



WSSA NEWSLETTER

"I'm all in favor of keeping dangerous weapons out of the hands of fools. Let's start with typewriters." Frank Lloyd Wright

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From the President

To the Membership:

Summer is quickly approaching and the shooting sports are starting. I hope everyone will have the opportunity to make it out to the range and enjoy some camaraderie and fun.

I normally don't talk about politics but there have been some major issues over the past two years with gun violence and the discussion of reducing constitutional freedoms. It is very important to remember we all have a voice and that is to vote or run for office.

I feel strongly that our club leaders will define the success and the future of our organization. The shooting sports are constantly evolving and changing and the overall participation continues to decline. We all must work hard at sharing the responsibility and help promote the shooting sports. The average age of today's competitive shooter is over 50. We all must strive at involving the young adults and the youth into our sports.

On the issue of voting, our club elections are quickly approaching in the fall. We have **an outstanding candidate** that I am promoting for our upcoming elections:

Cynthia Garbin for Legislative Director. Cynthia has been actively involved in a variety of the shooting clubs, NRA events, and a couple of committees that support the shooting sports. Cynthia is a strong defender of our second amendment rights. She has the skills and talent needed for the Legislative Director's position.

The Wyoming State Shooting Association (WSSA) has inspired to promote and sponsor the shooting disciplines since its inception. Throughout our tenure we have had spurts of growth and decline in our membership. I view there will be changes in the future of the shooting sports and the best method to cope with change is good leadership and participation of the membership. I ask everyone to help and volunteer with the WSSA and local matches.

Thank you for your support over the past two years and hope to see everyone on the range.

John Bair



Well folks, a new shooting season is again upon us, new plans, new goals, new matches, maybe even a new gun. What I'm getting at is it's the time when we can all make changes in our shooting. After a two year hiatus from shooting, I have a couple of goals for this season. The first is directly related to building my new home...FIND MY RIFLE!!!! Yes, after packing up last October and not moving into the new house until January, there are things which are still missing... like one box of reloading tools and my rifle. I know what you're thinking, "How do you misplace your gun?" Well, the good news is I did find my 600 pieces of prepped 308 brass, my primers and powder. So I'm ready to reload for a gun that will hopefully be found by the end of May.

My second goal is related to taking two years to design and build the new range

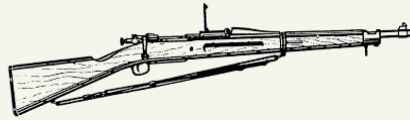
in Rawlins...learn to shoot again!!! I did shoot one day at a service rifle match I sponsored in Rawlins last summer. All I can say is, "Boy that darn wind!" If it weren't for the wind, I would have had a good day. Well, I think that silly standing and shooting thing had something to do with it too. Don't understand why anyone would do that when you own a perfectly fine shooting mat. I do have to admit, that because of that day, I do have an entirely different opinion of that discipline. Good or bad, it's a new opinion.

My point is, goals don't have to be these lofty things that are impossible to achieve. I can remember my first goal in shooting. After having help from a long time shooter, thank you Roy, I shot my first match. It was

FTR at 1000 yards in Laramie. My goal was simple, hit the paper! Well, it didn't quite happen the way I hoped. But after listening to some good advice, I was on paper at my next match. Thank you Roy, Chris and Ervin. I would have been pretty frustrated without you guys.

So as you plan for the upcoming season, find something you can strive for. Find something to force yourself to reach outside that box of comfort. Successful or not, you'll expand your experiences and you'll become a better shooter/person because of it.

David Urasky



From Competitions Director Dave Babits

Greetings to the WSSA membership. Once again the competitive shooting season races toward our ranges. Many of the local ranges have finalized their match programs around Wyoming. From the lists that I have seen, it appears that our fraternity of competitors will have the opportunity to participate in just about their hearts desire all around the state in their choice of disciplines. Three of the flagship State Championships will be hosted by the Rawlins range with what I hope will be a fierce competition for the Iron Mike kicking off the high power season in June followed by the mid and long range matches later in the summer, again, all in Rawlins. The Black Powder boys will be up to their antics in Worland in May and with the addition of a new match, the black powder steel ringers competing in Carpenter at the Smithmoor range in August. Lander is again hosting the Silhouette in July. And of course we want to make sure the Action Pistol folks are recognized with their premier match down in the Cheyenne country also in August. By the time you read this, the Juniors will have run through all three of their

main matches. You can obtain programs and details on all these matches as well as match results at the WSSA web site. Plus there are links and information to many of the other matches around the state as well.

