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Upcoming events



Take aim at some of
these events and
activities

March 12 2022 Winter Convention & Trade Fair. See the flyer inside.

April 23rd and 24th 2022 Colorado Squirrel Rifle
Championships. See flyer inside.

CSMLA Postal Match. See Page inside for details.

Keep your eye on the recurring shoots at the Fort Lupton
club. Check their web site at <http://www.flmlc.org/>

The AZWINS matches will be coming up in February. Flyer
inside.

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SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES TO THE POKE AND STROKE

If you have information on shoots, club meetings, re-enactments, classes or other items that would be of interest to our membership, please send it to: Mike Lee, Editor, CSMLA *Poke and Stroke*, 7430 Devinney Court, Arvada, CO 80005 or email to editorpokeandstroke@gmail.com Written or digital information are preferred, **HOWEVER**, phone calls will be accepted. Deadline for publication is posted in the most recent edition of the *Poke & Stroke*. If you have an article to share, we appreciate it. Your name will appear on the article. Material may involve any aspects of muzzle loading, including but not limited to: history, crafts, trades, gunsmithing, hunting, and rendezvous. Photographs are especially welcome; black & white photos or color is fine. Digital images sent by email are preferred but any format is welcome. The Editor and the CSMLA are not responsible for loss or damage in the mail to manuscripts or photographs. All material will be edited for content and space requirements. Letters to the Editor will be accepted in any legible form. Mention of a product or service in advertisement or article does not imply endorsement, approval nor testing by the CSMLA.

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Contributors:

John "Jack" Riddell

MUZZLE LOADERS OF THE YEAR

1988 Barry Conner
1989 Del Mendenhall
1990 Al Main
1991 Chuck Deats &
Fred Newcomb (co-winners)
1992 Ray Ezinga
1993 Bill MacAfee
1994 Larry Webster
1995 Ron Melchert
1996 Charlie Webb
1997 Ken Klabon
1998 Ramona Laffler
1999 Dave Burman
2000 Jack Riddell
2001 Paul & Marcia Kelly
2002 Joy Hicks
2003 Doreen Webb
2004 Stanley B. Honour
2005 Jerry Farringer
2006 Larry Hicks
2007 Doug Davis
2008 Doug & Bridget
Rightmire
2009 Ron Ring
2010 John & Mary Jo Kummer
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2012 Tom Gabor
2013 Marlin Johnson
2014 Ken Wee
2015 Estill Ator
2016 Darrel Kolebar
2017 Ron Deurmyer
2018 Ron Mann
2019 Louie Silva
2020 Ted Beaupre
2021 Dee Beaupre

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If you are a member of a club that is not listed and you would like it to be, or you want to update this information, please contact the Editor.

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Colorado Springs Muzzle Loaders

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941 Daffodil
Fountain, CO 80817
paper shoot - 1st Sunday 1:00 p.m.
www.csmlinc.org

Ft. Lupton Muzzle Loading Club, Inc.

Paper shoot - 2nd Saturday - Fun shoot
the third Saturday at 10 AM Daylight time
and 11 AM Standard time SPVHS Range

Golden Gun Club at Watkins

Vinton Ervin (303) 805-1271
www.goldengunclub.com/index.php
and look under programs
shoot - last Sunday - 11:00 am/winter
- 9:00 a.m./summer

High Plains Muzzle Loaders

Bill Phillips 970-454-2109
Jim Eckersley (970) 353-8200
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shoot - 1st Sunday - 9:00 a.m. June, July
& August 10:00 AM other nine months
Public welcome.

Kit Carson Mountain Men

Park G Wood 719-688-5696
27039 West Ridge
Lamar CO 81052

Rocky Mountain Men of Aurora

Chris Baker (720) 936-4218
shoot - 1st Sunday at Aurora Gun Club

San Luis Valley Renegades

Earl Wilson 719-580-9750
Meetings 2nd Thursday of every
month 6 PM. Call for location
Shoot Sunday after 2nd
Thursday 10 AM. (Weather permitting)

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P.O.Box 663Ft. Lupton,
CO8062www.spvhs.org

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Tallow River Trappers

Members of SPVHS
<https://www.spvhs.org/tallow-river-trappers.html>

We will run a flyer free for any club subject to space available. CSMLA affiliate clubs have priority on space. To affiliate, 50% of your members must belong to the CSMLA. Simply send a membership list and a request to affiliate on club letterhead to the Editor or Membership Director.

