



# WSSA NEWSLETTER

*"To argue with a person who has renounced the use of reason is like administering medicine to the dead"* [Thomas Paine](#)

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## From the President, To the Membership:

Since my last contribution to the WSSA newsletter, I have had the privilege of meeting with every board member. It is a dynamic group to represent Shooting Sports within Wyoming. The past election has corralled myself as President, Monty Johnston as Vice President, Phil Morgan as Competitions Director, Cynthia Garbin as Legislative Director, and Dan Thomas as Junior High Power Director. We have completed two board meetings and the Spring WSSA meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Within the first board meeting, the board addressed issues that was holding our progress back and as a result we have:

- \* Moved forward with furnishing current rules with NRA and CMP matches and the WSSA dedication to insuring that these rules will be adhered to.
- \* We have also moved forward for the preservation and storage of WSSA assets in the form of Vintage and Current WSSA trophies such as the Iron Mike, the Bill of Rights Trophy (XTC), the Gregg Strom Service Rifle Trophy, the Trooper of the Plains trophy (Long Range), and the New Steamboat Trophy for Mid-Range. We had just signed our names for an agreement to display these outstanding trophies at the Hot Springs County Museum in Thermopolis. This will safeguard our assets while allowing the WSSA to check out these awards for WSSA sanctioned State matches. Please visit <http://www.hschohistory.org/>
- \* We have identified the lack of junior leaders in the State of Wyoming as a whole and will be manning a booth at the 4-H Shooting sports State Match in Douglas on July 11, 12 and 13. The main purpose of this activity is to meet interested parties and sign them up for WSSA provided leader training that will assist them after the state shoot. We have donated \$320 to furnish the awards to the top shooter in 16 categories. We will be raffling off one of the WSSA 82 Kimber 22 caliber rifle at the end of this shoot and donating the proceeds to the 4-H shooting sports. The vision is to train leaders to work with the youth of Wyoming in the sport of shooting.
- \* We have brought all our inventory in for a hands on visual inspection and redistributed this equipment over Wyoming. This equipment is for Junior High Power shooting and includes AR15 rifles, shooting jackets, spotting scopes, stools, mats, slings, glove, which is available to Junior WSSA shooters on a check out basis. We plan on making these available for clinics as well. So we are looking for juniors to assign this equipment to and Clubs to work with the WSSA to have clinics for high power shooting. Contact us!
- \* We are planning to approach the Wyoming Schools to find out what has to be done to introduce shooting sports in their curriculums. I placed a worthwhile article on our Facebook page promoting the recent debut of Shotgun Clay Target Shooting in various Wyoming schools. Hopefully our action plan of working with Wyoming schools can supplement this great sport and kids taking advantage of it. We will be relentless in promoting responsible firearm use in the media by all shooters; to counter the biased reporting of illicit use by criminals that the media focuses on.
- \* With the recent election of Governor Gordon, I have reached out to the State of Wyoming to encourage the momentum of the Public Shooting Initiative that was brought forth by past Governor Mead. I feel that this progress has slowed and should be revitalized immediately with the new State Governorship. I strongly feel that the WSSA should be involved in many aspects of this positive movement involving the State of Wyoming as well as Pittman Robertson Funding.

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Our 2019 WSSA spring meeting was a success and our board directors departed out the door on a very focused mission. The main mission heavy on my heart is to bring youth to our table. The recent meeting was attended well by about a dozen seniors and one approximate 30 year old. This is becoming very evident at all the venues I attend, the NRA National Matches, CMP Cups, and the Orange Blossom Regionals. The majority of shooters are in the 50-60 and beyond age groups. Certainly they keep things going but without the introduction of youth and upcoming voters, it will be a short course ahead. I am very encouraged at the turnout of the newer sports and the younger age groups in the PRS and 3 Gun venues. Perhaps the inclusion of these groups and shooters to the WSSA will help us well into the future? I am looking forward to a great summer

shooting with many Wyoming Shooters. Please check us out on our Webpage

<https://www.wyossa.com/>

and Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/wyomingstateshooting/>.

*Kenny Lankford*



*“When the people find that they can vote themselves money, that will herald the end of the republic”*

*Benjamin Franklin*



VICE PRESIDENT  
MARTY JOHNSTON

LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR  
CYNTHIA GARBIN

## Hello to the WSSA membership.

I hope you are enjoying a fine spring.

