



WSSA NEWSLETTER



“There is no grievance that is a fit object of redress by mob law” – Abraham Lincoln

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From the Competitions

Director:

2018 MATCHES

Plans are currently under way for an interesting series of matches for the 2018 calendar. Be sure to check the match dates as well as obtain match programs at the WSSA website. The dates are almost all set; programs should be following as the matches are finalized and approved at the NRA and CMP. Back again will be the Wyoming Champion hats for each of the following matches, resident or not. At least two of them ended up in Montana in 2017.

As in past years, the Silhouette program will be held in Lander. The Black Powder Cartridge Rifle match will again be held in Worland and the NRA Action Pistol is scheduled for Cheyenne at the Otto Range. The Long Range Championship will also return to Rawlins as will (tentatively) the across the course matches.

At the request of the folks in Rawlins, the Mid-Range Championship is being shifted there for the upcoming year and is being expanded into a two day 1000 aggregate match. We are in the process of obtaining and mounting the new Mid-Range Trophy as this is written. The new trophy will be in line with several of the other trophies in the form of

a bronze. However, this one is going to be just a little more special to my thinking since it is modeled after the famous Wyoming Bucking Horse. For those who are interested, the design has its roots all the way back in 1917 when First Sergeant George Ostrom won the Wyoming Division contest with his design for what eventually became the iconic symbol that is seen everywhere around the great state of Wyoming including the shoulder patch worn by our troops. By rights, the Mid-Range trophy and match ought to become known as the Ostrom match but I will leave that up to you. If you want to know more about this iconic figure the Nicolaysen Art Museum has some of Ostrom’s work on display in Casper through January 14th. Please see our web site for more information.

And finally, the GRAND SLAM...

Now I do want to say a few things about the across the course program(s). We have been in discussion with Governor Mead with the concept of introducing a Governor’s Match as part of the program. The intent is to model the match after the President’s One Hundred match which has been held at Camp Perry since 1903. Our intention is to run a CMP Excellence in Competition “leg” match as the Governor’s Match. While somewhat differ-

ent than the President’s match we feel there is also a need for the leg match for those chasing points. The alternative was a 30 shot Governor’s match and a leg as well and there is just not enough time for a two event to get all this tucked in there. In the spirit of the President’s One Hundred match our E.I.C Governor’s Match will be the opening competition for the weekend. This means that, just as at Camp Perry, there will be no sighters in the first match. I can hear the teeth gnashing over this but the intent is to cause this match to be just exactly what the shooting sports are all about, Excellence in Competition and should make the inaugural Governor’s Match a very memorable one! There will be some form of a patch or rocker awarded to the top shooters, we’re still working on those details. Additionally, Governor Mead is invited to fire the open shot to begin the weekend’s events.

Also in the spirit of making this weekend a highly competitive program for both the high power rifle folks as well as the service rifle shooters our intention is use the NRA National Long Range Course of fire as Match Two on Saturday. This 60 shot match allows two sighters at all 4 distances. Just as in the National Course of fire you will shoot across the course but only 10 record shots at 2, 3 & 600 before moving back to 1000 for a final 20 shots for record. It will, theoretically give a slight edge to the bolt gunners if any show up. We ran this course of fire at the High Power Rifle Match in 2017 and those that fired in the event (including the service rifle types) all seemed to think it was a quick and enjoyable program, therefore we’ll give it another run this year.

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(Continued from page one) That sums up day one of the across the course weekend. Day two will be limited to an 80 shot National Match Course with the usual 2 sighters per stage. Now, we also have worked diligently to do one more item for what should be one of the premier shooting events in the state of Wyoming. We are bringing the Remington Trophy out of retirement. We are in the process of having a new base added to the bottom of the "Iron Mike" so that its original construction is not disturbed. The newly constructed base will have room for match winner's names to be enshrined. (As a side note, there are no match winners on the existing Iron Mike.) The high Wyoming competitor for the combined aggregate of the three matches gets this honor. As the title of this match section states I would point out that it would also be possible for a competitor to hit the **GRAND SLAM** winning it all but you are going to have to shoot a service rifle in at least part of the weekend to achieve that. In summary, the major awards in the across the course weekend will be the Governor's Match, High Power Rifle Championship, Service Rifle Championship and the Grand Aggregate "Iron Mike" Re-

mington Trophy.

As a last side note, we are also in discussion with Governor Mead on the concept of having the major Wyoming Trophies on display in the Governor's office throughout the year.

