

WYOMING STATE SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER April-June 2007

President's Column

As all WSSA members know, our organization is closely affiliated with the NRA. This does not mean that we are wholly owned subsidiary. WSSA is free to express its' opinions and act upon them. The relationship, however, is and always has been, a mutually beneficial one. Shall issue concealed carry permits, range protection, and the state fire-arms pre-emption laws were all brought about through the joint effort of WSSA and NRA.

If and when we get Alaska carry, it will happen only because both WSSA and NRA worked together. The NRA has much more money and much greater media coverage than WSSA does. WSSA has much greater human resources on the ground. Our members personally know the legislators. We are much more familiar with local problems.

That said, I can move on to stating that I am really tired of all of the NRA bashing I see in the newspapers and on various internet forums. I expect to see this from the Brady Bunch types. We shouldn't have to see it from those who are supposedly on our side.

While I respect ones' right to freely express ones' opinion. I would respect that right a whole lot more if those opinions made any sense.

Stupid Opinion #1. "The NRA is the leading gun control organization in the country." As much as I respect Vin Suprynowitz, and I respect him a lot, he and others who say this are really way off base. The 1968 Gun Control Act, the Brady Bill, "Assault Weapons" ban of 1994 were all passed OVER NRAs' resistance.

Had there not been an NRA, the evil Johnson regime would have been able to push through a gun control act from hell. Inept as the Carter mis-regime was, more harm would have come to us. All would have been lost by the time the Clinton clown fest concluded in 2001.

The NRA does the best it can. Almost all of the loudest criticism comes from those who are not members, and who have never spent a dime in defense of their gun rights.

Stupid opinion #2. "I am not going to join the NRA, WSSA, whatever because I do not want to have my name put on a list." It is amazing how often one hears this. Let me say

this: If you are so afraid now, you are really going to crap your pants when the S...H...T..F... Too afraid (that is the right term) to join, too afraid to go to a range (someone might write down my license plate number.) Buddy, you are a big part of the problem. If 80 million gun owners put their name on the list by joining NRA, their state associations, and local gun clubs, there would be No gun control. Since we as gun owners are never going to be loved then we have to be feared. The best way to do this is to be on "the list" which has grown to be miles long and no one even bothering to keep it up any longer.

Are there other gun rights organizations? Yes there are. I belong to almost all of them. The loudest NRA bashers do not belong to those groups either. No organization in the country is more hard core, don't give an inch, to the last ditch and the last bullet, than WSSA. What do we have, 400 members? The web site wankers and forum fornicators waste their time and squander their energy while WSSA and NRA do the best they can.

Now that I have gotten this off my chest, let me advise you all to try to make a difference. If you have not already done so, join the NRA. If you already a member, upgrade that membership (I am now a benefactor member), close to home, get a friend or club member to join WSSA.

Mark Spungin, President

ANNUAL MEETING MAY 5, 2007 PARKWAY PLAZA, CASPER 10AM

This year our guest speaker will be Matt Braken, author of Enemies Foreign and Domestic and Domestic Enemies.

A noon lunch will cost \$10. **Please RSVP by April 27** if you wish to have a lunch. Prepayment is requested.

The winner of the **MI Garand** will be drawn. Be sure to get your ticket stubs and funds to the sec/trea. A few tickets remain.

Member clubs are requested to have a representative present to review their activities or at minimum send a letter to be read. It is your chance to high light the work your local club is doing.

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Hunting and Conservation

I was very disappointed as were the Game and Fish employees that conducted the season setting meeting in Lander. I can only hope the open house gatherings and season setting meeting near you were better attended. Lander's meeting had 17 G&F department 'red shirts' and 5 interested. Why? I don't believe the often heard comment "they'll do what they please" or "my comments won't count". Heck, you may even learn something about the biology behind the decisions. The drought conditions have some area showing very, very little new forage growth and as you know this what sustains the wildlife. No food or poor quality forage means poor reproduction, less animals in the population and lower numbers of licenses available.

No question some sportsmen have much deeper pockets that average or is it just that they are willing to pull their wallet out for the causes they believe in? At the Western Hunting & Conservation Expo in Salt Lake City on Jan 17-21, 2007 ten sheep permits generated \$1,355,000 to put sheep on the mountain. Those 10 were: New Mexico-\$210K, Kluane First Nation-\$170K, Alberta-\$155K, Montana-\$140K, British Columbia-\$130K, Oregon-\$120K, Arizona- \$115K, Nevada-\$115K, Idaho-\$100K and the Taos Pueblo tag-\$100K. You are correct that none have my name on them.

