



It is when people forget God that tyrants forge their chains!! PATRICK HENRY

WSSA NEWSLETTER

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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN: "March 28, 2016"

Before writing this, my final column as WSSA president, I went back through the archives and found the very first issue of the newsletter (spring 1997) which contained my very first President's column. I am including part of it mainly to show the more things change the more they remain the same.

"As the new president of Wyoming State Shooting Association, I have set several goals. First and certainly most important is to increase both the size and activity level of our membership. We keep getting older and less active and are heading towards a real crisis. The possibility of total decrepitude and irrelevancy is certainly a real one for Wyoming State Shooting Association and not a cheerful thought. We need some younger members and

we need to get more competitions (with sufficient numbers of competitors) going. Half a dozen aging people can only do so much.

My second goal is to increase the political awareness of the people of Wyoming. We cannot just become active when crises arise (1994 immediately comes to mind). Actually we are in a permanent crisis so far as the threat to our 2nd amendment, an indeed most of our other constitutional rights are concerned. We must be extremely vocal in protesting the almost daily outrages being perpetrated upon us. Due to our isolation and small population, we in Wyoming are somewhat insulated from much of what is happening, but it is only a matter of time before some of the really nasty stuff gets here.

At the risk of sounding like an extremist (ask me if I really care). Powerful forces are working day and night to destroy every vestige of our constitution, western way of life and our dearest freedoms. To fully accomplish this, they must

take our guns, and if we are foolish enough to give them up, then we become subjects, serfs, slaves, etc., and no longer free men and the US no longer a free country. This is so clear that it never ceases to amaze me that so many people will either deny or not even care at all."

I have enjoyed being president but it is now time for someone younger and more energetic to take over. There are some really great challenges looming ahead and only vigorous leadership can enable us here in Wyoming to withstand these challenges. The problems will arise in the national capital but there are those in the state capitol who will be more than happy to facilitate. For those who have been paying attention, you know who these people are.

I wish my replacement every success and will be more than happy to assist him in any way I can.

Best wishes to all and to all a good night.

Mark Spungin



"FROM THE EDITOR"

At our annual meeting we will be conducting an election of the board of directors. There is a vote scheduled on the Rawlins Range Project, "we may decide to make a large donation to them." We will also be voting to change a number of the Clubs By-Laws, and possibly the policy manual. These changes are sought in order to help bring more member participation into club activities and to bring us up to date with modern technology.

Please let us hear from ya. E-mail, wssa@wyoming.com or phone 307 347 8852
Snail mail, wssa Box 942, Worland, Wy. 82401

Greetings, hope everyone made it through the winter happy and healthy. I for one am glad to get outside in the Wyoming outdoors away from the insane news cycle of this winter. I am more thankful each year that I live in Wyoming.

As the warm months approach it's a good time to get our boats and fishing equipment in good safe working order. I also like to try out guns and new loads I have been working on over the winter months.

The Game & Fish have been having meetings around the state on a long list of topics. There have been meetings in different places around

the state on "living in large carnivore country". With the upsurge in people and bear contact they are trying to educate people on how to avoid having bad outcomes when people and bears come together. I received an email from a friend of mine that went like this "What doesn't kill you makes you stronger except bears", he may have a point.

Twenty four sheep from Devils Canyon near Lovell have been transplanted to Ferris-Seminole north of Rawlins. I think the hope is that the time of year these sheep have their young will be more compatible with the weather on Ferris than the sheep that were there before.

The Game & Fish has been seeking input on how a management plan might look if and when the grizzly comes off the endangered species list.

As always if you have input on any topic with the Game & Fish you can go on their website and hopefully find a way to make your ideas known.

With all the crazy insane stuff going on now once in a while I go back and read the constitution or the WSSA mission statement. The wisdom in these documents remind me what I need to stand for.

We wish you all a fun spring. **STAY SAFE!!!!** As always take a young person with you into the Wyoming outdoors.

BE SAFE!!!

Dennis K. French

COMPETITIONS DIRECTOR

Junior High Power

ONLY THREE RIFLES LEFT!

Tentative plans are underway to send some juniors to compete around the state this season and then on to Camp Perry. If you would like to help out with the program you can send donations earmarked for the Jr. High Power program to Nick at Wyoming State Shooting Association, Box 942, Worland, Wyoming 82401, wssa@wyoming.com.

