

WYOMING STATE SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER Apr—Jun 2015



President's column, March, 2015

2015 BALLOT

Well over a century ago Otto Von Bismark commented "Two things one would rather not watch are sausages being made and legislation being passed." This year's Wyoming Senate certainly verified what the Iron Chancellor said way back when.

I attended the Senate hearing for HB 114, the bill to end Gun Free Zones in Wyoming which had easily passed the House. To put it mildly, it was a most unpleasant experience. The Powers that Be in Wyoming wanted the bill killed but lacked the testicular fortitude to do so in an honest and open manner. The committee instead submitted a completely different, unpleasant, meaningless, and unpassable substitute bill and called it an "amendment."

The public comments, limited to two minutes each, were but a mere formality as the committee members had already made their decision. What was mildly entertaining was the appearance of those who opposed ending "Gun Free Zones". Several generations ago one would have to have paid admission to see such as those. Today, should one wish to see them one would have to go to a 24 hour Walmart after midnight. While they lived in Wyoming, they in no way could be considered "Wyoming people."

After the committee made the pre-planned decision to pass the counterfeit "amended" bill the entire Senate spent several hours "debating" it. The "debate" was a buffoonish exercise which only served to debase what little dignity the Senate had managed to preserve over the years. Third reading ended the farce as the now completely tainted HB-114 finally died.

On a more cheerful note the Newcastle Gun Show was a great deal of fun. The "off their medicine" dealers took their grossly over-priced merchandise home with them Sunday afternoon. The more reasonably priced vendors did well. I was especially pleased to see the \$5.50/bx on up .22 ammo remain untouched, un-looked at, and unsold. Mark Spungin

Please send completed ballot to WSSA, 625 Sweetwater St, Lander, WY 82520 or via wssa@wyoming.com. or present at May 2 annual meeting. Remember club/business memberships receive 5 votes and individual members have one vote per office. Blank spaces are for your write in.

PRESIDENT—Mark Spungin _____

VICE PRESIDENT—Beverly Spungin _____

SECRETARY/TREASURER _____

COMPETITIONS _____

HUNTING/CONSERVATION

Dennis French _____

JUNIOR PROGRAMS _____

LEGISLATIVE _____

Prepay lunch @ \$15.00

Select from:

Croissant club [] Chicken club []

Philly cheese steak on Hoagie []

Each include side salad, dessert and coffee, tea NEED BY APRIL 29

LANDER GALLERY

FEB 7 3Position gallery The final event of the season is in the books. There were no juniors to show the adults how to shoot a high score. Bev's Compas Lake .22 upper didn't function with the CCI Green Tag ammo. That forced her to a lot of manual effort between shots. And a bit of 'hurry up' especially during the prone phase. Roger Sebesta, Lander was match winner with 494/600. Beverly Spungin, Guernsey posted 448 to win the marksman money.

FEB 8 The 100 shot Racy Clark match is all fired from the standing position at the A-17 bull's-eyes. This is the final 'open' gallery event of the season and had 4 adults and 1 junior enter. It was enjoyable having a couple new shooters give it a try. It was not enjoyable for Bev to have the firing pin break on the Compass Lake leaving her unable to fire the remaining 25 shots. James had never fired any competition before and after starting with a Marlin 39 with open sights, he was talked into trying one of the clubs Marlin heavy barrel .22's. That improved his scores as he got used to the light trigger and a heavier rifle even though he still steered bullets with open sights.

Competitor	home	aggregate/1000 possible	Award
Roger Sebesta	Lander	888-21X	Match Winner
Anthony Cross	Lander	866-12X	1st Master/UC
James McFarlane	Riverton	631-2xX	2nd Master/UC
Kyle Carper	Riverton	877-13X	1st Marksman
Beverly Spungin	Guernsey	563-5X	2nd Marksman

