

# WYOMING STATE SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER Oct-Dec 2010

### PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

For any number of reasons, I have, after a long absence gotten back into bullet casting. While this may not be something you have previously considered doing, now may be a very good time to at least look into possibly doing so.

When I first came to Wyoming in May of 1968 one of the first things I did was to make a trip to the old Atlas Pawn Shop in Cheyenne. I purchased a Colt New Service revolver in the .45 Colt chambering. Adding a holster, cartridge belt and 50 rd. box of REM-UMC ammo ran the bill up to \$45.00 (how appropriate that sum was).

It did not take long before I found myself with fifty empty balloon head cases. Factory ammo sold for the outrageous price of about \$6 a box (surplus .45 ACP went for \$2 a box at the time), so this was not an option except for the purchase of a box or two as much for the brass as for the ammo. It was, however, fun doing the conversion.

At that time and place reloading components were not as commonly seen on gun shop shelves as they are today. Primers retailed at around 75 cents a hundred and Unique powder (which came in weird square cans denominated in at less than a pound) averaged about \$3 lb. Used wheel weights at a local tire shop sold for 5 cents a lb.

With recycled wheel weights coming out of the Lyman 454190 mold at 250 grains, this translated to 28 projectiles to the nickel. The bullet lubricant added only a negligible amount of additional cost. As I had no interest in spectator sports or t.v. and the Laramie winters were long and hard, time to cast and lubrize was readily available.

Today, I get my wheel weights for free as they are considered "hazardous waste." More and more states

are outlawing lead wheel weights and the EPA will eventually get around to doing so nationwide. Now is a perfect time to accumulate them even if you are still unsure about "rolling your own" bullets.

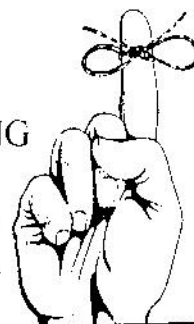
While the latest EPA attempt to outlaw lead bullets recently failed, this does not mean future attempts will be equally unsuccessful. If, and when, that happens, non-lead bullets will be prohibitively expensive (the whole purpose of the exercise say us cynical types). At that point casting equipment may well become most difficult to come by.

Casting can be cheap or expensive to get into. Obtain a copy of Lyman's excellent cast bullet handbook and read it cover to cover before making any decisions.

With the upcoming Greater Depression and the destruction of the dollar, a small scale cottage industry type casting business may very well offer up beneficial barter type opportunities. As an aside, for those of you who still care about such things, Wyoming's new Firearms Freedom Act would protect your operation from whatever restrictions the Potomac River Pirates may care to come up with.

Take care, Beverly

WSSA WINTER MEETING  
JAN 22, 2011 10AM  
Ramada Inn coffee shop  
All members welcome.



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## HUNTER & ANGLER RECRUITMENT/RETENTION SUMMIT

The WY Game & Fish Dept hosted the summit at the Whiskey Mountain Conservation Camp on August 21 & 22.

In addition to G&F personnel those in attendance included people from a wide-range of professional and service organizations. Trout unlimited, US Fish & Wildlife Service, Pheasants Forever, Bureau of Land Management, 4-H, National Rifle Association, WY State Parks, Wildlife Heritage Foundation and others including Wyoming State Shooting Assoc. Early on in the summit the theme expressed was a need to encourage people to re-connect with the outdoors. Without participation of hunters, fisherman and the public we lose political clout. It is possible that in the future we could have an organization for every animal and no hunters!

There has been an 8% decline in anglers the past 13 years. According to the US Fish & Wildlife Service, the number of Americans who hunt has fallen 25% since 1980. Hunting decline is not due to a lack of game. Whitetail deer overpopulate 73% of their range. A century ago only 50,000 elk roamed the continent. Today the combined North American elk herds total one million strong. Public access to private lands is probably more limited, but a proliferation of public access is provided by State and Federal agencies. The important concept to remember is that hunter and fisherman dollars spent on permits and equipment equate to habitat and proper management. Without new blood flowing in, "we all lose our seat on the bus", as one participant stated.

As far as results of this summit we can look for more information on public access and trends affecting hunting and fisherman coming from our Game & Fish Dept. Also, the G&F Dept will sponsor two working groups, one a clearing house, the other a marketing committee, with a designated liaison to work with clubs and organizations and the public. This is a step in the right direction, but I am still of the notion that it makes a lot of sense to take a new shooter or fisher with you when you go. We all gain when new blood enters our ranks especially young blood.