Elsewhere in the newslet-

ter you will see in the President's column comments about the need for younger shooters. Folks, the junior programs are where the rubber hits the road and you can and should help out by sending in funds to help with travel costs, donating gear or even sponsoring and or mentoring a junior. The WSSA has three AR-15 rifles left in the closet gathering dust and wanting desperately to be used. Why not get off the couch this season and mentor a junior? You High Masters and Masters that have been around the

horn, it is time to start passing on those skills and talents to your local kids before you are no longer able to get out to the range.

We are also looking for gear to flesh out equipment for the juniors. We currently are in need of 4 spotting scopes with stands, gun cases, shooting mitts/gloves, cleaning kits for AR's, score books, ammo, etc. If you have spare gear and equipment you no longer want or need why not donate it to the junior program?

Dave Babits

FOR PRESIDENT

Please let me introduce myself, my name is John Bair and I am running for President of the Wyoming State Shooting Association (WSSA). My goal for the WSSA is to help develop and promote the competitive shooting sports in Wyoming. This simple goal will encompass and establish the new standards for all shooting disciplines in Wyoming. My portfolio includes the following:

- A competitive shooter for the past 30 years and a Distinguished Rifle Marksman.
- US Air Force OIC, Team Captain for the the Nation-

al High Power Shooting Team
- US Army Reserve OIC, Team Captain for the National High Power Shooting Team
- University of Kansas, Big Eight Small-bore Rifle Championship Team
I have competed in competitive shooting throughout the United States as a Military and Civilian Shooter. I am experienced in Long Range and XTC Rifle Shooting, Bullseye/Conventional Pistol, Small-bore 3 Position Rifle and the Skeet/Trap/Sporting Clays Shotgun sports. I have worked directly with the National Rifle Association (NRA) and the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) to promote

and develop competitive shooting programs. I was implemental in the development of the Savage Palm Rifle for Savage Arms and worked directly with Remington and ArmaLite Firearms in the development and testing of prototype weapons for competitive shooting. I worked directly with Blackhills Ammunition Company, Lapua and Berger Bullets in developing long range service rifle ammunition for the USAF Shooting Team. I would enjoy the opportunity to assist the State of Wyoming in developing and promoting their competitive shooting programs and ask for your assistance in making this happen.

John Bair

You can't enslave a Bible Reading people Horace Greeley

FOR COMPETITIONS DIRECTOR

I was asked to write something about myself for the ballot. Fair enough. Raised in Air Force family I spent my early years traveling around the country from base to base. Certainly saw a lot of interesting places and transfers back and forth across the country were always looked forward to as we'd camp for a month or more while in transit. Later, I spent time farming, logging and ranching as well as operating a hydropower facility and a turbine powered grain mill, later on pushing cows around and then turning wrenches as a mechanic on var-

ious ranches. I believe you could say that I have worn a lot of hats. I gave up shooting for a dozen years or so as work got in way while I was working my way to Wyoming via Montana.

I started competitive shooting in both high power and small-bore in the late 80's or early 90's. (I was shooting long before then, just not competitively) Eventually took over the junior small-bore program at the club I was a member and built it back up from dead to around 30 or so kids. During that time I hit the master class in high power. Last year I was asked to take over as the Competitions Director. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will see the president's column with comments that Mark wrote nearly two decades ago about needing younger members

and more competitions. I reckon nothing much has changed. With that in mind I believe that we do have an opportunity to try some alternatives that will perhaps bring in some younger folks by tailoring some matches around the new rules coming out from the CMP. From my perspective, in the few years I was not shooting the F-Class has appeared, the Mid-Range matches arrived and for someone starting back up in the shooting sports it was like a whole new world. I am sure the next 20 years will bring on just as many changes.

Dave Babits

As you are already aware, at the annual meeting there are plans to vote on By-Law changes. Here is a list of some of the proposed changes.

