

WYOMING STATE SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER July– Sept 2013

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

It is only through a study of the past that one is able to view the present in the proper perspective. I would like therefore to share a little known nineteenth-century episode: The Coal Creek War.

East Tennessee had an active coal mining industry in 1891 and in that year the miners made bold enough to demand that the coal companies follow state laws which prohibited the use of scrip payment for wages and the use of company checkweightmen. The scrip could only be used at expensive company stores or redeemed for cash at a steep discount. Company checkweightmen determined how much coal each miner produced (the miners being paid by how much coal they produced and they wanted their own checkweightmen).

Most mine owners gave in, but several of the largest companies refused to do so. They contracted with the state to hire convict labor and the miners were evicted from company owned housing. The houses were torn down and the lumber used to build a stockade to house and confine the convicts.

Tennessee was essentially bankrupt after the Civil War and had found it cheaper to lease out convicts than to build a penitentiary.

In July of 1891 hundreds of striking miners overwhelmed the guards, forced open a stockade, and then marched the convicts to the nearest railroad station where they were put on a train to the state capitol.

The governor, not amused, returned the convicts, along with three companies of the state militia.

Things went quickly downhill from there.

This being a column and not a treatise, I will leave it to you the reader to look up all the details of this interesting aspect of our nation's history. I will say that the Coal Creek War lasted, by fits and starts, well into 1893. Stockades and company property were

burned, convicts released, and many dozens of miners and militiamen were killed and wounded.

While technically, the miners lost, in reality the Coal Creek War brought about some needed changes.

The cost of keeping the militia in the field greatly exceeded the return from the leasing of convict labor, so Tennessee ended the practice and built a state prison.

As for repercussions, the governor was voted out of office and most all of the miner's leaders fled the state to avoid prosecution. Those miners brought to court were mostly acquitted or fined. Only one of the leaders went to prison for two years.

How does this obscure story of 120 years ago concern us, the twenty-first century Wyoming gun owner? Plenty, I would think.

Americans of the past showed plenty of gumption, a quality sorely lacking today but not completely extinct. Hopefully, in Wyoming some of that boldness of spirit still exists in the hearts of enough of us who grow increasingly tired of an increasingly lawless, unconstitutional, intrusive, corrupt and oppressive government. Something else I would hope for. That is that enough Wyoming sheriffs would do the right thing such as their 1890s Tennessee counterparts did when they either refused to assist the militia or did so very half-heartedly.

The most important lesson, of course, is that without firearms the miners would have had to accept whatever abuses were delivered upon them.

President Mark Spungin



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HUNTING & CONSERVATION



Greetings from your new H&C Officer, July 2013 finds us with the drawings for licenses over and the left over licenses up for grabs. Game and Fish is urging hunters seeking left over licenses to do some research. Some are on private land only. Many left over type 6 and 7 come with specific limitations that one should be aware of. Hunters are reminded that for the next year, if you want to draw a doe-fawn or cow-calf license you should be applying in May and do not wait for the left over license sale. This comes from Steve DeCecco. Also be forewarned that all license sales will be via computer next year.

Due to drought conditions, wildlife managers with G&F are asking people not to camp on top of water holes so wildlife can get to the much needed water.

As you get ready for the fall hunt make sure you have ammo ahead of time as some is still hard to get. When hunting the early seasons, it is always a good idea to check if there is an open fire ban in effect. I noticed as of the July 19th paper, camping was restricted to hard sided units in 2 campgrounds in the Brooks Lake area because of Grizzly Bear activities.

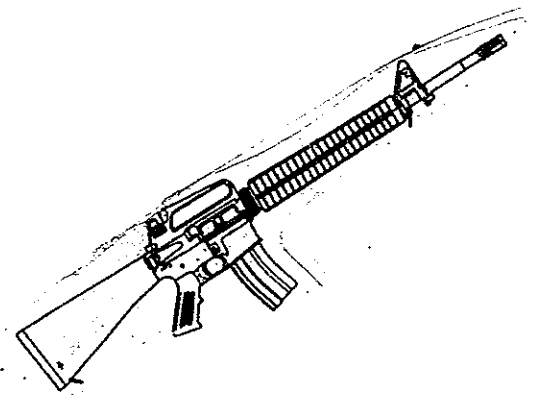
Please remember to include our youth in your hunting and shooting plans. Have a pleasant and productive hunting season. Maybe even try some of the fall fishing too.

