



# Wyoming State Shooting Association News Letter

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Thinking is the hardest work there is, which is probably the reason so few engage in it. *Henry Ford*

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**Competitions**

*Phil Morgan*

**Hunting-Conservation**

*Open*

**Junior Hi Power**

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**Junior Sm Bore**

*Dudley Irvin*

**Legislative**

*Cynthia Garbin*

## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:

It is deep within the start of winter in Wyoming and while many are begrudging the next shovelful of snow, many of our members are preparing for a another year of goals, many of which will include going to the local range to shoot or making plans for next year's hunting.

As we gather our thoughts, I would like to share events within the WSSA. Your officers held the fall membership meeting in Cheyenne Wyoming. We were able to gather together a few days before and meet with Governor Gordon's representative and talk about the shooting sports in Wyoming, past present and future. One of the topics was promoting shooting sports in Wyoming with the Governors designation and the State Association's 100<sup>th</sup> year of existence.

This year will be the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Wyoming State Shooting Association. Back in July 1920, in Sheridan Wyoming, the first officers of the new association were:

**President:**

E.L. Crabb, from, Shoshoni

**Vice President,**

J. A. Wade, from, Newcastle,

**Secretary,**

W. G. Kropp, from Powell

**Executive Officer,**

L. C. Booth, from, Sheridan.

I wonder if they knew if the association would be writing about them 100 years later. I hope to share some of the stories that have developed from this creation. Your 2020 Officers are hoping to celebrate this anniversary by holding events with the 100 years of service and with the Governor's office contributing.

More to come soon, I hope.

We had a successful year with:

Holding many Wyoming State Championship matches across the state in Worland, Laramie, Casper, Cheyenne, Lander, and Carpenter.

Supporting the 4-H Shooting Sports by attending events and raising money for them in Douglas.

Another M-1 Raffle, meetings in Casper and Cheyenne. Visiting with the Governor's Office and meeting Governor Gordon.

Your officers moving into the 2020 year of operation are:

**President:** Kenny Lankford

**Vice President:** Paul Garbin

**Sec/Trea:** Nick Nickelson

**Competitions:** Phil Morgan

**Legislative Director:** Cynthia Garbin

**Jr. Small Bore/Air:** Dudley Irvine

We currently have open offices for Jr. High Power and Hunting/Conservation. Should anyone be interested in working in these positions, let us know.

I hope to see many of you at Wyoming matches and events. Bring a friend.

*Kenny Lankford*



# From The Vice President

## Greetings:

**H**oping this newsletter finds you and your's as well as can be. In these turbulent times it is hard to tell what direction our country will take.

With the intentional disinformation in the "news" media, misleading those who believe what they are told; a government education system that for decades has taught students what to think instead of how to think... significant numbers of Citizens ( and non citizens) are conditioned to believe the notions propagated by those who have discovered the ways and vehicles to control public opinion for their own personal benefit and power. I am old enough to have heard the news on the radio stations and read the newspapers, before television news became widespread. For many years, the evening news on the TV was adequate. Then came the glitz and sound

tracks, followed by 24 hour news channels. It is my opinion, the 24 hour news channels were the worst thing to happen to our society. (If you don't read the news, you're uninformed, if you do read the news you're misinformed <> Mark Twain) Day in and day out, negative stories are repeated again and again; influencing public opinion and behavior (what to think and how to behave / Political Correctness).

There is still a large enough number of Citizens who think for themselves and accept the practical benefits of our constitution, traditional values, and work, for the betterment of them selves, their families and by extension their Country.

It is imperative that we stand for and exercise our natural God given rights. Rights we possess as human beings. Not granted by Government. It is the proper

function of government to protect these rights. Not infringe on them.