Bruce Campbell, Lander Life Member WSSA

Difficulty is the one excuse that history never accepts—Edward Murrow

### SILHOUETTE POSTAL MATCH

Here's your chance to enjoy some 50 foot scaled silhouette targets [IQ-14] and keep your trigger finger and shooting coordination polished. Ten targets, \$20, must be completed before Apr 1st, 2011.

Contact Roger Sebesta, 625 Sweetwater ST, Lander 82520 307-335-9323 [wssa@wyoming.com](mailto:wssa@wyoming.com) for a program or with questions.

### 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 YOUR RENEWAL DATE. THANK YOU

## 2010 Camp Perry CMP National Matches Report

Wyoming was represented at the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) National Championships in 2010 by both junior and adult civilian, and military competitors. They included four junior shooters, Jace Munzing, Drew Zweig, Brandon LaPierre, and Jacob Schepp, four adult civilians: John Dilorio, Beverly Spungin, Phil Morgan, and Paul Ward. Roy Bane and Mark Spungin were support for the team. The five Wyoming National Guard shooters were: Col. Herald Walker, LTC Guy Beau-doin, SFC David Hastings, SSG Dale Crawford, and Spc Kellie McCleary.

The "high power rifle week" began on 1 August with all the junior shooters attending the two day U.S. Army Small Arms Firing School. Ther adult shooters and National Guard shooters arrived on Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Some adult d competitors took advantage of the practice session on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, and all prepared for the President Match on Monday. This year over twelve hundred shooters competed in the residents Match. Again no Wyoming shooter made the "Presidents 100".

The National Trophy Individual Match was Tuesday with 1202 competitors. The Wyoming competitors were again un-daunted by Monday's results and ready for this big "leg" match. Tuesday treated Wyoming much better. LTC Guy Beau-doin once again earned 6 military points toward this Distinguished Rifleman Badge. Earlier in the week at the Small Arms Firing School junior shooter Jacob Schepp earned 4 points toward his badge by placing in the top 10% in that match.

The National Trophy Junior Team match was fired Wednesday. This match is for junior teams made up of two firing mem-bers. Wyoming entered two teams (Schepp & Munzing team one, and LaPierre and Zweig our 2<sup>nd</sup> team). We placed 72th and 85th respectively of the 88 teams competing. We had hoped to do better.

On Thursday Wyoming competed in the National Trophy Team Match. (The Big Team match) This match is fired by 6 per-son teams. Team members were John Dilorio, Beverly Spungin, Phil Morgan, Paul Ward, Jace Munzing, and Jacob Schepp. Wyoming placed 28<sup>th</sup> place of the 53 teams firing this team match. The match was won by the Army. Our two junior shoot-ers were our heroes. They improved greatly from the day before. The scores they shot here would have placed them in 31th in the Junior match Tuesday compared to their actual 72th place finish on that day.

Some Wyoming competitors also fired the M1 Match, and the M1 Carbine Match. Paul Ward placed in 8<sup>th</sup> place in the M1 Match out of 1249 competitors. Great job Paul!

Complete results of the CMP National Championships can be seen at the CMP home page on the web.

Reported by: Roy Bane Competition Director



### HIGH POWER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Wyoming held its championship on 28-29 August in Cheyenne. The match was moved up from Septem-ber in hopes winter would not yet be here in late Ausust. The event was fired over two days with the two 600 yd matches on Saturday afternoon following a team match Saturday morning. The SR events are on Sunday morning followed by a leg match Sunday afternoon. There is a joke out west taken from a term used at Cp Perry. Everyone wants to shoot in the "tunnel" at Cp Perry (the far west side against the trees.) We, out west consider anything east of the Mississippi the "tunnel". In Cheyenne, Wyoming we have rain, we have wind (25-30 MPH), we have big changes (try shooting the first 300yd string with left 12, and the second string with "0" wind. We shoot sitting with left 7. We are never upset with a "7" while standing - it wasn't a miss!! There were 21 shooters at the match. Here are some of the scores that may interest you: Tom Crist, shooting a service rifle, @ 600yds fired a 197 7X and then backed that up with a 198-4X. Great shooting! Pete Jend shot a 197 7X on his 2nd 600 yd match. Tom Christ won the "Greg Strom" Wyoming Service Rifle Championship trophy with a 960 24X (Crist also won the leg match (waiting on that score) Roy Bane won the Wyoming HP Championship trophy with a 969-33X Randy Wilgus of Colo. took our 6 pt leg home with a 444 1st Master was Forington with 951-26X 1st Expert David Hastings 891-7X 1st Sharpshooter Jacob Schep 897-11X (also High Junior) 1st Marksman, Kelly McCleary 813-9X Wyoming can be interesting and maybe fun at times. Come next year and give those windage knobs on your rifle a little work out! Reported by Roy Bane, Competition Director WSSA

