

THE BUCKHORN SKINNERS

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NEWSLETTER



NOTES FROM THE SCRIBE:

Manyhides

Hello in camp:

Well, August is flying by as is summer in general and soon the "call of the wild" will send many of us afield to fulfill the effort of applying for a variety of different hunts.

By the time we leave the "state shoot" we will be into September, Elk bugling and the morning chill will remind changes are at hand. Often, after a hot summer the change is a welcome one where we begin to enjoy

football, the final NASCAR races to the championship, the NBA and so on. For many the harvest is at hand from the bounty of the garden and canning will dominate for a while.

For me after kind of cold camping most of the summer to keep the house cool the more hearty meals like chili or stew are inviting.



All the big BP events will be behind us except for "Club Challenge" and we settle into our new routines again. Seems like when most of your sand is thru the hourglass the remainder goes faster but I think when a person slows down a little we begin enjoying the little things more, a good cup of coffee on a chilly morning, conversation with people we enjoy, the smell of blackpowder and a nice campfire to gaze into are always a good start.

Speaking of people we enjoy, I apologize for not knowing who instigated the idea of having a special shoot to honor the Ezinga's but out of that was born the Jean Ezinga Memorial Shoot as it has come to be known I think by the Mule. Of course, we all know that Ray's unending devotion to his bride, the blackpowder community in general and his contribution to the Squirrel Shoot with handmade prizes each year confirm that dedication. After the passing of Jean this summer it was decided to move the August event from

sunday to saturday to accommodate Ray and family and retain the pistol shoot that was planned by having it on sunday.

When saturday arrived a small group of us formed on the hill and got started at 10:00, not long after the Mule came up and reported there were four full carloads of Ezinga family members preparing to head up and as such many gave up their shooting opportunities to insure there would be enough targets. There were about a dozen more signing on to compete as well as about six "little rascals" that the Horse was good enough to entertain by supervising a hawk and knife throw.

The mommas must have been pretty comfortable with the good Dr., not knowing he could easily be the least experienced and hence he got thru it ok. We were caught a little flatfooted for enough earplugs and safety glasses but we will be ready next year. Oh yeah, we are doing it again next year, pretty neat. Manyhides

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I will apologize if I do not get someones name right, some of the registration is hard to read because of a crowded space for the names and a pen that appears to be skipping. First off, I know Bloodymuzzle, Horse, Mule, Smokin Toes and at the end Medicine Bow jumped in to run the event, thank you so much for your sacrifice. Darrell, feeling a little under the weather made his contribution and left to return later for the meeting. With that we show 18 registered, boy, a few more families like that and we wouldn't have any problems keeping this going.

NAME	LAKOTA DOG	TRAP	RACOON	WOLF	R. WOLF	AGG	POSTAL
Darrell	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bill Phillips	10	32	36	25	25	128	33
Dale Crabb	30	42	38	15	20	145	42
Dave Gilkey	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rick W.	20	41	45	35	17	158	-
Smokin Toes	-	-	-	-	-	-	--
Mtn Mule	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lee Kooinga	25	35	46	35	35	176	36
Chad Kamminga	0	27	19	20	43	109	-
Paula Kamminga		7				7	-
Kelly Jansma	-	9	-	-	-	9	-
Jarra Jansma	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cody Kooenga	-	23	-	25	-	48	-
Steve Ezinga	5	34	31	20	16	106	-
Jessica Ezinga	5	38	35	5	6	89	-
Ray Ezinga	15	25	37	29	43	149	-
Larry/Pam Kooinga	15	27	33	29	23	127	-

	<u>Lakota Dog</u>	<u>Trap</u>	<u>Raccoon</u>	<u>Wolf</u>	<u>R.Wolf</u>
1st	Dale Crabb	Dale Crabb	Lee K	Lee K	Chad Kamminga
2nd	Lee K	Rick W.	Rick W.	Rick W	Ray Ezinga
3rd	Rick W.	Jessica Ezinga	Dale Crabb	Ray Ezinga	Lee Kooinga

Great to see some ladies and children on the line, you are welcome any time. We have equipment, supplies, and mentoring if needed free of charge for new shooters, just ask.

Bye, Manyhides

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Sunday's Pistol Shoot Results and Meeting

Captain calls the meeting to order and marks 12:10 for time. Calls for treasurers report and provided by same with plus and minus for incoming and outgoing to amend. Calls for Scribe report, nothing to report other than for future reference Scribe will provide minutes from previous meeting(s) to refresh any unfinished/tabled agenda items.

Under old business Mule asks if we want to schedule for the Christmas party with the Vets again and reports there could be a change due to location by that time--decided to move forward and inform if/when changes occur, and agreed for no need of a bartender this year.

Next item in old business is a motion tabled

from previous regarding disposition of acquisition or construction of a new hooter(s). Ray Ezinga has offered to prefabricate panels for construction of hooter(s) if we provide materials, for assembly on site. Peter will co-ordinate to conclusion.

New business - Larry Kooienga with the Ezinga family indicates he has a source for 36" belting. The notion wasn't really acted upon at the moment, just for future consideration. No word on the Green Mountain bunch as yet following our last decision on providing a location.

Due to all the extra moisture we have enjoyed this year the trail to the range is just about closed up, a motion to schedule a workday to clear the trail was offered

by Manyhides. Some discussion relative to people gone for hunting but a decision rendered to schedule for Saturday September 13th was arrived at and seconded.

Anyone with equipment appropriate for the trail report 09:00, also agreed to conduct the lead pick up originally scheduled for Saturday the 17th of August on Sunday September 21st following our normal club shoot.

Question asked: Will we repeat next year for the "Jean Ezinga Memorial Shoot" answered, yes.