2015 WYOMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

2700 Pistol w/leg, JUN 13&14, Laramie, roy@vcn.com

Mid-range June 20 Casper, John 307-265-1210

Long range July 11&12 Worland, Nick scarecrow45@rtconnect.net

Long range black powder July 11&12 Worland, Nick scarecrow45@rtconnect.net

HiPower & Service Rifle, Aug 22-23, Cheyenne, Paul pard@bresnan.net

SB & HP Rifle silhouette Aug 22&23 Lander, Roger rjsebesta@yahoo.com



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FOR SALE

The Game & Fish EXPO has been cancelled. It is doubtful that it will return. The WSSA board has voted to sell the equipment. Included are : 4 DAISY 853, some 853C and one has a 1" shorter butt stock., all aperture rear sights, post or aperture fronts@ \$100/ea. 3 DAISY 717 single pump pistols; @\$80/ea 4 Speth electronic target carrier systems for 33 foot air gun targets; 4 DAISY electronic target carrier systems; Pace trailer 7x12, single axel, with spare, hitch 'stinger' & ball; plywood enclosure for a 28X32/36 foot deep range; 3 ea 8 foot long table shooting benches. Targets, CO2, pellets, flood lights, extension cords, etc. Insured value \$12,700. Prefer to sell as package but will entertain all offers. Please contact the Sec/Trea

WY NRA JUNIOR SECTIONAL MATCH

Mar 21-2, 2015 @ Lander

Nine juniors put forth their best in the 3 Position & 4 Position smallbore and international air rifle. The 4P and AR were decided by the last targets. Shooters came from Cheyenne, Laramie and Riverton. These are the numbers: for 4 P.

		Prone	Standing	Sitting	Kneeling	Aggregate
Tana Eberhardt,	IJ	99-2	88-3	92-4	93-5	372-14 Match winner
Marin Dey	JR	94-4	92-0	93-2	93-2	372-8 1st Jr
Kyle Carper	IJ	98-3	89-3	95-3	85-0	367-9 1st IJ
Sarah Dey	IJ	98-4	83-2	92-3	88-1	361-10 2nd IJ
Tayte Thomas	IJ	96-4	67-0	89-2	94-3	346-9
Kaitlin Butler	IJ	94-3	85-1	80-1	89-1	346-6
Shayna Thomas	SJ	93-3	79-0	90-2	81-0	343-5 1st SJ
Madison Merrell	SJ	78-0	60-0	77-0	62-2	277-2

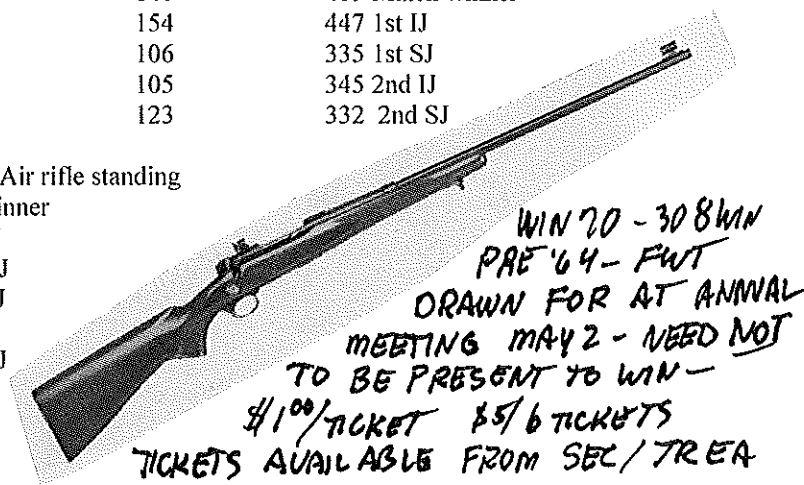
3 Position Small bore

Kyle Carper	IJ	174	155	140	469 Match winner
Tayte Thomas	IJ	170	123	154	447 1st IJ
Madison Merrel	SJ	154	95	106	335 1st SJ
Kaitlin Butler	IJ	146	94	105	345 2nd IJ
Shayna Thomæs	SJ	139	70	123	332 2nd SJ

Air rifle standing

Marin Dey	JR	93	89	90	91	362 Match winner
Kyle Carper	IJ	80	86	82	86	334 1st IJ
Tana Eberhardt	IJ	82	85	83	84	334 2nd IJ
Sarah Dey	IJ	84	74	84	73	315 3rd IJ
Rachael Dey	IJ	80	85	69	79	313
Shayna Thomas	SJ	76	81	71	78	306 1st SJ
Kaitlin Butler	IJ	69	64	59	71	263
Madison Merrell	SJ	66	63	59	61	249

