



Poke and Stroke

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Dedicated to the preservation of the muzzle loading sports

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Upcoming events

Save The Date

2022 STATE SHOOT

Paper and The ***NEW*** Primitive

AUGUST 12 – 14

4H Muzzle Loading Demonstration
April 30th 2022 – 10 AM to 12PM
Julesburg Gun Club

2022 Liberty Encampment. June 3rd thru
June 12th

CSMLA Postal Match. See inside for details.

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

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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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Harlan Goodner

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
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2004 Stanley B. Honour
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2008 Doug & Bridget
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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
2022 Erin Olefson (Griz)

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.

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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
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)

SouthPlatteValleyHistoricalSociety

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

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 skys the limit.

President's Message

Hello All,

Well, here we go again. It is springtime in Colorado so everyone is getting excited for the warmer weather and all of the activities that it brings. Our clubs are gearing up for their annual shoots and more people are coming out for the monthly shoots. It is always time to build our numbers, but Spring seems to be most crucial, so invite as many people out to shoot as you can. There is a reward coming for our members who sign up new members, so do what you can to make this group stronger and more resilient.

We had a successful Winter Convention with good attendance and several tables with a very nice selection of wares. It was good to see everybody, but as usual, it was difficult to catch up with everyone. Several familiar faces and a few new ones were there thanks to the hard work of our Winter Convention Coordinators, Joy, Gwen, and Ron Ring. The next time you see them, thank them for all of the time and effort that goes into pulling off this annual show.

The Membership Meeting was held after the floor closed with about 30 members attending. A massive number of items were on the agenda including the the Board of Directors elections. All of the existing board members were reelected by the membership in attendance. The only change to the Board is the Communications Director. Tim has done an amazing job for us for several years but is stepping away due to increased work and family commitments. All of his hard work has been appreciated, but we understand his need to have more time for family. Neil Peacock will be stepping down as our

Secretary soon so I need a volunteer to fill his position for the rest of the year. Please contact me if you or someone you know would be willing to step up to help.

Neil will have the minutes of the meeting available in the near future for anyone who is interested.

On a personal note, I was honored to be nominated and selected to be the 2022 Muzzle Loader of the Year. Thank you Delores Beaupre, 2021 Muzzle Loader of the Year, for presenting a very nice plaque and speech. Ken Wee then presented the MLOY staff with the names of the previous recipients. My name being added to such an illustrious list is truly amazing to me. I would like to thank everyone for your consideration and will strive to live up to the expectations of the position.

We have a big year ahead of us so I hope to see you all soon and THANK YOU again for allowing me to be President of this wonderful group.

Thank You,
Griz Olofson
2022 CSMLA President
2022 Muzzle Loader of the Year

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



Wildlife Report from CSMLA Wildlife Director David McCord

By approval of CSMLA members at the March 12 meeting, we joined the Colorado Wildlife Conservation Project (CWCP) together with over 20 other charter members. The CWCP came into being largely to oppose the "cat" bill, SB22-031, introduced this year in the Colorado Senate and defeated. The bill would have made it illegal to kill, wound or trap lynx, bob cats and mountain lions. The proponent appears to be from the Humane Society of the United States who they attempted a similar move before the Colorado Wildlife Commission last year and were denied. They then gained support from a willing Boulder senator to sponsor this attempt. The bill went to hearing before the Senate Ag committee and was soundly postponed indefinitely, dead. All but one of the bill's sponsors removed their names from the bill, they no longer wanted to be associated with something going down. We opponents had an impact. The organizers went on to formal creation of the CWCP.

CWCP members include Colorado Bowhunters Association, RMEF, Safari Club, Back Country Hunters and Anglers, Teddy Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, Coloradans for Responsible Wildlife Management (mostly trappers), Wild Turkey Foundation, Mule Deer, Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, National Wildlife Foundation, Big Horn Society and about a dozen others. Not just an opposition group, the CWCP has offered support to HB22-1168 to provide an opportunity for hunter education for all 7th grade school children, expressed concerns about the pollinator bill (bill

was “PI’ed”), supported the Habitat Stamp bill renewal, supported SB22-151, Safe Crossings For Colorado Wildlife And Motorists, and supported the bill funding the Colorado Department of Natural Resources. In early March CWCP members spoke before the CPW Commission to explain the purpose and mission and were favorably received.

