

Buekhorn Skinners Newsletter



Schuetzenfest Flag
and Target



Notes from the Scribe: Horse

The 2017 Schuetzenfest Target supplied by Two Eagles

We've had three shoots since the last newsletter. My apologies for falling behind, it has been a very busy summer with about 5 weeks of travel.



Food and
Registration tended
by Manyhides

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**NEXT
MONTHLY
SHOOT**
August 20th

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STATE SHOOT
September 1st, 2nd,
3rd & 4th at Fort Lupton

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**SEPTEMBER CLUB
SHOOT WILL BE THE
17TH**

“Don Gallagher Overall winner of the 2017 Schuetzenfest”

I spent a week in AZ. painting and cleaning up the new place in Bullhead City. Holly and I bought a place that will first be a rental and then a nice snow bird destination when the winter gets out of hand. I came home and then went to Denver for the week to attend a conference. I

returned home for the weekend and then headed to Oregon for a family reunion. I had a great time with 9 other family members from around the country. I left Oregon and went straight to Michigan for a week and got home just in time for the Scheutzenfest I then flew off to Los Angeles for a week to attend another conference and deliver a platform presentation and poster. It has been great to be home for the past few weeks. I’m sorry to have missed Walt’s memorial and was glad that so many were able to attend. This summer has been a huge loss to the muzzle loading community with Jack Cutshall and Walt Forster passing, we will miss them. Our regards and condolences to the families I am in the midst of preparation for my last semester at CSU. School begins August 21st. I retire from the university 12/31/2017 after being on campus for 20 years. Amazing!



I met Terri Koleber in the fall of 1997 when starting my Ph.D. at CSU and we became good friends. She introduced me to her then husband Cisco Castro. Cisco invited me to come shoot with the Buckhorn Skinners Mountain Club and the rest is history. I’ve enjoyed my 20 years of being involved and getting to know some pretty good fellows. I’m sorry to say that some of the fellow have passed on over the years. Please stay well everyone!

RANDY AND LINDA PRESTON TWO INDIVIDUALS WINNERS OF THE SCHUETZENFEST TARGET.

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I am currently applying for new jobs in educational leadership. I am seeking positions at the Dean level or higher and will see where the next challenge awaits me. Holly is supportive and willing to move anywhere in the lower 48 so, I have applied across the country but not received any offers, yet! I will continue to look for opportunities and apply to see where we end up, it could be in Colorado and I stick around as is. In the meantime, I'll enjoy my time with all of you. Many thanks for your friendship and good company.

The Ezinga Shoot:

We met up on a Saturday morning to celebrate Jean Ezinga and the entire Ezinga Clan. We had 11 shooters show with Ray leading the family team: John, Cody, Jenny, Derrek, James and Dylan. The weather was nice and the breeze was cool. There was lots of good shooting and sharing stories and salutations. It is always great to see the family out. The boys are getting bigger and were less interested in throwing knives and hawks this year. Each youngster had his own rifle and was ready to shoot paper.

Shooter	Squirrel	Crow	Turkey	Ground Hog	Teddy Bear	Total
Ray Ezinga	25	26	29x	17	38	135x
Cody K.	18	21	30	37	7	113
Bloody Muzzle	35	5	31	7	41	119
Horse	34	14	30	13	32x	123x
John K.	18	5	22	25	0	70
Bull Whacker	0	5	0	0	0	5
Griz	0	5	0	0	0	5
Jenny	0	0	0	0	0	0
Derrek	10	14	32	0	42x	98x
James	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dylan	0	13	23	0	23x	59x

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1. As the good lord would have it, papa Ray Ezinga was top shooter with 135X - Ray you are amazing! His secret was the use of 1.25x readers. Ray says that he can see the sites perfectly. I'm going to use my readers from now on. Think that it will help?
2. Horse lucked out with a second place earning a whopping 123 points and one x - And he wasn't even in the zone! I was using my yellow tinted night vision glasses from Walgreens, kinda like them with side shields and all. Hey, they are only \$10.
3. Bloody Muzzle came in third place with 119 points - Not bad for an old skinner, eh? Bloody Muzzle is a consistent good shot or just a lucky fellow. I do notice that my capper out shot his flinter!

The shoot was a success, Ray and family were grateful. We enjoyed having them on the hill once again and look forward to seeing them on more Saturday events. Ray says that Cody is the up and coming sharpshooter in the family. So, we are going to have some real competition between Grandpa and Grandson. My bet is on Cody!

The 3rd Annual Scheutzenfest - Two Eagles King and Shoot Coordinator

Skinners decided that they did not need to meet up on the 15th to set up. There was concerns about bad weather tearing up the marquis. It was decided that we'd meet up at 8 am and set up the range for our 3rd annual Scheutzenfest Sunday morning.

Two Eagles was the Scheutzenfest King from last year and the first on site to set up the range. He and Splinter had made up a beautiful Eagle target for the event, thanks you two! The Skinners rolled in and set up the marquis, shade popup cover and marked off the shooting line. The target got mounted with two beautiful flags nearby. It was a sunny day and a great turnout. Many Hides came out to help set up and run registration and process folks in time to get the shot underway by 10 am, thanks Many Hides! We had 13 shooters in attendance at the onset of the event and Hawk Dancer arrived a bit late to make a total of 14. What a turnout and serious competition!

