

# The Buckhorn Skinners Newsletter

*March 2014*



The Skinner Group arrived and assembled near our meeting area to confirm we were going up the hill. Seems as though we have not been up there in a very long time and with Squirrel Shoot close at hand and a trail that was at last reasonably safe we headed up.

I must admit I did not mind shooting off the tailgate for the duration of the winter months but an assessment of conditions on top were necessary. A recent prolonged illness made the trek seem like Mt. Everest and I was much fatigued on getting to the top especially when greeted by a cold, biting wind out of the east.



**A few words from our scribe:**

**Manyhides**

Gutshot reports old guy's lose circulation to their extremity's and get cold easily, I could not disagree but I guess I'm officially in that club want to or not. The "Old Sarge" I mean the new Captain missed muster and just when it looked like "missing a movement" could be the next charge for "office hours" or Article 15 he showed up. He didn't offer any excuses but maybe not wanting to "miss a movement" is what held him up. Anyway, after a lifetime of that stuff he deserves a break, but that doesn't mean we can't have a little fun with it. I thought the range fared well and looked like it did when we last were there.

Had some new faces on the hill with a new old shooter "Gary" is all I have with two observers in tow. He reports having shot with us before----- like 1984. Anyway, the cold may have had them leaving before the conclusion of the course of fire. His spectators didn't appear to have been dressed for the weather so I am guessing that was a part of it. He would certainly be welcomed back if he has a mind to, as far as I know everything else was ok.

Our shoot hosts-- Flatfingers and Deacon put before us some difficult targets and added posting just one target at a time as a kicker.

When ones energy gauge is reading E, this is not good news. However being the fine, upstanding, guy's that they are they offered to post and pull so I thank them for that.





Of course, Capt. Horse was up there claiming to be in "the zone" again which is never good news to the rest of us.

We missed our Bloodmuzzle, and I heard two stories why, neither being very interesting so I won't bore you with any of those details. We had 11 registered plus Deacon and Flatfingers as hosts.

## March Club

### Meeting Notes:

Once everyone gets off the hill and reports to the meeting area, a few stories are shared as well as food and refreshments as Flatfingers steps forward to offer a reading of shoot results which will follow minutes of the meeting.

Captain steps up and calls the meeting to order at 1300 hrs. He requests a treasurers report and as always gets a detailed report by the Mule of balance vs items acquired and payed for as opposed to outstanding issues.

Since our last gathering in January the supplies have been acquired and paid for.

Gutshot took care of



targets and Mule issues payment for same.

Darrell also states Bloodmuzzle has supplied tokens and medallions. The previous being a part of the treasurers report led right into "Old Business" as it relates to Squirrel Shoot preparations.

Mule inquires of Gutshot a time frame for his travels to allow for pick up of the marquee and poles and Darrell responds on the 15th of April and adds a work party will be needed to assemble and collate target packs. To my knowledge this was not disposed of and still needs to be scheduled before Mr. Gutshot departs.

The Captain brings up the subject of having round ball in varying calibers available for Squirrel Shoot and inquires as to molds available and material to cast. An assessment was made, but the Capt. didn't get a lot of feedback on casting, I was kind of caught without prior knowledge that this issue was raised previous.



Not a bad idea, most have their own supplies but could be a lifesaver if someone forgets something. Mule reports sponsor submissions have really dried up compared to previous years and also reminds member gifting of items of \$25.00 value or more are due any time. May be homemade or purchased but please keep it in the theme of what we do or he will accuse you of making the prize table "look like a garage sale".

New business dominated by scheduling for work days. While Pat didn't have anything immediate for us as far as workdays other than asking for volunteers for loading hay at the conclusion of the meeting she did feel comfortable about asking for help with a neighbors fencing in the near future.

We also have belting again and a fifty yard line to rebuild and add a second barrier to as well as the usual trail work etc. Dave G. will make yet another run to acquire even more belting--thanks Dave for going above and beyond but then none of of us are surprised by that.

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As a result of all that needs done, work day's have been scheduled for March 22nd and March 29th as well as for April 19th and possibly any remaining on our next club shoot meeting April 20th immediately before Squirrel Shoot 2014 on the primary date the last weekend of April.

No start times were stated owing in part to a rushed meeting conclusion due to Pat awaiting help to load hay.

Captain will need to take the lead to get the word out and hopefully this will be published prior to allow for the addition by e-

mail and phone.

Captain requests members show up with the usual needed items, drills and batteries, gloves, water for personal use as well as for the fire barrel. Tools related to trail maintenance are appreciated as well.

Just a personal note on workdays: we all rely heavily at times on retired people to step up and do things during the week, at times I think retirees are able to complete their personal agenda during the week where working people have to somehow adjust and make fit despite.

Some may even have to perform work for

their living on Saturday's so while we want good attendance at club workday's we also know it's difficult to get that at times. Peter brings up a good point: be courteous and inform if you will make the workdays so the Captain knows how to best use available people. If you can't make it, let him know and make arrangements for future dates. My most frustrating times as Captain were because it was difficult to get responses, input or opinions and confirmations.

Mr. Mule cautions that many do not check e-mail and

some do not have that resource but I think the point is still valid---- you know there is a day or day's scheduled---take some personal responsibility as to the club and fellow members. Capt. Horse makes mention of the state association as it relates to it's future.

If you have been paying attention for a few years you have observed an organization in decline despite the efforts of some of our best. They are interested in your ideas if you think you have useful information to turn the organization around-- contact any board member or the CSMLA.

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## NEWSLETTER

### MARCH 2014

Peter introduced a thought and an example of bio-sketches on individual club members, kind of

a neat deal on past and present members.

Mule brings up a necessary registration with the state and a

need for his reimbursement to do by cc. Captain calls the meeting adjourned at 1340 hours and people

turn to the chores at hand.



NAME	GRANT	BOTTLES	TOTAL JERK	REVERSE	CASH	AGG
Manyhides	20	36	35	43	1.25	134
Peter	35	18	43	33	0	129
Horse	40	24	47	31	.50	142
Gary	30	8	31	0	0	69
Gutshot	10	0	0	0	0	10
Standing Moose	15	-4	0	0	0	11
Medicine Bow	30	0	41	47	.20	118
Mountain Mule	25	14	45	32	.10	116
Splinter	0	0	16	18	.50	34
Hawkdancer	-15	15	0	19	.25	19
Smokin Toes	20	9	42	9	.10	80

Thanks to Deacon and Flatfingers/shoot hosts

1st Horse- 142      2nd Manyhides- 134      3rd Peter- 129

Buckle winner--- Hawkdancer

Adios, Manyhides