

THE BUCKHORN SKINNERS NEWSLETTER



LEFT IS CAPTAIN PETER AND ABOVE IS MEDICINE BOW (KEN WEE)

NOTES FROM THE SCRIBE: Horse (Dave Gilkey)

The Buckhorn Skinners
Summer Pistol Shoot

The Buckhorn Skinner's August 16th, 2015 Pistol Shoot was a great success! Horse arrived the evening before from

Australia and was suffering jetlag. Captain Peter had assembled the targets and organized the crew to put backstops in place and raise the flag. Horse rolled in on his Honda 750 Shadow. He was dressed in semi-

appropriate period dress with leather pants, shirt, modern footwear and new Australia bush hat. He says, 'Good Day Mate' to all the folks.



BLOODY MUZZLE (RON RING)



DEACON (DAVE HOFFMAN)



GUTSHOT (DARRELL KOLEBER)

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More from the Scribe.....

The event was held on the lower range and allowed everyone to back up their vehicle for easy loading and access to equipment, tools and supplies. It was a beautiful day with high clouds that kept the temperatures very comfortable.

The shoot started promptly at 10:00 am. Three targets were placed at seven yards and three targets at 25 yards.

James Westerfield (Grumpy Grizzly) and his friend Dan showed up late with rifles hoping to score big and teach us some new tricks. Well, they opted to set up another backstop and do some practice shooting while we proceeded. The group shot 20 minute rounds and we finished up by noonish.

Captain Peter mopped up the floor with his fancy pistol, good luck and great skills. He was the grand aggregate winner with an impressive 161 2x!

Second place in the Aggregate was Hawk Dancer with 125x and Deacon came in 3rd with 100.

Captain brought books for prizes and allowed everyone to make a selection in the order of aggregate scores. Thanks Captain Peter!

The coveted 'Buckhorn Skinner Buckle' goes to Splinter, again! Way to go Splinter, he loves receiving the recognition

and opportunity to adorn the buckle for the next lucky winner. It is possible that Splinter and Smoking Toes are having a contest to see who can win it the most.

We hope to see Grumpy Grizz and Dan again soon! Business Meeting: Captain Peter called the meeting to order by 12:45 pm.

Reports:

- Treasurer was absent, no report offered. We all missed Mountain Mule and know that he is not likely to be shooting pistols for some time.
- Webmaster report – Bloody Muzzle indicated that he is sending out the newsletter to increase club visibility. He is sending items to Mike Lee, the new editor for the CSMLA Poke and Stroke. He also requests that folks submit stories, commentary, accounts or opinions for the newsletter and Poke. We need content for our website, newsletter and the Poke. Bloody Muzzle would like to know ahead of time who is sponsoring the shoot so that he can keep the website updated and accurate. The September shoot will be sponsored by Mountain Mule and Medicine Bow.

Old Business:

_____ We all agreed that the Schuetzen Fest was great fun and look forward to next year's event. Ken Kleinsorge will be sponsoring and coordinating the event. We all agree that the costs should return to the club. Captain Peter supported the inaugural event with his personal funds. We are hoping that more will attend and participate next year, get the word out!

The next sequence of shoots will be:

- September shoot – Mountain Mule and Deacon
- Buck Fest in October – Smokin Toes – If you are looking to help out, send him a note. Horse and Fallen Angel will be in Denver and miss this year.
- November Meat Shoot – Hawk Dancer and Mountain Mule
- December is the Captain Shoot – Look out, he's likely to be tricky!
- Christmas Party – January 16th – most likely at the VFW in Loveland again, we need to check with Scott Drake who is a member.
- January Shoot – Deacon has volunteered to coordinate the first shoot of 2016.

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More Buckhorn Business

Territorials – Discussion related to this year’s cancelled event, the impact on our club. Captain Peter would like ideas about alternative income streams to lessen the dependency for success on two major events: Squirrel Shoot and Territorials. If you have ideas on revenue yielding products, services, activities or events, please let the Captain know. We also discussed the need for contingency planning in the event we must cancel a shoot as we did this year. We need to coordinate with NMLRA and

SKINNERS: MANYHIDES HAS GIVEN ME INTERESTING MATERIAL ON ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK AND ESTES PARK WHICH WILL START APPEARING NEXT MONTH

FLMLC. The FLMLC is requiring a certificate of insurance three months in advance of the event in 2016. Darrell Koleber has been the Club Designated Coordinator and has retired. Ron Ring has stepped up to fulfill that role and will be the point of contact and primary coordinator for next year’s event, thank you Ron! We expect all club members to help out with the event by providing service in some form or another.

CSMLA Website – Horse reported that the CSMLA was looking at enhancements for the State website and wanted feedback from members. The consensus was that there is room for improvement. Functionality and ease of use are priorities as well as attractiveness and linking to social media.

Poke and Stroke – The latest CSMLA Poke is a reminder that we need to submit content to Mike Lee, Editor and help improve the messages, stories and content. It was also felt that there is room for enhancement, send your ideas to Mike. I encourage all of you to send content or ask others for content for the next Poke.

Ezinga Shoot – The Ezinga shoot was cancelled this year due to family matters. Our hearts and prayers are with the Ezinga family and we hope to see them all on the hill next year.

New Business:

Grumpy Grizzly and Dan are working with the Boy Scouts to hold a shoot October 9-11 at the FLMLC to teach boys how to shoot muzzleloaders. Volunteers are needed to load and supervise the boys. Please send Grumpy Grizzly an email if you can help out. They need .50 cal rifles. James Westerfield (westerjr@larimer.org)

THE GANG



GRUMPY GRIZZ (JAMES WESTERFIELD)



DAN



LOUIE SILVA



HAWK DANCER (JERRY MCCONNELL)

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continued

Financial Stability of the Club - Captain Peter proposed that we raise club dues from \$20 to \$40 / year. Please provide feedback to him via email. If there is support among members for the proposal, it will be formalized and voted on at the January business meeting. Medicine Bow suggested that we raise the fee for the monthly shoots from \$5 to \$7. Your thoughts and opinions are needed.

Ken Kleinsorge is holding a Chuck Wagon event on 9/12. Check with Ken if you can attend or are interested in know more: Ken Kleinsorge godandfamily52@gmail.com

The State Shoot is coming up 9/4-7, come out and have a good time! We need help so plan to work a little and have fun. Bring your camp gear and stay for the weekend.

Motion to Adjourn – All in Favor

Respectfully Submitted,

Horse, Scribe

August Shoot Results:

Bloody Muzzle	39	16	-20	7	35	57
Gutshot	30	29x	8	8	21	96x
Medicine Bow	13	25	8	9	9	55
Splinter	11	8	8	0	0	27
Capt. Peter	42	48(2x)	4	19	48	161(2x)
Deacon	29	26	24	0	21	100
Louis Silva	21	0	16	0	0	37
Hawk Dancer	34	47x	15	0	29	125x

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Skinners and guests Mountain Mule (Scott Drake) and Medicine Bow (Ken Wee) will be hosting the September Shoot. I have not heard what will be needed for the shoot so come prepared with rifle, hawk & knife and fire starting material.