



They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

# WSSA NEWSLETTER

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## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:

I know some of you are getting tired of hearing this, but WSSA needs some fresh blood. As of this year we have a new younger secretary/ treasurer and a younger competitions director. I realize that more youthful does not automatically translate to better. This being said, younger usually does translate to more energetic. This is my last term as President and I really solicit

an interested and energetic person to step up to lead WSSA. Gender is immaterial but desire to excel, and to advance WSSA is of the greatest importance.

That being said, shooters in Wyoming had a pretty good year overall. The legislative session was disappointing. The bill to eliminate "Gun Free Zones" aka "victim disarmament zones" easily passed the Wyoming House only to die a miserable death in the Senate.

Then the sun started to shine upon us as the

weather got nicer. We had a number of well-run and well-attended matches. The evil regime in Mordor-on-the Potomac bubbled and boiled crack-brained anti-gun proposal after anti-gun proposal but none came to maturity.

Autumn is now here and what looks like an excellent hunting season is getting underway. The summer doldrums are over insofar as the gun shows are concerned. The late fall, winter and spring gun shows are the good ones and there will be plenty going on over the next six months. All in all, this is a good time to be living in Wyoming.

*Mark Spungin*



## "From the Editor"

**The Clubs By-Laws need revising and updating. They need to be upgraded to make the clubs operations simpler, and easier to accomplish. The idea is to make things a little more hi speed, and low drag. Around Mid November of this year we plan to post the proposed changes on the clubs web sight. The Vote for these changes will be taking place at our annual meeting in May of 2016. If you have questions, concerns or suggestions, please let us know. Also you can come to the annual meeting, and at that time, ask for the changes you would like. Our contact information is listed below.**

**Please let us hear from ya. E-mail, [wssa@wyoming.com](mailto:wssa@wyoming.com) or phone 307 347 8852  
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I don't have a lot to report on this time. Well, it's finally here, another hunting season about to go into full swing. A few things one might want to check on before going on the hunt are the areas where fires have been prohibited, which if any roads have been closed to the public and a last check of the boundaries of your hunt area and the opening and closing dates.

It seems to me there has been a lot of bear activity as of late. It would probably be a good idea to review bear safety rules and be prepared for an encounter.

I know that most who read this already know about all of the above. I also believe a reminder never hurts and we can all help our hunting cause by reminding youth and hunting companions of safety and of good hunting practices. As far as checking dates and boundaries in talking with the guys I hunt with, I have

only made 2 mistakes in the last week. I'm starting to appreciate having old age as an excuse.

As I look back on my received Game & Fish emails, I see a lot of habitat restoration and fish restoration going on at this time. Along with these projects, Game & Fish at times has closed roads and or requested the public not to fish in certain areas where work is on going. They appear to have done a good job posting these closures and requests on their web site so it's a good idea to check if you are planning a fall outing. I also noted emails informing the public when roads are reopened and work was done.

With so many meetings and working groups going on in the Game & Fish, it's hard to keep up on all the information. If you have ideas on any of the subjects you can get in contact with someone in the loop and make your ideas known.

I know I sound like a broken record but please keep putting the truth out there about our guns and gun rights. Also please keep contacting your state and federal representatives on how you wish them to vote on gun issues. We are being attacked from all sides by the anti-gun crowd. They flood the media with false statistics and outright lies. The good news is we have won a lot of our battles in court and have a lot of new gun owners to work with so that they have a safe and enjoyable experience with hunting and shooting.

As a side note I was contacted by two new shooters this week with questions.

You all have a safe and productive hunting season. Do not forget to include our youth and maybe some new faces in your hunting party.

**BE SAFE!!!**

*Dennis K. French*

COMPETITIONS DIRECTOR



**NOTICE**

**Match Scheduling Meeting for 2016**

In conjunction with the Wyoming State Shooting Association board meeting on 14 November in Casper at Casper's Ramada coffee shop there will be a discussion regarding the upcoming 2016 match schedule. The bylaws require that the state matches are to be

finalized by 1 Dec each year. You are cordially invited to submit thoughts, ideas, comments, and suggestions either in person at the meeting or prior to then, via email to Dave Babits, 2dabab8@gps2.biz or phone 307-864-3257. Up for discussion will be the locations for the state championship matches as well as the match programs for each

event. In 2015, there were state sanctioned championships for mid and long range, service rifle, high power rifle, pistol, silhouette, and others.

If you would like your club to host one of the state championship matches please let us know as soon as possible.

*Dave Babits*



**WYOMING RIFLE SILHOUETTE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Lander Valley Sportsmen's Assoc hosted the championship event Aug 22 & 23 at their range a few miles out of town. Twenty-four competitors, some with families, traveled from CO, MT, ND, and SD to join the WY shooters in battle with the animal shaped targets at distances from 44 to 550 yards. Four separate rifle category champions were determined over the weekend; each after a 2 X 40 shot program.

