

THE BUCKHORN SKINNERS NEWSLETTER

The Buckhorn Skippers a Mountain Man Club

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Thursday August 29th
Free NMLRA RSO
course at the Fort Lupton
Range 11 AM until 4
PM.
- ◆ Friday, Saturday,
Sunday & Monday
(Aug. 30 ,31 , Sept. 1 &
2) CSMLA State Shoot
at the Fort Lupton
Range. Range opens
each day at 8 AM and
will close at 5 PM except
Monday it will be noon
with awards to follow.



Notes from the Scribe Smiling Brother (Rob D.):

*Buckhorn Skippers August Monthly Shoot
August 18, 2019*

*This was a rifle shoot plus a hawk or knife throw
Period Dress Required
Shoot was held Up the Draw
10 paid competitors*

*This shoot was co-lead by Bloody Muzzle and Smilin'
Brother.*

*The course of fire for the day included 2 paper targets at
25 yards, 2 paper targets at 50 yards, a hawk or knife
throw, and a woods walk with gongs and hanging*



More Upcoming Events

- ◆ September 14th - 22nd
Muzzle Loading Season
- ◆ September 15th Monthly
Shoot at the Buckhorn
Skinners Range
- ◆ October 19th and 20th
Buckfest at the Buckhorn
Skinners Range. Campout
modern or primitive. Trail
walk, candlelight shoot in
the evening.
- ◆ November 17th Meat Shoot
at the Buckhorn Range.
- ◆ December 15th Captain's



briquettes. Shooters took 5 shots at each of the 2 targets at 25 yards, 5 shots at each of the 50-yard targets, and 1 shot at a tie-breaker target set at 25 yards. For the woods walk, the shooters started with their choice of a knife or hawk and took 5 throws for score. Then, they proceeded down the trail and took a potshot at Pasquinel (who it seems, was quite good at ducking), a shot at a short distance gong, a shot at a longer distance gong, and a shot at a briquette blowing in the breeze. It was pretty cool to hear the gongs ring whenever they were hit.

The match started around 10am and was over by 1pm. It was cool and cloudy when the shoot started, which was nice since the weather forecast called for mid-90 degree temperatures that day. As we walked up the trail to the shooting range, there was an abundance of bear scat in the trail since the chokecherries were ripe, which elicited



quite a few comments and a few nervous looks over the shoulder. At least one of the comments about the bear referred to only having to run faster than the other guy should it be necessary to get away...

Brad needed TWO band-aids before the day was over because of a grumpy ramrod in attendance at the shoot. Brad's little finger on his shooting hand took the brunt of that ramrod's grumpiness. We haven't heard whether stitches were needed. Ouch! Heal up fast, Brad. We also had a shy cleaning patch that hid out in the barrel of Lil Johns rifle-gun for a while. Lil John thought he had a plugged nipple. Imagine his surprise when he found that errant cleaning patch. Another problem encountered Sunday was finding the red flags marking the shooting spots for the woods walk. Good thing Bloody Muzzle was there to guide the shooters.

There was some great shooting done Sunday! Michael Tillotson was the highest scoring shooter of the day, followed by Griz in second place, and Deacon in third place. Prizes for the top three shooters were a stuffed toy buffalo for first place, a bighorn sheep for second place, and a wolf for third place. A tie breaker prize was also given out; Standing Moose won the tie breaker and got a skunk for his effort.

It was a fun day for shooting – lots of smiles and friendly conversations were seen and heard during the day.

August Business Meeting after the Shoot August 18, 2019

Meeting called to order at 1:45pm by Captain Griz

Treasurer Report

No treasurer report was given. Captain Griz did say that the club had about \$1,300 in the club coffers before bills were paid.

Old Business

The Colorado State Shoot will be held on Labor Day weekend. If you can, please help with setup, scoring, etc. during the weekend.

A Range Officer training will be held on Thursday, August 29 before the shoot starts. The classroom portion of the training will begin at 11am and run until 4pm at the Fort.

Participants in the training will be expected to help with Range Officer duties during the



competition. This training is being offered free of charge. There will be a potluck lunch during the classroom portion of the training. Anybody interested in taking the training can contact Linda Preston for info.

New Business

Pat came to the meeting. She asked for help fixing fence along the highway because elk had run through the fence. The fences were fixed after the business meeting. We also helped Pat move her horses back to the upper pasture after the shoot.

Buckfest is coming up in October. Please plan on coming up and camping and shooting during Buckfest. Campers can arrive starting late Thursday. There will be a woods walk, a candle light shoot, and a potluck dinner where you can try your hand at that primitive recipe that has been calling your name.

Feedback from the Jean Ezinga Memorial shoot was positive, plenty of volunteers there to assist Hawk Dancer. Ray and his family had a good time and the great grandsons would like to have another shoot like this sometime again. Wind was a problem at the Ezinga Memorial Shoot. The target stands were being blown over. It has been recommended that two methods of stabilizing the target stands be tried. One method is to make 20 pound sandbags to lay over the shooting frame. A second method is to use stakes and rope to tie the target stands down. Smoking Toes will make stakes. Stitches will sew sandbags. Both methods will be tried the next time they are needed.

Standing Moose asked to trade shoot-hosting dates with somebody for September because of muzzleloading hunting season. Peter, Deacon, and Charlie agreed to take over shoot hosting duties for the September shoot.

Smilin' Brother will also be gone for muzzleloading season in September, so if the shoot hosts could perform the scribe duties for the shoot, that would be greatly appreciated.

Meeting was adjourned about 2:30pm.

