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Upcoming Events

Saturday Oct 4th and Sunday Oct 5th

Masters Invitational. EVERYBODY is invited

See flyer inside

Saturday Oct 4th

**Pumpkin Fest at South Platte Historical
Society**

October 3rd and 4th

Colonial Encampment at Ft Lupton

See Flyer inside

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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 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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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)
2023 Mike Lee

ML of year (cont'd)
2024 David McCord
2025 Jim Jeffries

Clubs and affiliates

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.

Jaramie Allee, 731 Grand Ave.,
Platteville, CO 80651
juniorallee@gmail.com 970-473-4710
See <http://www.flmlc.org/> for shoot information

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

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,
CO8062 <https://www.spvhs.org>

Starvation Trails Muzzle Loaders

C.J. Biwenga (303) 646-3090
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Tallow River Trappers

Members of SPVHS
<https://www.spvhs.org/tallow>

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
2023	Hez Salsbury
2024	Ron Mann
2025	Paul Kelly

Advertising in the Poke

Did you know that you can place your business card advertisement in the Poke & Stroke for only \$10 per issue? Contact the editor at editorpokeandstroke@gmail.com

Editor's Note

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

If you have or know of an upcoming event let me know so that we can get it publicized here in the Poke and on the website.

CSMLA Postal Match

Here are some changes to our CSMLA members postal match. The format is changed in a way that will make the match more accessible to all our members. Here are the entire rules for the postal match including changes which are in **bold**.

What is the entry fee? There is no entry fee. There is no cost to participate. Who can enter? The CSMLA postal is for CSMLA members only. Memberships include all family members including children under age 18 and junior members.

How do I get targets? You can download targets at

<https://www.csmla.net/csmla-postal-match>

What if I don't have access to the internet how can I get targets? **In a pinch, you can contact Ron Mann at 303-257-7239. He will send you a single target which**

you can copy or have copied. Targets do not have to be mailed in. **Text or email a photo of your target (get close!) to Ron Mann at 303-257-7239** oldbuzzard101@yahoo.com

Targets and photos of targets must be whole. No missing corners or torn off portions.

The match is scored monthly and winners determined annually. **At the end of the year the shooter with the highest single target score for the year will win 2 pounds of powder. The shooter with the second highest single target score for the year will win 1 pound of powder.** Winners will be announced and prizes awarded at the annual Convention and Trade Show in March. Bragging rights will be on a monthly basis. The scores for the monthly will be updated in each issue of the Poke and on the website at <https://www.csmla.net/csmla-postal-match>

Wildlife Report

David McCord, Wildlife Director

Greeting, below is forwarded from Liz Rose, also member of the Colo. Wildlife Conservation Project.

I solicit interest in the Sportsperson Roundtable and please forward as may be possible. There are no openings for the "northeast" region that includes Denver and Front Range area but these areas have open seats:

- One open seat in the Northwest region
- One open seat in the Southeast region
- Two open seats in the Southwest region

2025 Colorado State Shoot Final Update

Hello, muzzle loaders! It has been a month since our Colorado State Shoot, and I thought it would be a good time to recap the final results. In this update, I will share my thoughts as well as those of the State Shoot Committee.

First, and most importantly, our State Shoot Committee has strived to put on a shoot that is the largest muzzleloading social event of the year. Shooters and non-shooters alike come to enjoy the company of like-minded muzzle loaders who love the sport. The State Shoot has become a great time to relax with friends, eat some great food courtesy of Colorado Eats, show off a great target, or share the misfortune of the almost perfect score that was ruined by a fifth shot miss. I will never forget seeing Chris Baker taking a nap just behind the shooting line while lying back in his lounge chair. I can't tell you how jealous I was.

