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## The Buckhorn Skinners Newsletter

Courtesy of the Scribe: Horse

### Buckfest October 2017

It was a wonderful weekend. The wind had been blowing pretty hard Friday and came to a halt for our event. Horse planned to join the campout Friday night but got behind. He finally showed up Saturday afternoon to find Smoking Toes, Bloody Muzzle and Standing Moose with lodges setup in camp. Bull Whacker and Many Hides were hanging out with the gang nestled in Smoking Toe's teepee. Horse got Betsy setup with Honey Bear and put his roast beef on to simmer for a few more hours. There was a feast that evening for sure.



Bull Whacker hung out and swapped stories about life and the Buckhorns Skinners. Cat showed up to share a little time and conversation, it was good to see her. She looks and sounds all grown up; when did that happen? She's driving a snazzy little blue car and is doing fine.

Dinner was scheduled for 6:00 pm and everyone had dishes to share. We visited and Standing Moose kept saying that he was going to sight in his

hunting rifle. He did not demonstrate any hunting skills but lots of talk. I wonder how well he is going to shoot.

Bloody Muzzle, Smoking Toes, Standing Moose and Bull Whacker are planning a hunt to unit 15 for elk. I hope that they get their rifles shooting straight. The bets are on whether or not they will fill the freezers at home. What do you think? If they get lucky, we all might get a little meat next month. Harvesting four elk would yield ~800 lbs of yummy meat, I think that they should share with the club! I'm hoping that they can get their animals, I like elk.



When 6:00 pm rolled around, we all converged in Smoking Toe's lodge and set up an incredible buffet of camp cuisine that ranged from roast beef to chocolate chip cookies and brownies. Many Hides brought a whole batch of goodies. Two Eagles showed with food in tow as did Grumpy Griz, Griz, Deacon, Cat, Hawk Dancer and Lil Fiddle. There was more food than we could eat. Griz brought a whole ice chest full of homemade beers. Larry Webster and his grandson Dave showed for a visit and the night candle shoot.



Smoking Toes and Bloody Muzzle set up the candle shoot and Dave experienced shooting in the dark. Dave shot all the candle out! We were happy that he came out and invited him to return anytime. Thanks Larry for bringing him out.

Most of gang hung out in the teepee, stoked the fire, told stories, ate food and enjoyed drink and conversation. Horse managed to last until 9:00 pm before turning in. We all hit the sack at some point and the temps plummeted.

Sunday morning came early. Horse and Honey Bear were out walking at 5:00 am in the dark. He brought his computer and some books and managed to get lots of work done before light. The camp came to life and breakfast got planned. Horse made fried potatoes, Smoking Toes cooked up the eggs and Bloody Muzzle wrestled with some pigs to make

bacon. The eats were terrific and a few more arrived to enjoy. We gathered at the lower range and set up the back stops and shooting line.



Captain Smoking Toes gave us the orientation, rules and targets. Cat used her art skills and made some really tough targets. One was a beard that need to be trimmed, another was a pumpkin with teeth needing dental work, the pumpkin patch was full of small ones, and foot with toes was really tough. We had 9 shooters including Randy and Linda on the line and being challenged.

The Buckfest competition was fierce but we had great fun! The targets were among the most challenging ever, thanks to Cat.

Shooting on target was humbling and required super vision. Kudos to those who scored high.

- The top shooter was Deacon way out in front with **134** - Wow, binoculars for eyes!
- The number two shooter was Randy with a **105** - He was wearing binoculars for glasses!
- The number three shooter was Bloody Muzzle with a **97** - He just got lucky, he couldn't see a darn thing!

Cat, please make the targets bigger next time. Us old guys need extra-large figures, dark thick edges and easy to see targets so that we can shoot well. Thanks for the humbling, demoralizing and humiliating experience, we all had a great time ☺.

Many thanks to the Captain for a great shoot and lots of fun.

Scores were as follows:

Shooter	Jug	Beard	Pumpkin	Pumpkin Patch	Foot	Total
Hawk Dancer	21	0	16	4	-5	36
Deacon	32	30	20	30	22	134
Bloody Muzzle	45	0	16	20	16	97
Randy	32	10	20	30	13	105
Linda	24	0	16	6	-10	36
Griz	40	0	26	18	7	91
Standing Moose	32	10	4	26	7	79
Horse	30	0	20	22	2	74
Bull Whacker	30	0	16	8	0	54



### **Captain Smoking Toes**

The meeting was called to order.

Treasurer's Report: Several Skinners chimed in and all is well.

Deacon had arrived back from WY where he picked up club supplies.

Thanks Deacon!

Horse reported that two additional domain names were available. We currently own .com and .org. The conclusions were to not buy additional domain names but keep out present ones. Horse will maintain the two names for the club with GoDaddy.

Bull Whacker is coordinating the Meat Shoot in November. All members are expected to bring some meat for the shoot. If you can pick up an extra turkey, ham, brisket, sausage, chick, duck or other critter, please do. We need meat for guests and the landlord. Any extra extra meat is given the Vets in Loveland. Bring your best gun, good attitude and be ready for some fun.

There was discussion about the next Saturday shoot in November. No commitments were made so check with Captain before you come out. We may stall on Saturday shoots until spring.

Squirrel Shoot update - Beg letters need to go out, members are expected to donate a gift work ~ \$25.00 and work the event. Stay tuned, more will be forthcoming as we move closer to the event.

We are going to need a workday or two in make repairs to the range and complete maintenance. We need to check with the landlord as well to see if any work needs to get done. Members are expected to come out and help.

Two Eagles proposed buying 5 sets of pins for the Scheutzen Fest in 2018 & 2019. The motion passed and Two Eagles will order the pins from Germany.

Grumpy Giz (Now Dancing Bear) - He has been busy with the Boy Scouts teaching youth about muzzle loading hoping to inspire tomorrow's members. He provide the hands-on opportunity to 30 youth to shoot at one event and 26 others at a Troop event. He proposed that the Buckhorn Skinners sponsor an event for up to 50 youth. We hope to plan this event for spring. Thanks Dancing Bear for the effort to grow the hobby and ranks of the Skinners.

The Christmas Party is planned for Saturday night the 20<sup>th</sup> of January. We usually meet up from 5 pm to 10 pm. Horse will be providing a slide show for the club. We need to get confirmation for a reservation at the Vet Hall in Loveland. Deacon will coordinate the shoot on Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup>. Thanks Deacon.

**The club voted in two new members: Griz and Dancing Bear**

The club discussed names and details of the two renegades. Griz will be known as Griz whereas, Grumpy Griz will be known as Dancing Bear!

We tried to get him to demonstrate some fancy footwork but failed. Welcome to the club fellows, we are very happy to have you aboard.

Many thanks to Bull Whacker who keeps recruiting folks to the club. Everyone should do the same, invite a friend, neighbor and acquaintance. We need to grow the club membership with good folks.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Horse, Scribe

