

WYOMING STATE SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER Jan—Mar 2013

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

While insanity may reign in the district of criminals and in several of the states, reason and logic still prevail in Wyoming. Nowhere is this more evident than in our fine legislature.

Amid all of the doom, gloom and rumors of impending disaster, rays of sunshine are starting to dissipate the darkness. A bill has been introduced to put teeth into the pre-emption law, subjecting local "authorities" who flaunt this law to become personally liable for civil damages. Another bill removes the restriction on concealed carry permit holders from protecting themselves and others on school grounds. A third bill nullifies any federal restriction on semi-automatic firearms and magazines, criminalizing any outside enforcement efforts. Proposed legislation would also remove the unreasonable restriction on the use of suppressors for hunting.

There has been much depression in the Freedom Community of late. We can hardly hear ourselves over the howling of the anti-gun crazies. However that howling also served a useful purpose. Many are those hitherto either ignored the threat or convinced themselves to believe they were not threatened. Resolve has never been higher and battle lines and lines in the sand are being drawn as never before. I well remember 1968 and 1994 and while unpleasant years, they were nothing like 2013 in this regard.

Following is an excerpt from the Oct-Dec. 2004 President's column. Truly, the more things change, the more they remain the same.

"The final death throes of the "assault weapon" ban offered up many amusing moments. Foremost among these was Sen. Diane Feinstein's [D-Kalifornia] shrill, hysterical ranting which surely must have removed anyone's last doubts regarding her mental stability. She seemed to have been especially pushed

over the edge by President Bush's shrewd silence. What the Wicked Witch of the West could never begin to understand is that while no normal, rational person would respond in kind to the barking and snarling of the neighborhood dogs, equally futile and irrational would be to verbally reply to the two-legged dogs who are oh so much more distasteful and dangerous. While the former may defecate on and damage your lawn, the latter deposit their poisonous leavings onto all those things we hold most sacred; the clean-up infinitely more difficult."

Keep calm, carry on and be sure to contact your legislators. Better yet, attend some of the committee hearings. The legislature has an excellent web site which will provide one with all of the necessary information. Mark Spungin



WSSA MEETING

May 4th, 2013 10AM
PARKWAY PLAZA
CASPER WY

Old and new business

Election of officers

Club reports

Guest speaker

M1 drawing

Prepay for lunch required

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HUNTING & CONSERVATION

The year 2012 was not a good year for Wyoming, either for the hunters and fishing people or the game and fish commission. Dry conditions prevailed and had a negative effect on both game and fish. The effect of the wolf and other predator problems in northern and western Wyoming did not improve the situation either it served to discourage trips where there was a lack of game and water. The economy is also having a negative effect—on the game and fish commission—with fewer trips to the field by financially stressed population from both in-state and out-of-state. Wasting disease is yet another deterrent. These situations may very well translate into higher license fees in the near future according to a report by the Wyoming Business Report magazine.

Currently, 76% of all license fees come from out-of-state licenses, a matter of concern to residents since their input is not as heavily weighted as in the past. The hunting, fishing, and wildlife viewing industry are currently a 1.2 billion dollar industry to the state. With a slumping economy and adverse weather conditions due to continued dry weather patterns, the G&F department is looking for additional revenues which could easily translate to higher license fees. Either that or they will have to trim back on some programs they are trying to continue or expand. This might be the most appropriate solution since the population is now having to trim back due to adverse economic conditions affecting them in general economy and mineral industries.

It is generally the trend for an increase in taxes to occur at least appropriate time for the population itself which is during a recessionary period like we are currently getting into. My take on the situation is that the G&F commission should be willing to share in that pain by trimming their own programs just like all of us out in the general population are going to have to do. So far, out state government has shown far more restraint in controlling costs than our government people in Washington DC have. I encourage you to let your G&F representatives at their annual meetings around the state know you appreciate their restraint on increasing expenses and fees until times get better and at the same time realize that with this may come a curtailment of some services they can offer.

Phillip Morgan Hunting and Conservation.

WE ARE DIMINISHED

Family members have notified WSSA that the following life members are deceased;

Walter Christensen life # 46 Buffalo, WY

Carl Williams life #95 Green River WY

Leonard Wilson life # 127 Worland

We don't care where you have been
we care where you are going



3 Position Gallery

Jan 12- The 1st match of the year once again ran into weather related travel problems for travelers.

Two locals put holes into the USA 50 targets. After the prone and standing stages found them deadlocked it would be won by the kneeling stage.

Roger Sebesta earned the win over Dan Thomas.

