

# WYOMING STATE SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER July—Sept 2014



### PRESIDENTS COLUMN

Rules are rules, except some people are more subject to them than other people. There are those in high places who seem not to be subject to the rules at all. Every day we are painfully reminded of this as the rulebreaking becomes more blatant and egregious. To make matters worse, the rule-breakers keep reminding us, "We are a nation of laws and not a nation of men." While this once may have been generally true, it is certainly true no longer.

The rules, both those of long standing and the increasingly numerous new ones being churned out by the ruling "elite" are mercilessly applied to those of us who are not in the "club". Those who are not bound by these rules do the enforcing. It sounds hopeless and depressing but history provides soothing examples of the "exempt" finding themselves not so exempt after all.

My favorite example is that of Guillaume Sam who "served" as President of Haiti in 1915. The "served" meant served his own personal interests and that of his cronies rather than those of the Haitian people. This was expected of the presidents which was perhaps why their occupancy of the palace in Port-Au-Prince was usually a short one. Many others wished to dip their sticky fingers into the national till and were not shy about pushing themselves to the front of the looting line.

Despite Haiti being a rather unfree place with no real "rule of law" there were rules and unlike here and now some of these rules applied to Everyone.

Haitian revolutions traditionally started in the mountains along the Dominican border and gathered strength as they approached the capitol. There generally was not a great deal of fighting and the current president had sufficient time to gather up (i.e. steal) a nice nest egg and decamp to a safe, non-Haitian locale. President Sam had, however, only been president a few months and the pickings meager. He thought, perhaps, that the newest revolutionaries should have given him a little more time to fill out his retirement account and in a bitter and ill-fated moment ordered the

execution of all political prisoners, some 167 in number.

Such an act violated the rules and the consequences were immediate and severe. On 28 July, 1915, the day following the massacre at the central prison, an enormous mob moved onto the palace. President Sam fled to the French embassy which granted him asylum. The mob was not to be denied, however and Sam was dragged from the building and literally torn to pieces. These pieces were then displayed around the city.

No one should be exempt from the rules which apply to you and me. Ninety-nine years ago the third world basketcase called Haiti was far ahead of where we are today in this regard.

Mark Spungin President

### G&F Raffle



The Super tag and Super tag Trifecta brought in 50,266 tickets with \$665,000. No winners names have been shown on the G&F news. That is close to \$13.23 per ticket purchased.

Thanks to all that donated and best wishes to the winners. I'll be interested to learn what the winners selected for their tags. The deadline for this year was July 1st.



I expect the raffle will return for 2015.

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## HUNTING & CONSERVATION

As we reach the middle of our summer season, a few things come to mind. Hopefully a great number of our readers have drawn the hunting licenses they applied for. A friend of mine came over and we looked up the drawing results for himself and his son. They were excited to find they had drawn elk licenses only to find out a short time later that day that Game & Fish had taken them away. I felt sorry for them and they were pretty put out.

Looking over the Game & Fish website, it looks like some left over licenses are going up for sale. Check the website for details.

There seems to be so many meetings going on around the state on Game & Fish issues where the public can have input, that one should go online and check times and dates on issues you are interested in.

During the heat of the summer we have lots of fishing and water sports going on. I would urge everyone to take a close look at boating regulations and the safety issues involved. We owe it to ourselves, our families and others to follow the safety regulations and have a super safe time on and around the water.

Over the fourth of July, my wife, myself and resident in charge West Highland White Terrier aka "Mattie" took a trip to our home town of Custer, S.D. in the Black Hills. We parked our camp trailer at a beautiful private campground south of Custer. The campground had facilities for people traveling with horses. The owners do not take out for pay trail rides or accept any money for information about the federal public lands. People bring their horses and ATV's and use the public trails and roads on their own.

The owners have been forced to retain lawyers to face charges that in my opinion are difficult to understand.

I researched the radio station, the newspapers and all I could find out was it finally came down to charges of doing \$1000.00 worth of damage to federal land trails. The newspaper and radio station didn't appear to have any better luck than myself finding out who, what damages and where it was.

In talking to horse owners, both visiting and local, reading concerns from other campground owners and people in general, this seems to have a chilling effect on people using public lands in that area.