I would like to thank everyone for your help and support to the WSSA. You will note that my name is not on the election ballot. If you can't be at our election in November, then please vote for the candidate you feel will best represent the WSSA by mailing in your ballot.

This request goes to everyone. We need to do our best to recruit new, and younger members to WSSA. We need junior members, but most especially, we need young adults to be their leaders. If you know someone that can help, or if your are willing to be a junior leader that instructs our youth in the shooting sports, then please let Kenny, or Dudley, or Nick know.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve on the WSSA Board, but I am not able continue.

Again, thanks for your help and support, and I wish everyone the best.

*Marty*

## Greetings:

Wyoming's Legislative session has ended for 2019. Although there were some disappointments Failure of “Repeal Gun Free Zones and preemption amendments (-2)” SF0075 & HB0183. Some positive actions took place and our new Governor Mark Gordon has signed in to Law, several Bills which will maintain our Wyoming culture.

I would encourage All WSSA Members to remain informed and vigilant, keeping Wyoming, our home, secure, maintaining and protecting our unalienable rights. Sincerely

*Cynthia Garbin*

*“I became of course the butt of every thing which reason, ridicule, malice, and falsehood could supply. They have concentrated all their hatred on me till they have really persuaded themselves that I am the sole source of all their imaginary evils” Thomas Jefferson*

## Greetings WSSA Members,

Hope this finds everyone well.

Wyo Game and Fish Regs. for Resident Fishing License have changed . From the Game and Fish “ The license or stamp shall be valid for twelve (12) consecutive months, as opposed to from date of purchase till end of year. Getting more value for your money is always a good thing . Free Fishing Day this year is June 1 .

Chronic Wasting Disease : Game and Fish is now recommending to have your large game animals tested . Game and Fish Hunters whose animals test positive for CWD will be notified by mail. Hunters with CWD positive animals may dispose of the meat without violating any laws concerning the waste of game meat. Meat should be properly disposed of in an approved municipal landfill. Hunters whose animals do not test positive will not be notified by Game and Fish Center for Disease Control <https://www.cdc.gov/prions/cwd/transmission.html>

The CWD prion has been shown to experimentally infect squirrel monkeys, and also laboratory mice that carry some human genes. An additional study begun in 2009 by Canadian and German scientists, which has not yet been published in the scientific literature, is evaluating whether CWD can be trans-

mitted to macaques—a type of monkey that is genetically closer to people than any other animal that has been infected with CWD previously. On July 10, 2017, the scientists presented a summary of the study’s progress in which they showed that CWD was transmitted to monkeys that were fed infected meat or brain tissue from CWD-infected deer and elk. Some of the meat came from asymptomatic deer that had CWD (i.e., deer that appeared healthy and had not begun to show signs of the illness yet). Meat from these asymptomatic deer was also able to infect the monkeys with CWD. CWD was also able to spread to macaques that had the infectious material placed directly into their brains. This study showed different results than a previous study published in the Journal of Virology External in 2018, which had not shown successful transmission of CWD to macaques. The reasons for the different experimental results are unknown. To date, there is no strong evidence

for the occurrence of CWD in people, and it is not known if people can get infected with CWD prions. Nevertheless, these experimental studies raise the concern that CWD may pose a risk to people and suggest that it is important to prevent human exposures to CWD. Additional studies are under way to identify if any prion diseases could be occurring at a higher rate in people who are at increased risk. Because of the long time it takes before any symptoms of disease appear, scientists expect the study to take many years before they will determine what the risk, if any, of CWD is to people. “ CWD was first identified in an elk herd in Colorado in 1981. That was 31 years ago . I have been unable to find any reports of Human contraction of CWD .

On a brighter note . The Legislature Past and the Governor signed the Grizzly Bear Hunts Bill SF0093 It’s a Good read we’ll have to see where this goes.

That’s all for now,

*Paul Garbin*

## From Vice President Candidate Shepard Humphries

As you select the people that will lead WSSA, I offer my willingness to serve as WSSA VP, and I have prepared a post on my website that will tell you a bit about me and my worldviews as they relate to shooting and the WSSA.