The 1st event was smallbore [SB] rifle with gusting winds, cool temps and under a clear sky, however sun light had not reached the target berms. Tyler Kamp, Daniel, WY earned the Champion title by posting a 66 to the score board. The class winners were: David Bonner, Aurora, CO @ 62 for 1st master. First AAA is Scott Larson, Pierre, SD with 61. Clint Habeck, Fort Pierre, SD took AA @ 64. Lander's Tony Cross was top in class A @ 28. At the start of the afternoon's high power [HP] event the winds had settled somewhat and temps warmed into the 70's. Master class shooter, David Bonner got the Champion trophy by putting a 65 into the records. First AAA was determined via a shoot-off between Ronald Kamp, Daniel, WY and Scott Larson to break a tie @ 52. Larson won AAA. Class AA was dominated by inter-

mediate junior shooter, Ryan Habeck @ 58. Another shoot-off was needed to show that class A winner was Kent Geffre, Lead, SD over Mark Sorensen, Deadwood, SD after their tie at 35. Sunday's 1st event was SB hunting rifle. Again shooters were on the line before sunshine reached the targets. A 40 degree temp brought out additional sweat shirts and coats but the air was still. The WY Champion is David Bonner, after a pair of 35's. First master went to Tyler Kamp @ 64. Ryan 'the kid' Habeck took 1st AAA @ 65. In AA, Tom Soucek, Grand Junction, CO earned the award @ 49. Scott Hemingway, Lander toppled 24 for the class B win. The HP hunting rifles took to the line about noon with twitchy winds, mirage and temps mid-70's. HP-H Champion is David Bonner by his score of 56. Tyler Kamp @ 55 was 1st AAA. Scott Larson took the AA class with 49. Only 1 point separated the class A shooters, but Michael Her, Denver, CO was on top with 28. This concludes the silhouette rifle matches in Lander and WY for 2015. Thanks to Hemingway, Kamp's and Ron Reemts for the use of ATV's. Door prizes were provided by: Tony Cross, Guns and Goods, Kamp Woodworking, LVSA, Midway USA, NOLS BackCountry Medical, Sierra Bullets and Sinclair/Brownell's. Thank you to all the shooters that pitched in to aid when and where needed. Bonner, McAlice, Cross, & Hawks for calling the line. The showing of your true sportsmanship, determination and dedication was very much appreciated.

*Roger Sebesta*

**\*NRA Action Pistol State Championship\***

**Open**

<b>Jamex Avenell</b>	<b>1711 x 145</b>
<b>Greg Dick</b>	<b>1700 x 136</b>

**Production**

<b>Justin Clark</b>	<b>1608 x 98</b>
<b>John Granner</b>	<b>1359 x 55</b>

**Metallic Sight**

<b>Partick Franks</b>	<b>1659 x 115</b>
<b>Daniel Hauserman</b>	<b>1610 x 89</b>

**Rimfire Open**

<b>Justin Clark</b>	<b>1720 x 35</b>
<b>Ashley Clark</b>	<b>1387 x 71</b>

**Rimfire Production**

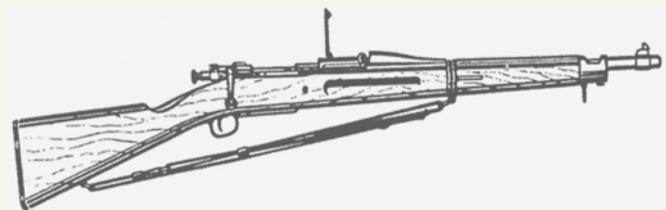
<b>Glenn Herbst</b>	<b>1517 x 79</b>
<b>Renee Krawiec</b>	<b>1152 x 44</b>

*A. Rayland*



**WSSA EIC Match**

<b>Bair</b>	<b>470 -10</b>
<b>Helak</b>	<b>465-10</b>
<b>McElhinny</b>	<b>442- 6</b>



# Next WSSA Meeting

**Nov 14th 10am**

**Ramada on the River**

**300 West F st.**

**I 25 Exit 188A or 188B**

**In the Coffee Shop**

**Casper, Wy.**

**All Members Welcome**

## Plans/Goals/Ideas

As you know the clubs goals are to promote the shooting sports. One of the ways we plan to do this next year is to pay for the awards/trophies/plaques this year. We plan to make a few changes to the Policy Manual that will allow the Competitions Director to have awards made for state championships well in advance of next years state championship matches. This means that our affiliate clubs "Match Directors" should receive the award to place in the hands of the State Champion (regarding that particular discipline) that reads, Wyoming State Champion, weeks before the actual match starts. Please come to our November meeting to find out more.

Secretary/Treasure 

## NOTICE

Please Review your member status.  
Thank you for Early Renewals.



We in American do not have a government by the majority. We have a government by the majority who participate.

**Thomas Jefferson**

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