



# Wyoming State Shooting Association Newsletter



Propaganda does not deceive people; it merely helps them to deceive themselves. ?? Eric Hoffer

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## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:

As the shooting seasons close for 2022, Wyoming State Shooting Association has had some success in continuing with our programs. As major world and political events has hastened the availability of ammunition and components, programs have slowed. The far-left desire to protect criminal activities and to slow prosecution of such criminals has seen a major push to declare lawful citizens as the problem due to ownership of arms. Rarely is it seen where a legal purchase of firearms leads to crimes. Most arrested for violation of our laws have made a career of it and rely on 9-5 city politicians and staff to scoot it under the rug. Hopefully the recent of movement that has shown the shift in majority in the Congressional house and maintained a close count in the Senate, will continue to allow responsibility and accountability within our national borders.

Within the past year, the WSSA has started managing its assets to minimize the items that are not being utilized into a full set of electronic targets to be obtained hopefully this summer in time for a State Championship to be announced later. These targets are for high velocity rifles and pistols and allow shooting beyond 1000 yards while seeing results immediately on a computer, tablet, or

smartphone. Clubs interested in using this system can contact myself or Phil Morgan. I am drafting up a guideline for the use of these targets. <https://autotrickler.com/pages/shotmarker> It is exciting to see the recent announcement from the Civilian Marksmanship Program that proclaimed Phillip and Linda Dobkins as New Wyoming State Directors for Youth Programs. This will fill a gap in our Association while they move forward in their parallel mission. They both will be a strong catalyst to assist our youth in participating in the shooting sports. <https://thecmp.org/cmp-announces-new-wyoming-state-directors-for-youth-programs/> Phil Dobkins is a certified Level 3 Advanced Rifle Coach and a Distinguished Expert in the Winchester Pistol Program; Phillip is also a USA Shooting Wyoming State Rifle Champion and a Wyoming State 4-H Champion in Rifle and Pistol. In the past, he has earned a spot in the prestigious President's 100 as one of the top 100 competitors of the annual Camp Perry National Matches President's Match. "My goals are to advance youth shooting sports in the State of Wyoming," he said of his intentions as a CMP State Director. "I'd like to grow the number of clubs and sanctioned matches over the next two years, and I'd also like to see more participation from Wyoming clubs at the national level." Linda is a Distinguished Expert in the Winchester Pistol Program, Linda is certified as a Level 3 Advanced Rifle Coach – having collectively led rifle, pistol and muzzleloading rifle training over her career. "I noticed clubs that had

once been active in the state were not there anymore. Some of the youth competitions that had once taken place in Wyoming were also not being scheduled," she said of becoming a CMP State Director. "I'd also like to see the number of Wyoming clubs increase – not only in rifle, but also in other disciplines."

On a sadder note, Richard Greeves of Fort Washakie has taken his remarkable talents beyond as he died this month. He leaves a legacy that spans generations and lives on in the careful studies of Native Americans that are displayed in art galleries and venues throughout the world. Richard was a member of the WSSA State High-power teams shooting at Camp Perry and shot out of the Lander club. His world class sculptures can be seen at the Buffalo Bill Gun Museum in Cody. <https://cowboystatedaily.com/2022/12/07/celebrated-wyoming-artist-richard-greeves-dies-leaves-western-legacy-around-the-globe/>

*Kenny Lankford*



## From The Vice President

### Greetings Fellow Citizens:

One of the challenges of living for seventy + years is seeing changes and trends over time. Having grown up with rotary dial phones (pre number pads pre cell phones), pre personal computers (no internet), no video cameras! NEWS at 6pm (reporting not editorializing, no sound track, no 24 hour news channels, no panels)...From an early age (13), I was interested in firearms. Having joined the Boy Scout (when it was a male organization) and working on My merit badges, I was very happy to find there was a Marksmanship Badge. However in reading the booklet I read the Second Amendment for the first time. I was every disheartened to read in the next sentence that States had placed restrictions on firearms ownership? How do you go from "shall not be infringe" to restrictions, licensing, prohibitions? Over the years there grew an antigun agenda, which continues to grow, to the benefit of those who would rule us. One of the observations over time is, if all you know is the current reality how can you know how this reality came to be. Having always been interested in how

