



# Wyoming State Shooting Association Newsletter



“Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.” *Theodore Roosevelt*

## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:

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*Chynthia Garbin*

We have completed our 2023 Spring meeting with a lot of things going on. We have rifle state championships setup in Casper and Laramie. We have just received our 8 station Shotmarker target system that will be available to clubs to help them getting started. I am going to attempt to use them in Laramie for the Wyoming State High Power Championships

I have spent an amount of time trying to progress the Senate Joint Resolution 0001 with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. This has been slow possibly due to Covid restrictions within agencies but definitely slowed down with the departures of the Wyoming Department of Education Superintendent and the Wyoming Game and Fish Communications Director. We have had to stall our discussions due to this but will continue onwards with the WGFD and Wyoming Department of Education. I will however start direct discussions with Wyoming School Boards desiring to have firearm activities. These will run parallel with each other in that if State agencies slow the process, I will be able to work with those that have expressed interest.

New on the block is the Governors Task Force on developing a Wyoming Shooting Complex. I have asked the Governor to include WSSA on this board and awaiting results. This project has a long way to go with many obstacles but with the proper research, the willing municipalities, and of course funding, will hopefully serve Wyoming Citizens way into the future. This will be a 5-year process.

Many parts of Wyoming have endured a harsh winter while as a huge die-off of wildlife has occurred. The WGFD has lowered many quotas in Central and Western Wyoming as a result.

We are still being indulged with threats in the form of Assault Weapon bills and other restrictions to penalize the lawful gun owner for the lack of criminal justice within our country. Violators of our existing laws are being blessed with rights that try to minimize the inconveniences they may incur in dealing with the criminal justice system. Many prosecutors are using their offices and actions for political gain versus protecting their citizenry with safe neighborhoods and schools. Our immigration system is broken and all our three branches of government can accomplish is to open the borders and place the burden onto the states and cities. Hopefully we can regain leadership that can accomplish things instead of being deadlocked.

We do have vacancies on this State Association Board and welcome anyone who can join our fantastic board and help promote shooting in Wyoming.

Safe Shooting

*Kenny Lankford*



VICE PRESIDENT  
PAUL GARBIN

LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR  
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**Sun rise or Sun set in America?**

If you don't know direction (north, east, south, west), in the moment it is difficult to determine. However as time moves on it is apparent whether it's getting brighter or darker. The trend is intentionally toward division, (divide and conquer). If we are fighting amongst ourselves we are weakened to countering those who rule us. America is still sleeping, although having bad dreams. We do not want to believe the Country is (intentionally) in decline. No border, inflation / the end of the Dollar as the prime currency, political strife, Internationally Friends and Foes rearranging. Spending money we don't have and materials we'll have a hard time replacing in a conflict between Ukraine and Russia, that may or may not remain confined to it's present state. What we can do is try to get along with or neighbors. Spend some time contemplating the logical results of the different movements in our society. For example electric vehicles, ? How can we replace most or all gas and diesel powered vehicles, with electric vehicles and charge them. When our electrical system can't currently produce enough power in peak demand periods. Wind and Solar, the Wind doesn't always blow and the Sun isn't 100 present during the day (clouds). Does anyone believe that the ending of fossil fuels won't mean the end of air travel. Currently almost everything is produced and moved by the use of fossil fuels,( trains, planes, trucks, cars ). What will the ending of fossil fuels look like?

America is unique among the nations of the world, our Founding Fathers thought it an important idea that the citizens of this Nation be armed. For self defense and the security of the Nation. It is hard to understand why "Shall not be Infringed" could mean something other than what it says. So far a large portion the People value the concept of not depending on authorities for their security. I believe America will cease to exist if the People give up their God given Rights. May It never be so.

*Paul Garbin*

**Greetings WSSA Members:**

We are under the Dark Cloud of the 28<sup>th</sup> month of the current administration. Marked by unprecedented Inflation, Crime and the Invasion of our southern board.

**"We have survived"** one the Coldest and Snowiest Wyoming Winter of current record.

The 67<sup>th</sup> Session of Wyoming legislature was at best, challenged by internal strife.

Nearly 500 House and Senate bills were penned, many of which were never even presented for review. Those that did pass were challenged and some remained unsigned by Wyoming's Governor. Yet, I stand and urge each of You to Stand with Me to declare "We the People will Survive"

To be disheartened and discouraged is not to be unexpected with all the decimation of our Constitutional Rights that is evident around our State and Country and yes the lack of respect for America around World.

But I Encourage each of you who Love our State and America to become Active Participants in the Solution. We can make a difference.

The conversation begins at the grass root level in communities and like minded groups like Wyoming State Shooting Association. Become Active participants let your voice be heard.

At the May 11, 2023 WSSA Membership meeting in Lander, SF0169: To create the state shooting complex development and oversight task force, ( Which did pass and is in beginning stages of forming), was a topic presented at the meeting and constructive informational discussion was held with task force member Representative Pepper Ottman. More information will be shared at later date.

