

# Wyoming State Shooting Association Newsletter



"We do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate" Thomas Jefferson

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## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:

May-August 2022

For this newsletter, I will get down to business first. At the May 14 Board meeting, it was decided to sell some of our assets that are not being used by the Association. We have seven AR15 rifles and high-power equipment to go with them for the use by junior shooters. At the last meeting, we decided to allow the general membership to utilize them for competitions but have not had any takers. So, the board decided to sell one AR15 A2 to an affiliated club, one AR15 A2 in a raffle, and sell one AR15 A2 at a gun show. All rifle sales will be subject to a background check with the affiliated club sale being an exception. Please contact me at [wssapres@wyoming.com](mailto:wssapres@wyoming.com) if you are interested. Now, down to my regularly scheduled broadcast. The WSSA has had many members throughout the decades and we have had two members pass on in the recent year that made an impact with me and the association during the time we have known them. John C. Johnson (CJ) of Riverton became a life member in 1985. I ran into John while shooting high power matches and was very active in this sport. When I decided to step down as Competitions Director, I asked John to take over this office which he did for many years. He supervised the running of the State Championships...particularly, the high-power phase of shooting competitions. He helped organize 6-man teams to go to the National Board Matches in Camp Perry Ohio. He took juniors and adults to these matches while promoting these teams all summer long in Wyoming. People from Montana, the Dakotas, Colorado, and Wyoming knew of CJ and his desire to shoot. On one of his trips to Camp Perry, his son Johnny won the Long-Range Junior National Championship in 1992. Those around Wyoming and the Riverton area will miss CJ's face and tall stature for years to come. Robert Sexton (Bob) of Laramie became a life member in 1976. I knew Bob early on in my shooting career. He was one of the Hunter Education Instructors that ran me through the class in 1966. He had passed his Game Warden's exam in 1963 while becoming a damage control warden in Laramie. He was an avid hunter of Big Horn Sheep and other big game animals. He competed in police revolver matches for over 20 years, winning Wyoming State champion five times. Over the years, he also competed in police revolver matches in Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, California and Iowa. He was on the WSSA board for many years in Conservation. I had the privilege of working with Bob on the Laramie Rifle Range Project where he was member number one. He spent untold hours promoting and working on the range. But his legacy would shine in his work with our youth. He was chief hunting instructor for NRA Youth Adventure camp in New Mexico for 12 years, a Wyoming 4-H shooting sports leader and a Wyoming Hunter Ed instructor since 1966. Bob and his wife Louise both volunteered as instructors for the "Becoming an Outdoors Woman" camps in both Wyoming and New Mexico. He was a member of the 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training Team and chairman of the Wyoming State 4-H Foundation Board of Directors. After retirement from the Game and Fish, Bob went into pistol smithing and commercial reloading of pistol ammunition. I always enjoyed his character, wit, and dedication while enjoying hunting with him on a couple occasions. He too will be missed by his family and all the shooting community.

Kenny Lankford



## VICE PRESIDENT PAUL GARBIN

### Greetings:

#### The Fruit of the Poison Tree.

In the world of true justice, if a fact (evidence?), is illegally obtained all that follows based on it, is poisoned and not admissible. It is my naive notion that if the electors in the states that stopped counting concurrently the night of the election are decertified do to the evidence ignored by the Courts parroted by the Media "as nothing to see here"...then the results of these elections are voided. All that follows this poisoned event is not legal. Every order, every appointment, every action. I know it is not likely, but in a just world .... all the destruction done to this country will be difficult to undo but stopping further destruction is essential. If there is fair election this November, hopefully things will change for the better. If not, I fear we'll be headed to the destruction of our nation. There are many forces foreign and domestic that have been organized over time for this very purpose. Divide and conquer .... We are a divided nation by design, if we are at each other, we will not see beyond our differences until it won't matter. I don't pretend to know the way forward. Everyday I pray "open their eyes, switch on their brains", restore the Republic." So may it be.

*Paul Garbin*

## HUNTING & CONSERVATION DIRECTOR ROGER SEBESTA

### Greetings:

Have you been watching the Corner Crossing case where the four Missouri hunters were charged with criminal trespass? The Carbon County jury found them not guilty in criminal court. The land owner, Fred Eshelman, a North Carolina businessman, has filed a civil case against three of the hunters claiming a 'violation of his air space.' No trial date has been set. That seems absurd to me; has Eshelman charged any of the air craft or satellites for similar air space violations? I've read Eshelman wishes the case to remain in State court. Whereas, the hunter's attorneys seek Federal court proceedings.

With the Corner Crossing case taking place on Bureau of Land Management property, a Federal ruling would set a precedent. WSSA has contributed \$100 to the Go Fund Me account started by the Backcountry Hunters and Anglers. I encourage you to add to that fund, Any remaining funds after the legal expenses will go the WYG & F access fund. Wishing you success in the license drawings. Best wishes,

*Roger*

One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors.