Next 3P match is Feb 2, followed by the standing 100 shot Racy Clark Memorial match on Feb 3rd. All safe shooters welcome.

NEED CURRENT ADDRESS

Can anyone furnish a current address for the following?

Beryl Gerdes last address Grand Island, NB

Kenneth Royce last address Ignacio, CO

NRA MEMBERSHIPS

When you renew your NRA membership via the internet you will be also supporting WSSA. By using <http://membership.nrahq.org/default.asp?CampaignID=XPO17730>, a portion of your dues will return to WSSA.

PLEASE CHECK MEMBERSHIP CARD FOR YOU RENEWAL DATE. THANK YOU

Wyoming State JO Championships

The 2013 Wyoming State USA Shooting Junior Olympic Smallbore and Air Rifle Championships was also the inaugural match for the Laramie County Shooting Sports Complex. The shooting sports complex opened its doors after twenty plus years of planning and close to two years of construction. It was worth the wait although I wish there had been more shooters there to enjoy it.

We only had three smallbore competitors two from Cheyenne and one from Niwot Colorado.

Men's State and JO Champion was Austen Williamson, Cheyenne, with a score of 526

Women's State and JO Champion was Jodi Ross, Cheyenne, with a score of 515.

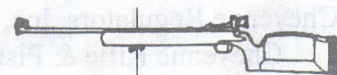
Both received the JO Gold Medallion, The State Champion Plaque and an invitation to the Nationals. Both men and women shoot a 3 position 60 shot match at the state level. At the nationals the men shoot a 3 X 40 shot match and the women shoot a 3 X 20 match

The air rifle matches drew a few more competitors, Twenty total split evenly between the men and women. Air rifle at the state and national level are 40 shots for the women and 60 shots for the man from the standing position..

Men's State and JO Champion was Austen Williamson, Cheyenne with a score of 570, JO Gold Medallion, State Champion Plaque and an invitation to the JO Nationals,

2nd William Gifford, Casper, with a score of 455, JO Silver Medal.

3rd Dylan Hager, Casper, with a score of 415, JO Bronze Medallion.



Women's State Champion, Shannon Draeker, Niwot, Colorado, with a score of 373, State Champion Plaque

Woman's JO Champion, Jodi Ross, Cheyenne, With a score of 372, JO Gold Medallion and an invitation to the JO Nationals. (Note you have to be a resident to win the JO awards but not the State Championships.)

2nd Marin Dey, Cheyenne, with a score of 336, Silver JO Medallion

3rd Ashley Swearingen, Cheyenne, with a score of 322, Bronze Medallion.

Dick Smith Match Director



WORDS FROM A CHAMPION

I have learned so much through shooting. I enjoy being able to go to the National matches and having the support from my team. By attending national and local matches I have learned new shooting techniques to help improve my skills, made new friends and I have traveled to places I have never been before. Shooting has opened up many opportunities for me and I have enjoyed the experiences that have come from shooting. I know that none of this would have been possible without the support from my team, my coaches, my parents, and all those that are involved in making the matches happen. I feel so blessed to have had the experiences I've had that come from the shooting sport. Jodi Ross Cheyenne WY

Note I asked Jodi to write a few lines and received the above in Aug 2012. As the JO report above tells, she will again headed to Nationals. Congratulations and we wish you success. R Seb

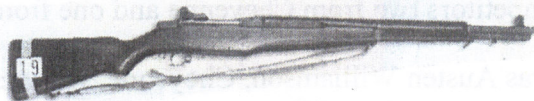
EVENTS all phone numbers are 307 prefix

Dubois Gun Club contact regs.phillips@dteworld.com

Lander Valley Sportsmen Cowboy action, 3 position, All club programs on lvsa.info.

Thermopolis Gun Club, monthly meetings 7PM @ Armory 1st Thurs; n7zrx@yahoo.com,

Platte River Rod & Gun Club contact John 265-1210 or Larry pvkid4@msn.com



Did you get your tickets into the drawing for the M1 Garand? Sec/trea has a few and expect there will be some at the Worland Gun Show Mar 16-17 and in Gillette's Gun Show Apr 26-28.

