



WSSA NEWSLETTER



“We will follow two simple rules: Buy American and hire American” – Donald Trump

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From the President:

Hello All,

I am writing to introduce myself to you as I have been elected to the WSSA Board as President. This is an organization I have always been proud to be a member since 1970 and I hold Life Member 14.

I have been involved in the shooting sports since 1966 when I was 13 in. I shot my first state match that year in small-bore rifle as a sub-junior. I started shooting high-power in 1970 shooting in my first Wyoming state high-power match as a junior. I am classified Master in International, Metric, Conventional Small-bore, High Master in High-power and Mid-Range rifle. I am still active in High Power and Small-bore rifle shooting and have shot in seven states this year alone. I have always resided in and around Laramie, Wyoming, having worked 45 years in the rail welding industry for all railroads while traveling to all 50 states and five countries. I retired this year and live in paradise in Albany, Wyoming.

I was on the WSSA board in the later 1970's and early 80's as Competitions Director. During those years, I was able to arrange for all State championships in the state, arrange for Camp Perry National Match participation four times with 6-shooter civilian teams and 2-shooter Whistler Boy Junior teams. These teams were DCM

(Director of Civilian Marksmanship, now CMP) and WSSA funded. This also involved taking care of all vintage trophies (including Iron Mike), over 30,000 rounds of ammo, 12 M-1 and eight M-14 rifles. I left the board in 1985 when the City of Laramie started an ad-hoc committee to investigate the possibility of a shooting range on city property. I was asked to be on this committee. In 1986, the committee was instrumental in obtaining 320 acres for the City of Laramie, starting the Laramie Rifle Range Club. We started from scratch, building the Laramie Rifle Range, which has expanded to include 10 different ranges operating simultaneously. These ranges include a 50 yard pistol range, 100 and 200 yard multipurpose ranges, 50 yard practical pistol range, three each Three gun ranges, a casual shotgun range, rim-fire walking range, and a High-power rifle range out to 1000 yards with gong setups to 1200 yards. I have served as President and Treasurer of the Laramie Rifle Range through the years and currently am on the board.

If I have not had the pleasure of meeting you, I would welcome information on yourselves. I plan to contact each of the WSSA Board personally in the next week or so.

My future with the WSSA will involve reviewing its mission and vision, placing priority on all shooting with major emphasis on our younger shooters, while utilizing outside organizations such as the NRA, CMP, USA Shooting Sports, the State

of Wyoming and its many municipalities.

The United States of America has a profound record and history of Firearms ownership allowed under the Second Amendment of the United States constitution. This amendment and others form this nation of people and laws. Much of this history has its flaws, which puts on display for the world to see, certain acts of evil against all. This nation is becoming increasingly split as many place the blame on firearm ownership for this destruction. I am in the camp which places the blame on irresponsible human behavior and the lack of enforcement of laws and punishment for those that disregard them. Many of those that attack the Second amendment right are forthright in protection of the rights of perpetrators as victims, while placing the burden of guilt on the offended. A huge, vocal platform exists in the entertainment industry that profits from the manufacture of media that portrays and reinforces the illicit use of firearms while accepting the loss of human life as normal everyday occurrences. Yet, this industry is on the forefront declaring responsible firearm ownership as threatening while garnering billions of profit from the public. I view this as a dangerous use of the First Amendment rights afforded to all. Currently the national and many local media outlets are being increasingly biased in their news reporting, segregating much of public events into two forms of reporting: biased reporting that serves their agenda and non-reporting of public events that do not serve their agenda. This is a flagrant use of the First Amendment that throws gas on the warming fire of all.

As the NRA has endured increased attacks from these industries and biased reporting that will not display

responsible use of firearms nor the massive education efforts undertaken by this organization.

Use this in your arguments in defending your rights: How often have you seen major networks or major movie corporates show bullseye or Olympic style shooting? Compare this to being surprised by instant commercials showing firearms being shoved in someone's face, humans being shot at in action scenes, or violent disrespectful confrontations involving physical attacks; all when you wanted to watch a basketball game. Perhaps instead of increasing regulations and taxes to the lawful firearm owner, legislatures should start taxing the entertainment industries per bullet fired at human souls per view or for every fire or bomb set off in a felony scene.

There is no greater place than the United States of America and this was created by the well thought out guidelines in the United States

Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Families have progressed for years following these guidelines in a respectful manner. But many others now have forgotten basic respect for human life and how firearms' freedoms have protected our great families and nation.

There is much work to be done in support of our culture and freedoms as we know it. I hope I can continue to be of a positive role in helping this along.

Respectfully,
Kenny Lankford

WSSA President

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I hope we shall crush in its birth the aristocracy of our monied corporations which dare already to challenge our government to a trial by strength, and bid defiance to the laws of our country.

Thomas Jefferson



From The Vice President

Hello WSSA Members.

I would like to thank the board for appointing me to the position of Vice President. Although I am not able to attend and compete in the matches like in the past, I am grateful to be able to help support the shooting sports when I can.

At this time I would like to ask you to consider helping the WSSA if you can. If you could serve on the Board, or perhaps help with the matches, or even be a match director, please let me know. It would be nice to see some of our younger members help out with the administrative chores. If you know someone who might like to join the WSSA, please encourage them to do so. The shooting sports seem to be shrinking in numbers, and we need to begin recruiting new members.

