

Wyoming State Shooting Association Newsletter



It does not take many words to tell the truth! *Sitting Bull ??*

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Acting President

Paul Garbin

THE ACTING PRESIDENT'S

lead to turmoil, destruction, mass starvation. (No farmers no food.)

Vice President

COLUMN:

Liberty or Servitude ?

What do we know and how do we know it. What do we believe and why do we believe it.

will lead to subjugation and servitude. These Rights not practiced and defended will cease to protect human beings from descension... from citizens to lower than subjects.

Acting Sec/Trea

Nick Nickelson

We live in a time when many are taught to follow the leader. Following is not a bad thing, unless we are following a bad leader. The expectation is that those who are driven to become leaders must have the essentials qualities and morals necessary. There is a natural human tendency to want believe this to be so. At the same time many are critical of those they may or may not have chosen as their leaders. Society has thus far been resilient enough to endure destructive changes brought about incompetent and/or destructive "leaders." There is a continuing effort to fundamentally change America.

How does what we know and what we believe determine what we think and what we do?

Whatever can be done to promote shooting sports, competitions, self-defense training, skill at arms, and life time commitment to defending and practicing these Rights, must be done. It is our responsibility to ensure the transfer of this knowledge to those unaware. This is our reason for being.

Respectfully

Paul Garbin

Competitions

Phil Morgan

Hunting-Conservation

Roger Sebesta

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Legislative

Cynthia Garbin

As a student of human behavior, I cannot see how destroying a working system organically developed over time with it's many faults, will not

Turning to the matter at hand; I have always believed the Second Amendment to be "the canary in the coal mine." If it can be destroyed or rendered ineffective, it is only a matter of time before all Inalienable Rights are destroyed or ignored. The end result being tyranny. It is essential to protect and preserve our Inalienable Rights if we seek to pass this Republic to future generations. To this end, it is our responsibility to teach the next generation the importance and indispensable nature of these Rights; not granted by government but endowed from the Creator. They must know these Rights are inherent and inseparable; a condition of being Human. To ignore or abandon this understanding



Resignations

From the Editor:

In case you have not heard, Kenny Lankford resigned as WSSA president on November 14, 2023. Please see his e-mail, and the board of directors response below.

“I am resigning as President of the Wyoming State Shooting Association effective immediately. This is due to the lack of support from various members of the Board in supporting Firearm and Hunter Education in Wyoming Public Schools. I appreciate the opportunity given to me as we had accomplished many great things.” *Kenny*

WSSA Board Response...

Kenny, it is with great sadness that we acknowledge your resignation as President of WSSA. We appreciate the time and effort that you have contributed to our club. Your contributions have been instrumental to our success. We regret that we were unable to come to a consensus on current policy issues. Again

we thank you for your service and wish you all the best in your future endeavors. **WSSA BOD**

From the Acting Secretary Treasurer:

As you can see, I have agreed to stay on as WSSA Secretary Treasurer till about the fall of 2025. After that I plan to leave the WSSA Board of Directors.

As you know, the NRA and the CMP recognize WSSA as their official state shooting association. Many of the WSSA board members are 70+ years old. Its time for some younger folks to step up, and meet the challenges of how best to support the shooting sports. However, if we don't have folks to take our place, its possible that Wyoming may lose its state wide club. There are a few of us WSSA board officers that are dis-

cussing how best to dissolve the WSSA by the end of 2025 or 2026. While none of us want to see the WSSA go away, there comes a time when you have to acknowledge you have done all you can do and move on. You will hear more about this in the next news letter. Give a call or write an e-mail.

Nick Nickelson



It seems that nothing ever gets to going good till there's a few resignations

Kin Hubbard

From The Competitions Director

THE SHOOTING IS OVER FOR 2023

A NUMBER OF ISSUES NEED TO BE ADDRESSED GOING FORWARD. FIRST, THE CONTINUING LACK OF RELOADING COMPONENTS IS STILL AN ISSUE AND, WHEN AVAILABLE, THE PRICES ARE SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN BEFORE. MATCH AMMO ITSELF IS AT A PROHIBITIVE PRICE FOR MOST SHOOTERS. ALL THIS IS PARTIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONTINUING DOWNSIZING OF COMPETITIVE SHOOTING IN HIGH POWER.

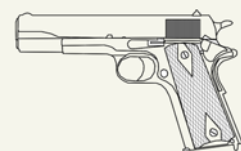
SECONDLY, THE ADMINISTRATIONS IN WASHINGTON AND IN MANY STATES ARE ON THE ATTACK AND PUSHING FOR MORE GUN CONTROL. SCHOOL FUNDING IS BEING HELD HOSTAGE FOR HUNTER SAFETY AND SMALL BORE PROGRAMS BY SUCH BEHAVIOR. AND LEGITIMATE USES OF FIREARMS FOR COMPETITION AND HUNTING ARE UNDER CONTINUAL ATTACK AT BOTH THE FEDERAL AND STATE LEVEL. THE EPA IS A FACTOR IN MANY STATES WHERE ONLY NON-LEAD BULLETS CAN BE USED FOR HUNTING. THE OVER-REACH BY BOTH FEDERAL AND

STATE GOVERNMENT IS BOTH BOLD AND CONSTITUTIONALLY ILLEGAL. DISARMING THE POPULATION ONLY ENCOURAGES THE CRIMINAL ELEMENT TO BECOME EVEN MORE AGGRESSIVE AS WE SEE SOARING CRIME RATES IN THE BLUE CITIES OF MOST COASTAL STATES.