BE SAFE!!! Dennis French Hunting and Conservation

MID-RANGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Wyoming State High Power Rifle Mid Range Prone 600 yard Championship was held at the Platte River Gun Club near Casper on June 22nd. Twenty-five shooters braved the wind, rain, hail and tornado warnings. At the end of the day the winners and results were as follows:

MATCH RIFLE		
Winner	Neil Adams, Billings, MT	582-12x
2nd	Kenny Lankford, Laramie, WY	578-20x
F CLASS OPEN		
Winner	Gary Evans, Casper, WY	587-27x
2nd	Tracy Frye, Riverton, WY	575-7x
F CLASS FTR		
Winner	Gary LeValle, Elk River, MN	563-9x
2nd	Brenda LaValle, Elk River, MN	538-6x
SERVICE RIFLE		
Winner	Phillip Morgan, Laramie, WY	546-11x
2nd	Paul Ward, Cheyenne, WY	543-7x
	match director and reporter John DiIorio	



Mid Range Challenge

Here are the results from the July 7th, Mid Range Challenge hosted by the Platte River Gun Club. There were 8 competitors who posted some great scores.

Match winner	Ron Powell	594-21x
1st	Rick Burgin	592-14x
2nd	Rich Carpenter	585-12x
3rd	Steve Warner	581-14x

match director and reporter John DiIorio info on future events phone John 307-265-1210 or email Larry at pvkid4@msn.com

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

2013 YOUTH HUNTER EDUCATION CHALLENGE

On June 8th the annual YHEC was held at the Upton Outdoor Gun Range and Outdoor Archery Range. YHEC Director, Rick Rothleuter and approximately 30 volunteers worked hard to pull the well organized event together and made the day run like a well oiled machine.

Thirty-three participants from all over the state competed in eight events. Participants came from Torrington, Newcastle, Upton, Jackson, Gillette, Pine Haven, Rozet, Osage and Sundance Wyoming. There was also a participant from Great Falls, MT and one from Lead, SD. The participants were broken into two divisions: Junior [under 15] and Senior [under 19]. This year there were 12 seniors. YHEC is not just for boys, this year there were 3 females competitors who gave the boys a run for their money. The female competitors were Mackenzie Grubbs from Upton, Brylee Abbott and Faith Reichenbach both from Gillette. The 8 events are: archery, orienteering, wildlife ID, hunter safety trail, 5 stand shotgun shoot, muzzleloader, .22 rifle shoot and the hunter's responsibility exam. Each person competed the events individually and earned a score out of a possible 300 points for each event except muzzleloader which was worth 50 points. The youth had a wonderful time showcasing their talent. The top 3 winners are as follows:

Junior Division		Senior Division	
Archery	1st Johnny Benedix, Upton		Alex Colson, Torrington
	2nd Cash Schultz, Upton		Nate Pillin, Newcastle
	3rd Thomas Davis, Upton		Zach Breur, Great Falls, MT
Orienteering			
	1st Thomas Davis, Upton		Nate Pillin, Newcastle
	2nd Johnny Benedix, Upton		Alex Colson, Torrington
	3rd Mackenzie Grubbs, Upton		Zach Breur, Great Falls, MT
Wildlife ID			
	1st Alec Arthur, Upton		Luke Norris, Lead, SD
	2nd Dylan Thompson, Upton		Bodie Schultz, Upton
	3rd Style Thurston, Jackson		Colton Buckley, Upton
Hunter Safety Trail			
	1st Style Thurston, Jackson		Nate Pillin, Newcastle
	2nd Alec Arthur, Upton		Bodie Schultz, Upton
	3rd Thomas Davis, Upton		Luke Norris, Lead, SD
5 Stand Shotgun			
	1st Thomas Davis, Upton		Colton Buckley, Upton
	2nd Adam Christenson, Upton		Corbin Thompson, Upton
	3rd Cash Schultz, Upton		Doug Williams, Upton
Muzzleloader			
	1st Alec Arthur, Upton		Nate Pillin, Newcastle
	2nd Elias Reichenbach, Gillette		Luke Norris, Lead, SD
	3rd Michael McCoy, Gillette		Colton Buckley, Upton
.22 Rifle			
	1st Dusty Neate, Newcastle		Colton Buckley, Upton
	2nd Adam Christenson, Upton		Nate Pillin, Newcastle
	3rd Style Thurston, Jackson		Zach Breur, Great Falls, MT
Hunters Responsibility Exam			
	1st Style Thurston, Jackson		Luke Norris, Lead, SD
	2nd Alec Arthus, Upton		Colton Buckley, Upton
	3rd Dylan Thompson, Upton		Nate Pillin, Newcastle
Overall Winners			
	1st Thomas Davis, Upton 1671 points		Nate Pillin, Newcastle 1544
	2nd Style Thurston, Jackson 1502		Colton Buckley, Upton 1512
	3rd Cash Schultz, Upton 1385		Alec Colson, Torrington 1468