CSMLA Membership Offers

The CSMLA offers for sale, the following items:

Iron-on Patch	\$6.00 ea
Outside Window Decal	\$1.50 ea
Inside Window Decal	\$1.50 ea
Belt Buckle	\$15.00 ea
Hat	\$10.00 ea
Hat Pins	\$7.00 ea
T shirts	\$10.00 ea
Sweat Shirts	\$15.00 \$20.00 ea

Prices do not include shipping and sales tax. Also available at CSMLA events at discounts if not shipped. Contact Joy Hicks 719-598-5715 to order or for more details.

Advertising in the Poke

Did you know that you can place your business card advertisement in the Poke & Stroke for only \$10 per issue? It can be any kind of business. Just send your card along with your check payable to the CSMLA. My address is on page two of this issue.

Editor's Notes

Here it is, the first issue of the new year. Here's hoping this year will be better than the last. For many this dang covid pandemic has been an inconvenience and for some it has been a matter of life and death. I'm sure that for our membership it has run the gamut of both ends of the spectrum and everything in between. I'm looking to this new year with a feeling of optimism and hope.

We have some events coming up and I hope we can all get together for good times as in the past. The winter convention and trade event will be here in March. If you have never attended, I encourage you to do so. It's fun to meet up and catch up with folks at the shoots but the convention allows for a much more relaxed visit with old friends and meet new ones.

Squirrel shoot will be along in April at the usual time and I want to tell you that it is greatly improved since the Skinners put in the lower range features. No more hill climbing and there is loads of space to set up and shoot. Be sure to mark your calendar!

I want to encourage all members to consider submitting material for publication in the Poke. There may not be room in every issue for everything that has been submitted but eventually it will get in. Subject matter can be just about anything; cooking, camp, shooting, accouterments, crafting, gun building. The sky's the limit.

With that, I'll say "see you around" and best to you in this new year.

President's Message

Hello All,

Welcome to another trip around the Sun. I hope this finds you and yours in good health and that this year brings you more of

the same. Last year was better than the one before and Cheers to this year being better than the last.

Clubs are gearing up for their big shoots and the CSMLA is right there with them. Our Winter Convention is just around the corner and the State Shoot is only a few months away. The Directors and the Board have been working on ways to serve our members and offer more to you.

Our next meeting will be at Winter Convention in Fort Collins in March. I will also arrange a Zoom meeting so everyone who can not attend in person can still participate. Elections will be held and new and old business discussed as well as the ratification of the Bylaw changes. If you have anything you would like to add to the agenda or if you are interested in becoming a director, please contact me. I hope to see more of you soon and let us make this a better year for everyone.

Thank you,
Griz (Erin Olafson)
2021 CSMLA President and Eastern
Director

CSMLA POSTAL MATCH

Here's a fun way to shoot and gain yourself some bragging rights for being "spot-on"! Pull or copy the CSMLA Postal Match target from the CSMLA web site, make one for each month. Better yet, make some for your shooting pals too. Post that target at 25 yards and put 5 holes (with your selected rifle) in it. Fill out the registration information and mail it with a check or money order for \$3 (cash is OK, if you don't mind sending it through the mail). It is OK to put you and your shooting buddies' targets all in one envelope and write just one check. More than 5 require extra postage. Mail to:

CSMLA Postal Match
3 Balfour Ave
Colorado Springs CO 80909

Only one target may be shot in a month but if you want to wait till you have a couple to mail in, that is OK, as long as you sign and date them.

Get your club to make this a part of the monthly shoot. Spread the fun.

We are making some exciting changes to our postal match.

We will be posting up to date scores in each edition of the Poke. We are standardizing the target. It will be a standard 8 ring 6 bull target, so you can cut the 6 bulls out of your targets and shoot it one for each month. Remember to put your name and

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date shot on the target before you put it in the mail.

A Note from Estill Ator your Colorado field rep for the NMLRA

Some years ago the late Mr. Al Main, may he rest in peace, shot the NMLRA postal matches. The NMLRA postal matches must have more participation to be viable. In honor of Al let us shoot the national postal matches. All the information we need is on page 67 of the June issue of Muzzle Blast magazine.

The target pack costs 11 dollars. Down right reasonable when you consider that you will not have the expense of gasoline to participate far from home.

Please take the challenge, order today.
Thank you Estillator19@gmail.com



**Wildlife Report from CSMLA
Wildlife Director David McCord
Wildlife Report, January 2022 by David
H. McCord, Wildlife Reporter/Director**

Anti hunting and trapper bill over lynx, bobcats and mountain lions.

This one is bad. I encourage all to contact your elected State Senator and Representative to object to Senate Bill 22-031 to try to get this killed. The bill generally prohibits shooting, wounding, killing, or trapping a bobcat, Canada lynx, or mountain lion. The bill allows an exception for a livestock owner protecting livestock if on private or leased land.

