

# THE BUCKHORN SKINNERS NEWSLETTER

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## NOTES FROM THE SCRIBE: HORSE

What a wonderful 40th anniversary shoot, many thanks to Travis, Tamara and Pete! The club celebrated the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Buckhorns Skidders, February 15, 1975 – 2015, lots of history there! The day was cooler than forecasted but the Skidders welcomed the challenge.

Darrell was part of the group that ventured up the hill on his path back to health, congratulations Darrell. We had three new guests join us for the celebration: Bob Inskeep, his wife Charlotte and Jim Fahling added to our great fun and special day. Bob and Charlotte are Travis's parents, he's getting the whole family out to enjoy the club and fun.

Jim found us online and contacted Horse about coming out. He is a veteran mountain man and grew up in Kentucky where his dad made his first flintlock at age 12. Jim has shot that gun ever since and has made three of his own. He had all the right gear and

fit in just fine, welcome Jim, glad to have you. Jim lives in Cheyenne and expects to come back for more fun. Thanks for coming down Jim, we hope to see you again for sure.

The business meeting was called to order by Captain Peter. He was well organized with an agenda.

Captain formally recognized and welcomed our guests: Bob, Charlotte and Jim!

Treasurer's report was given by Mountain Mule, all is well and he is taking care of business. You may contact him for details.



### Old Business:

Ray Ezinga is working on the new hooters for the hill and will let us know when they are ready. We will need to get a few Skinners and other help to get the finished pieces up the hill so that we can assemble them in location. We appreciate Ray's generous time and effort to replace the broken down units. Thanks Ray!

Squirrel Shoot is coming up in April and we need to plan. Captain asked for volunteers to fill positions and nearly everyone stepped up:

- Registration: Standing Moose, Mountain Mule, and Tamara (Gut Shot will be out of town)
- Mountain Man Run: Deacon will take charge once again, thanks Deacon!
- Scoring: Bloody Muzzle, Badger (if he comes down from Casper) and Joy Hicks if she makes it up from the Springs. The word is that Joy had shoulder surgery, best wishes to Joy for a speedy recovery. We hope to see you at the Squirrel Shoot 2015.
- Range Officers: Horse, Smokin Toes, Jim Fahling.
- **Prizes: Buckhorns Skinners are expected to donate a prize worth ~\$25. Please bring prizes to the next workday to be inventoried and stored in the trailer.**

CSMLA Membership – The Captain initiated a discussion regarding the mandated CSMLA membership for all Skinners. Bloody Muzzle led the discussion

with some history that the State organization was born out of the Buckhorn Skinners many years ago. He supported the mandated membership. Horse followed with a list of perceived benefits from CSMLA membership obtained by survey at a prior Winter Convention.

1. Helping a good cause
2. Lobby for hunter's right to DOW
3. Lobby for gun owner's rights
4. Winter convention
5. College rendezvous
6. Poke and stroke
7. State shoot
8. Education/Information on MM: facts, history, activities, events, etc.
9. Fellowship with good people / like-minded folks
10. Preservation of history/traditions
11. Promote safety on the range / handling guns
12. Protecting the environment

Standing Moose motioned to continue CSMLA membership Bloody Muzzle gave a second to the motion All in favor – the motion was passed by unanimous vote

New Rifle Racks - Four rifle racks were donated by Carl & Peter (2 each) to be placed on the range, thanks Standing Moose and Captain!

We're happy to announce that Smokin Toes has become the new club magazine manager. Any members needing shooting supplies must see Smokin Toes, he will

provide access to the magazine at each shoot. Mountain Mule reports that he recently acquired a supply of caps at the WY State Convention. The caps are available through Smokin Toes.

**Captain reviewed the list of current members to access status. Please update your membership status now. Please renew your membership by Squirrel Shoot.**

Horse reported that he is running for CSMLA president at next week's Winter Convention Meeting. He has served as secretary and in the past and vice president this past year and expects support for his candidacy. Horse requested that someone in the club take the Scribe post to provide relief for his duties with CSMLA. Travis stepped up and has indicated that he is willing to perform the duties of the Scribe.

Captain wanted to remind everyone that the newsletters are emailed to all members and available on the club website:

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## More Club Business from the Scribe.

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Travis recommended that we use safety fencing on the lower range as an easy alternative to the current back boards. Mountain Mule indicates that we can place anchor posts and fasten the fencing between and use clips to hold targets in place. We will need to test this against the winds that blow from time to time☺.