I would like to echo President John Bair's comments regarding the trying times that have appeared on the horizon and urge you all to get out to your local ranges and practice your skills. Additionally, and perhaps more importantly, I urge you to mentor the youth in their skills as well. Seek out and encourage the Wyoming youth and assist them in getting to the range and then help them with learning the basics. As John said in his article, most of the competitors are now north of 50. Without your help and encouragement of the junior competitors the numbers will continue to dwindle. Most importantly, I urge you to become involved as much as possible in assisting with the matches as well competing. There are a number of ranges around that have become inactive for the most part as far as competitions are concerned. Or, they have focused their emphasis on one or two disciplines at the expense of all others. There ought to, and should be, an effort to ensure that these ranges are all utilized to their fullest extent as much as possible. In order

for this to occur, however, it will be necessary for you to get off the couch and go to your local range and urge the leadership there to make sure that the opportunities to compete are well rounded across all the shooting disciplines. You need to get involved.

Dave Babits

Necessity is the plea for every infringement of human freedom. It is the argument of tyrants; it is the creed of slaves."

William Pitt

Greetings WSSA Members, Hope this finds everyone well.

Grizzly Bear Management by the State of Wyoming, is thus far unimpeded by court stays. Public meetings have been and are being conducted for public comment. Looks like there will be a limited grizzly bear hunt this year.

New legislation allows for hunters to wear either fluorescent pink or fluorescent orange while hunting outside of a special archery season. Guidance on how to wear the new fluorescent pink will be available on the Game and Fish website.

Chronic Wasting Disease has moved into Wyoming's western areas. Game and Fish is putting extra focus on that area and asks hunters to bring in their harvested deer, elk or moose for sampling to get a better understanding of CWD presence and distribution by species and prevalence rates.

To submit a sample, hunters have several options:

Game and Fish check stations - these are established throughout the state during big game seasons.

In the field - when in contact with a game warden, wildlife biologist, or other employee who are collecting CWD samples.

Wyoming State Veterinary Lab - Hunters wishing to have their animal tested outside the Department's monitoring program may contact the Wyoming State Veterinary Lab in Laramie for details and cost. The telephone number is (307) 766-9925.

Select meat processors and taxidermists - in certain locations during opening day or few days after seasons open, a Game and Fish employee is present at

some of these businesses. Availability varies greatly across the state.

Game and Fish regional offices - in many cases, if a hunter stops at a Game and Fish office to get a CWD sample collected, the hunter may have to leave the head at the office until such time a warden or biologist is available to take the sample as they are in the field a majority of the hunting season. But, stop by to check or call first to see what arrangements can be made.

Hunters can collect a CWD sample themselves and bring it to a Game and Fish region office. Refer to the Game and Fish Web for info on sample harvesting. Hunters will need to bring their hunting license and know the location where the animal was harvested.

Game and Fish cautions that the testing program is not focused on ensuring meat quality. Game and Fish supports the CDC recommendations that the public not eat any animal that is obviously ill or tests positive for CWD. Game and Fish also urges hunters to wear rubber or latex gloves as a general precaution against all diseases when field dressing an animal.

CWD has now been found in Deer Hunt Area 19, which is southwest of

Gillette. The local warden removed a buck mule deer and had it sampled and it came back positive for CWD.

"There are some tips that Game and Fish offer on the best ways to make sure hunters submit a usable CWD sample," Edberg said. "We need the unfrozen and not rotten - fresher the better - head of any deer, elk or moose with the upper portion of the neck attached. The sampling process takes about 5-10 minutes."

Game and Fish will also ask for the hunt area and a specific location where the harvest occurred. If a sample submitted to Game and Fish's CWD surveillance program tests positive and adequate contact information is provided, the hunter will be notified of the positive test result.

Hunters who participate in Game and Fish's CWD surveillance program by providing deer, elk, or moose tissue samples and provide adequate information, can obtain their test results at: <https://wgfd.wyo.gov/services/education/cwd/surveillance/frmllookup.aspx>.

For more information about CWD in Wyoming, visit the Game and Fish website. For more information about CWD in North America, visit the CWD Alliance website.

Don't Forget ... May 31 deadline to apply for Big Game Draw Licenses.

Paul Garbin

From the Secretary:

Proposed Changes to WSSA By-Laws.

At our April WSSA board meeting, the officers decided that the club website should be maintained by a professional manager with advertising being used to help pay the cost. When this was discussed during our WSSA membership meeting, Nick proposed some by-law changes to help this plan succeed. The basic proposal agreed to by the members and officers was, add a corporate sponsor membership without voting privileges, to the WSSA By-Laws as a new membership class. So, we now ask you, "our members" to let the board officers know your feelings about this. Also, you can come to the fall meeting where this proposal may be the topic of discussion again. Of course, the idea behind all this is to help pay the expenses of our newsletters and website.

Election Ballots & Membership Applications

With this mailing, you should find an election ballot and membership application on the same paper. If you can not be at the fall meeting and wish to vote, then follow the directions on the ballot. Several people were nominated to be on the election ballot. But all of those nominated refused. There are three open positions on the ballot. Folks, we could really use some help. You can put your name on the ballot. Also, please remember, nominations can be accepted from the floor at the election meeting. Here is your opportunity to get involved and make a difference. If you have any questions, let me know.