No matter if you were there to just enjoy the day, or as a most serious competitor, a great time was had by all. The Committee extends its appreciation for your participation. We on the State Shoot Committee all hope that you had a wonderful experience. Second, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the State Shoot Committee Members for their dedication to this event. By the end of Sunday's shoot,

these individuals were completely exhausted from their efforts. The muzzleloaders in Colorado are most fortunate to have such dedicated people. Our sport runs on volunteers, and these people are the BEST. Their names are *Dale Crabb, Lou Garone, Bob Kagohara, and Ron Ring*. A special thank you to *Ron Mann*, who was there when needed. I must also thank *Dennie Cunningham* for the Legacy shooting event, and *Pam Boudreau & Cindy Hegy*, who spent three days roasting in a building over 100 degrees, keying in the scores. When you see any of these individuals, please thank them for their time and expertise. Now on to the event itself. 2025 was a record-setting Colorado State Shoot. Can you believe there were 60-plus shooters who punched lead through way more targets than the Committee planned for?! How about these statistics. There were 32 Men's Percussion shooters, 25 for Men's Flintlock, 20 for Men's pistol, and 18 for the bench match. These are fantastic numbers! Let's do it again next year.

We also had the pleasure of having *Lonnie Vermillion* (Oklahoma) and *Park Wood* (Missouri) from the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association (NMLRA). They are Regional Representatives, and great people. We also found out that these guys could shoot "a little bit". Having these two individuals join our shoot indicates that we're starting to attract some national attention. You will see a write-up of the Colorado Shoot in the next Muzzle Blasts Magazine. Letting the folks in Friendship, Indiana, know that muzzleloading actually exists west of the Mississippi is really cool from my perspective. Lastly, I have been significantly

involved with the Colorado State Shoot for the last four years, serving in the Match Director role. I have been honored to work on your behalf in trying to put on the best possible event. However, I believe that it is time for me to take a step back and pass the baton to another deserving individual.

Thank you for putting up with me, as I know I made my fair share of errors. Hopefully, there weren't too many of them. At least I haven't received any hate mail, so that is a good sign. So, if you have any inclination to step up and give back to the sport you love, now is the time to get in touch with our President, *Griz Olofson*. I am willing to provide my knowledge and expertise on the shoot details, including staying on the Committee if requested. I will do everything that I can to ensure the next Match Director is successful. If you're considering this position, I'd be happy to discuss it over a call and address any questions you may have.

So, everyone take care and shoot straight. I hope to see you all at the Colorado State Shoot next year!

Tom Boudreau

(Editors Note: Here are the scores from the shoot)

Men's Percussion:

David Sanderson	153
Park Wood	143
Randy Ruyle	142

Dave Burman Flintlock:

Max Young	133
Geoffrey Brinker	123
Dale Crabb	107

Women's Percussion:

Ilea Kelly	169
Rachael Elias	127
Brenda Juarez	86

Women's Flintlock:

Hillary Amon	117
Amanda Alea	100

Hunter's Championship:

Max Young	131
Randy Ruyle	118
Park Wood	111

Men's Pistol:

Ron Mann	142
James Jeffreys	130
Ted Beaupre	130

Women's Pistol:

Ilea Kelly	169
Hillary Amon	77
Nichole Brown	15

Junior Championship:

Wyatt Pieken	31
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Junior Peep Sight Championship:

Joselyn Fontius	93
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Smoothbore Championship:

Geoffrey Brinker	83
Louie Silva	45
Henry Bielinski	42

Musket Championship:

Park Wood	72
Steve Otteson	47

Bench Championship:

Lonnie Vermillion	181
Dale Crabb	159
James Jeffreys	142

Senior Championship:

Jimmy Jefferys	150
Dennis Swartz	128
Jim Hegy	



THE COLORADO STATE MUZZLE LOADING ASSOCIATION



~ Presents ~

2025 Master's Invitational Muzzleloading Shoot

to highlight and determine the top traditional muzzle loading shooters of Colorado