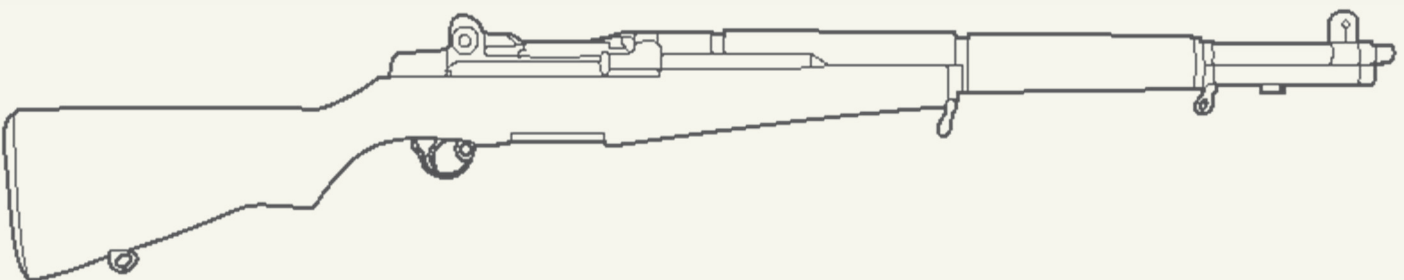
More than 50 years ago, I swore oath to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic. Being involved in local gun clubs and the Shooting Association, fundraising for youth shooting programs and firearms safety, and training with monies raised by the Friends of the NRA, I do what I can to promote the Second Amendment. I hope to help promote increased involvement in formal and informal competitions and encourage others to do the same.

Keep You powder dry,

*Paul Garbin*

When we assumed the Soldier,  
we did not lay aside the Citizen.

*George Washington*



# From The Legislative Director

## Greetings:

With the arise of 2020, we (WSSA/USA) have much to be grateful for, and much more to be mindful of.

During WSSA Annual November Membership meeting, discussion topics were varied, but there was a thread which I share here:

How do we "WSSA" help promote/support/defend our 2nd Amendment Rights?

With this as focus I ask How do you feel about:

<> NRA School Shield (making our schools not be soft targets)

<> Carrying a Concealed Weapon (CCW) in businesses ("No Guns - No Money")

<> Fix NICS and Red Flag Laws

Should we, "Wyoming State Shooting Association", have a policy/statement on where we stand on these issues?

Please let me know at my e-mail:

[legislatedirector@wyoming.com](mailto:legislatedirector@wyoming.com)

or you can snail mail your thoughts to our club address at **WSSA** Box 942, Worland, WY 82401.

To help keep our members abreast on current Wyoming Laws find helpful websites below:

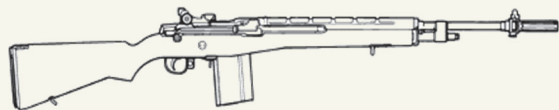
<https://www.nraila.org/>  
[handgunlaw.us/state/wyoming](https://handgunlaw.us/state/wyoming)

As always, I encourage each of us to remain vigilant and not rely on others to think for us and take away our Constitutional Rights.

Wishing All a Blessed New Year!

Respectfully

*Cynthia*



People ask the difference between a leader and a boss. The leader leads, and the boss drives.

Theodore Roosevelt

**Next  
Membership Meeting  
May 30 2020  
"1 pm"  
Hot Springs County Museum  
700 Broadway Street  
Thermopolis, WY  
(Community Meeting Room)  
All Members Welcome**

## The Youth Shooting Sports.

We are selling raffle tickets for a CMP M-1 Rifle. Enclosed with this newsletter are a couple of books of raffle tickets. 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](mailto:wssa.sectrea-spector@wyoming.com)

We the people are the rightful masters of both Congress and the courts, not to overthrow the Constitution but to overthrow the men who pervert the Constitution. Abraham Lincoln

## *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](mailto:wssa.sectrea-spector@wyoming.com)

### “Memberships”

When you received your WSSA newsletter, please note 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 renewal application and mail it in with dues. This may be the only notice you receive.