Please do NOT vote yes for me unless you think I am the right person for the job. I suspect that my primary focus, while in line with WSSA Purposes, is not completely in line with the primary focus of other board members, and if my interests and direction is not in line with what YOU want, I humbly suggest that you vote NO. :) Also, I am very busy running my businesses, and as such I have limited time to commit to WSSA, which you might find unsatisfactory. I am offering myself for this position, however I am content that I might not be your best choice. :)

[shootinh.com/wssa-vp/](http://shootinh.com/wssa-vp/)

## From Vice President Candidate Paul Garbin

### Greetings WSSA Members

Yes, I am currently the WAAS Hunting and Conservation Director . I would like to submit my name for consideration as the WSSA Vice President . I have been The President , Vice President and currently President of the Thermopolis Gun Club for the past six years. In my previous Life I was a Laboratory and Facilities Manager, and attended more meetings then I care to remember. I write this to let you know I understand how meetings effectively operate . Being that one of the responsibilities of a Vice President is running the meeting in the absence of the President ,I have experience in running meetings. However, I am more interested in doing what I can to promote the Shooting Sports. We have conducted the Youth Hunter Education Challenge for the past three years at our range here in Thermopolis, in an effort to get youth out competing . We traditionally held a yearly Youth Shoots, until five years ago when interest dried up . The 4H Shooting which benefitted from our range, is blooming and they started attending State YHEC Shoot. We decided to conduct practice sessions for State YHEC Shoot, but were convinced to hold a registered shoot. We will continue to hold these Shoots as these kids are motivated. I hope to promote programs like this through WSSA.

*“To preserve liberty, it is essential that the whole body of people always possess arms, and be taught alike, especially when young, how to use them.” Richard Henry Lee*

### **\*\*Raffle Winner\*\***

First, let me thank everyone for your help and support. The raffle was a success and we will continue to support our juniors in the shooting sports.

The M-1 Rifle Raffle winner is Mr. Gary Bailiff of Green River, Wyoming

### **WSSA Newsletters**

This will be the last paper copy newsletter for this year. The Sept-Dec 2019 edition will only be posted on the website. The next paper copy newsletter edition should be Jan-April 2020. While all wssa newsletter are posted on our website, beginning in 2020, only the Jan-April will be printed and snail mailed.

### **E-Mail**

For those that receive e-mail, look for an e-mail from WSSA around the 3rd week of September. Check your junk and spam boxes to be sure.

### **Election Ballots & Membership Applications**

With this mailing you should find an election ballot and membership application on the same sheet of paper. If you can not be at the fall meeting to vote, please follow the directions on the ballot and send it in. Several people are listed on the election ballot. Note that there are two candidates running for the Vice Presidents Position.

### **Membership Renewals**

When you received your WSSA newsletter, it should state your membership status or renewal date. If your envelope says “Time to Renew” then you should fill out the membership application and mail it in with dues. Also, I would like to thank our members for early renewals.

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*It is a principle incorporated in-  
to the settled policy of America,  
that as peace is better than war,  
war is better than tribute.*

*James Madison*

## **Next WSSA Annual Fall Membership Meeting**

Will be on

**Saturday 1pm November  
2nd 2019**

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**Holiday Inn Express  
1741 Fleischli Pkwy  
Cheyenne, WY 82001**

“Cheyenne Room”

**All Members Welcome**

## **STATE CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH SCHEDULE**

**June 22, Casper**

**NRA Hi Power Rifle Mid-Range John Dilorio 307 267 0574**

**June 29-30, Laramie**

**NRA Hi Power & Service Rifle (xtc) Kenny 307 742 6326**

**July 6-7, Lander**

**NRA Silhouette Championships, Roger, rjsebesta@yahoo.com**

**July 19-21, Worland**

**NRA Black Powder Mid-Range (xtc) Kody 307 431 5051**

**Aug 17-18, Carpenter**

**NRA Blackpowder Silhouette, Cody 307 630 6816**

**Aug 18, Cheyenne**

**NRA Action Pistol, Andy 307 640 0396**

**Sept 7-8, Worland**

**Hi Power Rifle Long Range 1000 yds, Nick 307 347 8852**