Everyone brought food, lots of food. We had food to eat and eat and eat, all through the event and beyond. Two Eagles made his now famous **Butter Bread**, yummy and low calorie, low fat, good for the heart and soul. The event got started with an orientation from Scheutzenfest King, Two Eagles, with a short safety speech by Bloody Muzzle. Two Eagles was shooter #1 and got the ball rolling. Horse took some pictures along the way and sent them to Blood Muzzle for this newsletter and the website.

The event proceeded in the round-robin fashion waiting for someone to shoot the Apple. After a few rounds, Randy Preston shot the Apple and claimed the first prize. Congratulations to him! The competition commenced and his wife Linda Preston soon shot the Scepter and claimed the second prize. The two set out for the remainder of the rotations until the body was up for grabs. They brought a shade cover and enjoyed resting, eating goodies, watching and gloating over their victory. Great job you two!

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Standing Moose was the next winner when he shot off the Left Talon. The Right Talon was shot out of order and not claimed by anyone. King Two Eagles took the Left Wing for a prize followed by Splinter who took the Right Wing. The Crown, Tail and Head were shot out of order and went to the spoils. Deacon, Horse and Don shot parts off the Eagle off out of order and had to pass on one round of shooting, darn! Well, we finally got to the body and all shooters were back on deck.

It wasn't long before Don Gallagher, from Ft Lupton shot the body and became the new Scheutzenfest Koenig or King for 2017. Congratulations to Don, well done! We all lined up and discharged on command to shoot at the cross board, it was sliced in two with volley of lead. We were all winners!

Don has agreed to lead next year's event with a little help from Two Eagles and Splinter. Two Eagles awarded the pins and recognized all the winners. Thanks so much Two Eagles for another great Scheutzenfest!

Everyone brought more food that we could eat so there was much to distribute to all and taken home to share with the families. We moved to the trees and shade for our business meeting.

Many thanks to Two Eagles, Many Hides, Splinter, Deacon and Bloody Muzzle for their

effort to make the event superb! Don, we look forward to next year.

Business Meeting:

Horse called the meeting to order in the absence of the Captain and Lieutenant.

Treasurer's report was not provided but all is well. We miss Mountain Mule. Two Eagles reported that the Scheutzenfest cost a total of \$210. We nearly broke even and the club will pick up the remaining cost not covered by the entrance fee.

The event brought together shooters from inside and outside the club, a great success overall and many thanks to all. vWe were very pleased to see so many visitors and hope that they will come back again and join us on the hill for more good times.

Welcome to our many guests Jerry and Annie, Phillip, Don Gallagher (The New Scheutzenfest King), Randy and Linda Preston. Jerry and Annie asked for membership applications, we sure hope to see you again!

The next shoot is this Saturday July 22. Bull Whacker reminded us the 22nd is a workday at Ft. Lupton. Horse will be in Los Angeles and headed home but not in time to participate.

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The State Shoot will be over the Labor Day weekend, Sept 1 - 4, see the flyer at CSMLA.Net: http://csmla.net/01017_004.htm. Plan on camping out for the weekend and enjoy a wide range of shooting events, opportunities, good folk, tasty food and lots of camaraderie. Skinners should be ready to help out as jobs will be available. The State Shoot is put on cooperatively by the Colorado Springs Club, the Buckhorn Skinners Club and the Fort Lupton Muzzle Loading Club. ***The CSMLA Board meeting will be held Saturday evening at 6:30 pm, please attend.***

The Silhouette Shoot is on hold. Mike Lee will let folks know if the shoot moves forward.

The new CSMLA website is going well, please visit and see the handy work of Tim Blanchard. If you have photos, stories or links to share send them to him: tmosmun@outlook.com.

We need a workday this fall to do some range improvements and rebuilding of the backstops. We need to do some lead mitigation as well. A workday will be scheduled this fall, please attend.

Pat sends her many thanks for the big workday pulling weeds and clearing out beggars lice. The weed is a problem for the horses and she greatly appreciated all the hands that cleared out the invasive weed.

Buckfest will be October 14 and 15. Smokin Toes and Cat will be primary coordinators and Horse will help out as directed. Plan to come out and attend, camp out, enjoy good food and friends. Last year we had Dutch oven cooking and Grumpy Griz brought home brew. The Saturday night food-feast was excellent. If you have some home style drink, brew it up and bring it out for all to enjoy.

This year's Meat Shoot will be on November 19th and coordinated by Bull Whacker. You can bet it will be a good shoot and everyone takes home some good meat.

December is the Captain Shoot. You will want to come out for that exciting day. December 17th is the scheduled day and Captain Smokin Toes is a tricky fellow, so be ready for the challenge. Come out and enjoy the brisk day in early winter. Given the goofy weather, I can't really predict the temps but we might be seeing snow. The AccuWeather folks are forecasting a high of 50 degrees and a low of 20 degrees.

Deacon agreed to coordinate the January shoot after the Christmas Party. That may be a cold one!

Meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Horse, Scribe