things came to be. I have spent quite a lot of time studying Human behavior, and history. What do we know and how do we know it? What do we believe and why do we believe it? An early realization was TV Programming. Interesting choice of words. Over the years I have personally seen examples of "monkey see, monkey do". No one would think to do these things if not for having seen them. (often destructive or plainly ignorant) My Grandfather had a proverb "steal with your eyes" meaning you can see (learn) the how, why, and when of things. (constructive, potentially instructive). My elders were capable of independence, (not all of them) but all I met were gifted in their own way. We live in a time where our culture is divided in many ways (intentionally). But as I see it the most dangerous is **Independence vs. Collective**. The **Collective** camp has advantages in numbers acting together as they are told (top down). The **independents** are loosely nit together by principles and or morals (bottom up), not as effective in acting together as is the **Collective**. Which

group will win the battle? I believe the Second Amendment is the canary in the mine. It's been choking for some time. If it is eliminated the United States will cease to exist. I pray we value our Freedom, our Posterity, and our Country enough to prevent this from happening.

*Paul Garbin*



**There are two ways to be fooled. One is to believe what isn't true; the other is to refuse to believe what is true.**

*Søren Kierkegaard*

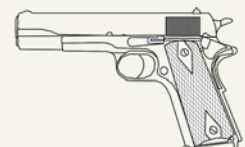
## From The Competitions Director

THE SHOOTING IS OVER FOR 2022 OUTDOOR EVENTS AND IT IS TIME TO START SUBMITTING PAPERWORK FOR THE 2023 SEASON SO SERIOUS SHOOTERS CAN PLAN THEIR SCHEDULES FOR THE COMING YEAR. IF SCHEDULING IS DONE EARLY, BOTH THE CMP AND NRA PROVIDE ADVERTISING FOR SCHEDULED MATCHES AND ENCOURAGE COMPETITION. THE SHORTAGES OF PRIMERS, POWDER, BULLETS AND CASES IS ONGOING AND WHERE NOW AVAILABLE, THEY ARE AT MUCH HIGHER PRICES WHICH SERVE TO REALLY DISCOURAGE COMPETITION. THAT PROBLEM SHOWCASED ITSELF IN 2022 WITH FAR FEWER COMPETITORS . IT WAS FURTHER COMPLICATED BY THE BAD NAME BEING GIVEN TO SHOOTING SPORTS BY THE FAILURE OF GOVERNMENTS TO PROSECUTE THOSE COMMITTING CRIMES WITH FIREARMS. THEY INSTEAD CHOSE TO BLAME THE GUNS AND NOT THE CRIMINALS AND PUSH FOR EVEN MORE GUN CONTROL LAWS. THE OBVIOUS THING IS THAT GOVERNMENT WANTS TO ELIMINATE THE SEC-

OND AMENDMENT AND YOUR ABILITY TO OWN FIREARMS FOR SPORT, HUNTING, AND PROTECTION. INDEED, THE MAIN STREAM MEDIA IS ACTIVELY ASSISTING THEM IN THIS NEFARIOUS GOAL. NEED I SAY MORE? HUNTING IS STILL WITH US IN WYOMING, FORTUNATELY. A GREAT SIGN IS THE VERY LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE PURCHASING FIREARMS THAT NEVER OWNED THEM. THE BEHAVIOR OF GOVERNMENT AND ITS FAILURE TO DEAL WITH CRIME HAVE DEFINITELY MOTIVATED PEOPLE TO BE ABLE TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES. COMPETITION ENABLES CITIZENS TO HONE THEIR SKILLS IN THE USE OF FIREARMS AS WELL AS BE EXPOSED TO THE NEED FOR SAFETY TRAINING AND RESPONSIBLE FIREARMS USE. WE ARE CITIZENS, NOT SUBJECTS, AND THE POLITICIANS AND CRIMINALS NEED TO HAVE THAT IMPRESSED ON THEM. UNFORTUNATELY, THE SCHOOLS LOOK ON FIREARMS USE LIKE A PARIAH WHEN THEY SHOULD BE EMBRACING RESPONSIBLE FIREARMS TITLE AND A VERY FORMIDABLE ONE. THE GOAL IS DEVELOPING RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS, NOT SUBJECTS

OF AN OVERBEARING GOVERNMENT. THE LACK OF YOUNGER SHOOTER DEVELOPMENT AND PARTICIPATION IS ONE OF THE OBVIOUS GOALS OF GOVERNMENT IN THE ONGOING BATTLE FOR GOVERNMENT GUN CONTROL. NEARLY EVERY RANGE IN WYOMING HAS A WEBSITE THAT YOU CAN GO TO TO DETERMINE COMPETITIVE SHOOTING ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE TO YOU. PLEASE SHARE THESE WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND HELP PROMOTE COMPETITIVE, RESPONSIBLE SHOOTING AND TRAINING.