I think the point of this little story should caution folks, with campground and road closings going on, on our federal lands, hunters and people using federal lands with horses and ATVs or anything else should check and see if there are any new regulations or if rules have changed. I would not want to see anyone go through what these folks have gone through.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, take a kid fishing or shooting and above all BE SAFE.

Dennis French

## LANDER 100 SHOT HP OFFHAND May17,

A beautiful day for outdoor shooting, but not for attendance with only 3 souls willing to put holes in paper. All used .223's, 2 in the AR style and a Rem 788.

Michael Parker, Victor, ID was high master with 928-15X. Winning expert was Todd Harley, Wilson at 868-5X. Sebesta pulled out a win with 950-16X.

Thank you Michael and Todd for traveling over the pass, dodging wolf, moose, elk, antelope and deer to come to the event. Here's hoping they spotted a bear on the return trip to make the species viewing complete.

## 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

## LANDER VALLEY RIFLE SILHOUETTE

April 19 The SB hunting rifles opened the season of silhouette with 4 gents having a pleasant calm morning. **Ron Kamp**, Daniel was match winner @ 27 for the 40 shot event. Tony Cross, Lander took 1st M/Unclassified with 16. Roger Sebesta, Lander was 1st AAA @ 21. Anthony Fuller, Wheatland earned AA first with a 20. In the standard SB, it was Sebesta won to with 28. Kamp dropping to 1st AAA with 22. Fuller again taking AA with 16. The high power hunting rifle match was won by Kamp with 19. Dan Thomas, Lander fired a 10 with an over weight rifle for practice.

May 18 High power rifles were up first this day. A calm, pleasant morning but weed growth covered some of the white targets that in the bright sun tried to hide. **Anthony Fuller**, Wheatland started slow on the close targets but got dialed in on the 385 M turkeys and 500 M rams toppling 6 & 7 respectively. His 19 was match winner. Sebesta's 12 took AA money. Ken Collins, Wheatland shot HP for the 1st time and posted a 7 using factory ammo.

Five SB shooters elected to change to a 60 shot match while they still enjoyed the calm, bright conditions. Sebesta's 35 was match winner. Collins took AA with 33 and Cross whacked 26 for class A. After setting the targets for the hunting SB portion, the wind suddenly come on with gusts reaching 30MPH. A 26 from Sebesta got the win but a 25 by Collins earned AA. Cross put 18 into the dirt for 1st A. Collins was the only shooter to 5-in-a-row; doing so on chickens and pigs.

June 15 Father's Day turned out not to be a day to hold a match as only 2 attended. A 60 degree temp at the 9:30 start was with the tape flags only twitching. Once again the course of fire was extended to 60 shots. Fuller fired 34 in hunting and 24 in standard to claim AA honors. Sebesta eeked a 35 hunting and 34 standard for a pair of wins. Fuller tallied 3 five-in-a-row pins on pigs(2) and rams. No HP match was fired.

The next event will be the Aug 23 & 24 State Championships. A full program is on [lvsa.info](http://lvsa.info) and [wyossa.com](http://wyossa.com). All safe shooters are welcome. Sebesta match director

## WYOMING 600 YD CHAMPIONSHIP 12 July, 2014

The Wyoming mid-range (600 yd) championship was held in Casper at the Platte River Range on 12 June. The event would crown three different champions; match rifle, service rifle, and F-Class. Conditions that day were good. A wind of 10 mph or less blew from the west during the match, and temperature was in the mid 80's.

There were 29 competitors present, with F-Class having the largest number with 12 shooters. There were shooters from Wyoming, Nebraska, Montana, Minnesota, and Colorado, and South Dakota.

Chris Ford of Alliance, Nebraska won the F-Class event with a fine 592-28X out of a possible 600 points. Second place went to Keith Kelby's 587-18X, and third was won by Werner Sandford's 584-27X. Other F Class shooters breaking the 580 level were Tracy Frye with 583-20X, and Dan VanGalder's 581-20X.

The service rifle event was won by Tom Helak of Gillette, Wyoming with a very good service rifle score of 572-17X. Second place went to Phil Morgan's 560-10X, and third was won by to Russ Gary 's score of 548-11X.

Neil Adams from Billings, Montana took home the match rifle championship with his 577-20X. Roy Bane placed second with a 576-11X, and third went to Gerald Shoup with 564-7X.