- * Stager the board of directors election process as follows, One group to be elected on odd years, the other on even years, Once elected, the member would serve for 2 years as they do now.
- * Remove the By-Law Rule that requires Life Membership Dues be placed in escrow.
- * Remove the By-Law rules regarding competitors be a member of a state shooting association and that a higher award fee maybe charged to competitor's not belonging to a state shooting association.
- * Create another Board of Directors position called Junior Hi-Power Director

The following is a list of By-Law Amendments Proposed by members Since Jan 2016

- *The president shall be the second signature on all financial accounts.
- *The president shall not vote at board meetings or membership meetings except in the case to break a tie.
- *The president shall keep an electronic copy (memory stick, or CD/DVD, etc.) of all club records up until the last year of club operations.

*Change clubs fiscal year as follows "1 Jan to Dec 31."

*The Club shall have at least 2 membership meetings a year. One in the spring and the other in the fall. The membership will be notified at least 30 days in advance of the time and place of said meetings. The club elections will be held in the fall meeting.

*Newly elected or appointed club officers (BOD) shall complete turnover within 60 days.

*A quorum for the Board of Directors shall be a minimum of 51 percent at both membership meetings, and at board meetings to conduct business. Any club business (special circumstances) conducted by the Board of Directors held between scheduled meetings, that involve Postal mail, or electronic communications, "for example, texting, e-mail, or by phone/radio conference," shall be noted, and will be read and recorded in the minutes of the next scheduled board/membership meeting.

*Change "ARTICLE 12 AMENDMENTS" to read as follows

(A) Any club member may propose a change, or an amendment, to these by-Laws, at any membership meeting. A minimum of 60 percent of votes cast in approval for the change or amendment shall be required.

(B) The minimum votes required for a plan of merger, or consolidation is 75 percent of votes cast in approval.

WYOMING STATE SHOOTING ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name Last First

Phone Number

Address

City State Zip

E-mail

Please Check [] New Member [] Renewal

Membership Class Applying For

[] Jr. Under 19, \$5 [] Individual Annual [\$15] [] \$40 3 years [] \$50 5 years [] \$100 life [] \$300 Patron

Club Affiliation [] \$20 annual [] \$50 3 yr [] \$80 5 yr

Please print neatly {especially your e-mail address} and send with dues to

WSSA Box 942 Worland, Wy 82401



Steamboat Challenge

**PLEASE JOIN US
FOR THE**

2nd ANNUAL "Steamboat Challenge"

**NRA ACTION PISTOL REGIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP**

Saturday, August 20, 2016

and

**NRA ACTION PISTOL WYOMING STATE
CHAMPIONSHIP**

Sunday, August 21, 2016

Open to NRA members and non-members

*Wyoming State Championship is endorsed by the Wyoming State
Shooting Association*



**Event will be held at the Otto Road
Shooting Range, 1531 Otto Road,
Cheyenne, Wyoming**

For [full competition details and to register](https://sites.google.com/site/steamboatchallenge/) visit our website at
<https://sites.google.com/site/steamboatchallenge/>

Questions? call 307-640-0396

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LVSA Rifle Silhouette

Mar. 20, 2016

An absolutely gorgeous day for the first full day of spring and the first silhouette match of the year. Four riflemen tried to brush off the rust acquired over winter and fired in the rifle divisions, each having a 40 shot course of fire. The 20 degree set up temps rose to the mid-50 with wind flags barely moving and easily seen mirage.

The event got underway with small-bore .22's. Ron Kamp, Daniel, WY won the AAA class @ 25. Tony Fuller, Wheatland, WY topped AA with 21. Class A winner is Tony Cross, Lander @17. Sebesta's 28 was match winner. Next up were the .22 hunting rifles and a shoot off determined Tony Cross was the match winner @ 26. That left Sebesta's 26 to take the master class.

Fuller's 25 was top in AA and nearly made a 3 way shoot-off. High power hunting rifles came to the line after a lunch break. Kamp left no doubt, taking the win with a 25 shooting a Bobcat [6.5-250]. Cross's 6.5X55 failed to topple a ram with a good solid hit in the shoulder but then took down a ram in a shoot-off to win AA @ 10.