Cole D Benton , President of Wyoming FNAWS says "Let's not forget what Governor Freudenthal has done for all of Wyoming's wildlife. The Governor has 20 big game licenses that he can do with as he sees fit. Starting in 2003, the licenses along with the proceeds from selling each of these were turned over to the Governor Big Game License Coalition. In just 4 years, this has generated over one million dollars. Those monies have been returned through grants to almost every species of Wyoming's wildlife."

Did you get your applications completed on line? This is new for Wyoming and should simplify some of the office work to set up the drawings. I wish you success in obtaining your tags. Roger

Rifle Instructor Class

Lander Valley Sportsmen are interested in hosting a class to develop more rifle instructors. The dates that are being suggested at this time are June 2 &3 or June 9&10. There needs to be at least 7 to make a class.

Estimated cost for the class will be around \$150. More in the class should lower costs per individual.

Contact Pat McCoy 307-332-3103[w#] or patmccoyagency@hotmail.com

FNRA EVENTS

Did you realize WY Friends of NRA in 2006 granted over \$182,000 for instate programs? The lions share went to programs that encourage or introduce youth and women to the shooting sports or for range improvements. Here are some functions that need your support. Treat yourself to an enjoyable meal and fun filled evening that supports the NRA Foundation. By regulation the moneys raised can not be used for political support. Check out charitynavigator.org to read that FNRA has received a 68.96 point rating out of a possible 70 due to the fact they are running a cost efficient operation.

May 5 Gillette @ Complex Pete Quinell 660-0221 pbquin@vcn.com

May 12 Cody @ The Terrace Paul Hoeft 754-0411 yakred@tritnet.net

Jun 2 Afton @Star Valley Ranch Rob Reinhardt 690-3956 karalee_reinhardt@hotmail.com

July 7 Riverton @Fair Grounds Jason Wilson 857-6922 jason@wingcreature.com

July 14 Rock Springs @ Holiday Inn Kerry Wilkinson 389-2067 kwilkinson@wyoming.com

Aug 4 Dubois @ Headwaters Chuck Nagel 851-2531 saddletramp@dte_world.com

Aug 18 Jackson @Virginian Jennifer Askay 733-4399 juniperhil@aol.com

PLEASE CHECK THE MAILING LABEL FOR YOU RENEWAL DATE. THANK YOU

EVENTS all phone numbers are 307 prefix

Cody Complex Smallbore silhouette 5/6, 6/3, 7/1, 8/5 9:30AM. Contact Hal Ramich 587-4544 or Gerald Stroh 587-4407

Cheyenne Rifle & Pistol Club NRA NMC 80 & Garand Match -contact Paul Ward 432-0522.
pard@worldnet.att.net

Heart Mountain Rod & Gun Club NRA Approved BPCR Silhouette matches last Sunday of each month starting January 28, 2007 Annual Long Range Gong Match - Sunday, August 12
Contact: Bob Smith 307-754-9492 bobnsuesmith@bresnan.net

Lander Valley Sportsmen Cowboy Action dates are 2nd Saturday each month-contact John Oliver 332-9203; Black Powder cartridge silhouette on last Sun Apr 29 thru Sept 23 - contact Terry Stewart 332-5035; Smallbore & high power rifle silhouette 3rd Sunday monthly thru July-contact Sebesta 335-9323; High power NMC 80 shot, 5/ 19, 6/23, 7/21& 1000 yard 60 shot 5/6, 6/2 & 1000 yard 30 shot 7/22—contact Mike Pattyn 856-3318; 100 yard smallbore prone 4/28, 5/26 & smallbore bench rest 6/10—contact Dan Thomas 332-7393. Mid-range challenge 6/3, 7/7, 8/5 —contact Bruce Campbell 332-2524. High power clinic 5/12 @1PM —contact Pay McCoy 332-3103. M1 Garand Match 5/5 —contact Richard Schell 857-3219 evenings. Programs and calendar on lvsa.info

Thermopolis Gun Club shotgun events weekends and week nights Questions phone Claude 864-9478

Appleseed Match May 19&20 at Jackson Hole, May 26&27 at Worland —contact Mark Spungin 836-2188

2007 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

HIGH POWER RIFLE SILHOUETTE Aug 18 & 19 @ Lander, contact Roger Sebesta 335-9323 or wssa@wyoming.com

