




Wyoming State Shooting Association Newsletter



 **NOW MAKE NO MISTAKE, I THINK WE NEED A STRONG DOSE OF FISCAL CONSERVATISM IN WASHINGTON, D.C.** *Kristi Noem*

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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:

Greetings,

Hoping this News Letter finds You well. I have been thinking about the current state of affaires and have some thoughts I would like to share.

High Power has a long and admirable history, however it appears to be declining in participation. This is due to multiple factors. The most significant being the lack of Youth interested in this venue. The current age of active participants is gray to white haired. Current generation seem to be inclined to electronic entertainment, if not they seem to be attracted to action sports.

I engaged in high power for two years when it was DCM just before it was privatized to CPM. My reason for being involved was not for competition but I saw it as an opportunity to further my shooting skills,

9 other shooting at the same time, fixed number of rounds, from positions, at known distances, in a fixed time. What I experienced was dedication and a spirit of Comradery .You don't encounter that very often these days.

I would suggest WSSA become more of a event calendar of all types of shooting events in Wyoming on our website. After all we are Wyoming State SHOOTIG Association.

Thank You for Your time

Respectfully

Paul Garbin



In the military, I learned that 'leadership' means raising your hand and volunteering for the tough, and important assignments.

Tulsi Gabbard

From The Junior Hi Power Director

What is the Wyoming State Shooting Association (WSSA) and why should I encourage others to join. WSSA is the National Rifle Association and Civilian Marksmanship Program's representatives for the state of Wyoming. WSSA sanctions matches, and is the conduit to and from the NRA and the CMP. These competitions include air gun, rifle, pistol and shotgun matches. With the results recorded, winners determined and relayed to the NRA, records can be set and points recorded for certain awards. WSSA provides trophies, guidance, coaching, supplies and expenses for youth shooting. The youth competitions cover 4-H, junior clubs and hunter education around the state. All of this provides a positive environment for shooters and society in general. They learn safe gun handling as well as becoming proficient in handling firearms. Firearm safe-

ty is the first and foremost concern of WSSA as well as the NRA. So, you ask yourself, Why should I join WSSA? I am not a competitive shooter, I do not hunt or carry a gun for self protection. And actually I do not even own a gun. WSSA's primary ultimate goal is to protect the Second Amendment. -This amendment simply affirmed that it is a "natural right", that each individual has the right for self protection.- All the other 9 amendments are protected by this freedom. On April 19th, 1775, the members of what was called the Safety Committee or militia met the British on the green at Lexington and instead of fading away after the first shots, they maintained harassment all the way back to Charleston, MA. This, of course was the beginning of our fight for independence.

As an American citizen it is your honor bound duty to protect this Second Amendment as it gives us the legal parameter to have the means of defense. But, the Second Amendment does not give us the right to bear arms, but lays this right out in law. This right, if lost, would cause tremendous harm and would be tortuous to regain. We have already lost ground by infringement ex. the 1968 Gun Control Act and the 1934 National Firearms act. Join WSSA to help keep this basic right in our state. Join the NRA to help keep this right on the national scene. You don't have to be a shooter or own a gun, join us to conserve the right. Talk with others about joining and help us preserve this right and enjoy the shooting sports also.

Beverly Spungin

From The Publisher

We are Bereaved. Our Legislative director Cynthia Garbin passed away on February 22. She will be missed.

The purposed changes to our By-Laws did pass at our spring meeting. Please note the election ballot to see the some of the changes.

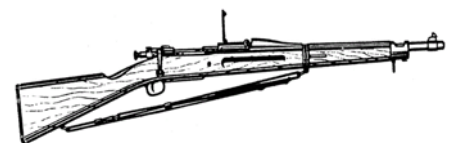
The following WSSA trophy's will be displayed at our affiliated club in Cheyenne. The Hi Power Rifle, the Mid Range and the Gregg Strom plaque. All other WSSA trophy's have been retired and will remain on display in the Hot Springs County Museum in Thermopolis.

Please keep an eye on our WSSA facebook page as we will try to keep it updated with pictures of our matches and junior shooters. Our WSSA web site will become smaller and more streamline over the next year or so. We will still post the dates of the state championship matches as best we can. At this time we plan to publish (and post on our web site) only two newsletters a year. For the next year or so we will snail mail them, but be aware the cost of paper printing and snail mail may force us to use our web site only.

We are looking into ways that we can use bank cards for dues and donations. These systems are not cheap and they demand a lot of

work from our non paid volunteers.

And last but not least, I would like to thank everyone for your membership and donation support. If you know some younger folks (under 55) who would like to help out, please send them our way.



Candidates for Secretary and Treasurer

Greetings:

We are Chris and Susan Smith, both retired in Dayton, Wyoming.

We see the Second Amendment as a bellwether right to ensure all our rights under the Constitution. It is imperative to teach future generations to ensure our freedom, and the education of new shooters is central to WSSA. Though the traditional target competitions of the NRA and CMP are key activities of WSSA, we look forward to adopting a more

agnostic approach to the shooting sports.

As WSSA is looking forward to the future generations, we are helping to keep the organization going while looking forward to handing it over to younger officers. Though Susan is on the ballot for the job of Secretary and Chris for Treasurer, we will certainly work together on both. The next few years will present challenges as WSSA adopts more online transactions intended to

make the cost of conducting business less - to ensure your dues and contributions work more efficiently to reach our goals.

Respectfully,

Chris & Susan Smith

"Politics is a lot like walking through a feedlot in springtime: it's slow going and you're constantly surrounded by crap."

Kristi Noem

HUNTING AND CONSERVATION DIRECTOR



Greetings!

The first round of license drawings are completed. The successful bighorn sheep, moose and mountain goat applicants should have the licenses. Round 2 drawing is for resident antelope, elk and deer. Expect the results very soon. Here is wishing you an enjoyable, safe, once in a life time hunt.

Watch the WSSA web site for shooting competitions. The match programs will give the particulars. For example landergunrange.com has bench rest events in high power and small-bore and

both HP & SB rifle metallic silhouette. Rarely will you find an event where the more experienced shooters are not willing to help the new comers. Remember everyone has a first time. The 'corner-crossing' case went before the UC Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit and affirmed the public's right to corner cross to access public lands. The legal precedent for the 10th Circuit decision is limited to Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Utah and Wyoming. Hunting pays for conservation.

Best wishes

Roger



Next Membership Meeting

**September 27, 2025
10:30 am**

The Holiday Inn Express
4250 Legion Lane, Casper, WY
82609

(Meeting Room)

All Members Welcome

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**A Big Thank You to
our Members.**

*This years raffle winner is
MR Tim Lant from Arkansas.
One of our members who
lives in that state sold Tim
the winning Ticket*

Very important, Please Read!!

Ballot & Membership Application!

With this mailing you should find a single page with one side being an election ballot and the other side being a membership application. If you cannot be at the Annual fall election meeting, then please fill in the "election ballot", or if you wish to volunteer for, then write your name on the ballot, to be on the Board of Directors. Here's 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

Please check the membership date or status on this newsletter.

When you received your WSSA newsletter, your membership renewal date, or status, was printed next to your name and address. If your newsletter had the words "Past Due" or "Time to Renew" then you should fill out the membership application and mail it in with dues. This may be the only notice you receive.