If nothing else, I think we can all safely say that when the dust and burned power clears at the end of the shooting on day two there is going to be one person at the top of the competitor lists that will have definitely earned their Wyoming Championship Hat as well as the vaunted title of "RIFLEMAN" as there name is engraved on the "Iron Mike". I wish you all the greatest of good luck and good shooting throughout the season

Dave Babits

The problem is not that people are taxed too little, the problem is that government spends too much!

Ronald Regan

From Vice President David Urasky

The "Iron Mike" Trophy

The "Iron Mike" trophy is something which the WSSA has had for some time. But I don't think many people are aware of its origins. I hope to bring some light to the topic of its origin and its future. This trophy goes back quite a ways, 101 years to be exact. And that history actually begins with the company which we now know as Remington Arms. The company was started by Eliphalet Remington, but at the time it was a blacksmith shop. Eliphalet II was the only son of Eliphalet and Elizabeth Remington and was the reason his father began making guns. Eliphalet Remington II was a competitive shooter. He wasn't very happy with the quality of the guns of the day so he, as many others, built his own rifle. Actually, he purchased a flintlock action from a gunsmith and forged his own barrel. He used that gun on a shooting competition and although taking second place, the gun drew a lot of interest. So much so, that he received "many" orders for the gun onsite. He then returned home only to please his father by beginning to build a better flintlock firearm. In 1816, this was the origin of the now Remington Firearms

Company.

During the early years firearms were not the only product which was produced by Remington. They also produced such products as bicycles and chainsaws but the biggest product outside of firearms was the Remington typewriter. Eventually these products went by the wayside because of the demand for their firearms.

1916 saw the 100th anniversary of the successful Remington Company. This was a celebration of large proportions due to the percentage of people from the town of Ilion, NY which Remington employed. So the town of Ilion commissioned the artist Albin Polasek to make a statue of Eliphalet II. Of the single clay carving, 48 bronze castings were made.

The 48 bronze castings were distributed to the Adjunct General of each state in the union. The original intention was that each statue would be used as an annual trophy to encourage rifle practice and marksmanship by the "organized militia" of each state. As such, the plaque on each trophy stated, "Presented by the Citizens of Ilion, New York to Organized Militia of the U.S. for Perpetual Competition." The trophy was to be awarded annually to the winning rifle team in a special match, known as The Remington Centennial Trophy Match.

Today, 101 years later, there are few of the trophies left. According to Trudy Furno, researcher at the Polasek Museum, as of 2012 there were only 5 trophies known to exist (Back-Bubenzer, 2012). One has been on permanent display at the Kentucky National Guard Headquarters since 1974. The Polasek Museum in Winter Park, FL has another. Another, identified as Daniel Boone, sold at auction in 2001. There is one located at an undisclosed location in Louisiana and yet another went for auction in 2012. So based upon my research, we have the 6th Remington Centennial Trophy known to exist. For those of who may not have heard, the WSSA is reinstating the "Iron Mike" trophy. It will again be a state championship trophy. I say again as it has been out of action for quite some time. During that time it has been located in the Wyoming Pioneer Museum in Douglas, Wyoming. It will soon be prominently displayed in the capitol building in Cheyenne.

One last item is a question which I've not found an answer to; the official name of the trophy is The Remington Centennial Trophy, so where did the name Iron Mike originate? I'm sure that there are several members who can answer that. Please let us know the answer.

David Urasky

Greetings! WSSA,

I would like to start by wishing everyone Season's Greetings, all be it late by the time you read this.

Game & Fish held public meetings recently on Grizzly Management. Looking foreword to what the management plan will look like. You can check thier web site: <https://wgfd.wyo.gov> for updates, even better sign up for the Game and Fish Newsletter.

Being new to this ,I'll figure it out as I go , please bare with me .

Regards *Paul Garbin*

**Next WSSA Annual Spring
Membership Meeting**

Saturday April 28 2018

"1 pm"

**Johnson County Library
171 N Adams
Buffalo, WY 82834**

All Members Welcome

From the Secretary:

Wssa Nomination Ballots

With this mailing you should find one nomination ballot. If you can not be at the Annual spring meeting, and you wish to nominate a candidate to be on the Board of Directors, then follow the directions on the ballot. I understand that there will be a couple of the officers that will not be running again. Here is your opportunity to get involved and make a difference. If you have any questions or concerns, let me know

Membership Renewals

When you received your WSSA newsletter, it should state your membership renewal date, unless of course you are a life member. If your letter had the words "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. Also, I would like to thank our members for early renewals.