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Jan 12, 2011

## M1 GARAND TICKETS

Once again time to have a chance at winning a M1 Garand from WSSA. Tickets are attached. The drawing will again be at the annual meeting in the spring of 2011. Remember you are helping the junior programs as 1/2 of the funds raised goes to support the juniors. Last year we helped Cheyenne Public Shooting Park send a precision air rifle team to Nationals, reported in last newsletter, and also the Camp Perry team that is included in this newsletter. The annual meeting date will be set at the January meeting.

## 2011 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. A total of 12,565 people attended this past Sept 9-11. Thursday and Friday 8701 school kids attended. Since inception 12 years ago, the EXPO has given over 170,000 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.

September 8-9-10, 2011 are the dates for the next EXPO. watch the newsletter for the call for help.

## WE ARE DEMINISHED

The family of Victor Nickerson, Casper reported his death. He was life member #316. May he rest in His peace.

## NEED ADDRESS UPDATES

Frank Bauman, Blair NB  
James O'Neill, Casper Life # 798



## 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.

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 Dec 4, contact Roger 335-9323. All club programs on lvsa.info.

**Thermopolis Gun Club** , —contact Deloyd 864-5778

WASH, DC-Steve Kopperud "The problem we have has almost doubled because we have allowed the activist to define us; we have allowed the activist to tell the public what we do and how we do it and frankly, we're setting back and continuing to allow it to happen. We are the experts and must take back that role. We must get our message back to the public and to our legislators. We can no longer afford to have HSUS and animal rightists philosophers frame the issues, labeling us as exploiters and legislating away our rights.

| DATES TO REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE- | AFFILIATED WSSA CLUBS  |
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|                                  | American Custom Gunmakers Guild, 22 Vista Ln, Cody 82414     |
|                                  | Bessemer Vigilance Com'te, POBox 1132, Casper 82602          |
|                                  | Casper Pistol Club, 4910 E 18th St, Casper 82609             |
|                                  | Casper Shooters Club, POBox 1432, Casper 82602               |
| NOV 11<br>VETERAN'S DAY          | Cheyenne Public Shooting Park, POBox 2833, Cheyenne, 82003   |
|                                  | Cheyenne Rifle & Pistol Club, POBox 571, Cheyenne 82003      |
| NOV 25<br>THANKSGIVING           | Cody Shooters Complex, POBox 1504, Cody 82414                |
|                                  | Converse CO Shooting Sports, 133W. Center St., Douglas 82637 |
|                                  | Dubois Gun Club, POBox 91, Dubois, 82513                     |
| DEC 1<br>HANUKKAH BOWS           | Fort Fetterman Sportsmen, POBox 843, Douglas 82633           |
|                                  | Gillette Gun Club, POBox 1061, Gillette 82717                |
|                                  | Jackson Hole Gun Club, POBox 1786, Jackson 83001             |
| DEC 7<br>PEARL HARBOR'S          | Lander Jr Rifle Club, 431 Main St., Lander 82520             |
|                                  | Lander Rifle Club, 431 Main St., Lander 82520                |
|                                  | Lander Valley Sportsmen's Assoc., POBox 1113, Lander 82520   |
| DEC 21<br>WINTER SOLSTICE        | Laramie Rifle Range, Inc., POBox 2135, Laramie 82073         |
|                                  | Lovell Rod & Gun Club, POBox 221, Lovell 82431               |
|                                  | Pinedale Rod & Gun Club, POBox 933, Pinedale 82941           |
|                                  | Platte River Rod & Gun Club, POBox 1587, Mills 82644         |
| DEC 25<br>CHRISTMAS DAY          | Rawlins Rec Services, 1616 Harshman St, Rawlins 82301        |
|                                  | Sheridan CO. Sportsmen, POBox 155, Sheridan 82801            |
|                                  | Thermopolis Gun Club, POBox 731, Thermopolis 82443           |
|                                  | Upton Gun Club, POBox 291, Upton 82730                       |
|                                  | 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