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> State Shoot Report and Match Results Inside (It Was A Good One)

Now is the time to get your nominations for Muzzle Loader Of The Year In! See message inside from Griz

Upcoming Events

You can catch up on activities across the country at Talking Bear

http://www.talking-bear.com/events.htm

The Buckhorn Skinners Have ongoing activities. Have a look at https://www.buckhornskinners.com

The CSMLA Postal Match is an ongoing monthly shooting opportunity. More information at https://www.csmla.net/csmla-postal-match

The Fort Lupton Muzzle Loading Club has a regular schedule of monthly events. On November 5th there will be a Turkey Shoot. More details on the FLMLC website at http://flmlc.org/ Fun or Paper Shoot - either 2nd OR 3rd Saturday Bench Shoot - 4th Saturday. Get up to date info on facebook at https://www.facebook.com/groups/843277089622987

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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 prefered, **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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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 2011 Scott Drake 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 2022 Erin Olefson (Griz)

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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.

Buckhorn Skinners

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Colorado Springs Muzzle Loaders

Ted Beaupre, President 719-329-8126 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 David Bieber https://goldengunclub.com/ blackpowder.php 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 Jimeckersley@comcast.net 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)

South Platte Valley Historical Society P.O.Box 663Ft. Lupton, CO8062www.spvhs.org

Starvation Trails Muzzle Loaders

C.J. Biwenga (303) 646-3090 John Kummer (303) 646-2724

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 https://www.spvhs.org/tallow

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.

LIFETIME ACHEIVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

2013	Ray Ezinga
2014	Larry & Barb Webster
2015	Jack "Mato" Cardinbal
2016	Darrel Koelber
2017	Doreen Webb
2018	Joy Hicks & Gwen
	Blanchard
2019	Ron Ring
2020	Dale Crabb
2021	(snowed out)
2022	Doug Davis

CSMLA Membership Offers

The CSMLA offers for sale, the following items:

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

Prices do not include shipping and sales tax.

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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 your with along check payable to the CSMLA to the Editor. Mike Lee. His address and email are on page two of this issue.

Editor's Notes

If you are listed on the Masthead (page two) please check for correct information and advise the editor of any needed corrections.

Hello All,

As I sit here writing this letter to you I realized that it the 1st of October. They say that the older you get , the faster time moves. That certainly seems to be the truth but it has definitely been a good time for our group.

Our members and groups had a very busy summer winding up with State Shoot in August, and what a shoot it was. We changed some things this year with your input and the hard work of the Shoot Committee. We had one of the best turnouts in many years with 63 registered shooters, many of whom shot up to seven matches with the new fee schedule and self scoring. A huge Thank You goes out to to Joy Hicks, Ron Ring, and Tom Boudreau for all of their work and countless hours of preparation. Tom was essential in bringing the new plans together and keeping the scoring shed and shoot running smoothly. The next time you see any of these individuals, please take the time to

thank them for all that they do to bring us a fun and safe shoot. I would also like to thank the Fort Lupton Muzzle Loading Club and the members for hosting and those who volunteered to provide the much needed support in registration and scoring and keeping us fed and watered. I appreciate the volunteers who gave their time and energy for the very warm three day event. The Committee has already started the planning for next year's Shoot so watch for announcements in the coming months for dates, times, and matches. If you were not able to attend this year, I hope to see you in 2023 for an exciting and even bigger event.

State Shoot is never about revenue but we did well this year with the help of our Treasurer, Gwen Blanchard. She was there with us all 3 days to help with different things including working with FLMLC's treasurer to make sure everything was in order. She not only takes care of our books but also helps Joy with membership and the Poke when needed. You don't see her verv often because she is always busy, but she is an integral part of our Association with years of experience and knowledge. When you see her, thank her for her invaluable help and guidance with our financial goals and responsibilities.

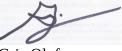
The business meeting was held on Saturday evening of State Shoot after the potluck dinner. All of the officers were in attendance as well as a few members. The new website is running well and the digital Poke has been a success. Mike is always looking for more content for both the Poke and the website which includes fliers for events. If you have something to share, please pass it The new membership along. building perk for our existing members is gaining ground with some new names on the roster. As always, keeping existing members

and getting new ones is very important to our group. This continued growth is what allows us to offer more to our membership in shoots and other activities. The planning for Winter Convention has already begun with some exciting ideas to boost attendance and increase the number of traders. If vou want a trade table or would like to teach a class or give a presentation, contact Ron Ring or Joy Hicks for more information.

Our next meeting is Saturday, December 3rd at 2PM. This will be a Zoom only meeting but all members are encouraged to join in. Your input is what keeps the Association relevant.

Please come out to support your clubs because this year might be waning but is no where near over. Halloween shoots, meat shoots, rendezvous, and monthly shoots are still happening all over the state. We have many good days left in the year to enjoy our beloved sport.