NEXT, THE POPULATION OF SHOOTERS IS GROWING OLDER SINCE THERE ARE VERY FEW JUNIORS IN HIGHPOWER NOWADAYS. NEITHER COLORADO OR WYOMING HAS FUNDED A JUNIOR TEAM TO CAMP PERRY FOR SEVERAL YEARS. AS A RESULT, THE NUMBER OF SHOOTERS PARTICIPATING AT MATCHES HAS DROPPED DRAMATICALLY FROM THE 1970'S TO ONLY A HAND FULL TODAY. THE COST OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION IS A FACTOR SINCE JUNIORS MUST BE FUNDED FOR OBVIOUS REASONS. IT IS GETTING SO THAT ONLY OLDER SHOOTERS WITH FINANCIAL BACKGROUND CAN AFFORD TO SHOOT. THE POSITIVE NOTE GOING FORWARD IS 4-H PROGRAMS ARE STILL DOING WELL IN BOTH THE AIR RIFLE AND 22 CATEGORIES. WE SEE THIS WITH THE NUMBER OF SMALL BORE SHOOTERS PARTICIPATING AT BOTH THE COUNTY AND STATE LEVEL. THIS IS PROBABLY THE GROUP

WE WILL NEED TO SUPPORT GOING FORWARD. A POPULATION OF YOUNG SHOOTERS THAT IS BOTH PROFICIENT AND RESPONSIBLE IN THE USE OF FIREARMS NEEDS TO BE OUR GOAL. THIS WILL CONTINUE TO BE AN ONGOING BATTLE WITH THE LIBERAL AND LEFT WING ELEMENTS OF THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION.

PHILLIP MORGAN



From The Legislative Director

Greetings:

and Blessings to All WSSA Members.

The end of 2023 and the beginning of 2024 brings us opportunity for changes and growth. After 103 years in existence WSSA has endured many challenges and has remained a standard barer for the Preservation of the Second Amendment and Wyoming Shooting sports.

“We know the First Amendment is first because its freedoms of speech and faith are essential for preserving the other amendments: likewise the second protects the first.” But our faith and right to bare arms in defense of faith, family and freedom, together are our Rights, which are natural laws given by God.

In these tumultuous times in America we must remain vigilant and not just complain of the problems we face, but find Solutions.

Here in Wyoming our legislature is not as conservative, fiscally or socially, as one would expect. We have a divide in the Republican party between the Freedom Caucus and newly formed Wyoming Caucus. This divide has allowed the few Democrat legislators to wield more control than we should have to face.

In even numbered years, the Legislature convenes in a Budget Session beginning on the second Monday of February, which typically lasts 20 legislative days. Except for the budget bill, all other bills require a two-thirds vote from the Senate or House for introduction during a Budget Session.

In 2024, the 68th session of the Wyoming Legislature is a “Budget session” and begins February 12th.

As the WSSA Legislative Direc-

tor, I will plan on following the legislature closely and as possible share the bills which WSSA Members should be interested in supporting.

If there are concerns or issues you would like to hear more about, Please feel free to contact me at:

Legislativedirector@wyoming.com

Respectfully

Cynthia Garbin



HUNTING AND CONSERVATION DIRECTOR

Greetings!

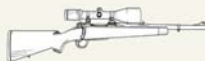
I hope you each had an enjoyable fall with hunting success. Now we can look forward to small game, birds and migratory waterfowl.

I am disappointed I didn't receive any comments on the preference point suggestions I offered last issue. I understand that the current system will remain for 4 more years 'to allow more with maximum points to draw.' Duh?? That is just kicking the can down the road. I guess the 'cash cow' from selling of the PP's was too good to change. If you know otherwise, I'd like to hear. In 2020 non-residents put \$2.7 million in sheep and moose PPs and residents added \$20 million for all species PPs.

On the corner crossing law suit: In June the land owner, Mr Eshelman, dropped the case involving the 'way point #6' found on one of the GPS units. That means no decision that could be used in future cases. Let's hope sane minds prevail on the violating 'air space.'

As tax season approaches, remember the foundations and organizations that support conservation. Most are 503(3) tax exempt and will use your donations for beneficial proposes. Wishing all a fulfilling New Year.

Roger



**If we must die,
we die defend-
ing our rights.**

Sitting Bull

A Big Thank You to our Members.

Thank you for your past support to WSSA and the shooting sports. Please consider filling out the raffle tickets for a CMP M-1 Rifle, and send in your donation to the address on the ticket. If you would like to sell some extra tickets, please let me know. I will forward as many as you can sell. Thanks for your support. My number is 307-347-8852 or you can e-mail me at wssa.sectrea-spector@wyoming.com

Important Please Read

Ballot & Membership Application!

With this mailing you should find a single page with one side being a nomination ballot and the other side being a membership application. Doing it this way saves us money. If you cannot be at the Annual spring meeting, check out the sheet with this newsletter. Fill in the information on "Nomination Ballot" if you wish to volunteer for, or nominate a candidate to be on the Board of Directors. If you need to renew your membership, then fill out and follow the directions on the other side for "Membership Application." Here's your opportunity to get involved and make a difference. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact, 307-347-8852 or e-mail, wssa.sectrea-spector@wyoming.com

Please check the envelope!

When you received your WSSA newsletter, your membership renewal date, or status, was printed on the envelope next to your name and address. If your envelope had the words "Past Due" or "Time to Renew" then you should fill out the membership application and mail it in with dues. This may be the only notice you receive.

Next Membership Meeting

April 27, 2024 "10:30 am"

The Holiday Inn Express

4250 Legion Lane, Casper, WY 82609

(Meeting Room)

All Members Welcome