

THE BUCKHORN SKINNERS NEWSLETTER

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The BHS News brought to you by scribe Many Hides

As you all know we have been blessed with a glorious fall in the weather category.....until early November. I have never seen such a dramatic change to bitter cold 24 hours a day plus enough snow to get the roads good and slick and last for about 10 days, especially in the first part of November, I guess that doesn't qualify as global warming but definitely makes it to climate change at least temporarily. I already have the feeling that, "that's enough winter for me."

Anyway, just because it was cold and snowy combined with Christmas stuff in the stores at Halloween I still wasn't in the mood for Christmas.





However Santa in his infinite wisdom and recognizing what a good guy Manyhides had been for the entire year decided he was tired of watching the scribe struggle to produce the monthly newsletter on his antique computer and made a "special delivery" on Saturday. That, combined with a forecast for a cold day Sunday (shoot day) the scribe decided to sit this one out and with the assistance of Thumper might get this new system launched as a better use of my time.

I'm pretty handicapped on any computer especially a new

system entirely but the speed and features here should enhance the ability mainly to do research on articles for the newsletter. Bloodymuzzle does the formatting and adds photo's to complete the finished product you receive.



Buckhorn Skinner Business

Capt. Gilkey had a nice shoot planned with proper forethought had arranged for the lower range to promote safety rather than a slippery trail. Peter had already had an episode with a slip and fall and was headed to first care to find out if he had any broken bones, so a wise choice.

Manyhides stopped in to drop off his contribution to the meat shoot and found Peter as well as other hardy individuals prepared to brave the elements. Actually, despite a thermometer with most of the mercury in the bulb at 15 degrees, a bright sun and no wind felt pretty comfortable, but my choice had been made. So I left the group that prepared a course of fire for both rifle and pistol, I will return later for awards and the business meeting.

Prior to the meeting Manyhides requests an "executive session" to review bylaws and some other issues we never seem to have time to get around to and now on to the meeting.

On arrival for the meeting and awards I found a different circumstance as the sun was now hiding behind clouds and a cold wind had begun, but despite conditions it was decided to hold awards and the meeting.

Capt. calls the meeting to order at 2:00 pm and asks for treasurer's report. The Mule is either always prepared or very good at faking it, but I suspect the former as he delivers the requested info. He reminds the items outlined in October's meeting to present as an itemized and cumulative total of about

\$1300.00 from stated balance in outgoing for insurance, benches and stools, gift for the landowner (turkeys) and gift certificate, Captains Prize and Christmas Party, etc.

Scribe volunteers a reading of the minutes of October's meeting to help with "old business", mainly about the Christmas Party and scheduling as we have not yet confirmed a date and as such have had conversations about what shoot date to use.

As a footnote: an e-mail from Scott confirms we have a room at the Associated Veterans Club, 305 Cleveland Ave, Loveland, Co. same as last year except in a different area I think, so we thank Scott for getting this handled after the meeting. The date is January 17th, 2015 from 5 pm to 10 pm.

More Skinner Business

The January shoot date that was in question will be January 18th at the usual time.

Membership in attendance at both the October event and this one have approved expenditure by "person or persons" that will be in attendance at the Wyoming State Winter Convention held in January for the purchase of supplies to replenish inventories for the club (members). A person in the convention area has also informed us of an opportunity to purchase at a reduced cost additional items we use, and this is considered as part of the intent of saving shipping and possible hazmat costs associated with the exemption.

Scott also mentions he has ordered hawk heads and handles covered in the

October meeting for final fit and finish.

From "New Business in October" a motion forwarded to have the Lieutenant monitor contributions to the Squirrel Shoot by the membership and as the person handling beg letters for sponsors he will continue to monitor and handle sponsor contributions. This change for the Lieutenant is mentioned as an element to be considered at the "Executive Session" for inclusion in the club bylaws.

The intent of the session is not to resolve issues but prepare options to present to the membership for a vote.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge that I have a deep respect for those that came before me and us that formed and populated this club for many years. I think the one thing they had on

their side was.....youth. They had the youthful enthusiasm and the physical ability to do things that would be difficult if not impossible for some of us. They built the range and conducted strenuous events that we could not collectively do today. Our membership is an aging group without an influx of new and younger people. Most of us now may have grandkids and with all there is with technology and social media they either have other interests or don't have much interest in historical events.

Most of us had the interest and when fueled by motion pictures like "Centennial" or the "Mountain Men" or "The Way the West Was Won", we got busy. I still think a concerted effort by a group of very dedicated individuals could muster a new generation similar to what

Last of Skinner Business and moving on!

“Colorado Youth Outdoors” presented with information not mean what was or is was has done, to our sport. In for your consideration and a mistake just that evolution the coming weeks and vote and possibly even a way demands change or face months expect to be forward for the club. It does extinction.

Buckhorn Skidders Meat Shoot Results

	So-Dam Rifle	Insane Rifle	Roach Bug Rifle	Coon Rifle	Bear Pistol	Trap Pistol	6 Ring Bull Pistol	Tie Breaker Pistol	Totals
Mountain Mule	32		23	18	33	22	28	2nd	156
Bloodymuzzle	41		7	16	8	43	25	3rd	140
Hawk Dancer	31		25	18	6	20x	27	5th	127x
Standing Moose	35		32	47	24	36	19	1st	190
Ben Hersch	24		18	6	24	37	26	4th	135

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Book Review by Dave Hoffman "Deacon"

An Intimate Look At The American Long Rifle Its Art and Evolution by David Hansen

Turn the pages of this book to the first pictures...WOW. Turn in a little further to some more pictures...Double WOW. Gone are the days when all we could see were black and white photos of flintlock rifles. The Colors are brilliant.

There are thirty-three different antique long rifles featured in this book. Each rifle has between twenty and thirty different views and angles pictured. Each rifle has a short historic review, then Mr. Hansen directs your attention to some of the more prominent artistic features and some of the smaller details you might miss. This book also has several nice comparison photo pages. Five Side plates lined up together, or five curling triggers, or five cheek piece inlays. That was a great idea.

The clarity of the close ups of the carving and engraving will really allow you to teach yourself eighteenth and early nineteenth century American decorative design. The variety of colors and shades that show on the maple stocks are totally awesome. Truly a wood lovers delight.

If you want to purchase one of these books for yourself, send \$125.00 plus \$7.00 shipping and handling for media mail, or \$15.00 for stand and delivery, to:

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