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# THE BUCKHORN SKINNERS NEWSLETTER

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## *Notes from the scribe: Manyhides*

THE BUCKHORN SKINNERS ARE ON FACEBOOK

Happy New Year,

What a fantastic weekend for the annual Skinners Christmas party and monthly event. This time of year can be especially problematic, with the weather and travel so when we get a nice Saturday evening followed by a beautiful sunny day in the 60's for the shoot on Sunday we can be grateful. The different venue for the party due to the September flood taking out the Backbone Events Center where we were already booked was very nice and beyond adequate. Don't know why there was ever confusion over "being bartender" or being waitress, or hiring a bartender for joint use between the regular patrons and our group when in final analysis the venue is a bargain at \$100.00 however I found out later we needed to not only leave it clean, but clean by wiping down tables and counters so it is ready for the next use, not a big deal just so we know. By hiring a bartender for four hours for our exclusive use with a private bar setup and running a

\$75.00 tab we ended up back to the \$250.00 allocated for the party as usual. I



still like the privacy that the Backbone affords but the club will decide when the time comes, I would not be

disappointed at either. Many thanks to all those who cooked and prepared food for the event. Our own outgoing Captain Horse was ready to show his usual production of a humorous captioned slide show from the many photo's that both he and Bloodymuzzle take all throughout the year.

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## MORE NOTES ON THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

I think this may be a part of the club that is underrated, their dedication to capturing the photo's for the record is greatly appreciated by all and without their effort we may not have a library of pic's that are always fun to look back on. The problem with being the photographer is the individual is rarely the subject, so if you have an opportunity, ask to take some pic's for them to be in with their camera or if you have your own do so and copy them. Capt. G. seemed to single out the Mule and Peter for the brunt of his wit and excessive use of "the zone" and "putz"" was the flavor added. It was one of those "you had to be there" things but as always amusing and good natured ribbing or was it a "roast" I'm not sure. At the conclusion of the slideshow the gal's left us and we moved into the meeting. Decision made to settle our business issues for both days so the Sunday event could be concluded in time to get everyone home for the Bronco game which was to start just after one PM against the Patriots. So a separate meeting on Sunday was not held for the record. Splinter volunteered to run the shoot with targets ready by Capt. G.

## BUCKHORN SKINNER MEETING

Captain moves to discussion on "Territorials" with brief commentary on state of readiness and as usual an appeal for "all

hands". Seems we have to beat the same old drum every year, need help, need participants, and need to secure this event for the future. Our financial obligations require this event as well as Squirrel Shoot to fulfill our needs. We are right on the bubble for minimum participation to maintain this event as there is a cost to the national to administer, advertise, and provide medallions etc. If it is run for a loss they could just eliminate the event as not all states have a "Territorial" anyway.

If another club or organization could or would make a case for better participation they could get it away from us. So, in conclusion on the subject, even a little help, even a little participation can make a world of difference to the overall effort as well as your fellow Skinners.

On the call for any other new business Manyhides inquires if Bloodymuzzle and other members wish to get back to doing the "postal targets" on a regular basis for integration into the normal format of club shoots. The response was yes and even though Ron used to provide targets there is always one in the "Poke" with mailing instructions and if you have an opportunity to copy your own that would be great. Maybe Darrell could get a supply we could keep in some kind of container on the hill. Manyhides also proposed an idea of having a "Top Gun" competition that would be a minimal cost of \$10.00 per year or approx a \$1.00 per month and to keep it simple just on club shoots- the highest scored normal 50 point target for the year.

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## MORE SKINNER BUSINESS

The entry would be up front or would be the same rate no matter when a person enters the contest. A trophy or award of some kind would be given at the Christmas party with a yet to be devised method of breaking ties if necessary, your thoughts welcome but soon. And one final submission by the scribe was to appeal to club members, not the club to join together in picking a program such as "Wounded Warriors" with low admin costs and take on an obligation in this case \$19.00 per month or \$228.00 per year for a sponsorship of the program.