Saturday, October 4th
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

and

Sunday, October 5th
8:00 am - 12:00 pm
with awards to follow

Backup/Rain Dates: 10/18 & 10/19

Location

**** Fort Lupton Muzzle Loading Club ****

2001 Historic Parkway, Fort Lupton, Colorado

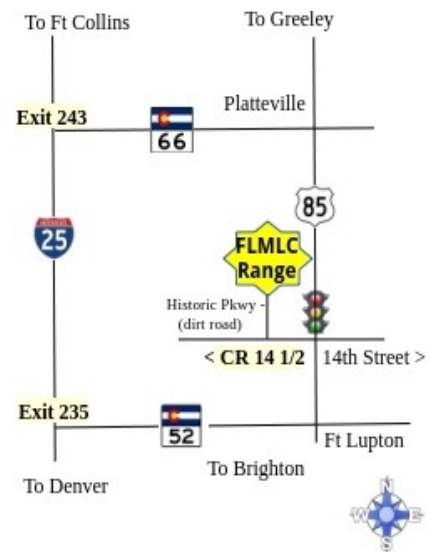


-- Invitational --

Percussion & Flintlock Rifle aggregates
Pistol/Revolver - Geezers - Ladies aggregates
Entry fee: csmla Member: \$15 - Non-Member: \$20
\$5 per aggregate

-- Public Open Match --

Anyone can enter!
Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd
CSMLA Member: \$5 - Non-Member: \$7
Prize board shoot - Free!



Spectators Welcome! - Free Admission

- ▶ Come watch the best shooters compete for the ultimate prizes
- ▶ **Bring your muzzleloader and join in on other events!**
- ▶ Some concessions will be available or bring a picnic lunch and stay for the day
- ▶ Camping available on a reservation basis - \$5 per day, \$10 w/electricity per day
- ▶ Pets must be leashed and remain in the parking area

Couldn't do it without: CSMLA, FLMLC, Buckhorn Skinners, Colorado Springs Muzzle Loaders, South Platte Valley Historical Society, and National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association

For more information & camping reservations call the Event Coordinator: Ron Mann 303-257-7239

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Hear Ye, Hear Ye! History is on Display

Colonial Days at Pumpkin Fest

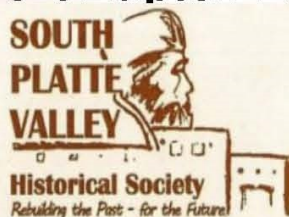
Sat. Oct 4th

9:00 AM Flag Raising,
Cannon Fire
Rope Making & Cordage.
Battle Ground Drill Exercise
Eastern Indian Teepee., John Paul
Jones, British Military Drills ,
Indian Sign Language
Spies , Tea Party, Children's
Militia, Patriot Chest, Declaration
of Independence, King Court
Trial , Colonial Folk Songs, Fur
Trader and Long Hunter, Colonial
Knives,
Musket Presentation
6:00 PM Hay Rides Through
Encampment

**\$5.00 Per Person
3 & Under Free**



**2001 Historic Pkwy. Ft. Lupton. On Highway 85, the
Northside of Fort Lupton Turn West on 14-1/2**



Fort Lupton
COLORADO



COLONIAL ENCAMPMENT 2025 249th ANNIVERSARY of AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE

2001 Historic Pkwy, Ft. Lupton, CO

Public Welcome!!

Sponsored by the Tallow River Trappers and the South Platte Valley Historical Society
Join us for a day or the entire weekend!

Oct 3-4 (early set-up Oct 2, tear down on the 5th)

Booshways: Jewel and Tom Wellborn

303-933-0533, wellborns@mindspring.com 303-810-3100 cell T,

303-881-0810 cell J, jewelw@earthlink.net

**FIRE BAN MAY BE IN PLACE -
BRING PROPANE FOR ALL COOKING
BRING A WATER BUCKET FOR YOUR CAMP**



FEES

\$5 per Car Entry fee on Saturday

Members Camping: Family \$35 & Single \$25

Non-Member Camping: Family \$40 & Single \$35

Modern Camping and Tin Tipi areas
(space limited)

Electric hook-up available for an additional \$10
(Medallions Extra)

TRADERS WELCOME

Prize Donations highly encouraged

Day Trader fee (Blanket Fee) \$10

EVENTS / DEMONSTRATIONS

Primitive shooting, primitive archery, knife &
hawk throwing, fire starting, adult & kid games,
and much, much more...