AFFILIATED WSSA CLUBS

American Custom Gunmakers Guild, 22 Vista Ln, Cody 82414

Bessemer Vigilance Com'te, POBox 1132, Casper 82602

Bridger Trail Light Infantry Rangers, POB932, Worland 82401

Casper Pistol Club, 4910 E 18th St, Casper 82609

Casper Shooters Club, POBox 1432, Casper 82602

Cheyenne Public Shooting Park, POBox 2833, Cheyenne, 82003

Cheyenne Regulators, Inc, 3904 Central Ave-A133, Cheyenne 82001

Cheyenne Rifle & Pistol Club, POBox 571, Cheyenne 82003

Cody Shooters Complex, POBox 1504, Cody 82414

Converse CO 4-H Shooting, 133 W. Center St., Douglas 82633

Dubois Gun Club, POBox 91, Dubois, 82513

Fort Fetterman Sportsmen, POBox 843, Douglas 82633

Lander Jr Rifle & Pistol Club, 943 Amoretti, Lander 82520

Lander Rifle Club, 943 Amoretti., Lander 82520

Lander Valley Sportsmen's Assoc., POBox 1113, Lander 82520

Laramie CO Shooting Complx, 13802 Bullseye Blvd, Cheyenne 82009

Laramie Rifle Range, Inc., 73 Rifle Range Rd, Laramie 82072

Lovell Rod & Gun Club, POBox 221, Lovell 82431

Natrona CO ROTC, 5260 Chuckwagon Tr, Casper 82604

Platte CO Shooting Assoc, POBox 1324, Wheatland 82201

Platte River Rod & Gun Club, POBox 1587, Mills 82644

Rawlins Rec Services, 1616 Harshman St, Rawlins 82301

Sheridan CO. Sportsmen, POBox 155, Sheridan 82801

Thermopolis Gun Club, POBox 731, Thermopolis 82443

Upton Gun Club, POBox 291, Upton 82730

Western Wyoming Rifleman Assoc., POBox 605, Afton 83110

Weston CO Sportsmans Club, POBox 861, Newcastle 82701

Worland Shooters Complex, POBox 713, Worland 82401

Wyoming Riflemen Assoc., POBox 94, Guernsey 82414

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Apr 15, 2013

"I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labor of the people under the pretence of taking care of them"
Thomas Jefferson

Try to fathom the hypocrisy of a Government that requires every citizen to prove they are insured. But not everyone must prove they are a citizen.

Know guns,
Know Peace,
Know Safety
No guns,
No Peace,
No Safety

Assault is a behavior, not a device.

A drunk was in front of the judge. The judge says, "You've been brought here for drinking." The drunk says, "OK let's get started."

Our WSSA has a registered political action committee. Donations are welcome. Please consider adding a few dollars to fund. They can be sent to the secretary/treasure at 625 Sweetwater St, Lander, WY 82520

2013 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mid range @ Casper 22 Jun John Dilorio 265-1210
Long range @ Laramie 13-14 July Roy Bane 755-5766
Leg match @ Laramie 20 July Roy Bane
SB & HP Rifle Silhouette @ Lander 20-21 R Sebesta 335-9323
F Class @ Laramie 10-11 Aug Roy Bane
HiPower & Service Rifle @ Cheyenne 24-25 Aug P Ward 432-0522

MAY 4, 2013 ANNUAL MEETING

The Parkway has offered a choice of 3 lunch selections. Each will include dessert, coffee, tea, and side salad. Make selection at \$15.00/ plate, & prepay before MAY 1st to Sec/Trea. Please attend even if you wish not to join the social time over lunch.

Croissant club– ham, turkey, lettuce, 2 cheeses on croissant

Chicken club– Grilled chicken breast w/melted cheese, bacon, on Kaiser bun

Philly Cheese steak– Roast beef, Swiss Cheese, onions & gr peppers on a hoagie

WSSA BALLOT

The following have accepted nominations for the office listed. Nominations will be accepted at the annual meeting from individuals meeting the bylaw standards. Write-in candidates are accepted with written permission from the candidate. Club membership entitles 5 votes per office. Individual membership gets a single vote per office. Please circle the names you wish to support or write-in name on blank.

PRESIDENT Mark Spungin

VICE PRESIDENT Beverly Spungin

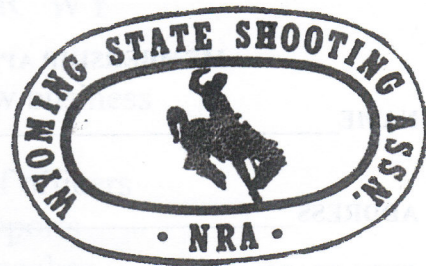
SECRETARY-TREASURER

COMPETITIONS

JUNIOR PROGRAMS Dudley Irvine

HUNTING/CONSERVATION Phillip Morgan

LEGISLATION Richard Bohling



Return completed ballot to : WSSA 625 SWEETWATER St, Lander WY 82520 OR bring to the meeting OR vote by Email

DID YOU REMEMBER TO ORDER LUNCH?

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