The YHEC is a very enjoyable event for all participants, parents and volunteers. This was the 6th year the event has taken place in Upton. YHEC Director Rick Rothleuter does a great job coordinating the event and enjoys the event as much as the youth. He works hard to make each event better than the previous one. Tracey Williams reporter

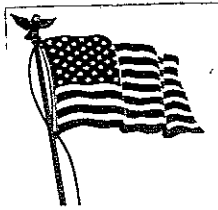


*We are diminished.
Life member (1006)
De Loyd Quarberg
Thermopolis died in
April 2013 after a
short illness.
may he rest in
Peace.*



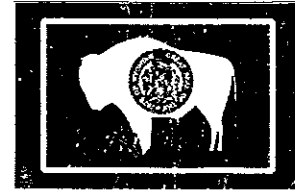
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WYOMING SILHOUETTE CHAMPIONSHIPS

JULY 20-21, 2013 Lander Valley Sportsmen



Dave Bonner, Aurora, CO retains the 4-GUN aggregate 'top gun' award for the 5th straight year. He posted a 251/320 during the 2 days of competition. Competitors from CO, MO, MT and WY experienced cool mornings and sweated as the temps pushed the triple digits by mid-afternoon. The gusting wind were troublesome in the afternoons and bright sunshine gave plenty of mirage. Each rifle event was a 2x40 course of fire.

SMALLBORE	name	state	score
Champion	Cathy Winstead-Severin	MO	74
Master 1 st	Tyler Kamp, Daniel	WY	70
Master 2 nd	David Bonner, Auora	CO	64
AAA 1 st	Terry Stroud, Aurora	MO	55
AAA 2 nd	Bob Mc Alice, Westminister	CO	54
AA 1 st	Michael Ehr, Denver	CO	39
A 1 st	Kenny Collins, Wheatland	CO	39

SMALLBORE HUNTING	name	state	score
Champion	Cathy Winstead-Severin	MO	74
Master 1 st	Tyler Kamp, Daniel	WY	70
Master 2 nd	David Bonner, Aurora	CO	60
AAA 1 st	Terry Stroud, Aurora	MO	59
AAA 2 nd	Roger Sebesta, Lander	WY	55
AA 1 st	Kenny Collins, Wheatland	WY	37

HIGH POWER	name	state	score
Champion	Cathy Winstead-Severin		69
Master 1 st	David Bonner		64*
AAA 1 st	Steven Hawks, Loveland	CO	51
AAA 2 nd	Tyler Kamp		49
AA 1 st	Terry Stroud		49

HIGH POWER HUNTING	name	state	score
Champion	David Bonner		63*
Master 1 st	Tyler Kamp		53
Master 2 nd	Ronald Kamp, Daniel	WY	43
AAA 1 st	Steven Hawks		41
AAA 2 nd	Scott Dahms, Littleton	CO	29



* Dave hit all 40 HP pigs

Several new WY records were set or tied. Both SB 74's and the 69 HP by Cathy Winstead-Severin 's [Joplin, MO] set new marks. She also toppled 12 HP turkeys becoming the 1st clean that bank. Her 38/40 SB tied a record standing since 1993. Dave Bonner put 11 HP rams onto the ground to tie Ron Kamp's long run record from 2007 and complete his Grand Slam. Then also set a HP hunting long run on chickens at 16.