If you have any suggestions or ideas, please contact me.

Thanks for your time and support.

Marty Johnston
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From The Legislative Director

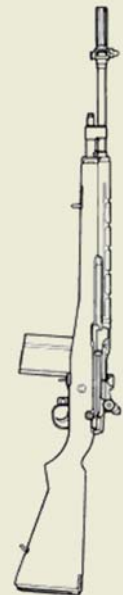
Greetings:

As the newly elected WSSA Legislative Director, I would like to take this opportunity to say Thank You to the WSSA membership for supporting my run and voting for me. This will be a pivotal time in the State of Wyoming and our Nation, following this mid-term election and shift of power in Congress. With the start of this legislative season we face increased anti-gun focus. As a Nation, we may see the reintroduction of National Gun Registration, Gun Owner's Licensing, Back Ground Checks on Ammo Purchase, and even the possibility of "Red Flag Gun Seizure Orders" right here in Wyoming. It is important that we, as lawful, gun owners are aware of the issues we may face and not be complacent. I hope to be proactive and provide information on Legislation that seeks to infringe upon our unalienable rights to bear arms.

With that in mind, I will provide links to articles of interest.

Respectfully

Cynthia Garbin



Greetings All

As most are aware, there was yet again a court order to halt Grizzly Bear management by the State of Wyoming. I've never understood how an individual groups can have standing in a court to pursue these actions, and why federal tax dollars underwrite the legal expenses of these claimants. Creating the Endangered Species Act sure seems like the Federal Government went off the reservation again...claiming to have authority in this area; kind of like The Waters of the United States power grab in recent years. It will be very interesting when at some point an Endangered Species endangers the existence of another Endangered Species. Almost like the Forest Service planning to remove and eradicate Mountain Goats (not indigenous according to Forest Service), that they claim are threatening Big Horn Sheep numbers in Teton National Park, but I digress...

There have been several reports by Wyoming Game and Fish on Chronic Wasting Disease this year. Please reference The Game and Fish website for more information affecting your area.

There are now recommendations by CDC (check their website) not to eat affected animals. Although, thus far, there are no reported cases of humans contracting the disease. The recommendation of not disrupting the brain or spinal cord while processing the animal and wearing rubber gloves to avoid blood to blood contact seems to have been effective all these many years.

Hunt responsibly and I wish everyone a prosperous New Year.

Regards, *Paul Garbin*

WSSA Annual Spring Membership Meeting

Saturday April 20 2019

"1 pm"

**Courtyard by Marriott Hotel
4260 Hospitality Lane
Casper, Wyoming 82609**

Mustang Room

All Members Welcome

It's no wonder that truth is stranger than fiction. Fiction has to make sense.

Mark Twain

Notice

We could use some help on the board of directors:

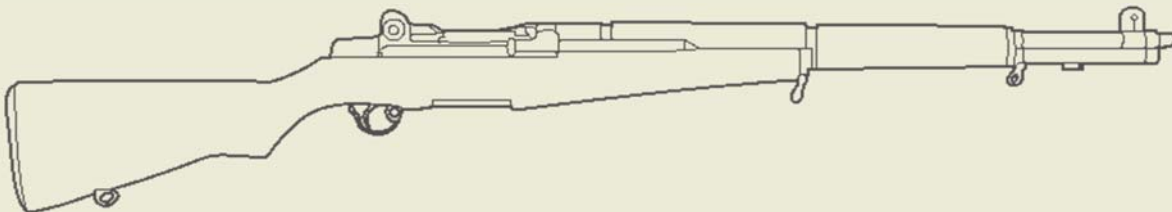
With this mailing, you should find one nomination ballot. If you can not be at the annual spring meeting, and you wish volunteer for, or nominate a candidate to be on the Board of Directors, then follow the directions on the ballot. Here is your opportunity to get involved and make a difference. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact, 307-347-8852 or e-mail: wssa.sectrea-spector@wyoming.com

Notice! "Memberships":

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

We will stop using the US Post office to mail our newsletters, and why you should give us your E-mail Address:

At our last membership meeting, the club voted to name the date in 2019 when we would stop using the US Postal Service (snail mail) for our newsletters. Our newsletters are posted on the web site. Our web site has much more information than our newsletters can contain. If you don't have an e-mail address system, you can ask a family member or friend to help you. The cost of snail mail, and printing hard copy news letters is fast becoming prohibitive. Because of this, and the fact that everyone below the age of 55 uses the internet for all of their information, we are simply forced to change with the times.



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Rifles Available for WSSA members.

Everyone, please be aware that we have two each: Kimber Rifle and Small-Bore Match (22 long rifle caliber) that can be made available for our members who are interested in the shooting sports. These rifles have not been used in the last few years. If you can put them to good use, then please contact Dan at 307-332-7393 or Nick at 307-347-8852.

The Youth Shooting Sports.

We are selling **raffle tickets** for a CMP M-1 Rifle. Enclosed with this newsletter, are a couple of raffle ticket books. Please consider filling them out and mailing them in along with your donation. All proceeds go to support the youth shooting sports. If you would like to sell some extra tickets, please let me know and I will forward as many as you can sell. We appreciate any help you can give. The return address is on the tickets.

Thanks in advance for your support. My number is 307-347-8852 or you can e-mail me at wssa.sectrea-spector@wyoming.com