Membership Renewals

When you received your WSSA newsletter, your membership status or renewal date is printed on the envelope. If your envelope says "Time to Renew" then you should fill out the renewal application and mail it in with dues. Also, I would like to thank our members for early renewals. Questions, call 307 347 8852, or e-mail wssa.sectrea-spector@wyoming.com

Nick

LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR CANDIDATE

CYNTHIA GARBIN

Greetings:

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the WSSA Membership.

My name is Cynthia Garbin I am a current member of the WSSA and would like to offer my service to WSSA as Legislative Director. I live in Thermopolis WY with my husband of 45 years. We are active Lifetime members of the NRA and have been officers of the HSC Friends of NRA for the last 11 years. While on the HSC FNRA committee, we have had the privilege of being a part of the WY State NRA Foundation Grant committee. We are officers for the Thermopolis Gun Club and active members of the Worland Shooting

Complex. All of these activities allows us to fulfill our commitment to the Shooting Sports of Wyoming and our passion for defending our 2nd Amendment Rights. This past year I was elected a Thermopolis Republican Party Precinct 1 Committee Person, furthering my knowledge base and contacts within the Wyoming State Legislative electors.

I would be pleased and honored if you will support my offer, to put forth my name for the WSSA Legislative Director.

Thank You for your consideration.
Sincerely,

Cynthia Garbin

Next WSSA Annual Fall Membership Meeting

Will be on

**Saturday ~ November 3, 2018
@ 1 pm**

**The Inn at Lander
260 Grand View Dr
Lander, WY 82520**

"War bonnet Room"

All Members Welcome

From the Publisher-Editor-Web Master:

Paper Copy Newsletters

Folks, this will be the last paper copy newsletter for this year. The Sept-Dec 2018 edition will only be posted on the website. The next paper copy newsletter edition should be Jan-May 2019. The cost of snail mail, and printing one edition of the paper copy newsletter is about \$1100.00. This is the same cost of maintaining our website per year. In other words, the cost of the website will be less than half the cost of two paper copy editions of the newsletter. But of course, there is a lot more up-to-date information and pictures on the website. We are currently preparing for a professional company to manage the website.

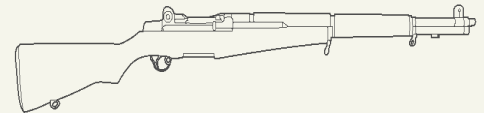
We Need Your E-mail Address

Folks we need your e-mail address. There is a good chance that by 2020, we will only use e-mail for notification and our website and Facebook for newsletters and ballots. You can put your e-mail address on the ballot/membership application included with this newsletter and mail it in. If you have any questions, let us know.

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*"Those people who will not
be governed by God will be
ruled by tyrants."*

William Penn



**Special thanks to
everyone who donated
to our M-1 Raffle!**

**The winner is
Mr. Peter J. Schmotzer
of Casper, Wyoming**



Wyoming State Shooting Association

2018-2020 Election Ballot Instructions

Below you will find the ballot and the name of the one candidate who is running for a position on the board of directors. All of the other positions are open. For individual members that cannot be at the election meeting you must follow these instructions in order for your vote to count. For Member Clubs the By-Laws require you to mail in your ballot via the post office, and you cannot simply bring your ballot to the meeting. Member Clubs must also include a duly signed note from the club officer/officials stating that this is indeed the club's choice. Everyone, please remember, your membership status must be up to date at the time of the election.

Individual Members and Member Clubs.

Please follow the directions below and print legibly. You must then mail in your ballot (via U S Post Office) so that it will arrive at the address listed below before 1 November 2018. Please remember, if you write in the candidate, that person must be a current a WSSA member for the last six months, and a Wyoming resident. Don't forget to include your return address on the envelope as it's recorded on WSSA's membership roster.

WSSA Official Election Ballot

For the open positions, write in the name of the candidate of your choice. Please check the box for the listed candidate, or cross out that candidate's name, then write in the name of the candidate of your choice

For President: "Open"

Write in _____

For Competitions Director: "Open"

Write in _____

For Junior High Power Director: "Open"

Write in _____

For Legislative Director: "Cynthia Garbin"

Yes, or Write in _____

Mail this Ballot To:

WSSA Box 942 Worland, WY 82401

Wyoming State Shooting Association

Membership Application



Name _____
First Last

Address _____

City State Zip

Phone Number _____

E-Mail _____

Individual Membership Applying For

\$5 Jr. {per year, Under 21} \$25 Annual \$65 ~ 3 years

\$100 ~ 5 years \$350 Life \$1500 Patron

*****Club*****

\$20 annual \$50 ~ 3 years \$80 ~ 5 years

Please print neatly {especially your e-mail address} and send with dues to

WSSA Box 942 Worland, WY 82401