Sponsors from the Senate are Jaquez-Lewis, Ginal and House sponsors are Amabile and Duran. Introduced at the outset of this year's legislative session, it has been assigned to the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee and one of the sponsors, Sen. Sonya Jaquez Lewis is the Vice Chair of that committee. (House committee would come later if it emerges from the Senate.). Other Committee members are Kerry Donovan, Chair, Rhonda Fields, Jessie Danielson, Don Coram, and Jerry Sonnenberg. A similar proposal was presented as a petition last year to the CPW Commission and was

denied. So, the proponents are back and want legislation this time. I oppose legislation on any topic where proper management is the duty of our appointed boards, commissions, etc. versus locking a decision into our state statutes. The management of lynx, bobcats and mountain lions rightfully needs to be in the hands of the professional CPW staff.

Fluorescent colors for archery hunting

This was fortunately tabled by the Commission at their January 13 meeting (thanks to Mike Lee for listening to their discussion). They would reconsider when the five-year allocation plan is discussed. The CPW staff proposal was that bow hunters also wear daylight fluorescent orange or fluorescent pink when the ML season and bow seasons overlap in September. Other options were to separate the seasons by date which could shorten the archery season or extend muzzle loading into October. Muzzle loaders are required to wear fluorescent but bow hunters are not, they do have that option and some do. Or, the status quo would remain. At the request of the Colo. Bow hunters Association and with support of CSMLA Board members I sent in an email supporting the status quo. I think we were effective.

Wolf issue

The state has to Dec. 31, 2023 to introduce wolves into the wild. Two livestock kills occurred recently from wolves that moved into the state on their own in the North Park, Jackson County area. One was a calf killed on a ranch and the second was of a border collie kill plus injury to a second dog. These were working dogs (well trained and valuable. The Cattlemen's Association is seeking information on wolf behavior and how wolves might interact with pets. They also want a lethal option included in the wolf introduction management. More wolf-livestock kills will occur.

Per USA Today, twenty gray wolves were legally shot by hunters over the recent months in the state of Montana.

Big Game License Allocation Discussion – see the CPW website for details (and thanks to Mia Anstine's web site for this info.)

Sportsmen have been asking about big game numbers, license allocation, and draw odds for input to the allocation. In the coming year, the CPW will be asking for public input in an effort to redraft the big game hunting license allocation process.

Continued threats to hunting, trapping and fishing

I received a message forwarded by Luke Wiedel, RMEF, to participate on a Zoom call to try to get ahead of the threats confronting us. Origin was from a conversation between Gaspar Perricone (wildlife consultant) and Dan Gates (trappers) on the issue of continued introduction of bills targeting our common interests. We saw the success of Prop 114 to introduce wolves and the PAUSE amendment proposal that would have done away with animal agriculture (this one was flawed and kicked back to the proponents but their next step could be to ban game hunting). Quoting Gaspar: “(we) would be wise to collectively develop a coordinated legislative and public affairs strategy to combat both the bills as well as the underlying sentiment driving all of this----- (Zoom call January 18) “to begin to map out our strategy, financial needs, and a coordinated approach. Given the reality that the groups we are fighting are sophisticated, well-funded, and have more resources than we do at our disposal we will need to be smart in how we move forward to be successful.”

Gaspar's list of other legislative bills we expect to see introduced this session:

- Establishment of a Science Advisory Committee to CPW that will compete with the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission
- Ban on Hunting and Trapping of All Fur Animals (has been introduced)
- Lead Ammunition Ban
- Ban on the Use of Game Cameras
- Landowner License Allocation

The first Sportsmen's Caucus will be January 20. I will report back on both calls.

The following is submitted by Scott Drake as a tribute to one of the Buckhorn Skinners members.

I have been asked to say something about our Capitan, Charlie Altvater

In our group, The Buckhorn Skinners, you become a lieutenant for a year then you automatically become captain of the club so is a 2 year commitment.

Charlie and his wife Sara were to become 1st time parents and due to Covid-19's restrictions they moved to MN after he graduated and the baby Chloe was born but only half of his term as Captain was served.

When I first started communicating with Capitan Nighthawk as he is now known, through Facebook, I was not sure what was on the other end. I felt he was an angry young man trying to make sense of his new Normal. I wasn't sure as how to proceed with talking to him & that was in Jan, 2018 or Dec, 2017. I never had the guts to ask how he found us or why? But as he made his way out of Uncle Sam's Boys to Men club, he seemed to mellow out.

