



Wyoming State Shooting Association Newsletter



??? Let me control the textbooks, and I will control the state ??? - Adolf Hitler

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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:

We have had a good year for the association. We sponsored State Championship matches in Silhouette Rifle in Lander, Junior Olympics in Small Bore and Air Rifle at Laramie, High Power Championships in Laramie, Mid-Range Rifle Championships in Casper, and Black Powder Mid-Range Championships in Worland. Worland ran some CMP games matches as well.

We welcome back, Roger Sebesta who was elected as our Conservation/Hunting Board Director. But we have huge vacancies in Junior Smallbore and High-power Rifle directors.

As we were the recipients of a Wyoming Commissioners license in 2021, we were able to raise funding that we plan to direct towards Wyoming School Districts that will hopefully promote the Senate Joint Resolution No. 0001 Resolution on firearm and hunter education in public schools. This resolution, passed by the 2020 Wyoming Legislature and signed

by Governor Gordan, requests the Game and Fish Commission and the Game and Fish Department to work with the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the State Board of Education and the Department of Education to provide firearm and hunter education as a physical education elective in the public schools of Wyoming. I am hoping with WSSA involvement, that the door will be opened to the youth of Wyoming in regards to firearm safety, use, and recreation.

We also have contacted the Wyoming State 4-H shooting sports to hopefully allow WSSA to promote its mission at the Douglas State 4-H Shooting Sports State Shoot. I am trying to gain interest in setting up a high-power clinic for some of the more able-bodied shooters at this event.

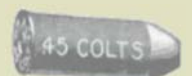
The election has come and gone while many protest movements have been directed at and within in our nation's cities. Many were peaceful and many protests were classified as peaceful while the results were anything but peaceful. Serious implications have come out of this and we are now seeing many aspects of it playing out in America's courtroom. As the juries are be-

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ing comprised of local residents, we have seen two cases where the nation's viewpoints are discussed. I believe one of these cases fortified our rights of self-preservation within the 2nd Amendment while the other fortified civil rights with verdicts against three individuals. It is unfortunate that many are choosing to threaten further destruction and unrest at the onset of these trials. It is also unfortunate that many municipalities are rewarding criminals by redefining what is a criminal act and not incarcerating those that are involved in criminal acts against the public and communities.

At our fall meeting the board had a discussion regarding high-power equipment that is not being utilized due to the lack of juniors at club matches. It was decided that this equipment would be issued annually to adult members per association guidelines. These include rifles and accessories, shooting jackets, stools, mats, and spotting scopes. To take advantage of this. Contact myself at WSSA-PRES@Wyoming.com or Phil Morgan at WSSACOMPDIRM14@WYOMING.COM.

Kenny Lankford



From The Vice President

Greetings Fellow Citizens:

We are cascading down hill in an alternate reality. The wheels have come off, but this hasn't slowed the fall. DC seems to have lost its collective mind and is bent on fundamentally changing America into a Third World country. All that has been done since the last election points to this intent. "May You live in interesting times" is an Old World Curse. We are absolutely living in interesting times.

Just as, it's always darkest before the dawn...morning shall again break. What we see in the light of day will be determined by how we've spent the night. They use fear to drive us like livestock, but it only works if we comply. We are many, they are few. They can easily lose

control of the herd that refuses to move, dissolves in different directions or perhaps stampedes.

How we spend our time is important as we only have so much. Some time back I heard the phrase "Happiness is a Choice." It is a simple but profound statement. Even in dark and troubling times we still have the choice to face adversity with the light of happiness in our hearts, or the dread of the situation in our minds. All that being said, I humbly ask that you do not fear and do what you can. Do the things you enjoy. Help others overcome their fear. It is only when we are not controlled by fear that we can see the world clearly.

With the coming year attend the matches you can, encour-

age others to do likewise. If there aren't any in your area, step up and organize one. Rights not practiced will be lost. Regaining them will take time, sacrifice, and hard work. The near future looks troubled, prepare the best you can. This to shall pass.

Paul Garbin



Great nations do not succumb through lost wars, but rather through racial decay and the destruction of their internal order.

From The Competitions Director

2021 IS NOW DRAWING TO A CLOSE WITH MOST COMPETITIVE EVENTS FINISHED IN THE STATE. THE FROZEN CHOSEN EVENT, OFTEN CONDUCTED IN CHEYENNE, I THINK WAS LAST EVENT. IT COMMEMORATED THE KOREAN WAR BREAKOUT FROM THE CHOSEN RESERVOIR ENCIRCLEMENT BY THE RED CHINESE, OUR CURRENT MOST LIKELY ENEMY IN THE WORLD. WE HAD TWO MEMBERS, BOTH NOW DECEASED, WHO WERE AT THE BATTLE. THEY WERE BOYD MORELAND OF CASPER AND JERRY WAIKEL OF LARAMIE.

