

THE BUCKHORN SKINNERS NEWSLETTER

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**SHOOT MUZZLE
LOADING FIREARMS:**
Rifle, Pistol, Revolver
and Shotgun

Wanted:

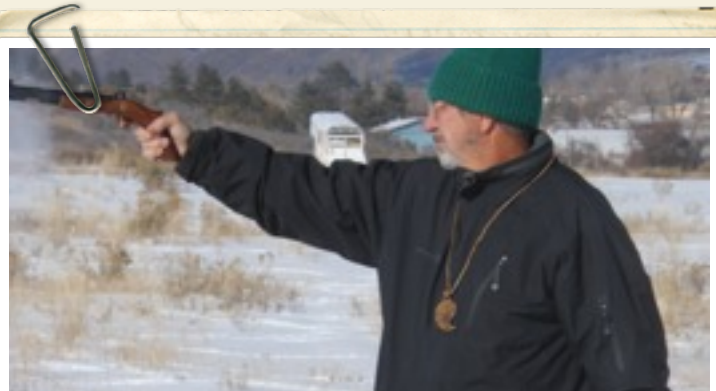
Donations for the
CSMLA to put up
for a drawing for a
fund raiser.
Contact Ron Ring

News from the Scribe: **Horse**

December was a unique month for the Buckhorn Skidders! A number of club members came together for three events, many thanks to all those who attended, lent a helping hand and pitched in when needed.

Beginning with the Loveland Gun Show on the 10th and 11th. The club bought a table to promote the muzzle loading sport, the Buckhorn Skidders Mt. Man Club and the CSMLA. Club members brought skins, muzzle loaders, hawks, knives, and other accoutrements for conversation, show and tell. Bloody Muzzle printed up a stack of club tri-fold Brochures and brought CSMLA tri-folds from Joy.

We scheduled two hour shifts but some members stayed all day.



Elk on the Range



Guests and members shooting



Standing Moose

Winter shooting on
the Buckhorn
Skidders Range



The show was open from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Saturday the 10th and 10:00 am - 4:00 pm on Sunday the 11th. The event was a huge success, many folks attended the show and stopped to chat with our members.

We had Ray Ezinga teaching everyone the proper engagement strategies and sales pitch. Ray is a strong advocate for muzzle loading, past President of CSMLA and natural social butterfly. He actually sold ice to a few Eskimos! You should have seen him squeeze the flesh, make friends and recruit members. Given the success, we are planning to secure a table and staff three more shows in 2017, it is great opportunity to recruit new members and increase our

visibility in the region. Many thanks for those 10 members who attended, visited with folks and helped out.

Roster of those who staffed the table at the PE Gun Show:

<http://peshows.com/index.html>

1. Louie Silva
2. Peter tho Seeth
3. Ray Ezinga
4. Darrell Koleber
5. Carl Schaal
6. Dave Hoffman
7. Ron Ring
8. Pete Bruning
9. Jerry McConnell
10. Dave Gilkey

UPCOMING EVENTS

Buckhorn Skippers Christmas party January 14th at the American Legion 305 Cleveland Ave. Loveland, Co. Party starts at 5PM for social hour and dinner to follow. Party will break up and clean up at 10PM.

Monthly Shoot Sunday January 15th sponsored by Deacon, bring rifle, hawk & knife.

Winter Convention Saturday March 11th at the Elks Lodge 1424 East Mulberry St. Fort Collins, Co. Plan to attend and consider coming to the dinner in the evening. Lunch is available and the bar is open at the Elks.

More Yarns from the Scribe

December 18th came quickly and the Captain's Shoot was stacking up to be memorable for sure. There was a flurry of emails through Saturday from concerned members about the ongoing cold weather and many doubts that we could endure the inclement weather. I tried to rally the spirits and remain committed to shooting if the temps reached the predicted middle 20s. I awoke at my usual 5 am on Sunday morning to find the thermometer reading minus 10 degrees. By 8 am the temperature has risen to zero! I sent out a message and headed to El Cielos for breakfast with the members.

I was pleased to find many of the club members gathered around a table drinking hot coffee. Louie, Darrell, Jerry, Peter, Carl and John were all ready for a hot sizzling breakfast. We all put in an order and asked to keep the

hot coffee flowing. Agenda Items Discussed:

.....Darrell reported that he had not received any applications for Muzzle Loader of the Year.

.....The PE Gun Show debriefing and overwhelming support to the time and money sent. We agreed to pass on the 12/30 show and plan to select three shows in 2017.

.....We believe that Scott obtained a Christmas gift certificate for Pat and family.

.....We believed the Scott has reserved the Loveland VFW for the Christmas Party on January 14th.

.....I contacted the Northern Colorado Rod and Gun Club to offer to a Skinner sponsored a series of muzzle loading shoots in 2017. No message or commitment has been received.



