

THE BUCKHORN SKINNERS NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events

[Snowshoe Biathlon Feb. 14th 9 AM:](#)

location is the Summit between Cheyenne and Laramie. Contact Ron 692-4658 To Carpool,(I have an extra pair of wooden Snowshoes).

Snowshoe biathlon outside Laramie



Buckhorn Skippers Monthly Shoot:

Sunday February 21st 10 AM at the Skippers Range Sponsored by Deacon (Dave H.) & Manahides (Rick W.)

CSMLA WINTER CONVENTION MARCH 5TH AT THE ELKS CLUB IN FORT COLLINS 8 AM TO 5 PM WITH MEETING AND DINNER TO FOLLOW.

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Notes from the Scribe: Horse

Buckhorn Skippers - Christmas Party, Business Meeting and Monthly Shoot January 16th and 17th 2016

Saturday was a busy day for all of us. Somehow the Buckhorn Skippers managed to carve out the time for fellowship and celebrate the year. We converged at the VFW in Loveland for the annual Christmas Party, the celebration started at 5 pm. Folks were arriving with big smiles, warm greetings and happy to see each other.

Two Eagles, Splinter, Gutshot, Bloody Muzzle, Bull Whacker and Horse all brought their wives to boot. Ladies, thanks for coming and blessing the event.

The feast was arranged along the kitchen counter so that folks could fill their plates with a wide array of culinary delights ranging from delicious meats to sinful sweets. The club subsidized adult libations to quench our thirst so we all made trips to the pub.



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New Captain...Deacon (Dave H)

New Lieutenant...Smokin' Toes (Pete B)

Deacon gave the blessing and we were into dinner. We headed to the chow line at 6 pm to fill our plates and share a meal. Folks visited and enjoyed each other and made two and even three trips to the food line to enjoy the fine menu; there was no shortage of good food as always at prior celebrations, we are so blessed.

After dinner, Horse presented the slideshow and featured the year in review by way of the Buckhorn Skinners Newsletters. We've been

blessed that Bloody Muzzle who so skillfully created the monthly newsletter. Each newsletter is an archive of club events and worth reading or at least scanning. The flavor of each edition is shaped by the event itself and the character roles that each play. We had another great year thanks to Captain Peter, full of activities, friendly competition and fun. A few highlights included our 40th anniversary of the club! Wow, what an amazing accomplishment in this days and age of rapid change and planned obsolesce. Thank god that we are linked in many ways as friends who share similar interest and concerns for each other.

The Buckhorn Skinners celebrated the 40 year milestone with our first "Scheutzenfest" designed and executed by Captain. Well done and many thanks for a new event to be added to our list of annual offerings.

We had a great Squirrel Shoot this year but got foiled by Mother Nature with a big rain storm. Despite the conditions, we had a great time and shortened-up the event with a Sunday Morning awards in the registration tent. Congratulations to all those who participated and won competition classes. Jim Fahling really cleaned-up, congratulations Jim, results are posted on our website.

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The Buckhorn Skinners meet monthly to shoot at our Masonville Range on the 3rd Sunday of each month except in June when the Skinners sponsor the Colorado Territorial Shoot at the Fort Lupton Range.

ACTIVITIES OF THE SKINNERS INCLUDE:

Pistol / Revolver shooting
Rifle / Smoothbore shooting
Shotgun shooting
Bench / Cross-stick shooting
Hawk & Knife
Mountain Man Walks

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And more from the Scribe plus the business meeting notes:

We owe much to the old timers like Ray Ezinga and Darrell Koleber who have been members for several decades and of course, Pat Conner, the landlord and founding spouse. I've never met Barry but have benefitted from his vision and desire to have place to celebrate yesteryear and the life of the mountain man. Many thanks to Pat for continuing to support for our passion with access and use of her beautiful property. Pat, we deeply appreciate you!

After the slideshow, we enjoyed the annual gift exchange. This is always great fun and reflects the creative thinking and skills of members. We chose random numbers and began the round robin of selection, stealing gifts, laughing and sharing fun. Everyone enjoyed seeing the surprises within each wrapped package and the chance to wrangle with one another. No feelings got hurt, just fun! To our

pleasure, Grump Grizzly arrived late and was able to join in and have a meal, attend the business meeting and then clean-up. It was great to see you Grumpy Grizzly and hope to see you more often!

Business Meeting Notes:

Captain Peter called the business meeting to order at 8 pm.

Treasurer's Report:

Mountain Mule reports that we are doing well but had to pay out insurance of \$681, additional riders for events will cost ~\$50 each.

The Christmas event at the VFW costs the club about \$175 plus tips, a deal for us!

We have savings and CDs, our club is doing well but dependent upon the two major events.

Web Master Report:

Bloody Muzzle reports that he can post notices for items available for sale and trade, just send him the details.

Please feel free to write something for the newsletters, we love to hear from members about their favorite mountain man book, recipe or adventure. Write up a contribution and send it to him anytime.

Old Business:

CSMLA update - The Annual Trade Show and Winter Convention will be on 3/5 at the Elks Lodge located at 1424 E Mulberry St, Fort Collins, CO 80524. The flyer was published in the newest Poke and Stroke, please complete your registration form and plan to attend. Dig out your trading items or things that you wish to sell and bring them. We will have a swap, trade and sell all day long followed by a nice dinner. Remember that you can't bring food or drink, please purchase it at the lodge, it support our deal and subsidizes our costs. I look forward to seeing everyone attend, the CSMLA business meeting will follow.