Captain has obtained two wind flags to be installed on the range. Horse volunteered to pick-up two 10' poles to be installed on the range. We hope that the flags will help shooters assess conditions and impacts to accuracy when shooting in less than optimal conditions. We'll see if scores go up or the flags just look nice!

The club bylaws were updated and now mandate the creation of a smoking area on the range at least 35 feet from the firing line. Mountain Mule will locate and identify the smoking area.

Captain is requesting members to participate in expanding the publicity campaign to recruit members and visitors and grow the club membership.

Mountain Mule has stepped up the activity using social media with great success. The webmaster has been dedicated to keeping the club website current and interesting, thanks Blood Muzzle!

Captain asks members to spread the word to increase attendance at the Squirrel Shoot. Let's make this the best event ever!

Captain requested that the webmaster update the Trading Post on the website. Remember, if you have items for sale or trade, send a photo, description and any details to Bloody Muzzle so that he can post.

Captain wanted to remind all members that club bylaws were



2015 Captain  
Peter

updated this past January and will be posted to the website. He recommends that all members read the updated version.

Jan came down and brought a "thank you" card for the nice flowers presented for Valentine's Day. We are pleased that she will enjoy the flowers.

The meeting was brought to close with a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Scribe Horse

### Little known facts:

Kit Carson was about 5 feet 4 inches tall.

Kit could speak Spanish, French and several Indian languages as well as sign language but was illiterate.



The shoot was challenging and tricky of course, since Tamara, Travis and Smokin Toes collaborated for such. We used the hawk and knife in addition to shooting the gongs, poker chips twirling in the wind, and two targets, a skunk at 25 yards and large four-square at 100 yards. We had so much fun!

Shooter	Hawk	Knife	Gongs	Chips	100 yrds	Skunk	Total
Horse	1	3	2	3	44	40	93
Jim Fahling	5	4	3	0	47	41	100
Deacon	5	4	3	0	8	28	48
Peter	2	2	1	0	42	32	77
Standing Moose	5	2	4	0	0	23	34
Tamara Inskeep	3	0	0	0	48	14	66
Bob Inskeep	0	0	0	0	20	7	27
Mountain Mule	5	4	3	0	70	18	100
Bloody Muzzle	5	5	4	0	32	18	64

Smokin Toes and Travis recently took a new math class and develop a complex algorithm to account for shooting performance, wind velocity, height and weight of each shooter, number of snowflakes that hit each shooter’s nose and the relative position of all the planets on 2/15/2015. Using the super computer at CSU they determined the following winners:

- #1 Tamara
- #2 Bob
- #3 Jim
- Captain Peter took home the buckle – Again!

### **The First Inaugural**

*Shoot will be July 19th, 2015.  
 Registration from 9:00 am  
 Start time at 10:00 am  
 Please bring the smallest Cal you have  
 Patched round ball only  
 No Smoothbores  
 Plan to attend and have great fun!*



### **SCHUETZENFEST/Eagle**



The shoot will allow all to participate in a round-robin fashion. As a shooter succeeds at dislodging the targeted area, they will win a Pin and Certificate. Each shooter will have an opportunity to shoot the Eagle’s body and have a chance at being King! The event will include food (pot luck), non-alcoholic beverages, trader’s tables, and lots of socializing. Please plan to attend and invite friends and family to enjoy the celebratory event.

The Flyer is on the next page.



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## **Buckhorn Skippers**

**SCHUETZENFEST/Eagle Shoot**  
Invitation for July 19th, 2015  
Start time at 10:00 am  
Registration from 9:00 am

Friends, come celebrate our 40th anniversary of the founding of the BUCKHORN SKIPPERS (Feb. 15, 1975) we'd like you to join us in this special event.

This will be the inauguration of our annual **Schuetzenfest/Eagle Shoot** on the lower range.

The eagle at the top will be our target.

Registration fee: \$15.00

Awards: Certificates and trophy pins will be awarded

There will be coffee, cookees, refreshments – on Sunday – bring something to share.

There will be tables for treasures, supplies, and stuff to trade, sell. All shooters and guests are welcome to participate.

We'll set up our sutlers tents Saturday 18th as of noon.

If you want to camp out, please join us and invite friends.

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at work  
on the  
range.**

## BUCKHORN SKINNERS

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SKINNERS, IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND THE 2015 SQUIRREL RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOOT THIS YEAR WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS TO RELIEVE THE REGULAR MEMBERS FOR A SHORT BREAK AS THERE ARE SO FEW OF US TO PUT ON THE SHOOT. ANY TIME YOU CAN DONATE WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. CAPTAIN PETER