Thank you again for all of your support,



Griz Olofson 2022 CSMLA President 2021 Muzzle Loader of the Year Buckhorn Skinners Scribe

I need your nominations for 2022 Muzzle Loader of the Year as soon as possible so we can have a selection by Winter Convention. If you need information about the process and criteria, please contact me.

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Here's a fun way to shoot

gain vourself and "spot-on"! https://www.csmla.net/csmla- license plate to then fund their wolf the official target. Post your advocacy. Our bill has a title and holes (with your selected via license sales would provide relief rifle) it. in registration information and experience losses and damage from mail it with a check or money wolves. order for \$3 (cash is OK, if you don't mind sending it Sen Roberts has agreed to co-chair the through the mail). It is OK to Sportsmen's Caucus for the '23 buddies' targets all in one light in legislator participation for the envelope and write just one session so please express your interest check. More than 5 require in Colorado's wildlife to your extra postage. Mail CSMLA Postal Match, CO 80909. Only one target re-elected as his district now includes may be shot in a month but if heavily D oriented Aspen and he is an you want to wait until you R. Animal extremists may become have a couple to mail in, that more active after the elections. is OK, as long as you sign and date them. Get your club Results of the license allocation survey to make this a part of the of CWCP member organizations were monthly shoot.

the end of the year. Prizes the official target.

Wildlife Report by David H. McCord, Wildlife Director,

Below are comments from the Oct. 21, 2022 (Zoom) meeting of the Colorado Wildlife Conservation Project participants.

CPW staff are investigating possible wolf kills of livestock in the Meeker area. Definite identification of wolves land-owner preferences are an interest is not complete and the deaths may be altitude disease related.

CPW Commission meetings for now appear to be light on content and action work as any reductions impact their possibly awaiting conclusion of the November elections. One Commissioner seat is open in '23.

some Wolf license plate bill. This would

Go to: people are attempting with their wolf postal-match and download "education" efforts, meaning their wolf target at 25 yards and put 5 sponsor and intent is that funds gained Fill out the for ranchers and farmers who

put you and your shooting legislative session. The Caucus may be to: representatives and senators and ask 3 them to watch for caucus meetings. Balfour Ave Colorado Springs Rep. Parry who co-chaired may not be

too spread to find a trend. The CWCP effort now is to support CPW staff's High scores are computed at notion for an 80-20 split, 80% resident licenses and 20% non-resident. The are as stated at the top of allocation issue is complex. Reduction of non-resident licenses where game management units are too crowded may be considered. Fewer hunter numbers, especially non-resident numbers, impacts both CPW revenue and rural communities that depend on the hunter economy.

> Some CPW Commission members do not hunt and they seek input from us and from wildlife managers in other states on wildlife issues. Ranchers with group who track allocations. Rural county commissioners, city councils, and government associations need to understand how license allocations communities. Colorado remains attractive for non-residents while New Mexico, Arizona, and Wyoming look to

reduce non-resident licenses, some bragging rights for being counter what the Colorado Wolf Projectgoing down to 10 percent of the total.

> CWCP Legislative Wild Game Reception in January, a meet and mingle event. A CWCP committee is exploring a January or February dinner or buffet to allow legislators and CWCP organization members to mingle. Note that there may be over 20 newly elected legislators with many from urban locations - they need exposed to wildlife issues (and to ag issues too) – please contact your local elected, make them know who we/vou are.

> Mad Rabbit Trails Project - needs a decision from the USFS for this 52mile non-motorized and motorized trail system located near Rabbit Ears Pass. An Environmental Assessment on the trail became public Monday, Oct. 24 and will determine if a full-blown EIS is needed or there is a finding of no significant impact. The CWCP members feel there are impacts, among them, that the trail location would negatively impact habitat critical for Colorado's second largest elk herd. Elk habitat loss due to off-road ski, hiker, biker, and snowmobile recreation use has devastated elk herds in other areas of Colorado – esp. in the Vail area.

Website Update

Improvements to the website are coming along a bit at a time. Ι eagerly solicit content and suggestions that our members may have. If you have not visited lately, go to www.csmla.net

***** State Shoot Report **By Tom Boudreau**

What do you get when you combine gorgeous sunny weather, a ton of happy campers, and a record number

of muzzle-loading shooters? You have the 2022 Colorado State Shoot! More shooters attended the event in Ft. Lupton than we have seen in many years. Those who joined in had a fantastic time that included shooting, camaraderie, and some great food at the Saturday night dinner.

The competitive shooters looking to become this year's State Champion had the usual targets to showcase their skills. However, for the recreational shooter just looking to smell some black powder, this year's shoot had numerous fun targets and events to enjoy the sport of muzzle loading.