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Last of the business meeting notes:

Dues – Captain Peter proposed that we raise dues from \$20 to \$40 to increase revenues and decrease the pressure on our two major events. There was much discussion and no decision made at the meeting. The conversation will continue and future action is certain. Motion to table to item.

We have increased the shoot event fee from \$5 to \$7 to increase revenues and shoot coordinators have provided prizes.

We need three shoot stands fixed. Bull whacker agreed to do construction. Thanks for your help!

Captain has built a prototype for new target stands that can be used on the lower range. The Captain has built the frames to be lightweight and sturdy. We agreed that six are needed, many thanks to him and members who can help out. We do have extra Plastic Cardboard that Horse secured sometime back.

Captain Two Eagles and Bloody Muzzle planned and did attend the Casper Convention, secured powder and supplies for the club. They made the long drive and we are grateful, many thanks!

Elections:

Deacon was nominated, accepted and was unanimously elected to be the new Captain.

Smokin Toes was nominated to be Lieutenant, accepted and was unanimously elected.

Mountain Mule agreed to sustain the position of treasurer, thank you Scott!

Bloody Muzzle agreed to sustain the position of webmaster, thank Ron!

Horse agreed to sustain the position of scribe as long as he can. He is looking for career opportunities in warmer climates. Fallen Angel and Horse are looking to relocate to FL.

New Business:

First order of business was to officially change Captain Peter's club name to Two Eagles. I think that Peter is happier.

Jim Fahling could not make the event so, we decided that we will vote on his membership when he is in attendance. We missed you Jim! Club members came up with many ideas about

your new club name, it's a secret for now and you must to come to a shoot soon to find out what was the favorite.

Motion to adjourn by 9pm – The excellent event ended and we cleaned the facilities and departed. Many thanks to all those who helped clean up.

January 17th Monthly Shoot

A few of us met up for breakfast at Cielos Restaurant despite the huge dinner from the night before. We were glutens for the good food. We encourage all to attend and enjoy the good food and a nice visit prior to our shoots. We meet up at 8 am, please join us!

We arrived at the range by 9:30 am and Captain Deacon agreed to coordinate the event and was setting up the firing line. We rallied to get the backstops in position and the shoot soon began. The day was perfect, the range dressed in white, the sun shining and folks were looking to do some fine shooting.

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More Monthly Shoot Information

We had 10 shooters register and eight competitors for the day's event. Captain Deacon selected a series of tricky targets that humbled me and a few others. I was not in the zone! We had some mighty fine shooting, Captain Two Eagles took the overall best with Bull Whacker close behind. Fines shooting gentlemen!

SHOOT RESULTS:

Shooter	Jack Rabbit	Pumpkin Patch	Pumpkin Pie	Squirrel	Gong	Total	Tie Breaker
Horse	15	12	15	12	10	64	5
Bloody Muzzle	15	12	0	20	20	67	2
Bull Whacker	19	18	19	18	40	114	6
Gutshot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Two Eagles	29	15	25	20	30	119	1
Smokin Toes	22	10x	15	7	30	84	3
Hawk Dancer	19	0	12	15	0	46	6
Standing Moose	0	0	7	0	0	7	0
Splinter	0	0	4	0	0	4	4
Deacon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Business Meeting: The meeting was called to order by Captain Deacon. First order of business was to thank Captain Two Eagles for fine job in 2015. Preparation for Squirrel Shoot continues. We need to share the workload. A signup sheet will be forth coming.

- Targets - Gut Shot coordinates
- Medallions need to be orders and numbered - We will use leather medallions
- Mountain Man Run - Deacon will coordinate
- Hotdog wagon station - Smokin Toes and Splinter will coordinate
- Registration
- Scoring
- Range officers
- Dog Soldiers

Please check the signup sheet to be placed on the website for your commitment this year. We look forward to several great events and lots of fun.

Respectfully Submitted, Horse

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- FEBRUARY 21** Deacon (Dave H.) & Manyhides (Rick W.)
- March 5** CSMLA Winter Convention & Dinner, Fort Collins Elks Lodge
- March 20** Gutshot (Darrell K.) & Splinter (Mark B.)
- April 16** SQUIRREL SHOOT 2016 WORK DAY, No primitive dress
- April 17** Hawk Dancer (Jerry M.)
- April 22, 23, 24** 2016 SQUIRREL SHOOT ALL HANDS...FRIDAY NOON THROUGH SUNDAY PM
- May 13, 14, 15** Snow date for Squirrel Shoot 2016
- May 15** Horse (Dave G.) & Two Eagles (Peter T) (PISTOL SHOOT)
- June 17, 18, 19** NMLRA TERRITORIAL SHOOT AT FORT LUPTON, Skippers come & shoot & help
- July 17** Scheutzenfest Shoot...Two Eagles (Peter T) & Deacon (Dave H)
- August 20** EZINGA FAMILY SHOOT, all hands to help and shoot
- August 21** Shotgun Shoot...Bull Whacker (Louie S) & Bloodymuzzle (Ron R)
- September 3-5** CSMLA STATE SHOOT at the Fort Lupton Range
- September 18** Standing Moose (Carl S)
- October 15** Buckfest...Smokin' Toes (Pete B) & Grumpy Grizz (Jim W)
- November 20** Meat Shoot...Smokin' Toes (Pete B) & Two Eagles Peter T)
- December 18** Captain's Shoot...Deacon (Dave H)
- January 15 2017** Buckhorn Skippers Christmas Party
- January 16** OPEN