Manyhides indicates he would make up any shortfall after all have had a chance to volunteer their support. There are many veterans programs and even some for active duty personnel where volunteers put together "care packages" of personal items and magazines and sometimes scarves and body armor for those "over there". I would not consider the programs as permanent to us and they could be rotated and all participation is purely voluntary.

## MORE BUSINESS FROM THE SKINNERS

Meeting called to order By Capt. Gilkey, called for treasurers report and a detailed report was provided indicating current balances against anything

remaining outstanding. Always a pleasure to see someone prepared and well versed on the subject at hand, thanks Mule.

In "old business " Capt. moved quickly into the bylaw amendment before us related to- emergency procurement opportunities, or in simple english, when someone happens upon what seems to be availability of an item in short supply, an item well under market price and an opportunity to replenish inventory at considerable savings on expendable supplies the authority to purchase up to a set limit without club approval. All means to communicate to the Capt, and/or Treasurer for confirmation should still be undertaken when possible. The motion passed on concept with the limit set at \$750.00 however the exact language to the new amendment was not given nor is my description the way it may appear in subsequent documents.

Recently, there has been a considerable effort put in mainly by Scott to identify sources for supply through normal channels as well as arrange for transportation at a savings whenever possible. He believes he has found a source for flint and if so the club will make a considerable investment to get a supply back for members at a reasonable rate. The quoted price will bring a bag of ten to a minimum of \$15.00 but may be slightly higher as we need to discuss if we want to up the charge for supply to allow for replenishment with ever increasing prices in play.



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Also, I think a big vote of gratitude is in order for the Mule to go over and above in his capacity to see to this for all of us, Thank you sooooo much. We then moved to Squirrel Shoot 2014 issues. Darrell on targets is on track for both SS 2014 and 2014 Territorials as well, a work party will need to be scheduled to collate target packs and color code when the time comes. He also mentions he likely will not be here for

SS 2014 so we will thank him for his efforts in advance of the date. Splinter will handle hawk handle and plaques again but say's this may be the last year, again thanks.

From the last meeting I believe Bloodmuzzle and Gutshot are looking into medallions and tokens for SS2014.

Report by both webmaster and scribe indicate a desire for member submission of photo's and articles to be included in newsletter and don't

forget the pulpit".

Sounds like the acquisition of belting is still in process which is needed for normal replacement but also as part of the mitigation and collection process for recycle and recording.

Normal range repair and pick up can occur at any time at Capt's discretion up to and including 19 April 2014. Final item was of course, election of officers. The salty old veteran Lieutenant

"Hawkdancer" steps up to Captain, bet he never thought he would see Capt's bars on him----- too bad the pay grade doesn't change here, oh, and no O-club either and no commissary it's just for all the glory. Next item--we need a new Lieutenant, everyone just seemed to shrink into their chair with their hands on the leg of the chair until a reluctant Peter stepped forward to accept the challenge-welcome.



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## CONTINUED SKINNER BUSINESS

Mule agreed to accept another tour of duty as did the webmaster and scribe as none of the positions were contested. Thanks go out to all who hold a position with the club for all that they do.

And, one more item that should be mentioned as a post script: Peter raised an issue about holding a pistol/revolver event every six weeks as a companion to monthly shoots.

Ever since the passing of Scorch we have gradually moved away from pistol/revolver as we have for skills etc. Times are tough, people are busy, it's a natural undecided consequence I think. We had a pistol/revolver club shoot this past year and as you know it was a lot of fun and I think everyone really enjoyed it. Shoot hosts can always decide the course of events so that opportunity exists, any host at any time could add an event or integrate same into a course of fire with rifle if they desire. They should make it known to the membership though if they plan to do that.

There would also be a potential for conflict between the six week event and other major events mainly spring thru fall. So, it was decided that it was not a bad idea but due to insurance restrictions, possible conflicts with other events and existing opportunities that just have to be promoted to set aside the every six week pistol/revolver shoot. Peter has a great

enthusiasm for what we do and I for one welcome that "gusto" to keep the energy flowing and as Lt. and then Capt. he will be afforded opportunity to inject that into the mix.