He has been known by Many Names or No Name while he has been here, some endearing & some just plain funny to Some. AKA No Name, Clint Eastwood, Pasture Rat, Meadow Muffin, Jackalope & Finally Night Hawk.

I do Know that he Lives a Mountain Man's Life & Practices His Hobby, by building his own gear & field testing it at every Chance. I feel he has made this a Better Club by igniting a spark that had dwindled again but is back in full Roar within the new & older members of this group. I know that his carefully thought out ideas & his ability to look at things from all sides will be missed by this Brigade of Buckhorn Skinners.

I am Proud to Have known Him & hope to Never lose Contact with Charlie & that he knows Once a Buckhorn Skinner, Always a Buckhorn Skinner. It is with Pleasure that I present him With a Club Gorget Bearing his Camp Name & Ours on the Back so he knows we are always behind Him. I Love You Man.

Sincerely & Affectionately
Mountain Mule aka Your Friend Scott Drake
& All the Buckhorn Skinners.

The CSMLA Website

At the most recent meeting of the Board of Directors, the subject of our CSMLA website came up. The current webmaster has been hit hard at his job during the pandemic and has had little time for handling the site. It was further considered that the site as it is now is somewhat antiquated and lacks interactive features.

Some research had been done into costs and possibilities. One possibility was to use an online web creation site to see what might be done via that avenue. It has the potential of being economical

and meeting the needs of the CSMLA.

Some work has been done on creating a prototype site to see if it might be viable. The site is at this time unpublished but can be viewed online. It is far from complete and far from being what it would be if brought to completion. In the interest of keeping the membership in the loop, the URL that will take you to the site as it is now is:

<https://csmla.webador.com/>

Making a powder measure **Mike Lee**

I like to make my own stuff. That seems to be the case with many of the muzzle loading aficionados that I meet up with. Our membership is an absolute treasure trove of DIY projects and how to information. If you are new at this pursuit I suggest you circulate among the members at any of the get togethers you may attend and observe some of the things our folks have made. Don't be shy either. Ask the what and how. You will find that this bunch is very generous with their knowledge and experience.

This little how to regards making powder measures. Now, some of the precision shooters are inclined to weigh their powder charges and carry them in dedicated containers of some type in advance of the shooting session. I notice that pistol shooters in particular favor this. On the other hand you will observe the majority of shooters using a volume measure. They fill the volume measure from their horn or other powder container and then in turn pour the charge down the barrel. That's the way it's done and it's a well known safety procedure. Never pour powder directly from the horn or other container into the barrel. It's extremely rare, but nevertheless possible, that there could be a glowing ember remaining in the barrel that would set the powder off as poured and subsequently the container in the hand. That would not be smart but it definitely would smart!

Okay, just about everyone reading this already knows and understands the preceding so I'll get on with it.

Powder measures can and are made of just about anything you can imagine. Empty modern cartridge cases, pieces of bone, parts of antler, brass tubing..... You get the idea, just about anything. This little tutorial really has nothing to do with the materials or method of shaping the measure but rather a little anomaly that may not have occurred to the maker.

I stumbled upon this purely by happenstance and it did sort of surprise me. I have an adjustable measure that is handy for testing loads. It's the common type with a little swinging funnel sweeper device on the opening. I also like to make up a dedicated measure for any given purpose that suits any particular firearm.

This was what I was doing at the workbench one day and was proceeding by gradually working the volume down on the measure that was being made until the measure of powder poured from the adjustable measure exactly filled the measure being made. Made perfect sense to me to do it this way.

When the measure had been shortened to the point where the desired charge poured from the adjustable measure filled the new measure perfectly, it was obviously "there". Then curiosity took hold and I wondered how much the charge actually weighed. So, the adjustable measure was filled and the charge weighed on a digital scale. The actual number does not matter here, but what came next might (depending on how picky you are about your charges). I thought I'd compare the weight of the charge from the measure that I'd just made to see how close it came. It was a surprise when it weighed 6 grains less than the charge from the adjustable measure that it was copied from! I double checked and then triple checked and got the same results.

It was obvious that the powder settled differently depending on what container it was poured from. So, ever since that day I've made it a point to match the measure to the weight of the desired charge rather than pouring it from measure to measure.



