

# THE BUCKHORN SKINNERS NEWSLETTER

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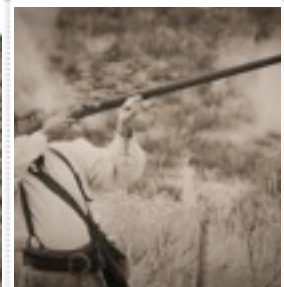
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## News & Wisdom from the Scribe:

Welcome to the September 2014 newsletter for the Buckhorn Skippers. Our day began with the distinct fall feel to it although it's not quite officially that season yet. Makes everything a little more enjoyable with the more moderate temps especially by the end of the event.

This month's competition was made possible by extra effort both in planning, preparation and execution by the duo of Pete aka Smokin' Toes and Peter. Pete welded some fixtures for attaching legs to some new shooting benches built by Peter. The two benches look very professional in the quality of the workmanship and saw immediate use for a well planned event involving some shooting from both bench and sticks and at distances we usually don't use (the 75 yd & 100 yd).



I know it also took extra effort to come up with the targets, we have a big inventory of animal targets and now would be a good time to mention-if ever anyone needs targets for an event come see me, I have several hundred with good variety that were saved from disposal.

We were missing some people but for those in attendance they seemed pleased with the event and also remarked how nice the trail was following our efforts on a most recent workday.

We also had a lead pick up that resulted in record amount picked up

and Capt. reports he melted and formed some 52# as just a part of the total which came to some 88# total removed.

There is always on going discussion on ways to help with the recovery effort but surprisingly it seems we will probably need to add some additional belting to the second barrier to get a much higher percentage of stops and recovery.

Perhaps the 36" belt mentioned by Mr. Kooienga from last months newsletter would be a way to enhance that ability, just food for thought.

Remember "Club Challenge" is Saturday ----- I repeat, Saturday September 27, 2014. Of course for those camping they will be there on Sunday and will depart some time later. Also, be reminded next month is "Buckfest", seems like interest is lagging despite the best efforts of Smokin Toes who gets into it ,pitches his teepee and plans various events during the day Saturday and evening before the Sunday shoot. Lets hope for great weather and come out and enjoy as much as you can, see you there.

## SHOOT RESULTS

Name	25 yd offhand	50yd sitting	50yd x-sticks	75yd bench	100yd bench	agg -----	tiebreaker -----
Peter	47xx	38	40x	44	39	208xxx	2
Horse	49xx	34	40	35	30x	188xxx	3
Capt. Jerry	34	22	21	0	0	77	0
Smokin' Toes	39x	33	19	24	13	128x	4
Standing Moose	48xx	39	38	36	21	182xx	1
Bloodymuzzle	43	21	43	32	28	167	6
Deacon	Range officer and scorekeeper						

- 1st Peter 208xxx
- 2nd Horse 188xxx
- 3rd Standing Moose 182xx



## SEPTEMBER MEETING

Captain calls meeting to order and reports no treasurer so no treasurers report, we know from the most recent there would be no significant changes.

Next Capt, calls for Scribe report, to which Scribe provides a reading of the previous months business to refresh.

In old business-- Bloodymuzzle reminds to ALWAYS, ALWAYS, AND ALWAYS leave loaded firearms on the line when experiencing any problems and ask for assistance if necessary. In addition Mr. Smokin' Toes is in process on providing a ball pulling device which incorporates

a cradle or rest to allow for the use of both hands to work on problems which should be a big help in having a place at the end of line so as not to interfere with other competitors, thanks Pete, sure seems like his name comes up a lot.

Also in old business Pat reports the backhoe broke down before completing the digging for new hooter(s).

In new business-- Peter reports still needing some buckets with lids as seats to use with the new benches. I should also mention that Capt. came up with a bench or benches as well to expedite events utilizing benches. Club Challenge on the immediate horizon and a show of hands was called for as to likely participants and plans made.



Next up, "Buckfest" and Pete fills us in on his thoughts for activities, things during the afternoon on Saturday and a candleshoot for evening was mentioned.

As an afterthought the Scribe would like to mention in "old business" that he reported in error the information for the Vets club venue for the annual Christmas Party. Scribe took it as the Vets property was up for sale and the location could be changed by the time the date rolled around but was corrected at this meeting that the date in question was challenged by another event as I take it. If this is not the case either Capt. or the Mule please clear me up so I can give an accurate report for reference.

Captain calls for "motion to adjourn" as no further new business is presented and motion seconded and carried marked at 2:15PM.

### Wisdom from Manyhides

I know you like a little story for your entertainment after all the business is taken care of..... sorry, all I have is this big one. So big in fact, it can never be finished. But, I will give you a little taste with a local flavor you will recognize and perhaps something to think about as you travel the highways and byways.

