



Wyoming State Shooting Association Newsletter



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CONFLICT FOLLOWS WRONGDOING AS SURELY AS FLIES FOLLOW THE HERD. *Doc Holliday ??*

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THE ACTING PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:

Greetings,
The spring WSSA meeting was beneficial. The Board invited Game and Fish representatives and a representative from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. An exchange of information took place. Game and Fish is interacting with Wyoming Public Schools to certify Public School Teachers to teach Hunter ED in School. This is good news. However Wyoming does not require live fire to get a Hunter Ed Card. They use inert firearms to teach gun safety and handling. Like My Wife often has said "you wouldn't get a driver's license without passing a driving test, why would you get a hunter ed card without demonstrating real understanding of firearms with live fire at the range". Be that as it may, We discussed the YHSC (Youth Hunter Education Challenge) program as a ready solution to this issue. This event could be scheduled so completed classes could have range time. My Wife and I have conducted a YHEC event for 8 years

now, Upton WY has conducted a State Event and taken a team to regional and nation events for many years. All it takes to get one going is a few dedicated people to organize and gather challenge leaders to put on an event. Not sure You want to put together a YHEC event for range time for Hunter Ed Grads, consider putting together a range event at your range to provide Hunter Ed Grads an opportunity for live fire. If you want Wyoming Hunting Heritage to continue. Please consider getting involved.

For more info on YHEC <https://yhec.nra.org>

On different note, Members of the Board are getting long in the tooth, although We are willing there are fewer days ahead of Us than there are behind. If You want WSSA to continue Younger Participants need to step up. Come to the semiannual meetings. Participate in competitions, I understand things are more expensive (I prefer to say the Dollar buys less and less) and harder to acquire. Find ways to participate. What is the Second Amendment worth to You. A right (God given) not practiced is nullified by neglect and forgotten over time.

I believe the WSSA needs to expand it's involvement into Contemporary Shooting Sports. Fewer people are getting involved in traditional time hon-

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ored competitions (NRA & CMP) the WSSA is involved with. At the very least WSSA should provide a calendar of events billboard of Firearm Competitions, with links as available to groups holding these competitions. WSSA should seek to form partnerships with as many firearm disciplines as possible. The more people Practicing their God given Rights the better.

"What do we know , and how do we know it. What do we believe and why do we believe it. How does what we know and what we believe determine what we think and how we act?"

Respectfully

Paul Garbin



A Big Thank You to our Members.

This years raffle winner is And Rayland from Cheyenne Wyoming. He is a member of WSSA and conducts action pistol shoots at his local gun club. The CMP has been notified and he should receive his M-1 Garand Rifle very soon.

Candidate for Junior Hi Power Director

I am asking for the position on the board of the Junior High Power Director. This position entails keeping track of equipment, and coordinating local coaches, supporters and ranges to support interested junior high power shooters. I believe most of these interested shooters will come from existing shooting programs, such as the 4-H programs. These programs are some of the largest pool of shooters we have in the state.

I have shot high power for many years, mostly in the Army National Guard. I have earned Excellence in Competition in both rifle and pistol, and won the All Army Combat matches in Rifle. I ended my career

as the State Marksmanship Coordinator.

Young people who shoot and shoot well have a focus for their energies and interest. This helps keep them oriented and become people who are beneficial to themselves and their world.

To be successful I will need the help of all local coaches and parents to guide and train young people in becoming successful in the shooting world.

Thank you, Beverly Spungin. My home number is: 307-836-2188 if you wish to discuss anything related to young people shooting.



“Perhaps it is better to be irresponsible and right, than to be responsible and wrong.”