Dudley Irvine Match Director



WELCOME to SHOOTING SPORTS FOUNDATION OF WYOMING

Shooting Sports Heritage Foundation of Wyoming (SSHFWY) Grants – SSHFWY is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public charity corporation whose mission is to preserve and enrich shooting sports in Wyoming by receiving donations from shooting sports-minded benefactors, and distributing those funds as grants to qualified like-minded Wyoming organizations for purposes that enhance shooting sports experiences of the general Wyoming public. Virtually all donations received by SSHFWY will be distributed as grants to qualified applicants. Having now established a small funds base, SSHFWY will award up to \$1000 in grants in 2015 (individual grants limited to \$500) to qualified organizations focusing on youth activities or programs. As our funds base increases in the future, SSHFWY will expand the number and scope of grants accordingly. Grant application forms will be available on our website (www.sshfwy.org) by May 1st. Grant applications must be submitted by July 1st, and grants will be awarded by September 1st.

MAY 2 ANNUAL MEETING

As noted at the bottom of the ballot on page 1, if you wish to have lunch at the meeting YOU NEED to select and prepay but April 29. This is as close to a social function we will have this year. This is YOUR association please come join in directing the actions for the next year.



HUNTING AND CONSERVATION

Greetings! Hope everyone made it through the winter safe & sound. Looks like spring & summer are coming again this year.

It's time to start checking out the boat & camper & other summer equipment. It's a good time to check batteries, license tabs & stickers & don't forget safety equipment in our boats. A little time spent now can ensure a safe fun summer. We wish that for all of our readers.

On the hunting front there have been many, many meetings & working groups around the state to study seasons & get public input for 2015. Game & Fish have been holding seminars on large carnivores to teach safety & awareness. Also in the Timber Creek drainage, west of Meeteetse, animals have been found dead of suspected poison. Good idea where ever you are with pets or children to check surroundings for traps or suspected dangers.

Talking to some of our big horn sheep hunters, it sounds like it's been a tough year for the sheep on a couple of fronts. The Game & Fish website has a wealth of information on all of the subjects mentioned before. Checking the website will keep one informed on what is going on with our game, meetings & seminars around the state.

I would like to bring up a few points about our Second Amendment rights that have been causing me some concern. We are having our Second Amendment attacked from so many directions and from so many groups & people that it is hard to keep informed of all the ways.

It is easy to become overwhelmed by all the attempts to attack our guns, our ammo, our rights, financing for our gun businesses & many other things. I have been pushing myself not to get discouraged & to keep speaking to friends & family, writing to state officials & federal officials, also calling in our opinions to their offices.

We are in different times as far as attacks on our rights. We must not forget that we have been winning battle after battle for many years. I guess what I am trying to say is don't give up and continue to stay informed about attacks on our Second Amendment.

Keep writing, keep calling & keep winning.

Have a great summer! Be Safe! Dennis K French

WY 3 POSITION AIR RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2015 Wyoming State 3 Position Air Rifle championship was held at the Lander Valley Sportsmen's Assn indoor range April 11th, 2015. Over 40 junior shooters from around the state made the trek to Lander to compete for an opportunity to represent Wyoming at the National 3P Air Rifle Championships to be held in Anniston, AL this summer.

In the precision rifle team event, the Lander Junior Rifle & Pistol Club just barely edged out the Laramie County 4-H Shooters by just 19 points, 2123 to 2104(out of possible 2400). In the precision rifle individual event, Laramie County shooter Ashley Swearingen was the Champion shooter with a score of 562, Flint Pokorny of Lander 2nd 558, and Tana Eberhardt 3rd with a 551.(out of a possible 600)

In the Sporter Rifle team competition Cheyenne East High School swept both 1st and 2nd place with scores of 1921 and 1836(out of a possible 2400). First place individual shooter was Cheyenne East's Dustin Hauf with a 504. In second was Christopher Fritsch also of Cheyenne with a 502 and rounding out the top 3 was Kaitlyn Archuleta of Natrona County High School with a 488.

Thanks to all the teams and coaches who helped make this years match a huge success!

For complete results go to <http://www.orionresults.com/team/MatchPage.aspx?MatchID=1.2651.578942632.0> Dudley Irvine

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

EVENTS all phone numbers are 307 prefix

Dubois Gun Club contact regs.phillips@dteworld.com

Lander Valley Sportsmen Cowboy action on 2nd Sat— John 332-9203; 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 plattrivergc@yahoo.com

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DATE

The date following your name is the renewal date. If a life or patron member it will not have a date but 'life'. Your membership card also has the date or membership status. Thank you for early renewals.