Fencing crew at their best

If anyone is interested in participating in a snowshoe muzzle loading biathlon outside of Laramie and a chili feed afterwards around the first of February contact Ron Ring for details

And the Scribe Rambles On.....

Corollary to our warm breakfast meeting, Bloody Muzzle and Deacon had gone to the range, just in case any visitors had come out to shoot. Bloody Muzzle reported that the two had set-up a few backstops and taken a couple of shots each. We have no proof of this allegation or fantasy shoot, sure they did!

Horse and Bull Whacker went out to the range after breakfast and found the property quiet and a cool 11 degrees, no sign of any shooters. We stood outside the trucks for about two-minutes before we grabbed out coats, hats and gloves. We both decided the best course of action was to head for home and get warm.

Christmas day the winds kicked up and grew more powerful and violent.

The high winds broke several sprinklers loose from their tethers on the West side of the fields and sent them careening across the North and South meadows and into the fences, over the road and down into the gulley on the East side of the Country Rd 27.

Fencing was torn throughout the property, the horse went wild and real hazards were created on the Chance Homestead. Some of the horse were cut badly, traffic was halted and the Highway Patrol was onsite with other responders to help clear the road and secure the property. The word went out for more help!

December 26th, Skinners began to assemble at 9 am onsite. Pat was exhausted and warn out from the horrific event. Bill was onsite with

others but then had to leave for a personal crisis.

Thank god that several Skinners were able to come and lend many hands. Squads broke out and began attending to various needs. Sprinklers needed to be retrieved from the East side of the road and brought back onto the property. Torn and damaged sections had to be removed from the fields. Fences were damaged in many places and needed to be repaired. The Northwest section of fencing was removed, wired rolled and stored in a safe place. The South field was closed off from the horses and will be repaired soon. Time and attention was focused on broad damage in the North property to secure and protect the horses. Pat brought water to keep us hydrated.

And the Scribe does like to bend the ear

THAN YOU HORSE FOR ALL YOU DO TO ORGANIZE AND SCRIBE AS WELL!!!

Roster of those who worked December 26th:

- Louie Silva
- Peter tho Seeth
- Darrell Koleber
- Dave Hoffman
- Ron Ring
- Pete Bruning
- Jerry McConnell
- Dave Gilkey

The team worked until nearly 2 pm closing off the South field, repairing damaged fence, gathering sprinkler sections, positioning and reconnecting sections, rolling wire and cleaning up the damage. After the immediate and urgent needs were met, we then headed to Cielos for lunch.

We were tired and hungry. The coffee was hot and good and the waitress was sweet and friendly. We all ordered up a feast and enjoyed the good company of each other.

Jacqui McConnell blessed us with her presence and confirmed that Jerry was still a married man. We had not seen her for some time and were suspicious that Jerry was a closet bachelor masquerading as a married fellow. She is doing well and welcome any time! After a nice meal and a long visit folks headed out engage other needs at home.

Peter reminded me that we want to schedule at least six Saturday shoots throughout 2017 in addition to our Sunday shoots. We hope to pick up greater participation from the Ezinga family and others who attend church on Sunday and are not able to attend our regular shoots. Please support the extra effort for more shooting, Mt. Man fun and camaraderie among the members.

When we meet for the Christmas party and hold our business meeting, please be prepared to sign up and coordinate or co-coordinate at least two shoots. Remember to bring a dish to share, a gift worth ~\$25 for the gift exchange, good spirits and festive attitude. Horse and Fallen Angel will be providing a turkey and he will be giving the annual slide show. Hope to see you all at the party on the 14th!

Respectfully submitted,

Horse, Scribe

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Colorado State Muzzle Loading Association

ONE-DAY WINTER CONVENTION and TRADE BLANKET EVENT

March 11, 2017

Ft Collins Elks Lodge 1424 E. Mulberry Street Ft. Collins, CO 80524
(970) 493-3777 (West off I-25 at exit 269B)

Trade room will be open to the public on Saturday, March 11 from 8:00am to 4:00pm
9:00am to 3:00pm Classes and Demos
CSMLA Membership Meeting - Election of Officers 4:00pm Banquet, Awards 6:00pm

REGISTRATION FORM

For this special event the first space or trade blanket is FREE for members!! (based on an 8' front). Additional space cost is \$10.00, if space is available. **Do you want a vendor space or trade blanket?** Yes [] Number of additional spaces requested _____ x \$10.00 each = _____ (due at event). Do you need electricity? Yes [] First come basis if available.

Banquet Reservation

Dinner Choice: _____ Baron of Beef _____ Grilled Chicken
Included: Roasted Red Potatoes, Mixed Vegies, Salad, Dinner Roll, Carrot Cake, Coffee/Tea

Total Number of Dinners: _____ x \$30.00 (includes 3.55%tax & 18% gratuity) = \$_____

Name: _____ CSMLA member Y [] N []

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail _____

Return Completed form by February 27, 2017 to:

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