What's in a name? Everyday we travel upon and pass by things that are named and I suspect without giving it much thought. In this local area we are close to Masonville, so named after James Robinson Mason a local cattleman that supplied meat to the area and to the local quarries that employed hundreds of men. It could just as easily be named Carterville, another

businessman that felt he was going to strike it rich mining for gold but never found the "motherlode". For the sum of \$150.00 the new town could have been named after him but he felt it better spent another way.

You couldn't tell it now but at one time in the late 1800's a large frame building was constructed that would seat almost three hundred men, a large brick oven was incorporated that could bake 70 loaves of bread at a time for use by the 6 full time cooks that fed all the men working the quarries after the gold mining didn't work out. Of course, they also had a bunkhouse to accommodate all the workers.

At one time there was even a rail line from Loveland to the quarries that loaded out as many as 15

cars a day to all points in the US. At the time stone was used as curbing and sidewalks before poured concrete or asphalt paving. As we travel north out of Masonville towards Horsetooth reservoir we notice the rock has turned from an almost white color called "Colorado Buff" to red.

Colorado was a spanish word used to describe the reddish color of the Colorado river and the ruddy red sandstone, soil and water. The colors can vary in the same formation due to the presence of different minerals and water or the uptilting of the formations presenting a different geological formation. In this area the majority is called the Lyons formation with elements of granite exposed in some areas such as Horsetooth.

So, we have Lyons on the top with Fountain beneath and so on, we will hear of other formations named Satanka, Morrison or Owl Canyon.

Formations can exist at the edge of the Prairie that are about 65 million years old to many times that as we travel into the mountains. On our right is a peak called Milner Mountain, so called because it was named after the Milner family that homesteaded the area in the late 1860's now known as Muley Park. Milner pass in Rocky Mountain National Park is also named for them.

Joseph and Ann Milner had a large family on Redstone Creek just north of Masonville where they raised cattle and kids. Of those Sarah Milner (1843-1939) became well known for many reasons. After coming of age she married Edward Smith and had two sons Edward D and Eugene and a daughter Alice. Sarah would become the first school teacher in Larimer County in the newly formed Big Thompson School District. There is presently a school in Loveland named after Sarah Milner. Her son Eugene

thought her stories so interesting he wrote a book called "Pioneer Epic" in which Sarah retells of her experiences beginning with the trip here on a "Wagon Train". Prior to arriving in the Masonville area the family of Joseph and Ann Milner had lived in Ontario, Canada, Chicago, Ill. and Rockford, Ill., the trip west took them first to Nevadaville (above Central City) to Burlington, Co. before coming to the Redstone Creek near Masonville.

She spoke of the journey west as perilous with many tales of experiences with sightings of hostile indians looking for a weakness to exploit to indians in camp claiming to be friendly but also opportunists. Once at the ranch near here she reports the Arapaho's mostly friendly but also that a man had been killed "within sight of the ranch buildings" and over near Loveland where a Mexican in the employ of Mariano Medina was also killed.

Annual forays by the Utes of the western slope would cause locals to get together at one house to repel the attempts to kill and steal each fall. She also

bought 40 acres near the Buckhorn creek south of Masonville to begin dairy farming. Primarily she traded butter with a contact in Boulder thru a freighter that returned other goods to her in exchange.

For a time miners working in the quarries would show up to buy glasses of milk in the evening after milking.

The Milners fashioned a waterwheel to churn the butter but in the winter when the creek froze her sons devised a treadmill that was powered by the family's large Mastiff dog. The dog didn't like the duty very well and quickly learned to disappear at churning time, however varying the days and times of churning eventually caught him off guard and he conceded to power the machine. The normal procedure was to keep the cattle in during the night for several reasons, one being the difficult terrain could cause injury and the presence of many mountain lions and bobcats another. After milking each morning the cows were turned out to graze with a large bell attached to one to aid in recovering the herd that afternoon.

The job of bringing in the herd each day usually fell to son Eugene who from previous experiences wasn't that crazy about it but everyone had to do their part at the time to make it.

Often in summer, thunderstorms would spring up just about at the same time to gather the herd and on many occasions Eugene had to hold the herd on one side of the now swollen creek before crossing so they could milk the cows.

At that time all turned out to milk regardless of the hour in the effort to insure their livelihood.

Just to the west and across the road from Milners is Redstone Canyon, but prior to 1979 was the Swanson Ranch, yet another large cattle ranch

which I believe would run north to the Soderberg ranch near Horsetooth reservoir today.

There isn't much evidence of it today but near Horsetooth Reservoir are the remains of what was "Stout", a significant town at one time named after H.B. Stout, a quarryman that shipped stone to Denver, Lincoln, Omaha and even the Chicago Worlds Fair in 1893.

The college in Ft. Collins was also constructed in part by stone from the Stout quarries. The town contained a 60 room hotel, post office and a railroad at Spring Canyon.

There were also three saloons as well as all the other dwellings of which most were removed for the

Colorado Big Thompson Project that would put Stout under the water at Horsetooth after construction from 1946-1949. Highland School, built in 1883 was also removed.

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Bye for now, Manyhides-Scribe

