

WYOMING STATE SHOOTING ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER Jan—Mar 2011

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Perusing through the twenty-some tables at the Lusk Gun Show, I noticed a Model 1903 Greek Mannlicher-Shoenauer military rifle. It was the first one I had seen since developing an interest in this model some ten years ago. It had been used hard and put away wet as was the norm for Greek rifles, but seemed serviceable and has now found a good home.

Why, you ask, would I want to spend too much money on a beat up rifle chambered for the very hard to get 6.5x54 MS cartridge? The reason lies in the rifle's vicariousness. For me, a military rifle must have a history of usage I can relate to, and pretend I am in a by-gone time and distant place I might have enjoyed. In way of illustration, my beautifully made and very accurate Swiss K-31 was never used in battle and thus holds but a very meager appeal to my perhaps peculiar tastes.

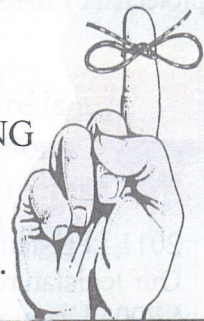
Back to the new rifle: the Greek MS is perhaps the most elegant and expensive to make military bolt rifle. The Greeks did, however, get their money's worth as over the course of many wars pretty much wore them all out. In none of these confrontations was the M1903s use more justified or effective than the 1940-41 war with Italy.

In 1939 the Italians invaded and conquered Albania and in 1940 decided to take over Greece. Not only were Mussolini's legions driven out of Greece but also half way out of Albania. The Italians were saved from total defeat only through German intervention. Many thousands of Italians lay dead in the snow covered mountains, their bodies marked by 6.5mm entry and exit holes.

Now, I can play act Greek patriot slaying the fascist invader who had come to impose his foreign and unwanted ways.

The word foreign, by the way, does not necessarily refer to another country. There are parts of our own country that are more foreign to Wyoming than Italy was to Greece. Washington, D.C. comes to mind as perhaps the most graphic, if certainly not the only example. Washington's values are in most ways more different and in conflict with Wyoming's than were Italian and Greek values. We in Wyoming should be no more willing to cave in to an alien invader than were the Greeks. My new rifle serves as a useful reminder of this important premise. We have no desire to impose our values and beliefs upon others and expect in return to be afforded the same consideration. Unfortunately, only if we are willing to be as implacably hostile to unwanted outside intervention and imposition as were the 1940-41 Greeks can there be any possibility of maintaining our traditional Wyoming lifestyle. Mark Spungin

WSSA WINTER MEETING
JAN 22, 2011 10AM
Ramada Inn coffee shop
All members welcome.



REMEMBER

In *Haynes v. U.S.* [1968], the court said the fifth Amendment exempts convicted felons from having to obey gun registration laws. "A proper claim of the Constitutional privilege against self-incrimination provides a full defense to prosecutions either for failure to register a firearm... or for the possession of an unregistered firearm."

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HUNTING and CONSERVATION

The world's largest army? America's hunters

This blogger adds up deer license sales in just a handful of states, and comes to a striking conclusion: The state of Wisconsin has gone an entire deer hunting season without someone getting killed. That's great. There were over 600,000 hunters. Allow me to restate that number. Over the last two months, the eighth largest army in the world - more men under arms than Iran; more than France and Germany combined - deployed to the woods of a single American state to hunt with firearms. That pales in comparison to the 750,000 who are in the woods of Pennsylvania this week and Michigan's 700,000 hunters have now returned home. Toss in a quarter million hunters in West Virginia, and it is literally the case that the hunters of those four states alone would comprise the largest army in the world.

The point? America will forever be safe from foreign invasion with that kind of home-grown firepower.

Hunting -- it's not just a way to fill the freezer. It's a matter of national security.

Carry on, be safe and enjoy the sport by introducing others. My best Pete

In *U.S. v Miller* [1939] the court said the militia comprised all able bodied males, adding that "ordinarily when called these men were expected to appear bearing arms supplied by themselves and of a kind in common use at the time." It also said that absent evidence that a sawed-off shotgun is an appropriate militia weapon, there is no constitutional right to possess "such an instrument" [with the clear implication that arms appropriate for the military are protected by the Second Amendment.

Good friends are like stars. You don't always see them, but you know they are always there.
Everything can change in the blink of an eye, but don't worry God never blinks.
Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.

LEGISLATIVE ALERT



2011 Legislative Good News

Our legislature will be in session as you read this.

SF0047, concealed carry. Senator Jennings, and Representative Jaggi. This is constitutional carry, folks. No permit would be required for concealed carry. A permit would continue to be available for out-of-state carry in reciprocal states.

