loaded firearms in camp or in parking lot. Do not cap or prime until you are at the firing line.

CAMP RULES: Dogs are allowed but must be under adult control and leashed. No horses are allowed. No open fires use a barrel and bury your ashes.

RANGE SCHEDULE: The range will be in half hour relays - 10 min to post and 20 min to shoot. All targets must be shot during the relay with the exception of gun failure. Range will be open 12 pm on Friday, 8 am to 5pm on Saturday, 8 am to noon on Sunday. Prizes to be awarded at 1 pm on Sunday.

For More Information Contact:
Trish or Jim Miller 307 234-6591
Shawn Rothmeyer 307-267-4879

Wind River Muzzle Loaders **MEMORIAL DAY SHOOT** May 26-29, 2023 RIVERTON, WY

- ★ Paper & Primitive Shoots
- ★ Men, Women, Jr & Sub Jr
- ★ Charles Hanson Trade Gun Match
- ★ Hawk & Knife Throw
- ★ Pistol & Revolver



★ Travis Bennett Memorial Match

★ Mountain Man Run

★ Knife Shoot

Monday, May 29 - Calcutta starts at 9am

Tin Teepee & Primitive Camp

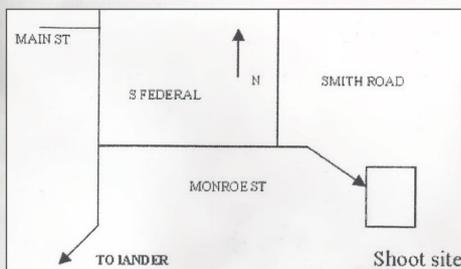
Wood Available - Bring your own water & ice

SATURDAY NIGHT FEED

For Shooters and Families

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

Information: 307-851-5968



No spotting scopes or loading benches on firing line-loading from pouch or bag only - range officer is the law. Traditional rifle and pistol-patched round ball only.

Prizes will be awarded on May 29 following the knife shoot.



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MEETING MINUTES FROM CONVENTION

GENERAL MEETING JANUARY 28, 2023

WSMLA
Minutes
January 28, 2023, 1 PM

Call to Order at 1:10 PM By Mel Connely

Roll call of Directors:

Frank Elzay (2023) President present by phone
Crystal Gillen (2023) Treasurer, present by phone
Paula Sorter, (2023) Secretary
Rich Wormington (2025) Vice President-absent
Melissa Connely (2025)
Trish Miller (2024)
Ed Kern (2025)
Cyndy Sander (2025)
Bill Morrison (2023)
Mike Johnson (2024)
RMJP (2024) absent
Gary Millhouse (2024) Past President absent

Minutes were presented by Melissa Connely. Minutes were accepted as read with a few minor touch ups by Mike Corrigan and seconded by Wayne.

Treasurer 's report presented by Melissa Connely; Insurance increased this year as well as postage. The CD will mature in May for approximately \$1900. This will be used for DCML request. Also look at notes at the bottom of the report for transactions. Question asked if there was thought on any other investments that yielded a higher interest rate earnings. Accepted as read by Brian Connely and seconded by JR Molina,

Committee Reports

Convention-Trish Miller: Things started slow due to weather. The convention is going well.

Auction-Ed Kern: Jr. Molina will start out as auctioneer then Jim M for DCML will help out as needed. Need spotters.

Entertainment-Paula Sorter: New group playing ...Kim Merchant and his daughters Ana and Racher. \$600 and meals for them.

Photo Contest-Mike Johnson: There are good entries. Not as many due to the weather. Will be his last year for the contest. Cyndy Sander will be continuing the contest next year. Voting will end at 3:00.

Hats and Shirts-Paula Sorter: shirts are available for sale.

Traveling Trophy-Melissa Connely had plaques and medallions made. Ready to be presented at dinner. A reminder that a contestant must be a member of WSMLA to qualify.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES AT CONVENTION (CONTINUED)

Newsletter-Gary Gillen: Newsletter is quarterly, plan in advance to send in the flyers for your shoots.

Website-Bill Morrison: nothing new

Old Business

Band discussion of Entertainment was tabled till Sunday meeting.

Worland Shotgun Shoot- change of date, 2nd weekend in September. Will need to be brought up at the general meeting.

Would like to propose spacing out the Board meetings IE. Sunday of Convention, State shoot wherever it may be, Worland Shoot in September then Friday night of convention. This must be shared at the General meeting and published in the newsletter 3 months in advance. This will possibly take place 2024.

A motion was presented to let the board members use the discretion to choose when and where the meetings would be held. This motion was approved and will be held with check of bylaws and to be done properly.

New Business:

Voting in new board members-Frank Elzay, Paula Sorter, Crystal Gillen, and Bill Morrison. Also, a member to replace RMJP for his remaining term.

Wayne motioned that Elzy, Crystal, and Paula remain on the board and a vote for a replacement for Bill Morrison be voted on. Bryan Youngberg suggested each member be voted on individually. Frank Elzay, Paul Sorter, and Crystal Gillen will remain on the board of directors. Jeramiah Cash was voted in to replace Bill Morrison.

Ace Redmen was chosen to replace RMJP for the remainder of that term, 1 year.

Shoots around the state

Feb - DCML Winter Challenge Shoot 17, 18, 19

April - Shotgun shoot

May - State Shoot in Riverton, Memorial Day weekend 26, 27, 28, 29

June - DCML 2-day shoot 9, 10, 11

High Plains 18-24

July - 1838 June 28-July 2

RMNR 7-14

SMMLRC Rendezvous – Encampment 21,22 & 23

Aug - Bench Shoot Powell ?

Sept - Trap/Skeet Shoot – Worland 2nd Weekend

Pie Shoot -Sheridan 24th

Nov - 1st Sunday of Month DCML Ladies Turkey Shoot

2nd Sunday of Month Wind River

Jan - Convention 26, 27, 28, 2024

Meeting Adjourned by Mellissa Connelly at 1:50 PM

Next meeting Sunday, January 29, 2023 at 8 AM

Proposed BY-LAWS Change

During the Annual Convention in January, a discussion was made to make one of the Board of Director's meetings flexible. The purpose is due to the fact that the Annual State Shoot is often at, or shortly after, Memorial Day. Therefore, having a meeting later in the year will make the meeting more relevant and better distributed throughout the year. The proposed By-Laws listed below was brought to the General Members meeting and received full support. However, since this is a By-Laws change, it is important that everyone have an opportunity to review and participate in the vote. The final vote will be held at the annual convention in 2024 at the next General Members Meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any Board Member.

Currently reads:

ARTICLE V

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.

Proposed Changes:

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 - a. Friday at 7pm
 - b. Sunday at 8am
- 2) **The location and date To Be Determined (TBD) by the Board of Directors**
- 3) The location of the annual competition **(State Shoot)**
 - a. Saturday at noon

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Membership Form
Wyoming State Muzzle Loading Association

NAME: _____

NAME OF SPOUSE: _____

NAMES OF CHILDREN: (living at home) _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

PHONE: _____ **CELL:** _____

E-Mail Address: _____

NRA# _____ **EXPIRATION DATE:** _____

NMLRA# _____ **EXPIRATION DATE:** _____

LOCAL CLUB AFFILIATION: _____

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

Active Military Membership Free _____

Junior and Sub-Junior Shooters Free _____

(You still need to fill out the form listed above and request membership in the WSMLA.)

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

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

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

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