Winston S. Churchill

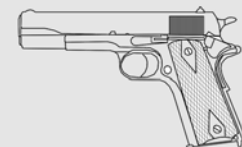
From The Competitions Director

THE 2024 SHOOTING SEASON IS UNDERWAY WITH THE 100 SHOT OFFHAND MATCH COMPLETED IN LANDER WITH NINE ATTENDING. HIGH SCORE WAS MICHAEL PARKER WITH A SCORE OF 919-7 WHILE SHOOTING AN AR15 WITH IRON SIGHTS! THERE ARE A NUMBER OF WYOMING MATCHES SCHEDULED IN VARIOUS SHOOTING DISCIPLINES WITH THE MAJORITY OF THEM IN CASPER, LANDER AND CHEYENNE. GO TO THE VARIOUS CLUB WEBSITES TO GET DETAILED INFORMATION. MATCHES THAT ARE REGISTERED WITH THE NRA OR CMP WILL ALSO BE ON THEIR LISTINGS. AMMUNITION AND COMPONENTS HAVE BECOME MORE AVAILABLE. THE EXCEPTION IS WITH ONLY WITH THE RECENT APPEARANCE OF LARGE RIFLE PRIMERS. PRICES WILL NEVER BE AS LOW AS THEY ONCE WERE AND TRAVEL EXPENSES WITH INFLATION WILL BE A FACTOR FOR MANY PEOPLE SO PLANNING WHERE TO GO IS IMPORTANT. WEATHER IS STILL A FACTOR WITH A COLD SPRING CANCELING SOME MATCHES. I AM INVESTIGATING WHY SOME REGISTERED MATCHES ARE NOT FOUND WITH THE NRA OR CMP SO CALL AND LEAVE ME A MESSAGE(307-399-4302) AND PHONE NUMBER IF YOU SEE A PROBLEM. MAY 20TH MAY BE A TROU-

BLING DAY IF THE ATF GETS THEIR WAY WITH AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW CHANGE REQUIRING ALL PRIVATE SALE OF FIREARMS TO BE REGISTERED THROUGH AN FFL. HOPEFULLY THAT REGULATION WILL BE BLOCKED. THERE ARE NO LONGER HIGH POWER FIREARMS FOR JUNIORS THROUGH THE WSSA. ALMOST ALL OF THEM AND THE SUPPORTING EQUIPMENT HAVE BEEN SOLD BECAUSE OF MINIMAL DEMAND THIS DOES NOT MEAN NO FINANCIAL SUPPORT WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR JUNIORS BUT IT DOES MEAN THERE WILL NOT BE THE EQUIPMENT THERE ONCE WAS. SMALL BORE AND AIR RIFLE WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THIS CHANGE. FOR ANY OF YOU THAT DO NOT REALIZE IT, THIS WILL BE A PIVOTAL YEAR FOR THE SHOOTING SPORTS. THE FEDERAL ELECTION WILL BE VERY CRUCIAL TO SHOOTING COMPETITIONS GOING FORWARD. IF THE ANTI-GUN LIBERALS WIN IN THE FALL, COUNT ON MORE LAYERS OF REGULATIONS THAT FURTHER COMPLICATE THE ABILITY OF YOU, THE CITIZEN, TO BE ABLE TO SHOOT IN COMPETITIONS. ALL OF US THAT HAVE BEEN IN THE GAME FOR MANY YEARS REALIZE HOW MUCH GOVERNMENT REGULATION AND RED TAPE HAVE ALREADY MADE IT MUCH

HARDER AND MORE EXPENSIVE TO BE ABLE TO COMPETE. SOMETHING HAS TO GIVE, SO GET OUT AND VOTE! THIS IS AN ELECTION YEAR FOR THE WSSA, TOO. THERE WILL BE A NEW COMPETITIONS DIRECTOR THIS FALL WITH SEVERAL POSSIBLE CANDIDATES. IF YOU HAVE AN INTEREST, GET OUT THERE AND PUT YOUR NAME IN THE HAT. HERE IS YOUR CHANCE TO HAVE A DIRECT SAY IN HOW BUSINESS IS DONE AT THE WSSA. I AM ALMOST 80 YEARS OLD SO IT IS TIME FOR SOME NEW BLOOD TO GET IN THE ACT!