AFFILIATED WITH WSSA

Bessemer Vigilance Com'te, POBox 1132, Casper 82602

Bridger Trail Lt. Inf. Rangers, POBox 932, Worland 82401

Casper Shooters Club, POBox 1432, Casper 82602

Cheyenne Rifle & Pistol Club, POBox 571, Cheyenne 82003

Cody Shooters Complex, POBox 1504, Cody 82414

Dubois Gun Club, POBox 91, Dubois, 82513

Fort Fetterman Sportsmen, POBox 843, Douglas 82633

Future Stars 4-H Club, 133 W. Center St. , Douglas 82633

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

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

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

Lovell Rod & Gun Club, POBox 221, Lovell 82431

Otto Road Shooting Range LLC, 1531 Otto Rd, Cheyenne 82001

Platte CO Shooting Assoc, POBox 1324, Wheatland 82201

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

www.platterivergunclub.com

Rawlins Rec Services, 1616 Harshman St, Rawlins 82301

Sheridan CO. Sportsmen, POBox 155, Sheridan 82801

Shooting Sports Foundation of WY, POBox 2833, Cheyenne, 82003

Thermopolis Gun Club, POBox 731, Thermopolis 82443

Western Wyoming Rifleman Assoc., POBox 605, Afton 83110

Worland Shooters Complex, POBox 713, Worland 82401

CLUB WISHING TO HAVE
THEIR WEB SITES OR AD-
DRESSES ADDED PLEASE
NOTIFY SEC/TREA

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

July 15, 2015

FOR SALE

Win 70, Pre64, 30-06 Packy recoil pad, 75-80% metal and wood. \$825 + HIS & FFL

Win 42-3" 410 ga, 28" full, 90-95% \$1750+ HIS & FFL

Rem 870 Magnum, 3", 28". Vent rib, full, 12 ga 12 3/4" LOP, Rem Express case, missing less than 2" of bluing outside tip of barrel [wet case?] 65% wood, 75% blue, \$250+HIS & FFL

Ithaca 37 featherlight, 12 ga, 2 3/4", 26 1/2", with vent rib, Ithaca pad, 85-90% \$350 +FFL & HIS

2 Lawrence scabbards [8-20 & 8], 2 Hunter scabbards [402B22 & 402B22 w/ H402 hood \$40 -70.

Sebesta 307-335-9323

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

VOTE FOR FREEDOM
TIME TO TAKE AMERICA BACK

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LIFE IS SIMPLER WHEN YOU PLOW AROUND
THE STUMPS. WORDS THAT SOAK
INTO YOUR EARS ARE WHISPERED NOT
YELLED. MEANNESS DONT JUST
HAPPEN OVER NIGHT. DO NOT CORNER
SOMETHING THAT YOU KNOW IS MEANER
THAN YOU. EVERY PATH HAS A FEW
PUDDLES. THE BEST SERMONS ARE
LIVED, NOT PREACHED.



625 Sweetwater St., Lander WY 82520

ANNUAL WSSA MEETING

MAY 2, 2015 10AM

PARKWAY PLAZA

Adrian's Room

CASPER WY

Rep Kendall Kroeker speaker

Financial update

Election of Officers

PRE-64 WIN FWT drawing

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION WYOMING STATE SHOOTING ASSOCIATION, INC.

NAME _____

"THE RIGHT OF THE CITIZENS TO BEAR

ADDRESS _____

ARMS IN THE DEFENSE OF THEMSELVES

CITY-STATE-ZIP _____

AND OF THE STATE SHALL NOT BE DENIED."

E-MAIL _____

WYOMING CONSTITUTION, ART. 1, SEC. 24

MY INTERESTS INCLUDE: High power Smallbore Benchrest Black powder Pistol Shotgun

Air rifle-pistol Gallery Hunting Collecting Silhouette Cowboy Action Police Combat

Do not actively shoot, but support "The Right to Keep and Bear Arms" wish hard copy of newsletter

New member Renewal **NRA member** yes no **NRA#** _____

WSSA MEMBERSHIP CLASSES & DUES applied for:

Individual \$15 annual \$40 /3 year \$50 / 5 year \$100 life \$300 Patron JR under 19

Club or Business \$20 annual \$50 Club 3 yr \$80 Club 5 yr

Please send completed application with dues to WSSA 625 Sweetwater St., Lander, WY 82520