

WYOMING STATE SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

America is staring economic collapse square in the face, despite most people either failing to pay attention or choosing not to.

Unlike the Great Depression of the 1930s, Americans are much less self-sufficient, have a weaker work ethic, and are much more dependent upon the largess of government. When their SNAP cards register zero balances these "entitlement" people are going to turn mean and ugly.

What does this have to do with us and our guns? Damn near everything as the gun represents civilization. Try protecting your family and yourself without one when the savages come to your house to satisfy their hungers. Yes, hungers plural.

WSSA members, as a whole, are an intelligent, self-sufficient, well-informed group of people. You have acquired fine firearms and are proficient in their use. You have laid aside large quantities of ammunition, re-loading components, long-term storage life foods, canning supplies, tools and quality-of-life necessities. All this I am pretty sure about, but what I am not so sure about is just how many of you have acquired the right mindset. While materiel is important, mindset is paramount.

Fortunately, we in Wyoming will be spared the worst of the societal breakdown. Unfortunately, we will not be able to avoid all of it.

The larger population centers will see riots as the unpaid "entitlements" grasp and claw for what they mistakenly believe is due them. This will bring on martial

law. While this might be an appropriate response in the most troublesome places, this military take-over will be applied nationwide.

Those of us who lived conservative lives and planned wisely will be expected to "share" with those who did not. You will be ordered to turn in your guns, your gold and your groceries. If you are foolish and cowardly enough to comply, your family will be starving, defenseless, and without hope. If you fail to comply, you will be branded a "hoarder", a "terrorist", and an "enemy of the state."

I have read and agree with the following quote: "It is not going to end well, but it is definitely going to end." Just how "not well" it is going to end for you depends to a large extent upon your mental preparation. Polish up your plan, sharpen your skills, screw your head on straight, harden your heart, and firm up your friendships. It is going to be a wild ride.

WSSA WINTER MEETING

JAN 21, 2012 10AM

Ramada Inn coffee shop

All members welcome.

Minutes from Sept meeting are posted on the web

"I ask Sir, what is the militia? It is the whole people. To disarm the people is the best and most effectual way to enslave them." George Mason— co author of Second Amendment, during Virginia's Convention to ratify the Constitution— 1788

Assault is a behavior, not a device.



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Hunting and Conservation

Most of the game management units are open for hunting. Have you had success? I missed out on being able to tag along into the high country this year on a sheep hunt. In order to cure the itch, I packed up and hiked into the head of the Yellowstone River from Brooks Lake on Togwote Pass. The weather was grand, the mosquitoes and horse flies troublesome but kept at bay with bug dope. As more usual than not, spending time up top you'll see some interesting sights. I had never spotted a little brown weasel in the tundra before. Nor seeing such a large string of elk on the move. The elk appeared on the far horizon and headed my way as I watched across a small drainage. While the string was on the move they swung below a snowfield that was 1/2 mile long; the elk string was longer. Why the large herd, why the summer migration pattern?? I can only guess— bugs, bear or wolf problems. A video camera would have captured the sight for others. Another 'find' was the remains of a petrified stump over 50 inches in diameter. Then of course getting to watch bighorn sheep, deer, marmots and bear. Most trails I used had bear tracks—the pointed heel design of grizzlies. Only 3 were spotted, with the closest inside 50 yards. That little fella appeared to be in sad condition. I suspect it was on it's first year away from mom. The top of the shoulders was velvet in appearance; looking much like a mange problem, while the remaining coat hung in matted condition. Certainly a sad looking bear for late August. The other 2 were older, larger and all slick coated.

The Norton Point fire was to the east and poured out large billowing smoke columns each afternoon. The Union Pass fire started while I was on the hike and was clouding up the SSW sky. One night I awoke to the smell of smoke after the wind shifted, but most times it was carried to the SE of my location.

This trip I found it easy to locate water. There were abundant snow fields remaining that fed into stream in the afternoons. However in the mornings thin ice hung on the grass and water was no longer available.

All in all an enjoyable trip. Definitely 12000 feet above seas level still lacks oxygen! Yount's Peak is still climbable and the change from 8 days of granola to 'real' food welcome.

Have an enjoyable fall; be safe. Roger



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, 2012. Contact Roger Sebesta, 625 Sweetwater St, Lander 82520 307-335-9323 sebestarj@yahoo.com for a program or with questions.

How are a Texas tornado and a Tennessee divorce the same? Somebody is gonna loose the trailer. Whats the difference between a bad golfer and a bad skydiver? A bad golfer goes whack, dang! A bad skydiver goes dang, whack!

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 YOU RENEWAL DATE. THANK YOU

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M1 GARAND TICKETS

Once again time to have a chance at winning a M1 Garand from WSSA. NOTE THIS IS A NATIONAL MATCH RIFLE in 308Win Tickets are attached. The drawing will again be at the annual meeting in the spring of 2012. Remember you are helping the junior programs as 1/2 of the funds raised goes to support the juniors. Last year we helped the Camp Perry junior high power team. {Still waiting for the report.} The annual meeting date will be set at the January meeting.



2012 CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

As per by-laws clubs wishing to host a championship event need to contact the competitions officer before Dec 1st in order to coordinate events.

WY HUNTING & FISHING HERITAGE EXPO



Thanks to all that staffed the WSSA air gun range at the EXPO. The Natrona CO HiSchool ROTC troop was greatly appreciated. A total of 13370 people attended this past Sept 8-10. Thursday and Friday 9432 school kids attended. Since inception 14 years ago, the EXPO has given over 190,000 people of all ages and skill levels the opportunity to learn skills, safety, ethics, respect and stewardship that are important in the conduct and appreciation of all outdoor pursuits.