Respectfully

*Cynthia Garbin*

HUNTING & CONSERVATION  
DIRECTOR  
ROGER SEBESTA



**CORNER CROSSING-** According to the web, this Federal civil case will be tried in Casper this June. N. Carolina landowner, Fred Eshelman says 'it is not for the money, but to answer ' the private versus public land access question. Has the 1885 Federal law been repealed? It states 'all will have free access to public land' and does not say the crossing has to be at corners that touch. Yes, damaging private or public property would still bring legal consequences.

**PREFERENCE POINTS-** Whereas G&F has made a contract with the PP purchasers, those with points need to be honored. There are 2 choices. One is the current system remains. It is a cash cow for the Dept. with \$5 resident (R) & non-resident (NR) \$31 to \$150 fees depending on species. Dealing only with moose & sheep tags: going into the 2023 sheep draw there are 15838 R & 12114 NR with at least 1 PP. For moose 24066 R & 11964 NR with at least 1 PP. Only 10R & 3 NR hold the maximum of 28 for sheep. There are

13 R & 1 NR with max moose PP.

Second choice is to stop selling PP & allow those to continue their contract until used up. As at present they'd need to apply yearly and a failure to do so for 2 years would take them out of the system. Ageing, death, giving up or moving away will also whittle down those in the system. The 75% of available tags go to PP holders & 25% to all who apply remains. This still brings in application fees which likely would be increased. All applicants still have a chance at a tag. With no PP being sold, PP holders will need to study areas to apply for if they are not ready to hunt & attempt the low odds units. No more purchasing & banking PP for future 'when I'm ready'. How many years will it take to clear the system??

Wishing you success in the drawings.

*Roger*

**Hi WSSA Members, hope things is well.**

**You** may have noticed that my name is not on the ballot for Secretary/Treasurer this time. As you know, I have held the position since 2015. However, since I now wear a number of different hats in support of the shooting sports, I need to free up some of my time. So, if anyone wants to help out, and be on the WSSA board of directors in a position to do some good, please put your name on the ballot. Since I have had this job, I have met with the Governor and other state representatives. The job shows that one promotes the 2nd amendment, in a very active and responsible way. If you have a little free time, please consider helping out.

*Nick*

## Next WSSA Annual Fall Membership Meeting

Will be on

**Saturday 10:30 AM  
28 October 2022**

@

**Holiday Inn Express  
4250 Legion Lane  
Casper, Wy. 82609**

**Meeting Room**

**All Members Welcome**

## WSSA Election Ballots & Membership Applications

With this mailing you should find an election ballot and membership application on the same sheet of paper. This method saves us money. If you can not be at the fall meeting to vote, please follow the directions on the ballot.

### Membership Renewals

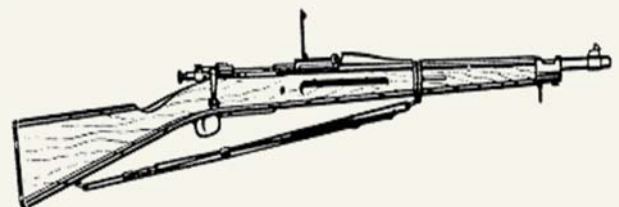
When you received your WSSA newsletter, it should state your membership status or renewal date on the envelope. If yours's reads "Time to Renew" then you should fill out the membership application and mail it in with dues. Also, I would like to thank our members for early renewals. As always, questions or concerns, let me know!!

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## \*\*Raffle Winner\*\*

First, let me thank everyone for your help and support. The raffle was a success and we will continue to support our juniors in the shooting sports.

The M-1 Rifle Raffle winner is **James Heath Harrower**, a WSSA member and resident from Pinedale Wyoming, who is serving on active duty in Florida.



**WSSA**  
**has some AR-15 Rifles for sale. We also have some shooting equipment such as matts, gloves, & scopes.**  
**Please contact Kenny Lankford**  
**307 760 1449**  
**wssapres@wyoming.com**  
**Box 942, Worland Wy. 82401.**

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### **A FEW QUOTES.**

Freedom of the press is essential to the preservation of a democracy; but there is a difference between freedom and license. Editorialists who tell downright lies in order to advance their own agendas do more to discredit the press than all the censors in the world.

**\*\*\*Franklin D. Roosevelt**

“Both oligarch and tyrant mistrust the people, and therefore deprive them of their arms.”

**\*\*\*Aristotle**

“We must beware of a tyranny of opinion which tries to make only one side of a question the one which may be heard.”

**\*\*\*Winston Churchill**



## **PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES**

### **Current Bylaw Requirements under article 8 management and dissolution, Section 1- Fiscal management**

The President shall cause an audit of WSSA financial records at intervals not to exceed two years, or at any other time deemed necessary (e.g. election or appointment of a new Secretary/Treasurer).

### **The Proposed Bylaw Changes will replace the old above statement and read as follows**

*The President or the board of directors may initiate an audit of WSSA financial records in a manner, and a frequency, either by current members, or an outside organization, as deemed necessary.*

*The old bylaw was written about 40 years ago, long before we had cell phones to transact our funds. Also we have wasted a lot of money on required audits. Our bookkeeper has noted that the audits will not prevent embezzlement or misuse of funds. Please come to the membership meeting or let your board officers know if you have questions or concerns.*