We got a version of this through the House last year but it had a poison pill and therefore died in the Senate.

HB0054, Hobby Firearms Dealers. Representative Illoway, Cannady, Jaggi, Lubnau, and Quarberg and Senators Case and Meier. No sales tax collection needed for non FFL hobbyists (that means most of us WSSA members) selling personally owned firearms and accessories.

These are good bills and they need your support.

SILHOUETTE POSTAL MATCH

Here's your chance to enjoy some 50 foot scaled silhouette targets [TQ-14] and keep your trigger finger and shooting coordination polished. Ten targets, \$20, must be completed before Apr 1st, 2011. WY, MT, KY, OH are represented by shooters. Full program on lvsa.info. Give it a try.

Contact Roger Sebesta, 625 Sweetwater ST, Lander 82520 307-335-9323 wssa@wyoming.com for a

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.

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

Three sub-juniors shooters from Lander entered a 'real' match for a first time. They have been well instructed by coach Dudley Irvine and now are wanting more competition. **Tim Thiessen** earned the hi-junior award by posting a 325 and didn't allow a gun malfunction to rattle him. Jim Fehringer fired a 277 for second JR and Flint Pokorny was not far behind at 269.

Roger Sebesta pulled out the win with a 510 in the 600 point match. Jon Carlisle, Cody topped the marksmen with 501 shooting a scoped AR. Dan Thomas used a Win 52 with iron sights to post a 430. In his first gallery match Bill Brown, Cody fired a 420 with a Remington older than himself.

All safe shooters are welcome to the next 3P on Feb 5th and to also the 100 shot offhand Racy Clark match on the 6th. R Sebesta reporter



SHOOTING and PERSONAL PROTECTION TRAINING

WSSA member Sherpard Humphries offers classes in : NRA basic pistol, Counter violence combat pistol, NRA Personal protection inside the home, Counter Violence Women's self defense and NRA first steps pistol. Training is provided for both Wyoming and Utah CCW permits. He can customize individual training or group instruction. Check out his web site www.CounterViolence.info

wyossa.com

Have you checked it out?? Ed has been keeping it as current as possible. There is a section 'for sale' items, programs, results and a listing of rifle silhouette champions. The board of directors is open for suggestion on other topics that would be of interest to the membership. The hard bound book that contained many past champions in pistol and other rifle disciplines has failed to resurface. Can you help rebuild it?

JUNIOR OLYMPIC SILVER

Lander Junior Rifle & Pistol Club shooter **Amanda Harrenga** claimed a Silver Metal at the Utah Jr Olympic qualifier on Jan 8, 2011 with a score of 311 out of 400 in air pistol. She is in the J2 category [15-17]. The gold went to a Utah gal with 313.

This is the sixth year in Amanda's shooting career having already won impressive state and national awards in Progressive Pistol. This her first year in 'International Style', the one handed hold. She has shown strong improvement with another personal best recorded under match pressure.

Chip Williams has promoted the pistol program and is coaching the Lander Juniors.

Utah Precision Marksmanship Society hosted the event at the U of Utah. The state Jr Olympics are qualifying events for the National competition to be held at Colorado Springs Olympic Training Center in April.

Congratulations. We wish you success at CO Springs.

I am not afraid of tomorrow for I have seen yesterday and I love today!!

Most people walk in and out of your life, but friends leave footprints in your heart.



Once again time to have a chance at winning a M1 Garand from WSSA. Tickets were included in the fall newsletter and more are available from the Sec/Trea. The drawing will be at the annual meeting in the spring of 2011. Remember you are helping the junior programs as 1/2 of the funds raised goes to support the juniors. Last year we helped Cheyenne Public Shooting Park send a precision air rifle team to Nationals and a Camp Perry high power team, both reported in last newsletter. The annual meeting date will be set at the January meeting.

2011 CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

Jan 15-16 Junior Olympic Air Rifle and Smallbore, @ Laramie, Contact Smith 630-6338

Mar 5 @Lander, 3 Position Gallery, Sebasta 335-9323

Jun 25-26 @ Camp Guernsey, 1000 yard with F class, Bane 755-5766

July 16-17 @Lander, Rifle Silhouette, smallbore and high power, contact Sebasta 335-9323

July 16 @Casper, Mid-Range High Power, contact Roy Bane 755-5766



WE ARE DEMINISHED

Boyce Coffey passed away Nov 23rd in Montana. May he rest in Peace. He was a life member and involved with establishing silhouette shooting in Worland and also a shotgun sport competitor.. He was 84.