SERVICE RIFLE Aug 18 & 19 @ Laramie, contact Paul Ward 432-0522 pard@worldnet.att.net

SMALLBORE RIFLE SILHOUETTE Sept 1&2@ Lander, contact Roger Sebesta 335-9323

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Don Meeks Green River on Feb 5
Robeert Steelman Hiland on Feb 27
Barton Nielsen Evanston on Mar 9
William Heiter Sheridan on Mar 12
Brian Rubino Santa Cruz, CA on Mar 24 as Patron life
Kraig Stuart Newcastle on Apr 7
Welcome and thank you for the support

Armed Forces Day May 19, 2007

First set aside by Pres. Harry Truman in 1949 to recognize the dedication of the armed forces under the Department of Defense and to acknowledge the extraordinary dedication of American's uniformed patriots standing in harms way at home and around the world.

NRA MEMBERSHIPS

When you renew your NRA membership via the internet you will be also supporting WSSA. By using <http://membership.nrahq.org/default.asp?CampaignID=XPO17730> , a portion of your dues will return to WSSA.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

July 20,2007

MATCH REPORTS

WYOMING JUNIOR OLYMPICS

Apryl Meares, Cheyenne fired match winning scores to become the STATE CHAMPION in womans air rifle [385/400] and 3Position smallbore [546/600]. **Carson Schilt**, Laramie captured the men's STATE CHAMPION awards in air rifle [541/600] and smallbore 518/600] Twenty shooters from around the state took part in the matches held at the University of WY.

These junior matches are divided into 3 age levels, J1, J2, & J3 with J3's being the youngest bracket.

Mens 3Position

Silver -Tyler Christopherson, Laramie 485

Bronze - Geoffery Hastings, Cheyenne 406

1st J1-Tad Facinelli, Lander 225

1st J2—Wyatt Hill, Encampment 330

1st J3— Rayne Hoffman, Ethete 336

Air Rifle

Silver—Tyler Christopherson, Laramie 504

Bronze—Geoffery Hastings, Cheyenne 462

1st J1—Nick Kukus, Casper 422

1st J2—Wyatt Hill, Encampment 391

1st J3—Jared Meacham, Laramie 413

Womans 3 Position

Silver - Julian Terry, Newcastle 523

Bronze—Lindsey Freeman, Cheyenne 490

1st J3— Jodi Ross, Cheyenne 369

Air Rifle

Silver—Lindsey Freeman, Cheyenne 372

Bronze—Julian Terry, Newcastle 351

1st J2—Jessica Miller, Casper 246

1st J3—Jodi Ross, Cheyenne 319

Lander 3 Position

Feb 17, 2007 7 entered Brian McCoy, Lander was match winner @ 532-14X. Worlan's Marty Johnston ,took 1st sharpshooter @ 472-9 with Dan Thomas, Lander as 2nd SS with 453-8. Daniel Christensen, Cody was 1st intermediate JR @ 441-6. Ethete's Rayne Hoffman finished on top of the sub-jr's with 398-3.

Rifle Silhouette

Feb 18 New Wyoming record set

Ronald Kamp, Daniel, WY became the 1st high power rifle silhouette shooter to topple all ten of the 500 meter rams and then added 1 more in a long run attempt. Lander Valley Sportsmen have been hosting these events since 1974. Cody, Worland, Powell, and Casper have also held competitions in high power rifle competitions. Congratulations!

The shooting is all from the standing, unsupported position at a free standing metal silhouette of a big horn ram that is 27" tall and 32" long and weighs about 50#. It must be tipped from its stand to count. Kamp uses a Rem 700 chambered for a Bobcat [6.5x250Sav.] with a 24X Leupold scope to guide the 142 grain Sierra bullets.

Beautiful weather with sunshine and a few sporadic gusts made for good conditions for the Feb 18th silhouette matches at the Lander Rifle Range.

Ronald Kamp was match winner in each of the 4 rifle classes. That meant he guided his 200 shots better than any of the competition. His winning score in standard smallbore was 48/60 and 39/60 in hunting smallbore. In standard high power his 26/40 and 21/40 in hunting finished out the 4 for 4 wins.

Dennis Thomas, Douglas placed 1st in HP standard; Roger Sebesta took 1st Master in both smallbore matches and a 1st in HP hunting.

Mar 18 Ronald Kamp, Daniel continued on his winning ways by besting the field in both standard high power [26/40]and smallbore rifle matches. He had to win the smallbore via a shoot-off after a tie at 46/80 with Roger Sebesta. Sebesta eeked out wins in the two hunter rifle divisions.