*PHILLIP MORGAN*



# From The Legislative Director

## Greetings:

Now that the 2022 Midterm election is behind us and some of the preferred candidates have been elected, We are obligated to accept the certifications of the election... or are We? So much of the information that is available (we receive) is "Media Bias" and potentially mis-information (Lies).

I believe it is for each of us, individually, to take the responsibility to find the source of information we use to establish Our Truth.

The Lexicon of the English language use of words has been corrupted. The definition of many commonly used words is no longer what we knew, even 2 years ago.

As WSSA Legislative Director and Concerned Citizen, I spend a portion of each day reading and listening to multiple resources, trying to find the important issues to take action on and

share. I try to vet my sources and listen closely for "Key words", clues to the authenticity of Language used. This is not always an easy task. But I take this role seriously and follow through with due diligence.

The start of Wyoming 66<sup>th</sup> Legislature session is January 10, 2023. There is already a slate of 48 House Bills and 57 Senate Files (I am sure more to come) to be discussed, debated and voted on. We have some newly elected Conservative Representatives and Senators and with the potential change in Legislature Leadership, my sincere hope is that some of the vitally important topics will be brought forward rather than being put to bottom of pile or in a drawer never to be addressed.

Watch for more active communications from your Legislative Director.

Note as member of the State Legislative Action Committee there will be opportunity for me to share "Calls to Action" and general information. If you are interested in receiving this information or want to contact me with questions or concerns, please reach me at: [legislativedirector@wyoming.com](mailto:legislativedirector@wyoming.com)

**God Bless America and Open People's Minds and Hearts to the Truth!**

*Cynthia Garbin*



## HUNTING AND CONSERVATION DIRECTOR

### Greetings!

**PREFERENCE POINTS** Did you add your comments to Game and Fish before the Aug 1st deadline on the Preference Point (PP) system that is being proposed for change? I understand a squaring of the past PP's is one idea being considered. The PP system was initiated in 1995. Maybe G&F has an idea of how many PP are being held at present. Note- the new system is only for moose and sheep at this time. OK, so your 20PP's would give you 400 entries into the pool. Sounds good until you realize every other PP holder will be in the pool with squared numbers. Does it really change your odds of drawing one of the limited tags? The present system guarantees a tag IF you live and keep purchasing PP long enough. Not so even with 400 chances in the pool due to the limited number of tags being far less than applicants.

Another change has been imple-

mented via the WY legislature, that being a change in the percentage of tags in the pool. In the past the available number was divided into 75% resident and 24% non-resident. Now it will be 90% R and 10% NR.

**CORNER CROSSING** I'm disappointed that G&F has not issued a comment on the issue. Seems they should be in a favorable position as it would open more public lands. I realize G&F needs land owners assistance especially in winter range forage for wildlife and also when doing trapping and collaring studies.

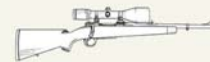
The four Missouri hunter's case is expected to be heard in Federal Court this summer. WOW! Land owner Fred Eshelman has filled a 7 million dollar claim for the crossing of his corner point and air space. Seems that 'air space' would also involve aircraft or make them subject to the same trespass charge.

Co-chairman of WY Back Country Hunters and Anglers, Buzz Hettick, has set up a GO FUND ME account set up on behalf of the four hunters. Please support if concerned. With the case in

Federal Court more than just WY is interested in the outcome. Colorado anglers have a dispute with a private club and Utah hikers and skiers have a dispute with US Forest Service and a land owner on an access road. Be safe and enjoy the Wyo outdoors. Merry Christmas and wishing you well in 2023.

Best wishes, be safe.

*Roger*



**Corruption,  
the most infal-  
lible symptom  
of constitu-  
tional liberty.**

*Edward Gibbon*

## 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](mailto: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" you wish 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 is 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](mailto: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 renewal application and mail it in with dues. This may be the only notice you receive.

## **Next Membership Meeting**

**May 13, 2023 "1 pm"**

**The Inn at Lander**

**260 Grandview Dr, Lander, WY 82520**

**(Meeting Room)**

**All Members Welcome**