If you show up for a February shoot and you are the only one there, turn around and head to Greeley, to the Clarion Inn to be more specific because everyone is at----- Winter Convention February 14-16. If you want a room or dinner reservation you better hurry, you have only got until January 31 to get it in. The club will have a table for community items "for sale" if you plan to sell, plan to take a short shift at the table-say yes.

As always classes, traders, and the business meeting, silent auction, contests and live auction at the dinner. Hope to see you there.



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## SHOOT RESULTS

NAME	BUFF	CRAPPER	JERMOKE	WHEEL	BIRD	TIE BREAKER	TOTAL
Deacon	25	17	16	34	18	9	119
Gutshot	25	6	-	25	-	-	56
Smokin'Toes	19	23X	20	31	9	6	108
Mtn. Mule	20	0	16	24	0	6	66
Manyhides	29	3	0	31	9	9	81
Splinter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peter	17	19	7	38	0	10	91
Bloodymuzzle	12	6	16	20	0	10	64
Horse	14	-7	0	23	0	7	37
Flatfingers	21	9	13	29	0	7	79
Standing Moose	-	10	9	-	-	9	28
Hawkdancer	8	10	14	22	-	-	54

Buckle goes to: Smokin'Toes Splinter-Fuzzy math shows,  
102,56,103,60,72,0,77,54,30,70,9,54-- above scores are corrected which means  
Deacon 1st with 119, Smokin'Toes with 108, and Peter 3rd with 91, Manyhides 4th at 81 and  
Flatfingers 5th with 79

Happy Trails to you, until we meet again- Roy  
Rogers and Dale Evans see ya, Manyhides





## “The Pulpit”

If a member of our organization wishes to send an editorial to express his views or respond to a previous editorial please send them to Ron Ring via e-mail. I reserve the right to edit or deny a submission and you will be informed of the decision. The submitter's name will appear in the following disclaimer.

**“Disclaimer: This page is the opinion of Mr. Rick Wicks and does not necessarily represent the opinions of The Buckhorn Skinner Mountain Man Club or it's members.”**

I have a hard time gauging your interest in the political realm because I don't get feedback. If you don't like politics of any kind I understand because I am there too. After years of not participating I could no longer sit on the sidelines and watch a continual effort by the left to erode and chip away at our fundamental second amendment rights as well as others. As you may know Kerry signed the small arms treaty last year which poses a very real threat to our rights. In addition, there were bills passed last year in Colorado that placed restrictions in several ways on our rights. This used to be the "west", where issues used to be centered around water rights and cattle and land and hunting and tourism as well as commerce.

Now these people move in and infest the world of politics and poison the well. The restrictions they imposed have the ability to create a criminal act by very innocent people in transfers etc. While the sponsors of the legislation and their party suffered set backs with the recall of Morse and Giron and the resignation of the other one to hold majority they view it as war where casualties are going to happen on the road to a given objective.

There is a movement afoot to reverse the decisions of last year in Colorado. When we look at the successes of last year that were initiated by a couple of plumbers it is encouraging and make no mistake it set alarms somewhere in a big way. They fear this type of activity could rise up across the land as people wake up and take their country back. I would hope that if you don't want to knock on doors, man a phone line or volunteer in some way you could at least lend your signature to petitions when presented and perhaps donate a few bucks to the cause. It's a shame we have to pay for governance once and then a second time to get it right but thats how it is. And yes, they will pester the hell out of you like you are sitting over a bushel basket of hundreds just waiting for someone to ask for some of it but hang in and let em beg. People fought and died to give us the rights we have now, and as stewards of those rights we should preserve them for our children and grandchildren.

Right now our legacy is the massive debt being run up by the current administration that I have heard is already \$60,000.00 per man, woman and child. If we are not already over the cliff we are near it and it will take due diligence on our part to salvage what is left. Please step up and take part in some way, if we all do a little it will accomplish a lot.

Remember, we have people up for election in mid-terms this november, we need the majority back starting now. Thanks for you ear, Manyhides