The Lander weather was bright and clear; starting at a calm 45 degrees and reaching 70 with some gusts. The luck of the draw had Kamp shooting rams while Sebesta battled the chickens during one of the gusty periods.

Class winners in the smallbore standard rifle found Sebesta taking 1st Master, Anthony Fuller, Wheatland tops in AA @ 29 and Leon Wilcox, Lander had a 15 to top the novice group.

The money winners in smallbore hunter were: Kamp as 1st Master @ 43 and Fuller 1st AA @ 32.

In high power standard rifle Dennis Thomas, Douglas was 1st B @ 9. The high power hunter class win went to Kamp in AAA @ 15.

April 1 No fooling, Cody had its smallbore match snowed out. May 6th is set for the next event.

Inland Empire Smallbore Rifle Postal

Lander Valley Sportsmen had 2 team place in the 10 week postal match. Team #1 placed 2nd in group B and team #2 placed 3rd in group D. Bill Heitler, Tom Spriggs, Roger Sebesta and Joe Bautz were on #1 with total of 15372. Pat McCoy, Chip Williams, Dan Thomas and a handicap score was team 2, with a total of 13333.

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR 2007 WSSA

Nominated persons need to be WSSA members for ... “at least six months immediately preceding the nomination” [bylaws Art VI]. Please also obtain the members written permission before placing a name on the ballot and send same to the secretary with the ballot.

Please send ballot to secretary or bring to the annual meeting May 5, 2007 at the Parkway Plaza, Casper WY.
blanks for write ins

President Mark Spungin _____

Vice President Beverly Spungin _____

Secretary/Treasurer _____

Competitions Phillip C Morgan _____

Hunting/Conservation Peter Moore _____

Junior Programs _____

Legislative Richard Bohling _____

USA Progressive Pistol State Championships

Sixteen air pistol shooters put lots of holes in the black at the USAPPP matches held in Douglas March 24th. Shooters in PPP are allowed different levels of support based on age, with older shooters competing in two-handed and one-handed position. In the open division **Amanda Harrenga**, Lander retained her State Champion title for another year by posting 369/400. **Hannah Thomas**, Lander took 2nd @ 336 and **Hannah King**, Lander captured 3rd @ 330.

In the one-handed competition, **Danny Nugent**, Rolling Hills placed 1st @ 321, while brother Kevin placed 2nd @ 295. Third place went to **Mathew Norris @294**.

Two-handed shooters saw **Hannah King**, taking 1st @330. **Quentin McGuire**, Douglas @ 311 took 2nd and **Sara King**, Lander 3rd @305.

Advanced supported division saw **Hannah Thomas** on top @336 while a 313 earned **Cody Schlosser** 2nd. **Rayne Hoffman**, Ethete took 3rd @310.

As we get into the basic supported group, **Amanda Harrenga @369** was 1st. Douglas' **Layne McGuire** was 2nd @329 and **Hardy Musselman** 3rd @ 328.

In the youngest age group, the youth basic supported, it was **Haley Musselman** winning with a 309

The mixed team of **Sarah King**, **Hannah Thomas** and **Amanda Harrenga** have earned an invitation to represent Wyoming at the National Junior Olympic Progressive Air Pistol Championships, held in early July in Bowling Green, KY.

MOST SWEEPING GUN BAN EVER!

On Feb. 14, 2007, Rep Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY) introduced HR1022 “to reauthorize the assault weapons ban and for other purposes.” McCarthy’s verbiage warrants explanation. Presumably what she means by “assault weapons ban” is the Clinton Gun Ban of 1994. Congress allowed the ban to expire in 2004 for multiple reasons, including the fact that federal, state and local law enforcement agency studies showed that guns affected by the ban had been used in only a very small percentage of crime, before and after the ban was imposed.

Guns listed by the Clinton Ban and every gun made to comply with the Clinton Ban would be fall under HR1022. Such as: Ruger Mini-14, Ruger Mini30 and Ranch rifles, the .30 M-1 Carbine, all semi-auto shotguns, all detachable-magazine semi-auto rifles [think 10-22], target rifles used service rifle competition [AR-15, M1 Garand, M1-A] and in case they failed to covered a future development would give the BATFE the power to add to the list as they wanted.

Be sure to contact Barbara Cubin (R-WY) 888-879-3599 or barbara.cubin@mail.house.gov