PHILLIP MORGAN



From The Legislative Director

Greetings:

With each passing day, year, and decade I look for a sign, of Hope, that we are moving back to our former Greatness as a State as a County. But with each step forward, I see one step, maybe two steps heading in the wrong direction. Perhaps We need to look at each disappointment, each problem differently, finding a Solution we never saw as a possibility. In the previous WSSA newsletter I spoke with concern for the pending start of the Wyoming 68th legislative "Budget Session". Did I foresee the contentious and disruptive nature the legislative session was destined to show itself to be? Perhaps, but there were some positive outcomes. However, after a vote in favor of House Bill 125 to repeal Gun Free Zones, disappointment did spring forward from the Governor's desk in the form of a veto spelled out in a

Letter dated March 22,2024. In follow up to his veto on April 11, 2024, Wyoming's current Governor did direct State Construction Department, which is comprised of the state's five elected officials: the governor who chairs the Commission, the Secretary of State, the State Auditor, the State Treasurer, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction, to Draft Rules Protecting Second Amendment Rights in State Facilities. After carefully reading and rereading the words put forth, I will leave it to actions taken in the future to determine the true intentions of this veto and if the State Building Commission have taken a "comprehensive look at eliminating gun-free zones where appropriate, using a fair and deliberative public process."

Many are the opportunities to make a difference in our Associa-

tions and Communities.

Faith, Family, Flag and Freedom

I end this piece where I began, looking out for a sign of Hope. The responsibility lies in each of Us to be a part of the process, the result is to reach a positive solution. I believe Everything is Going to be alright because in Truth, *He* is working things for our good. Look up and turn to the better Solution... *Truth.*

Respectfully

Cynthia Garbin



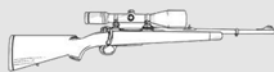
HUNTING AND CONSERVATION DIRECTOR

Greetings!

Did you apply for moose, goats or big horns? If so I wish you success in the drawing. The next deadlines is May 31 for deer, antelope, resident elk, fall turkey and sand hill cranes. There will be a meet and greet with Gov'nr Gordon May 22 in Dubois. The Wyoming Sportsperson's Conservation forum will discuss, invasive species, habitat conservation, mule deer management, public involvement in wildlife policy. It is scheduled to run 10am to 4pm and reserva-

tions are requested via the internet. I'm hoping he will give an answer why he thinks criminals will obey the no guns zones leading to his veto at the past legislation session.

Roger



"Right is right even if no one is doing it; wrong is wrong even if everyone is doing it."

Saint Augustine

Next Membership Meeting

October 26, 2024 10:30 am

The Holiday Inn Express

4250 Legion Lane, Casper, WY
82609

(Meeting Room)

All Members Welcome

NOTICE

From the Acting Secretary Treasurer:

First a big welcome aboard to Coach Philip Dobkins. He is our new small bore director. Coach Dobkins just sent me an e-mail and it appears that there will be some junior shooters (Air & Small Bore) going to the nationals this year. This is good news. Oh, just so you know, the board has also approved free WSSA memberships to all juniors (under 21) for 2024 & 2025.

While the NRA and the CMP recognize WSSA as their official state shooting association, other shooting disciplines such as NRL, PRS, and Cowboy Action do not use state shooting associations. The traditional shooting matches sanctioned by the NRA & CMP are not as popular as they use to be. The WSSA is doing the right things, such as web sites and facebook pages, but attendance in the traditional shooting matches is very low, compared to what it use to be. The fact is, America has missed its 3rd generation of shooting sports competitors. The same is true for all outdoor activities. Its no secret that fishing, camping, hiking, and hunting is not as popular as it once was. That doesn't mean that WSSA don't have a place in the shooting sports world. We can still sponsor awards and help with traveling expenses for our junior shooters like we do now. However, as it has been noted by others in this newsletter, its time for the younger folks to git involved. Most of the WSSA board members are 70+ years old, and some are not in the best of health. It is possible that the WSSA will fade away if we don't begin to make changes now.

As of this writing, it is all but certain that I will walk away for the Secretary-Treasure position in 2026. I have tried to find someone to take on the job, but no one seems to want it. There has been several ideas come up in discussions. These include, change the By-Laws, which is ok, but someone will still have to do the work. We could hire and accountant, but that is expensive.

Please note the following as an official heads up. This is the last year (2024) that I will work on the trophy's. If WSSA wants to continue to use them, then someone else will have to update them. There will be major changes to the Web Site next year, because I am not going to keep posting about half of the info that is on it now. Also, its most likely that 2025 will be the last year I compile, edit, publish, and write the news letter. Oh yes, last but not least, I am looking for a volunteer to keep the Wyoming Secretary of State, the IRS, the CMP and the NRA, up to date with the required annual reports via e-mail.

I don't know if the WSSA will dissolve or fade away, but you should expect to see changes starting next year.

Nick