Other scores of note were the 581-14 shot by Nick Nickelson, shooting a scope sight in NRA position, and Ervin Morse's 574-18 shooting FTR.

Reported by Roy Bane

Check the internet or contact Roy for questions on the governing rules.

## 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 : 10 DAISY 853, some 853C and some have the butt stocks modified to allow shortening easily or returned to full length., all aperture rear sights, post or aperture fronts; 3 DAISY 717 single pump pistols; 6 CROSMAN CH2000 CO2, adjustable synthetic stocks, aperture front and rear sights; 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.

### 2014 WYOMING 1000 YARD CHAMPIONSHIP

**The Long Range Wyoming State Championship (1000 yard) match was held at the Worland Shooting Complex on July 12th and 13th. Over 29 competitors (33 total shooters) showed up to shoot the match. The match is an endurance challenge. The Competitors fire 100 rounds for a possible score of 1000 points. This years match was very tuff because of the never ending switchback wind changes combined with fact that the mirage often seemed to be running in the opposite direction of the wind.**

**There are different Categories for the shooters to compete in. A total of 5 (20 shot for record) events are combined for the overall winner. While all competitors shoot from the prone position, the F-class Category allows the rifle to be placed on a rest. Mr. Chris Ford from Nebraska, won the F-class (Open) category with a score of 977-46x, with local favorite Mr. Wes McElhinny coming in second with 973-23x. Wes actually beat Chris 3 out of the 5 events. It made for a very exciting finish.**

**Mr. Morse from South Dakota won the F-class target rifle category with a score of 940-20X, with Mr. LaValley from Minnesota, coming in second with a score of 928-11.**

**Mrs. Brenda LaValley from Minnesota won the Top Lady Shooter Award.**

**For the traditional match rifle category, (the rifle is held by the shooter in a sling) Mr. Neil Adams from Billings won the match with a score of 972-37x. Mr. Jay Brooks from Sheridan won the Billy Dixon award (scope) with a score of 967-33x, and Mr. Kelly Moore from Billings won the Audi Murphy award (iron site) with a score of 958-20.**

**There were folks of all ages there. The youngest shooter was 23 years old, while the oldest was 74 years young. Mr. Collingwood from Greybull won the Sprit of the Game Award. He is a new shooter, (first match) and he managed to maintain a very good disposition despite the difficulty of his chosen sport. Nick Nickolson match director and reporter**

**Check out <http://www.btlir.com> for the full score sheet.**

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 matches planned: 3 mid-range prone, 1 Garand and a bench event.



### 2014 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

SB & HP rifle silhouette @ Lander **Aug 23-24**, Contact Roger 335-9323  
Pistol 2700 Championships, **Sept 20-21**, @ Laramie, Contact Roy 755-5766

### AFFILIATED WSSA CLUBS

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 Rifle Range, Inc., 73 Rifle Range Rd, Laramie 82072  
Lovell Rod & Gun Club, POBox 221, Lovell 82431  
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  
Thermopolis Gun Club, POBox 731, Thermopolis 82443  
Upton Gun Club, POBox 291, Upton 82730  
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  
Oct 15, 2014

"A defenseless man should expect no mercy. And a man unwilling to defend himself and his fellow man against tyranny deserves none." Eric Peters

The mightiest weapon is the truth.  
And everyone knows you're not permitted to enter a Government building with a weapon. BlauBear

WSSA-PAC is supporting Dr Taylor Haynes' bid in the primary election for Governor.

The PAC urges you to vote in the primary.

Rep Kendall Kroecker was in a very close race last election and has received support from the PAC,

It is your obligation to study the candidates and cast your vote. Remember 'it's by and for the people'. Even though many holding office today have forgotten that.

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



2014  
WINNER IS :

WILLIAM WERNER, LARAMIE

LIFE MEMBER # 832 - CONGRATULATIONS & THANKS TO ALL FOR THE SUPPORT -

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625 Sweetwater St., Lander WY 82520

- MAKE A NOTE -

NOV 22, 2014 10AM

FALL BOO+MEMBERSHIP MEETING

AT CASPER'S RAMADA COFFEE SHOP

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# \_\_\_\_\_



"... the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

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