The primitive aggregate returned to the shooting schedule this year. There were 15 metal critter silhouette targets, knife and hawk targets, and five novelty targets, including swinging pie plates and exploding charcoal briquets. One shooter commented that to hit the pie plate, one needed to time the wind blowing the plate into the just-fired round ball! This is not an easy skill to master.

The shoot also featured a new event for those over 75 years old. It was called the Legacy Championship. Denny Cunningham was the mastermind behind this event. It ended up having ten shooters in a highly competitive event.

Lastly, there was also a poker shoot that challenged the shooters who felt lucky!

A big thank you goes out to all of those who volunteered their time to help with the State Shoot. Our event runs on those willing to step up and spend some time setting up the range, being a range officer, or helping with scoring. It takes many people to put on a shoot like this. Thank you again to all that stepped up to help! So, get ready for the 2023 State Shoot to be a bigger and better event! The rumor is that the Mountain Man Run will return on Saturday evening featuring categories for first-timers, older walkers, and a challenging course for the seasoned mountain man.

Jean Ezinga Flintlock Championship:

Linda Preston	124
Amanda Allee	110
Hillary Amon	108

Hope to see you there!

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2 Person Challenge:

Paul & Ilea Kelly	196
Chris Baker & Rachel Elias	183

Ilea Kelly & Bob Kaagohara 159

Legacy Championship:

Gordon Serpa	237
Ray Ezinga	228
Jimmy Jeffreys	227

Hunter's Championship:

Ron Mann	139 1X
Jimmy Jeffreys	139
Bill Sathe	125

Seniors Championship:

Dale Crabb	138
Jim Hegy	116
Bob Kagohara	111

Musket Championship:

Paul Kely	79
Lou Silva	78
Steve Ottesom	58

Smoothbore Championship:

Geoffrey Brinker	106
Henry Bielinski	95
Lou Silva	45

Sub Junior Championship:

Vill Preston 113

Maddox Preston	93
James Elledge	80

Junior Championship:

Jo Fontius	141
Ena Gibson	128

Women's Pistol Championship:

Ilea Kelly	157
Delores Beaupre	119
Hilary Amon	63

Primitive Aggregate Championship:

Bob Hegeman	24	
Jeff Brinker	20	
Larry Giersch	19	

Spotlight on our 4H members

Here Is some good news from our 4H youth muzzle loaders.

Adams County's Muzzleloader team led by Amanda and Jeramie Allee, with help from Al Seely and numerous club members from FLMLC as mentors, took both a Junior and Senior team to State. Their Junior team made up of Joselyn Fontius, Abby Holdren and Joe Holdren placed 4th in the state as a team. Two of those juniors placed in the top ten! Joselyn Fontius placed 2nd as an individual and Abby Holdren placed 10th. Their Senior team made up of George Fontius, Taylor Seely, Taylor Madsen, and Kyle Rippe placed 3rd in state as a team. Two of those seniors also placed in the top ten and qualify for Nationals. George Fontius placed 7th and Taylor Madsen placed 9th.

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Congratulations to

muzzle loaders and good luck in your future shooting endeavors.

The CSMLA has a printer for sale.

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Contact the Editor if interested editorpokeandstroke@gmail.com



Just took delivery of my new muzzle loader



I've also acquired this one in case Tom adds a stake shoot to next years state shoot program

Old Fashioned Pumpkin Pie

I'm more of an apple pie guy, but if you like pumpkin pie, you will like this one!

Ingredients: • 2 eggs

• 3/4 cup brown sugar

- 1 1/2 cups canned pumpkin
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ginger
- 1/2 cup evaporated milk
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 cup cream or top milk*
- 1 (9") deep dish unbaked

Stir eggs and sugar together. Stir in pumpkin.

Add salt and spices and stir until well mixed.

Add water to evaporated milk and stir in slowly.

Next, slowly stir in cream until all is smooth.

Pour into a unbaked pie crust. Bake in a preheated 425 F oven for 15 minutes.

Turn down heat to 325 F and bake another 40-50 minutes until center is firm or a knife stuck in center comes out clean.

Remove from oven and cool on a rack for a couple of hours before serving.

The Fort Lupton Muzzle Loading Club will be having a turkey shoot on November 5th Open to the public. Starting at 11 AM.

Hmmm...

Some enterprising member could be advertising their business in this space for a mere \$10!! Contact the Editor to place your ad.



Save the Date Colorado State Muzzle Loading Association

ONE-DAY WINTER CONVENTION and TRADE EVENT

March 11, 2023 *New Location*

Victory Grange Hall Aurora, Colorado

Some Photos from State Shoot 2022













1THE 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 skinners. 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". Competition for the resources that support hunting and competition amongst hunters for types of hunting seasons is increasing. 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.

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 help—JOIN THE CSMLA. New muzzle loaders we need you!

Please use the membership application below this invitation and JOIN THE CSMLA!

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