Colorado State Muzzle Loading Association

ONE-DAY WINTER CONVENTION and TRADE EVENT

March 12, 2022

Ft Collins Elks Lodge 1424 E. Mulberry Street Ft. Collins, CO 80524
(West off I-25 – Exit 269B Hwy 14 Exit – Mulberry Street)

Trade room will be open to the public on Saturday, March 12 from 8:00am to 4:00pm
9:00am to 3:00pm Classes and Demos
CSMLA Membership Meeting – Election of Officers 4:00pm Banquet, Awards 6:00pm

REGISTRATION FORM

For this special event the first space or trade blanket is FREE for Members!! (based on an 8' front). Additional space cost is \$10.00, if space is available. **Do you want a vendor space or trade blanket? Yes []**

Number of additional spaces requested _____ X \$10.00 = \$_____ (Due at event). Do you need electricity? Yes [] First come basis if available.

BANQUET RESERVATIONS

Dinner will be Buffet

Total Number of Dinners: _____ X \$30.00 (includes 3.55% tax & 18% gratuity) = \$_____

Name: _____ CSMLA member Y [] N []

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Return completed form by February 25, 2022 to:

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AZWINS 2022



Setup – Noon, Feb 6, 2022

Feb 7 - 8 Silhouette BPCR

**Feb 8 Start Offhand, Pistol & Shotgun & Bench
(All at the Offhand Range)**

Feb 8 Start Primitive Matches

Feb 10 End Primitive Matches

Feb 11 Potluck & Meeting – 6:10PM

Feb 12 AZWINS Concludes

Feb 13 Awards AZWINS

The 2022 fee is \$80.00.

As always it's a flat fee for any and all targets shot.

Due to Range Scheduling Conflicts Modified Benchrest matches will be held on the Offhand Line and the Rifle Silhouette Will Not Be Available.

Contact:

William Loughrige

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April 23 & 24th, 2022

Snow Date May 14 & 15th, 2022

Lower Range Easily Accessible to All

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CSMLA Members \$12.00/Aggregate -- Non-Members \$15.00/Aggregate

In- Lines Welcome // Ladies Aggregate -Any Caliber

Juniors (16 & Younger) & Sub-Juniors - \$5.00 - 5 Targets-Any Caliber

Mountain Man Walk -\$5.00 Camping - \$5.00 Registration - \$5.00

Early Setup Fri after Noon - Range Hours : Sat 8am-5pm Sun 8am -1pm

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Held at the Most Primitive Range Setting in Colorado on an 1870's Homestead

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**Give this to a friend who isn't a member.
Invitation to Join
Colorado State Muzzle Loading Association, Inc.**

The COLORADO STATE MUZZLE LOADING ASSOCIATION, INC. NEEDS YOU! We offer information and activities for all muzzle loaders and those who want to get involved in muzzle loading. Our numbers include reenactors, collectors, builders, hunter education instructors, match competitors, shot gunners, hunters, and buck skinnners. If it loads from the front end, we have matches for it and members who share your interests or are eager to help you get started. Over the years we've grown! CSMLA now sponsors more different kinds of events and ventures than ever. The State Shoot, and a Winter Convention provide camaraderie, fun, and opportunities to learn more about muzzle loading or re-enacting. We've increased our efforts with the Colorado Wildlife Commission and the Division of Wildlife to get the best quality hunting opportunities for muzzle loaders. The 'Poke & Stroke', our bimonthly newsletter, contains more information about muzzle loading events. WE INVITE YOU TO GROW WITH US! Hunters we especially need you. The primary thing that gets a politician's or bureaucrat's attention is numbers of members. We need you to be one of our "numbers" so we can present a united front to combat anti-hunting and antigun factions and organizations. Competition for the resources that support hunting and competition amongst hunters for types of hunting seasons is increasing. IF YOU SUPPORT QUALITY MUZZLE LOADING HUNTING PLEASE JOIN US AS WE FIGHT TO PRESERVE YOUR SEASON! We've been successful in helping to establish and maintain an early muzzle loading season. With your support we can do an even better job. Please help—JOIN THE CSMLA. New muzzle loaders we need you! Through the 'Poke & Stroke' you'll learn of Colorado Wildlife Commission decisions about your hunting seasons, matches, shoot schedules, types of matches at events, rendezvous, club activities, and all aspects of muzzle loading. Join up and get the 'Poke & Stroke'. Please use the membership application below this invitation and JOIN THE CSMLA!

Application for Membership Colorado State Muzzle Loading Association, Inc.

Return with **\$30** Annual dues payment to:

CSMLA Membership
4820 Montebello Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80918

New: _____ Renewal: _____

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Number in family: _____ Under 14: _____

Organizations you belong to NRA, NMLRA, Local Clubs: _____

What are your interests? (circle all that apply): Doing Demos, Teaching, Education, Rendezvous, Target Shooting, Hunting, Organizing, Primitive Trades, Gun collecting/Building Civil war Other: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____