Thanks to:

- Hornady Manufacturing, Sierra the Bulletsmiths, Grenz Sports, Guns and Goods and LVSA for the variety of door prizes.
- The Kamps for welding repairs and ATV use.
- Ron Reemts for ATV use.
- Terry Steward for welding targets and stands.
- All for the sportsmanship and assistance during the event; may your travels be safe and your shots hit the mark.

Until next match, best wishes, Roger Sebesta Match director

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT MAY 4 - 2013

Thirteen members gathered at Casper's Parkway Plaza to conduct the affairs of the association. The big disappointment was the lack of club reports. The election results are : President Mark Spungin, V President Beverly Spungin, Competitions Roy Bane, Junior Programs Dudley Irvine, Hunting/Conservation Dennis French, and Legislative Richard Bohling. Thank you to Phillip Morgan for serving as H/C officer. All contact information for the board is on the front page. Neil Knox sold the winning ticket to R E Hicok, CO Springs, CO. Thanks to all that supported the Junior programs and WSSA by purchasing tickets. It raised a little over \$4400 this year. Another NM M1 will be used in the 2014 drawing and the Win 70FTW 308 Win will be sold or used at a future date.

Guest speaker, Tom Reeder, HD58, is a friend of personal rights. And worked to get bills on the suppressors, CC on school property and adding consequences for not following the preemption law. The WY House passed the bills, the Senate passed the suppressor bill but allowed the 2 to die with out having to show their hands by a vote. Spring 2014 is a budget session but these may get introduced again.

There will not be a G&F EXPO this fall and the vote was to have then next meeting Dec 7. Expect additional info in the next newsletter.

WSSA is financially sound. The emailing of the newsletters are saving about \$500 each quarter. The minutes are posted on the web. Roger Sebesta Sec/Trea

EVENTS all phone numbers are 307 prefix

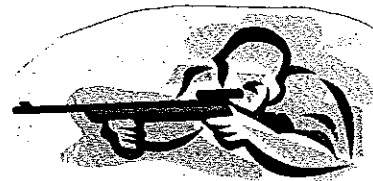
Dubois Gun Club contact regs.phillips@dteworld.com

Lander Valley Sportsmen Cowboy action on 2nd Sat- John 332-9203; Mid range challenge 8/3- 332-2524 Bruce ; 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

2013 CHAMPIONSHIPS



F Class @ Laramie 10-11 Aug Roy Bane

HiPower & Service Rifle @ Cheyenne 24-25 Aug P Ward 432-0522

AFFILIATED WSSA CLUBS

American Custom Gunmakers Guild, 22 Vista Ln, Cody 82414
Bessemer Vigilance Com'te, POBox 1132, Casper 82602
Bridger Trail Lt. Inf. Rangers, POBox 932, Worland 82401
Cheyenne Public Shooting Park, POBox 2833, Cheyenne, 82003
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
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

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Oct 23 2013

TICKET TIME

Lander Valley Sportsmen offers tickets on a Sept 20th, 2013 drawing. The first ticket gets a **Win 70** in **.257 Roberts** and the second ticket receives a **Mossberg 500 12 ga.** Need not be present to win. Thanks to the One Shot Past Shooters Club for donating the guns

Donate a buck for a ticket or get 6 for \$5.

LVSA
PO BOX 1113
Lander, WY 82520

Thank you

It's never too late to have a happy childhood, but the second one is up to you and no one else.

Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.

Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry, God never blinks.

May you live as long as you want and never want as long as you live,

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



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M1 winner is Robert Hicok,
Colorado Springs, CO.

Election results

New Champions
See inside

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"

New member Renewal NRA member yes no NRA# _____

WSSA MEMBERSHIP CLASSES & DUES applied for:

\$15 annual \$40 individual 3 year \$50 individual 5 year \$100 life \$300 Patron

\$5 junior annual -under 19 yrs \$20 Club annual \$50 Club 3 year \$80 Club 5 year

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