Last 40 shot of the day were with the high power rifles. Kamp put 23 onto the ground for the win. Cross, using his hunting rifle took class A with 16. The next rifle silhouette event at Lander is April 17. All safe shooters are welcome. See the full program at lvsa.info or contact via email rjsebesta@yahoo.com

Roger Sebesta

**Those people who will not be governed by God
will be ruled by tyrants. Wm Penn**

WANTED

Do you have a match schedule of competitive events for your local range? We'd like to get it posted on the WSSA web site. We could add it to our General Match Schedule for matches and special shooting events that are being held around the region. If you will send the details of your event (s) along with pertinent contact information we will try to get it posted. Send your info to wssa@wyoming.com

One common question we constantly receive is where are matches happening. If you will help by sending in your club's info we will try to get the word out of the what, where, and when. But we will need your help to get this done.

Shooting Sports Heritage Foundation of Wyoming

SSHFWY

is accepting grant applications for 2016. Application deadline is July 1, 2016, and grants will be awarded by December 1, 2016. Grant application forms are available on our website (www.sshfwy.org). Submit grant applications anytime; don't wait until the last minute!

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.

Next WSSA Meeting

April 23rd 2016

“9 am”

**Parkway Plaza Hotel
123 West “E” St.
Adrian’s Room
Casper, Wy.**

All Members Welcome

Basic Meeting Agenda

9am Start

****Read Minutes, Read Treasure Report
Read Secretary, Publisher, & Web Master Report

Old Business (quickly read)

****Sponsored USA Junior Match \$\$
**Transfer \$\$\$ fm CD to Savings
Approved \$\$ for jr hi power, but did not spent!

New Business.

****Vote for Approval of Rawlins Range Project
Replace the M-1 Rifle Drawing With??

10am. ?

****1st Guest Speaker Mr. Becker,**

11am. ?

****2nd Guest Speaker Mr. Manzor**

Noon. ?

****Eat Lunch****

1pm. (or about)

***Begin By-Law Change discussion/process.**

***Conduct Election.**

***Club Reports**

***Next Meeting Dates Time Place.**

***Conduct Raffle.**

****Adjourn Meeting****

Secretary/Treasure N



**Wyoming USA Shooting Junior Olympic Match
Competitors doing their thing. 😊 Jan 2016**

We in American do not have a government by the majority. We have a government by the majority who participate. **Thomas Jefferson**

ELECTION 2016

At the annual meeting the members normally break for lunch around noon. If you would like to have a nice pre paid meal all ready to eat when the noon break begins, let me know by April 13th. (Club Secretary, 307 347 8852, or e-mail me. Its \$18.00, and just like last year the menu is Deluxe Sandwiches, with Coffey or water. You get a choice of tater, and a Beef or Club or Chicken type of Sandwich. Call for details and to be put on the list, or, your on your own for lunch.

If you are not able to attend the meeting, but would like to nominate/vote for someone, then please fill out this ballot and return it to WSSA Box 942, Worland Wy 82401. You can cross out the names already printed there, and fill in someone else's name if you wish. All ballots must be delivered to the above address not later than 20 April 2016, with a return address that shows your are a WSSA member or Club Affiliate. Of course affiliated clubs have 5 votes. Affiliated Clubs simply fill out the ballot and include a letter from the Club officials saying that this is indeed the clubs voting preferences. Please print very neat and legible.

John Bair

PRESIDENT

Dave Babits

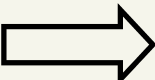
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From the Editor  Club Membership Dues & Web Site

To our members: We ask that you please review your membership status. The renewal date is by your name {month-year} (example: **Apr-16**). Please remember your membership must be current in order to vote in club elections. If your renewal date is **Jan-16**, then you should renew any time before **Feb-16**. I am currently reviewing WSSA membership records. Those persons and clubs who do not hold up-to-date memberships or affiliations, will be purged from the roster. So Please, renew your membership/affiliation when required.

Please Note: The cost of printing and mailing the newsletter via U S Postal service is becoming prohibitive. The information age is now up on us. The speed at which people receive daily news and information is within only a few hours after the events have happened. We can not depend on paper copy newsletters to keep our members up to date with club activities. Therefore the club will be using the Web Site and e-mail more often as we move into the future. There is now more info on our Web Site than ever before. The Web Site serves as a current news and information tool, as well as a accurate historical record keeping facility. By the way, we now have a Facebook page. Hope to see you at the meeting. Our Web Site is www.wyossa.com and our Facebook page is www.facebook.com/wyomingstateshooting. *Nick*