We Need Your E-mail Address

Folks we need your e-mail address. There is a good chance that in 2019, we will only use e-mail for notification that our newsletters and ballots are posted on the web site. You can put your e-mail address on the membership application included with this newsletter and mail it in. 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 not getting cheaper. Because of this, and the fact that the younger generation is using the internet more than ever, we are simply force to change with the times

Nick

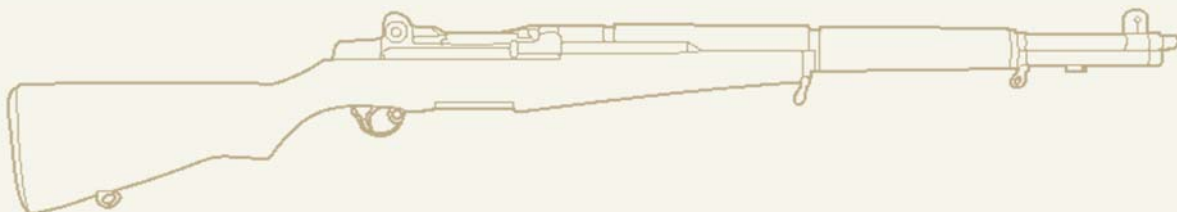
**The Shooting Sports
Heritage Foundation
of Wyoming**

(SSHFWY)

**Has been Dissolved and is no
longer in operation.**

**THE MOST SUCCESSFUL POLI-
TICIAN IS HE WHO SAYS
WHAT THE PEOPLE ARE
THINKING, MOST OFTEN IN
THE LOUDEST VOICE.**

Theodore Roosevelt



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We are diminished

WSSA Life Member **Gerald Stroh**,
passed away last November. He helped
with the silhouette matches in Cody.
We wish to express our most sincerer
condolence's to his family and friends.

Supporting the Youth Shooting Sports.

Raffle Tickets

Folks, I am sure you are aware of the need to support the Youth Shooing Sports. Selling raffle tickets for a CMP M-1 Rifle is the best way for WSSA to do this. The CMP requires that we use the profits to support the junior shooting sports. Enclosed with this newsletter is a couple of books of raffle tickets. Please consider filling them out and mailing them in along with your donation. 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 and on our web site, but I have included our contact information below as well. Thanks in advance for your support.

My Phone number is 307 347 8852

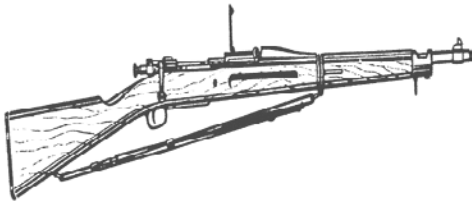
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WYOMING STATE SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

2018 NOMINATION BALLOT



This is the official WSSA 2018 nomination ballot. If you cannot be at the annual spring meeting to take part in the nominating process, then you must follow these instructions in order for your nominated candidate to be placed on the fall election ballot. Remember your membership status must be up to date at the time of the meeting. The WSSA President and Competitions Director have indicated that they do not wish to be a candidate for the next elections. Your nominee's WSSA membership must be up to date and the nominee must be willing to accept, and do the job if they are elected. You must write in (or print so we can read) the candidate's name of your choice for the position you wish them to serve as indicated below. You must then mail in your ballot (via U. S. Post Office) so that it will arrive at the address listed below before April 24th, 2018. Don't forget to include your return address on the envelope as it's recorded on WSSA's membership roster.

WSSA President _____

Competitions Director _____

Junior High Power Director _____

Legislative Director _____

RETURN BALLOT TO THE ADDRESS BELOW

WSSA Box 942 Worland, WY. 82401

WYOMING STATE SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



NAME _____
FIRST LAST

ADDRESS _____

CITY STATE ZIP

PHONE NUMBER _____

E-MAIL _____

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLYING FOR

\$5 JR. {PER YEAR, UNDER 21} \$25 ANNUAL \$65 3 YEARS

\$100 5 YEARS \$350 LIFE \$1500 PATRON

*******CLUB*******

\$20 ANNUAL \$50 3 YEARS \$80 5 YEARS

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY {ESPECIALLY YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS} AND SEND WITH DUES TO

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