



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

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## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:

### Note: From the Publisher

There are some of our members who may not know that our club president "John Bair" is the lead pilot for Admiral Beverage. He stays very busy and is out of town a lot. One of the pilots that works for John is currently at the hospital with his wife, who is having a baby. This means that John is pulling double duty. John is working on an article, but its not ready. Since its not available by the dead line date, we will post it on our web site when its ready. For now, were off to the print shop!!



**"FROM THE LONG RANGE MATCH DIRECTOR "** Folks, its time to start planning the 2017 competitive shooting season. If you would like to conduct a championship match please contact Dave Babits. Our next meeting is Nov 12. The best way to promote the shooting sports is to help our juniors get involved at the matches. "Quite frankly," we could use some help. Please go to our web site and Facebook pages. We try to keep our membership informed using the very methods of todays youth. Thanks in advance for your help and support. Questions or concerns? Contact [wssa.sectrea-spector@wyoming.com](mailto:wssa.sectrea-spector@wyoming.com) or phone 307 347 8852 Snail mail, WSSA Box 942, Worland, Wy. 82401

**Greetings!**

Hunting season is finally here. I hope everyone drew the tags they put in for. Some things I have noticed one might want to check on before you go out to hunt, are road and campground closures due to fire activity, hopefully most of those will be over soon, and equipment or deterrents to deal with are large carnivore encounters and watch out for moose that can get a little hard to deal with this time of year. And to all hunters it is a good idea to avoid these common hunting violations.

- 1.Failure to tag properly
2. Evidence of gender
- 3.Conservation stamp
- 4.Elk management stamp( I believe certain areas)
- 5.Shooting from a vehicle
6. Shooting from a public road
- 8.Trespassing
- 9.No fluorescent orange and
- 10.Hunter safety card in some areas.

Most of us know all of these violations but sometimes we have new or young hunters

who may not understand all of them and we can save them problems by making them aware.

Another couple of things one might want to check are areas where the Game & Fish would like feedback or samples on CWD animals. Game & Fish is asking cow elk hunters in the northern Bighorn mountains to collect blood samples and return the radio collars from elk harvested this hunting season. It is part of a brucellosis surveillance study. About 50 cow elk were radio collared.

New rules on scouting for game animals with aircraft. Previously hunters were only required to wait a 24 hour period before hunting game animals that had been located with an aircraft. New regulation reads "No person shall use any aircraft with the intent to spot, locate and aid in the taking of any game animal from August 1st to January 31st of the following

calendar year." Aircraft means any machine or device capable of atmospheric flight.

Other things that have been happening are Sage Grouse meetings and field trips, meetings for public input on trapping, lots of fish stocking info at Game & Fish since last newsletter and wildfire and landscape photo work shops.

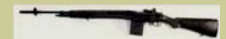
As a side note I would urge everyone to vote for the people of your choice who will further our hunting and conservation goals in local, county, state and national elections.

We wish all of you a safe and enjoyable experience in the Wyoming fall outdoors. As always BE SAFE and include our youth in your outdoor adventures.

BE SAFE *Dennis K. French*



COMPETITIONS DIRECTOR



**Greetings**

Plans are beginning for the 2017 matches. If you have requests, suggestions or comments on what you would like to see please forward them on to the Competitions Director at

[wssacompirml4@wyoming.com](mailto:wssacompirml4@wyoming.com).

All of the state championship match locations are open so if you would like to see your local club host one of the state matches please let us know and we will try to work that into the schedule

A small group of dedicated individuals showed up to compete in

Wyoming's State High Power Rifle Championship this past September 17, 2016. They were greeted by cooler temperatures and reasonably calm winds (for Wyoming) that deteriorated into a moderate corkscrewing wind that quickly switched from left to right by the time shooters arrived at the 600 yard line. Maj. John Bair (USAF, Ret) managed to pull off a very nice 778-17X despite the wind with an AR service rifle followed in 2nd place by Mr. Kenneth Lankford (750-32X) using a match rifle. Mr. Dave Babits was a distant 3rd with a

719-10X using an M1A service rifle. Young Dakota Turner was able to hang on to his early lead and despite problems at 600 yards still come out as the high junior using an AR service rifle with a score of 540-5X.

*Dave Babits*





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*From the Secretary* *Hi folks, hope things are well. Please remember our next club membership meeting is at the Ramkota Hotel, 800 N. Poplar, Casper, Wy, {Teton's Room} on Nov 12th at 9am. Hope to see ya there. I will try to put a copy of the basic agenda on the web site under the news and info tab.*

**We need some help!** *If you would like to be the clubs full time publisher, all you have to do is ask?? Well, you will also need a computer and the knowledge to use some of the popular programs such as Microsoft publisher, Adobe pdf, and Word. Of course being able to e-mail will be of help.*

*As always if you have any questions let me know. The summer competitive shooting season is about over now. Its time to look toward the 2016 fall and winter hunting season. "If ya need to" phone me, or send me an e-mail, I will try to work with ya to help promote the shooing sports. Till next time, take care. Nick*