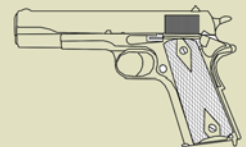
THE JUNIOR HIGHPOWER PROGRAM IN THE STATE TURNED OUT TO BE A DISAPPOINTMENT THIS YEAR WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE GIRL, HALEIGH PICKETT, WHO DID WELL IN FTR-CLASS

SHOOTING, WINNING THE MID-RANGE MATCH IN CHEYENNE ON JULY 11TH WITH A SCORE OF 571-14. THE BAD FEDERAL PUBLICITY GIVEN TO SHOOTING AS WELL AS THE COST OF SHOOTING COMPOUNDED BY THE LACK OF AVAILABILITY AND PRICE OF AMMUNITION AND COMPONENTS UNDOUBTEDLY CONTRIBUTED TO THIS. COVID-19 AFFECTED US BOTH LOCALLY AND ON A NATIONAL LEVEL WHERE PARTICIPATION WAS DOWN SIGNIFICANTLY.

ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, OUR WSSA PRESIDENT (KENNY LANKFORD) CAME IN THIRD IN THE NATION IN HIGHPOWER COMPETITION AT CAMP ATTERBURY IN INDIANA. THIS IS A NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENT IN ITSELF AND SETS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF WHAT A LONG TERM DEVOTION TO THE SPORT CAN ACCOMPLISH FROM A STATE WITH SUCH A SMALL

POPULATION.

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, THE STATE HIGHPOWER MATCH WILL AGAIN BE HELD IN LARAMIE PRIOR TO THE JULY 4TH WEEKEND. WE CAN ONLY HOPE THAT THE CURRENT SHORTAGES WILL TURN AROUND BEFORE THE 2022 SHOOTING SEASON STARTS OFF. 4-H MAY BE OUR STRONG POINT FOR THE COMING YEAR AND WHERE ATTENTION MAY NEED TO BE FOCUSED.



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From The Legislative Director

Greetings:

Wishing all a “Blessed” New Year in 2022.

I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.”

— Edward Everett Hale

It has been said: “Wyoming has the reputation of being one of the reddest states in America.” If this is true one needs to ask, after the disappointing results of the December Special Legislative session, on the Federal over-

reach (vax and Mask mandates) and the lack of acknowledgement of the input of Wyomingites on Redistricting and Runoff elections, are our Legislatures acting with the best interest of the Wyoming Citizens? Are our Conservative Constitutional values being represented by those “We the People” have elected?

The past 11 months have been discouraging and for many, a time of fear and confusion in our Nation and Yes even here in our Beautiful Wyoming. What can we do? Stay in-

formed. Ask questions. Make your voices be heard.

This year’s Wyoming Legislative Session will be on the Budget. It will take a two thirds vote from the floor of each chamber to hear bills not related to the budget. We need to be sure our State Representatives and Senators hear what “We the People” are most concerned about in Wyoming. Call or email. Be bold, but be civil, color between the lines. Do not refuse to do sometime. Do what you can.

Cynthia Garbin



HUNTING AND CONSERVATION DIRECTOR

Greetings!

As far back as the 1600's colonists realized the dwindling deer herd could not sustain numbers without some restraint on killing. It still took many years before seasons, licenses, and habitat programs were put in place.

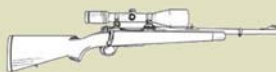
Today conservation is big business. Many organizations such as Ducks Unlimited, Mule Deer Foundation, Pheasants Forever, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Wild Sheep Foundation and others are working toward conservation objectives. They are using membership dues, donations, and fund raising banquets to support habitat, legislation and trans-locating with the goal of sustaining healthy populations.

Are you doing more than just purchasing licenses? Do you help with mentoring a newbie? Were you fortunate to put some wild game protein in your diet?

Wishing you well as big game seasons close and small game and hard water fishing reach higher on the to do list. Get out and enjoy what wonderful wild treasure Wyoming has to offer.

Hunting is Conservation- learn more at huntingisconservation.org. Best wishes, be safe.

Roger



How fortunate for governments that the people they administer don't think.

Adolf Hitler

A Big Thank You to our Members.

Thank you for your past support to WSSA and the shooting sports. Please consider filling out the raffle tickets for a CMP M-1 Rifle, and send in your donation to the address on the ticket. If you would like to sell some extra tickets, please let me know. I will forward as many as you can sell. Thanks for your support. My number is 307-347-8852 or you can e-mail me at wssa.sectrea-spector@wyoming.com

Important Please Read

Ballot & Membership Application!

With this mailing you should find a single page with one side being a nomination ballot and the other side being a membership application. Doing it this way saves us money. If you cannot be at the Annual spring meeting, check out the green sheet with this newsletter. Fill in the information on "Nomination Ballot" you wish volunteer for, or nominate a candidate to be on the Board of Directors. Then please fill out and follow the directions on the side for "Membership Application" if you need to update our files. Here is 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 envelope!

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

Next Membership Meeting

May 14, 2022 "1 pm"

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

(Meeting Room)

All Members Welcome