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## LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR CYNTHIA GARBIN

### Greetings:

The 2022 Primary and General Election bring important decisions and choices to each of us, in local and state elections. We Must be our own best advocate as individuals and members of Wyoming State Shooting Association. We need to focus on the offices that will help maintain our goals as Constitutional Conservatives, and defenders of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. One office which should be of concern is the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. **A portion of the role and duties of this office as sited in WY Statute 21-2-202 (2017) - Duties of the State Superintendent follow:**

Assist the Wyoming professional teaching standards board in the performance of its duties and responsibilities in providing the standard of curriculum. Making recommendations to the governor for appropriations from the school foundation program account and for appropriations to the account necessary to fund payments to school districts as required by law; and recommendations to the governor for appropriations from the foundation program for special programs. One important focus for WSSAc is to encourage Youth Shooting Education. We need to be assured that the elected Wyoming State Superintendent of Public Instruction is in support of SJ0001 Firearm and Hunter Education (2020) **A JOINT RESOLUTION** to urge and request the Game and Fish Commission to work with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education to provide Firearm and Hunter Education as a voluntary physical education elective in public schools. Another important issue, is security in Wyoming schools. ◊ Eliminate schools as targets for criminal firearm activity by hardening school security. ◊ Doing away with "Gun Free Zones." ◊ Allowing "School Marshalls"; firearm trained teachers to carry firearms on campus. In this election cycle there are currently five Republicans and one Democrat vying for the position of State Superintendent of Public Instruction. I strongly urge you to educate your self on each of the candidates and vote in the State Primary August 16, 2022 for the individual who shall most likely promote our values and encourage the curriculum that will once again allow Shooting Sports Education in Wyoming Schools and making Wyoming Schools Secure. Respectfully

*Cynthia Garbin*

We electors have an important constitutional power placed in our hands; we have a check upon two branches of the legislature.

*John Adams*

## Hi WSSA Members, Hope things are well.

As you know, important elections are scheduled in August and November of this year for Wyoming voters. It is important that we vet the candidates very well. There is more to it than just a vote for the right governor or senator. For example, do you know if the Superintendent of Public Instruction supports firearms safety training and handling in our public schools? You can be pro 2nd Amendment all day long, but if the Superintendent doesn't want the kids taught firearms safety, even though legislators have allowed it, then the kids will never be able to attend any firearms classes.

What about your local sheriff? Will the person you elect as your most important law enforcement officer, arrest you for protecting your property, or arrest the trespassers. Will your district attorney issue orders to confiscate your guns, or prosecute the criminals that destroy your property and rob you? Will our governor fight Washington's overreach and never ending thirst for power and control, or just cave in because it costs too much to go to court? Does the Wyoming State Treasurer really want low taxes for us, or is he happy to take all the federal dollars the US Government will offer?

Since all, but total communism, is being forced on us by extremist politicians and gullible business, we need to know our local, state, and federal representatives, and also, be very sure of what they are going to do for us. Its no secret our free and constitutional way of life is under attack.

*Nick*

## Next WSSA Annual Fall Membership Meeting

Will be held

Saturday ~ October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
1:00 pm

@

Holiday Inn Express  
Meeting Room  
4250 Legion Lane  
Casper, WY 82609

All Members Welcome

## \*\*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. Harley Booth from  
Cody, Wyoming.**

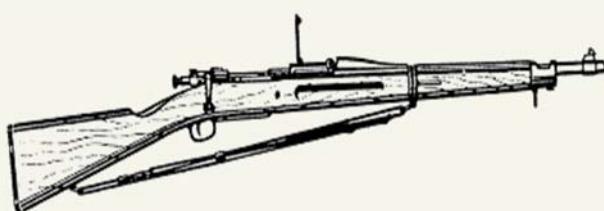
## WSSA Election Ballots & Membership Applications

With this mailing you should find an election ballot and membership application on the same sheet of paper. This method saves us money. If you can not be at the fall meeting to vote, please follow the directions on the ballot.

### Membership Renewals

When you received your WSSA newsletter, your membership status or renewal date was printed on the envelope. If yours reads "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. As always, questions or concerns, let me know!!

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## **AR-15 Rifle for sale to an affiliated club**

**Please contact Kenny Lankford by  
e-mail: [wssapres@wyoming.com](mailto:wssapres@wyoming.com) or  
by mailing your inquiries to:  
PO Box 942 ~ Worland WY 82401.**



### **A FEW ELECTION QUOTES.**

Elections should be held on April 16th—the day after we pay our income taxes. That is one of the few things that might discourage politicians from being big spenders.

**\*\*\*Thomas Sowell**

You can't fix stupid, but you can vote it out!! \*\*\* Anonymous

Bad politicians are sent to Washington by good people who don't vote.

**\*\*\* Daniel Webster**

A vote is like a rifle: its usefulness depends upon the character of the user.

**\*\*\* Theodore Roosevelt**

People never lie so much as after a hunt, during a war, or before an election.

**\*\*\* Otto von Bismarck**

Politicians are like bad horsemen who are so preoccupied with staying in the saddle that they can't bother about where they're going.

**\*\*\* Joseph Alois Schumpeter**

The fact that so many successful politicians are such shameless liars is not only a reflection on them, it is also a reflection on us. When the people want the impossible, only liars can satisfy.

**\*\*\* Thomas Sowell**

Elections matter. But how much they matter depends on how free, open, and fair they are.

**\*\*\* Elliott Abrams**