Water on site

Shovel and water bucket must be visible

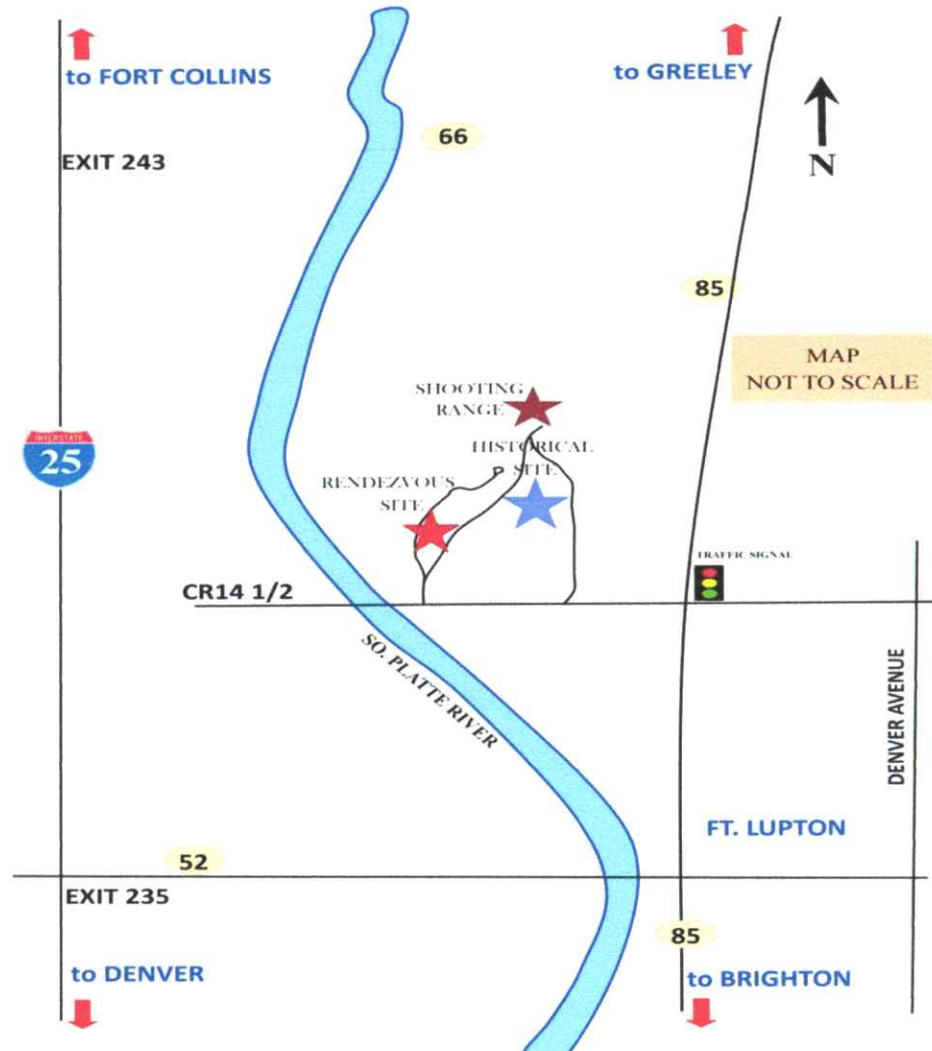
NO vehicles in camp after 6pm

Colonial dress required after 9am

Pets must be leashed & horses insured



The SPVHS Historic Park is Open for tours Sat. Oct 4th and Sun. Oct 5th.
Donations accepted for Tallow River Trappers Department, SPVHS
Historic Park and Campground, www.spvhs.org



Liberty

Application for Membership
COLORADO STATE MUZZLE LOADING ASSOCIATION, INC.

\$30.00 Full family membership New_____Renew_____

\$15.00 Individual Junior membership for age under 18 years New_____Renew_____

Return this application with payment to:

CSMLA Membership, 17338 Asbury Circle, Aurora CO 80013 80918

Name_____Spouse_____

Address_____City_____

State_____Zip_____Phone_____

E-Mail_____ Referred By:_____ (A referral is not required)

Other Organizations you belong to: (NMLRA, Local clubs, Etc.)

Your Interests (Circle all that apply) Education, Rendezvous, Teaching, Target Shooting, Hunting, Organizing, Primitive trades,
Gun Collecting/Building, Civil War, Other: Specify_____

Signature_____ Date_____