Obituary

RIP, Aaron Zelman, a powerful voice for freedom in general and the Second Amendment in particular. Founder and head of Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership (JPFO), Aaron was a thorn in the side of BATFE and an relenting critic of treasonous co-religionists Schumer, Launtenberg, Feinstein, Boxer, etc, etc. He called them "Gas Chamber Jews" and "Judenrat Jews." (The Judenrat was the governing councils set up by the Nazis to administer the ghettos and to select which families went to the trains to extermination camps. As their reward, the Judenrat member's families were the last ones to board the last trains.) Aaron, old comrade, you will be sorely missed.

DO NOT CALL AREA CODE NUMBERS

809 284 876

NEED ADDRESS UPDATES

Frank Bauman, Blair NB

James O'Neill, Casper Life # 798

AT&T says these come from the Dominican Republic and will cost you about \$2425 a minute.

EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

WSSA has a running target air rifle set up that is currently not being used. At the present it is stored in Lander. Also one Daisy Avanti .177 air rifle. This is a compressed air rifle using the refillable air cylinders. Gear is for loan or sale subject to board approval. Contact Roger Sebasta for more information. 307-335-9323

Wyoming State Shooting Foundation

The employer identification number has been issued. The paper work is complete, we have obtained the 503[c] 3 tax status. You can start thinking about including the foundation in your estate planning and receive the tax benefits.

EVENTS all phone numbers are 307 prefix

Dubois Gun Club contact regs.phillips@dteworld.com

Lander Valley Sportsmen Cowboy Action dates are 2nd Saturday each month-contact John Oliver 332-9203; 3 Position gallery Feb 5 and Feb 6 Racy Clark Memorial 100 shot off hand indoor, contact Roger 335-9323. All club programs on lvsa.info.

Thermopolis Gun Club, —contact Deloyd 864-5778

Platte River Rod & Gun Club contact Larry pvkid@msn.com

Camp Guernsey, May 28 High Power match, contact Bane 755-5766

One good thing about Alzheimer's is you get to meet new people every day.

Xerox and Wurlitzer will merge to produce reproductive organs.

When blondes have more fun—do they know it?

You know why a banana is like a politician? He come in and first he is green, then he turns yellow and then he's rotten.

We have enough youth. How about a fountain of 'smart'?

A fool and his money can throw one heck of a party.

AFFILIATED WSSA CLUBS

- American Custom Gunmakers Guild, 22 Vista Ln, Cody 82414
- Bessemer Vigilance Com'te, POBox 1132, Casper 82602
- Casper Pistol Club, 4910 E 18th St, Casper 82609
- Casper Shooters Club, POBox 1432, Casper 82602
- Cheyenne Public Shooting Park, POBox 2833, Cheyenne, 82003
- Cody Shooters Complex, POBox 1504, Cody 82414
- Converse CO Shooting Sports, 133 W. Center St., Douglas 82637
- Dubois Gun Club, POBox 91, Dubois, 82513
- Fort Fetterman Sportsmen, POBox 843, Douglas 82633
- Gillette Gun Club, POBox 1061, Gillette 82717
- Jackson Hole Gun Club, POBox 1786, Jackson 83001
- Lander Jr Rifle Club, 431 Main St., Lander 82520
- Lander Rifle Club, 431 Main St., Lander 82520
- Lander Valley Sportsmen's Assoc., POBox 1113, Lander 82520
- Laramie Rifle Range, Inc., POBox 2135, Laramie 82073
- Lovell Rod & Gun Club, POBox 221, Lovell 82431
- Pinedale Rod & Gun Club, POBox 933, Pinedale 82941
- Platte River Rod & Gun Club, POBox 1587, Mills 82644
- Rawlins Rec Services, 1616 Harshman St, Rawlins 82301
- Sheridan CO. Sportsmen, POBox 155, Sheridan 82801
- Thermopolis Gun Club, POBox 731, Thermopolis 82443
- Upton Gun Club, POBox 291, Upton 82730
- Western Wyoming Rifleman Assoc., POBox 1886, Afton 83110
- Worland Shooters Complex, POBox 713, Worland 82401
- WY Outfitters & Guides, POBox 2650, Casper 82602
- Wyoming Riflemen Assoc., POBox 94, Guernsey 82414

M.L. KING DAY
JAN 17

GROUNDHOG DAY
FEB 2

VALENTINE'S DAY
FEB 14

PRESIDENTS DAY
FEB 21

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
MAR 13

SPRING
MAR 20

WENE 'N' GREEN
ST PATRICKS
MAR 17

BIG HORN BASIN
GUN SHOW
MAR 19-20, 2011

\$30 TABLES - \$300 DOOR

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Our WSSA has a registered political action committee. Donations are welcome. Please consider adding a few dollars to fund. They can be sent to the secretary/treasure at 625 Sweetwater St, Lander, WY 82520