Suspected dates for the 2012 event are September 6-8, watch the newsletter for the call for help. And official dates.

Go Green—recycle US Congress in 2012

NEED ADDRESS UPDATES

John Fabian, Alpine WY
Joey Dawson, Mills WY
James Cummings, Casper WY

EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

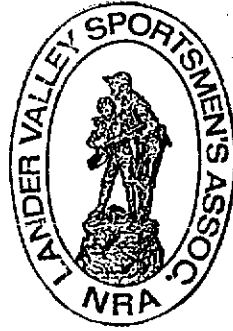
WSSA has a running target air rifle set up that is currently not being used. At the present it is stored in Lander. Also one Daisy Avanti .177 air rifle. This is a compressed air rifle using the refillable air cylinders. Gear is for loan or sale subject to board approval. Contact Roger Sebesta for more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

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2012 Smallbore and Air rifle 2012
CHAMPIONSHIPS approved by NRA and WSSA



LANDER VALLEY SPORTSMEN will be hosting several events for these rifle types.

3 Position & team smallbore Mar 10; 20 shots each position
4 Position smallbore & team Mar 11, 10 shots each position
Air Rifle Mar 10 or 11, final relay of the day; 40 shots standing. The John Murphy air rifle finals match Mar 11.
3 Position Air Rifle Junior Olympics Apr 14

See the complete program on lvsa.info, or contact Dudley Jr programs officer

FOR SALE

Shooting **CHRONY**, F1, new in box, up gradable, \$75. **Win 70 Magnum**, 1974, 7 Rem Mag, Redfield base and rings with Redfield 3-9 Widefield, duplex, 95%+, Hunter sling, \$650. **High Standard Citation** [9243] 7 1/4" fluted barrel, .22lr, spare mag, military grip, new in box, unfired, \$675. **Ruger 77V** .308Win, used 95% or better, blue and walnut, with additional Anschutz style glass stock, H-S Precision or McMillan, \$500. **Anschutz 64 Match**, .22lr, single shot target barrel, 85%, grooved receiver, no sights, \$325 **Savage/Anschutz 10A**, 1966 barrel dating, forend stop, no butt plate, front aperture missing inserts, no rear sight, 98% blue, 60% wood w/ extra sling holes for biathlon. \$175. Sales face to face or to FFL on guns. Roger Sebesta Sec/trea

To be sure to hit the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.

I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

If I agree with you, we'll both be wrong.

I thought I wanted a career; turns out I just wanted a pay check.

War does not determine who is right, only who is left.

Evening new is where they begin with "Good evening", and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.

Dolphins are so smart that within weeks of captivity, they train people to stand on the very lip of the pool and throw them fish.

A diplomat is someone who can tell you to go to hell in such a way that you'll look forward to the trip.

You're never too old to learn something stupid.

ORIGIN OF LEFT AND RIGHT

I have often wondered why it is that conservatives are called the 'right' and liberals are the 'left'. Check out Ecclesiastes 10:2 NIV "The heart of the wise inclines to the right, but the heart of the fool to the left." Thus sayeth the Lord. Amen

Over 5000 years ago Moses said to the children of Israel, 'Pick up your shovels, mount your asses and camels and I will lead you to the Promised Land.' Nearly 75 years ago, (when welfare was introduced) Pres Roosevelt said, 'Lay down your shovels, sit on your ass and light up a Camel, this is the Promised Land.'

Today the government has stolen your shovel, taxed your asses, raised the price of Camels and mortgaged the Promised Land.

I was so depressed last night thinking about the Health Care Plan, the economy, the waste, lost jobs, savings, Social Security, retirement funds, etc that I called Suicide Hotline. I had to press 1 for English. I was connected to a call center in Pakistan. I told them I'm suicidal. They got excited and asked if I could drive a truck.



THE WSSA
BOARD OF OFFICERS
WISHES ALL
HAPPY HOLIDAYS



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 Nov 19, Dec 3, Jan 7, Feb 4; Indoor silhouette Jan 14, Feb 18, Mar 17, contact Roger 335-9323. All club programs on lvsa.info.

Thermopolis Gun Club, —contact Sherry n7zrx@yahoo.com

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

AFFILIATED WSSA CLUBS

American Custom Gunmakers Guild, 22 Vista Ln, Cody 82414
Casper Pistol Club, 4910 E 18th St, Casper 82609
Casper Shooters Club, POBox 1432, Casper 82602
Cheyenne Public Shooting Park, POBox 2833, Cheyenne, 82003
Cheyenne Regulators, Inc., 3904 Central Ave. A123, Cheyenne 82001
Cheyenne Rifle & Pistol Club, POBox 571, Cheyenne 82003
Cody Shooters Complex, POBox 1504, Cody 82414
Dubois Gun Club, POBox 91, Dubois, 82513
Fort Fetterman Sportsmen, POBox 843, Douglas 82633
Jackson Hole Gun Club, POBox 1786, Jackson 83001
Lander Jr Rifle Club, 431 Main St., Lander 82520
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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
Natrona CO ROTC, 5260 Chuckwagon Tr, Casper 82604
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
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



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

You only have the rights you are willing to fight for.

Know guns, Know Peace, Know safety. No guns, no Peace, No safety.