CSMLA is not obligated to support positions taken by the CWCP, we can offer support, remain silent, express concern, or oppose a CWCP position and we can submit issues for CWCP consideration and action. We can withdraw our membership at any time. The organization structure includes a chair, vicechair, board, committees and the larger membership. CSMLA is obligated to join one or more of the committees and to attend a minimum number of meetings, most being via Zoom. Committees are Steering, Communications and Media, Government Relations and Lobbying, Outreach and Public Engagement, Policy, and Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission. I am prepared to attend meetings and signed on to the Outreach and Public Engagement Committee. CSMLA members are welcome to also be included. Let me know. As information and actions surface, I will share on the CSMLA website and via email, with our Board (especially where immediate action is important). A CWCP web site will soon be launched.

Our first official CWCP request was to add our name to a letter of support for SB22-151 Safe Crossings For Colorado Wildlife And Motorists sent to the Transportation and Energy Committee for a hearing on March 24. “Concerning the creation of a cash fund for use by the department of transportation to fund projects that provide safe road crossings for connectivity of wildlife and thereby reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions.”

For a cute video on the success of existing crossings and highway game fencing find “ The Colorado Highway 9 Wildlife Crossing Project” for the highway south of Kremling. The hunter education bill for 7th graders, HB22-1168, was approved by the Senate Ag and Natural Resources Committee

March 17 and referred to the “Senate Committee of the Whole” **(editors note: the bill has passed both chambers and may have been signed by the Governor at time of this issue creation)**. The bill received universal support at its consideration by the House. CWCP members provided testimony in support at Thursday’s hearing including two Boy Scouts in uniform together with their father.

As items arrive from the CWCP I will make a recommendation and relay them for Griz’s directions on how to handle and if it seems like an issue needs discussion, he will send it to the BOD.

For status of wolf introduction see: wolfengagementco.com.

Sedgwick County Extension Office invites you to

4-H Muzzle Loading Demonstration



Come experience loading and shooting a muzzle loading firearm. After seeing a demonstration you may think that it might be a cool 4-H project. The Colorado State Muzzle Loading Association is helping put it on with their president and several other members in attendance. They will have different rifles and pistols to shoot with, along with having different targets, including a gong.



April 30, 2022; 10 am-12 pm
Julesburg Gun Club



The Julesburg Gun Club is right next to the drag strip. Please use the same entrance off of the highway, but stay to the east. A parent or guardian must be present.

Colorado State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Colorado counties cooperating. Colorado State University Extension programs are available to all without discrimination.



For Questions please call the Sedgwick County Extension Office at 970-474-3479 or email Josilyn Lutze at josilyn.lutze@colostate.edu

Lancaster Rendezvous

MAY 21-MAY 29, 2022

www.SPVHS.org/Rendezvous



(Tear down Monday May 31)

Come One / Come All

The Tallow River Trappers are reintroducing a rendezvous where the Greenhorn can learn the tricks of the trapper.

This Rendezvous is a week-long event, Set Camp Saturday May 21.

Classes will be held daily,
Monday May 23 – Saturday May 28.

Donations Appreciated. Classes are free & will include:

History of the Fur Trade Era

Flint and Steel - Fire Making Moccasins Making

Period Dress & Clothing Hats and Accoutrements

Firearms of the Fur Trade Era and the Shooting Bag

Hawk and Knife The Primitive Camp / Why White Canvas

Primitive Cooking & The Dutch Oven Chef

Beading How to 'Vous on a Dime and More.



- Above Ground Fire Pits Required, Shovel and Water Bucket Must be Visible
- Water and Some Firewood Onsite..... Absolutely NO Tree Cutting!
- No Vehicles in Camp after 6pm Friday Unless Pre-Approved by Booshway
- Pets MUST Be LEASHED at ALL Times
- Campers Must Be in Pre-1840's Dress after 6 p.m
- NO Visible Plastic or Aluminum
- Camps with Horses MUST HAVE proof of Insurance.
- Cannons in Designated Area by Pre-Approval ONLY (Owners Must Sign Waiver before any "Fire in the Hole" commences)

Modern Camping and Tin Tipi areas: (space limited) Electric hook-up available for an additional \$10.00 fee

Booshway: Hoss 720-514-1833

Segundo: Wiley Coyote: 303-941-0183

Scribe: Hinges: 720-514-1833

Interested in Teaching a Class? Please call.