Question asked: will we hold the event during the month of August again-- answered, yes.
Motion to Adjourn--seconded.
No time noted.

Manyhides

Skinner's:

Work day Saturday

September 13th at

9 AM

Next Shoot is
September 21st
Peter will be doing some
different things for this
shoot.

**DOUG & BRIDGET NEED A HEAD
COUNT FOR THE CHALLENGE
MATCH. LET RON KNOW IF YOU
WILL BE GOING AND HE WILL PASS
IT ALONG TO THEM.
SEND ME AN E-MAIL. RON**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2014
PISTOL SHOOT RESULTS

NAME	5.5 black	6" orange	7"black	10.5 orange	14" black	11.5 6/shot	Tie	Agg
Bloodymuzzle	29	18	41	38	43	39	1	179
Mountain Mule	19	4	30	37	38	26		154
Peter	29	37	44	46	42	27	3	225
Smokin Toes	0	5	13	23	27	7		75
Hawkdancer	30	14	38	20	30	29	2	161

Shoot by Horse and Manyhides- A good time was had by all. Horse and Smokin Toes camp out for the weekend and are blessed with great weather after a week of afternoon showers. Capt. Horse reports a very soothing and relaxing weekend. Thanks to all that volunteered their efforts for the enjoyment of others. So long, Manyhides

Ramblings by Manyhides

Since it is August I just happen to have a story about August. It goes as follows: Clarence Hoel was born May 30, 1904 and as soon as he was able he worked with his father who happened to be an ice merchant.

Now, being an ice merchant isn't an easy job, just as everyone else is gathered around the stove in the bitter cold you are out there sawing and hauling ice to the "icehouse". Even hard water is heavy, slippery and cold and has to be moved to the icehouse and packed in sawdust to last the coming summer.

Everyone has "iceboxes" that require ice to keep food cold all year round. The good thing about this business is one does not need to live in a big city to have a successful business, even in a small town and rural community business is good that is until refrigeration comes onto the scene.

Clarence started his own ice business called Canyon Springs Ice Co. and he knew refrigeration would eventually end his now lucrative enterprise. The only thing slowing the process was the "great depression" it really wasn't over yet and people just didn't have a lot of money.

So, looking forward and as a result of a keen interest in all things mechanical he purchased an Indian Motorcycle franchise for Sturgis, So. Dakota in 1936. He quickly realized that his new business would not succeed with just the few locals with interest but no money. He discovered there was a Harley Davidson dealership in Rapid City that had formed a motorcycle club with about 20 members so he immediately set to work to form a club in Sturgis called the "Jackpine Gypsies".

Soon he acquired land and built a dirt track and promoted races. At first it was about nine competitors and a few spectators but it kept getting bigger and bigger and it wasn't long until he could build stands and charge admission for a good crowd to watch the races. In 1938 he promoted the first "rally" called the "Black Hills Classic" on August 14th, 1938.

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Every year except for the world war two era where due to gas rationing the rally was not held resulted in the most recent being the 74th annual Sturgis rally.

When Indian motorcycles went out of business he acquired a Yamaha dealership until his retirement. His wife Pearl was a key element in the success story and both received numerous awards for their efforts to promote the motorcycle from mainly the "American Motorcycle Association" or AMA whose charter he held since 1937.

Clarence "Pappy" Hoel and his bride Pearl never saw the enormous crowds that the event would grow to as in 2000 where it was estimated some 600,000 were in attendance. Pappy died in 1989 and is buried just a few miles from where the Jackpine Gypsies still run the annual event.

It is estimated the "rally" brings as much as 800 million dollars to the South Dakota area each year. Even though the rally is held the first full week of August the visitation by the motorcycle culture goes on all month and all summer in many cases by not just motorcycle people but the general public.

Points of interest are many in the "Black Hills" with Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse, Homestake Gold mine in Lead S.D., and side trips daily

to other places like "Devils Tower" just over in Wyoming, as well as the Vore buffalo jump near Beulah, Wyo. Ft. Meade national cemetery in S.D., Ft Meade museum, and Black Hills national cemetery.

Custer state park and Bear Butte where Pappy is buried. Deadwood itself is a major attraction itself, the town where once near 10,000 people were trying to strike it rich and Jack McCall shot "Wild Bill Hickok in the Number 10 Saloon. They still claim to have the chair that Hickok was sitting in.

Mt. Moriah cemetery is said to have the remains of both Hickok and Calamity Jane who it's believed had feelings for Bill. Imagine a small town that just moved out and almost every old building in the downtown area is a casino. They have doorways open thru all the connected buildings so it is possible to carry a drink from one to the other without going outside where that would be illegal.

Before I get to far astray of the main story back in Sturgis a small town of about 6600 people when the rally isn't in town it is amazing to see huge venues that are open only for the duration of the event. They bring in big name entertainment with concerts and such daily, every hotel, motel, campground and private residence for many miles are booked.

RAY & 19 MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY



Yes, I said private residence, many people lease out there home entirely and leave to a select group of couples or at the very least a room with a place to park the motorcycle inside. Every conceivable business is wide open trying to meet demand. Law enforcement people are recruited from all over the US to handle the immense crowds and certain forms of hijinx and hanky panky are off limits in the city of Sturgis but at places like the "Buffalo Chip" it is wide open, as long as what you are doing doesn't interfere with anyone elses ability to have a good time.

In 2002 the city of Sturgis forms a department to promote and organize the event. The only down side is several people die each year of various causes, about 250,000 dollars worth of motorcycles come up missing and local indians don't like it much being so close to Bear Butte which is sacred

ground to them. Interstate 90 runs through the town where the thunder rolls every August. Quite a sight to see and close enough to enjoy from Colorado any time.

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