THE COLORADO STATE
MUZZLE LOADING
ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS

2022 STATE SHOOT

Paper and The *NEW* Primitive

AUGUST 12 – 14

Matches

Men's Percussion, Women's Percussion, Men's Flintlock, Women's Flintlock, Seniors (70+), Hunter's Aggregate, Smoothbore, *NEW* Super Seniors (75+with difficulty shooting offhand), Men's Pistol/Revolver, Women's Pistol/Revolver, Hunter's Aggregate Juniors (13–16), Sub Juniors (12 & under), *NEW* Primitive Aggregate, *NEW* Poker Fun Shoot, *NEW* Hawk and Knife Aggregate

SAVE THE DATE

2022 Liberty Encampment

Elbert, Colorado
A FAMILY FUN EVENT
Muzzle loading rendezvous



June 3rd - 12th

Primitive Camp, Tin tipis (dry) camp
and a generator camp

In case of extreme weather this
event may be cancelled



Events and Happenings

Paper Shoot	Canoe Shoot
Trail Walk	Novelty Shoot
Rifle and Pistol Shoot	Running Deer Target
Flint and Percussion	Demonstrations
Hawk and Knife Throw	Spectator Shoot
Fire Starting	Cannon Shoot
Junior Events	Traditional Skill Classes



Friday night trade session and pot luck for the
whole camp. Bring your trade goods , Jug, food and
musical instruments



For More Information call:
Jerry or Diana Collins
Phone 719-338-8262
719-231-9255

or e-mail
collinsjerry1776@gmail.com

Pack it in—Pack it out. Leave the site better than you found it.

Check us out on Facebook "Liberty Encampment" for updates
In case of fire danger we are limited to one community fire for
cooking and communal gathering
Bring TP and a camp stove just in case

Kit Carson Mountain Men – 42nd Annual Rendezvous

May 20th - 22nd, 2022

- ✦ Events for everyone
- ✦ Skills Contests
- ✦ Seminar Classes
- ✦ Shooting & Hawk/Knife
- ✦ Modern Camp (No Hookups)
- ✦ Primitive Camp



- ✦ Firewood on site
- ✦ Traders Welcome
- ✦ Controlled Pets
- ✦ Solar shower stall
- ✦ Toilets on site
- ✦ Bring Water

Camp Donation: \$10.00

Traders: Prize donations appreciated
No extra fees charged

Shooter Fee: \$10.00

Per Shooter Covers all except noted below

Please bring drinking and general use water

Pets welcome, always controlled on a leash

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY... The End...
Setup: Call or email for early setup availability. <u>Juniors shoot Free</u> Jr A (12-16) Jr B (under 12)	Trail Walk - focused on skills and learning for all ages <i>All events run through Saturday.</i>	Candle Shoot After Dark Primitive Steel (Fri-Sat) Shot Gun (\$5) (Fri-Sat) Pistol (Fri-Sat) Hawk & Knife (Sat)	Novelty (\$5) BBQ Feed & Council Fire 5:00 PM <i>please RSVP for the BBQ!</i> Club cooks the meat. <i>Pot luck, side dish / dessert</i>	 Kit Carson Mountain Men 1980

This is a family event, so you know what rules apply! Primitive dress is encouraged in the primitive area.

The site has plenty of shade and is a good place to kick back and enjoy!

Please visit our website at: For more information <http://mocobps.com/KCMM.htm>



24485 County Road J, Kit Carson, CO 80825 (look for the signs) - +38° 43' 48.92", -102° 42' 16.72"

Member Southeastern Colorado Council of Buckskinners

Violet Sneyd (Lamar, CO)
(719) 688-2781

Park G. Wood (Sr - Lamar, CO)
(719) 688-5696

Please visit our Website at: **For more information**

<http://mocobps.com/KCMM.htm>

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: _____