



It is when people forget God that tyrants forge their chains!! PATRICK HENRY

WSSA NEWSLETTER

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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:

To the Club, this is my first correspondence since accepting the responsibilities as the President of the Wyoming State Shooting Association.

Summer is here and shooting sports are active in Wyoming. The WSSA is sponsoring matches throughout the summer, so please check out the website for scheduled events and updates.

The National Matches at Camp Perry, OH are just weeks away from starting. This year

should be very interesting with changes in the CMP and NRA rules which redefines the Service Rifle. The M16/AR15 Rifles are now allowed to have optics with 1 X 4.5 magnification, retractable butt stocks and free floated hand guards. These changes will bring back many of the older shooters, new record scores are possible and even a Service Rifle winning the NRA National Match Championship.

In addition, there is a new Mid Range category called the AR-Mid Range Prone. This basically allows AR Shooters to com-

pete in their own category during the New Mid Range Matches.

The WSSA has a full summer of events and hopefully everyone has the opportunity to attend some of the shooting sports.

I am planning on attending Camp Perry this year and competing in the CMP, CMP Games and NRA National Match Championships. I will provide an overview of the Camp Perry events upon my return.

Enjoy the summer and WSSA Events!

John Bair



"FROM THE EDITOR" Hi Folks, hope things are well. This is to inform you that unless the club has a committed and dedicated publisher by 2017, the newsletter will be reduced from 4 editions, to 3 editions a year. Also, in addition, only the Jan-Apr edition will be printed and mailed. The WSSA will depend on it's web site and Facebook pages to keep our membership informed. In today's world, we simply can not keep up, using printed paper copy newsletters. Please keep your membership current or you could lose out on membership benefits and privileges. Thanks for your understanding. Questions or concerns? Contact wssa.sectreaspector@wyoming.com or phone 307 347 8852 Snail mail, WSSA Box 942, Worland, Wy. 82401

Greetings! Hope everyone is having lots of adventures in the Wyoming outdoors. It is great to see the amount of water we have this year.

An unexpected set of circumstances recently allowed surplus Walleye fry from Garrison National fish hatchery in North Dakota to be stocked into Glendo Reservoir. The Game & Fish received and stocked over nine million Walleye fry on June 6th.

The Game & Fish has been holding meetings and getting input on drafting regulations for grizzly that must be done before any delisting. I believe the comment period will be over by the time of this printing.. You might want to check with the Game & Fish if you have any input.

Marathon Oil donated mate-

rials for conservation projects for stream habitat. They gave the donation to East Yellowstone Chapter of Trout Unlimited who in turn donated materials to the Game & Fish for use on two local stream and habitat improvement projects. They received 1,111 bags of matting and hydro seed mulch valued at \$20,000. It will be used on Medicine Lodge Creek near Hyattsville and stream restoration and meadow improvement in Sunlight Basin.

There have been many working groups meeting around the state on topics about Sage Grouse, Mountain Lion hunting, fishing regulations, stocking issues and Mule Deer input. They are also making people aware of things to do when you are in large carnivore country.

They have been dealing with 20 or so shed antler violations. One might want to check on rules before collecting antlers.

A couple of other issues to keep in mind are leave Newborn wild animals alone and in very hot weather be mindful of the stress on Catch & Release Trout and fish in the cooler parts of the day.

I wish everyone Good Luck in their big game draws.

As a side note please keep contacting your legislators with your opinions on your Gun Rights and any new gun laws. I am not sure if we are winning or not but we have them sitting on the floor in Congress.

We wish you all a Happy, Healthy & above all SAFE summer. Be sure to take one of our young people into the Great Wyoming Outdoors when you go.

BE SAFE *Dennis K. French*



COMPETITIONS DIRECTOR



We are well into the match season around the great state of Wyoming. Recently completed on 11 June was the Wyoming State Mid-Range Championship. On the F-Class side of the firing line Chris Ford managed to hold on to his lead and best the others with a 593-26X. In the FTR class Dave Urasky came out on top with a 575-17X. Over on the left side of the line where the stubborn sling shooters hang out Mr Sandbagger, Nick Nichol森 bested a stunned and surprised (not mention humbled) group of slingers with a very impressive score of 587-21X to take the top honors. In the service rifle crowd Tom Helak pulled off the win with a very nice 565-15X. And a very new junior shooter Dakota Turner competed in his very first mid-range match using the new scoped AR category and finished with a quite respectable 557-14X. This was only his second match and he did a very fine job reading the wind changes and

calling his shots. A great big thank you to John DiIorio for hosting this year's mid-range in Casper at the Platte River club as well as all the other folks that showed up not to shoot but to help out with the match.

Coming in a few weeks in Worland on July 9-10 will be the state championship service rifle match. Day one will feature an 80 round across the course match. This year's match will also feature a CMP Excellence In Competition match on the second day. So if you are chasing leg points and working toward your Distinguished Marksman be sure to attend. Of note is the fact that the Service Rifle and High Power Rifle matches this year are split with the H.P. Rifle match held later in the season. This allows folks with scheduling conflict to get in at least one if not two matches as well as shoot both categories of rifles this year. The High Power Rifle Championship will be held in Worland on the 17th of September. Coming in August on 20-21 August the Long Range Championship Match will

be again held in Worland. This 2 day event can be quite frustrating as you bake in the sun and suffer from the ranges notorious extreme wind changes between shots. Bring lots of ammo as there can be a need for those extra sighters with all the wind changes that can be expected and lots of water so you don't pass out from the heat. Also of note in August is the NRA Action Pistol Championship down toward Cheyenne. If pistol is your game be sure to check out the match program here: <http://wyossa.com/pdfs/2016actionpistolchampionships.pdf> and get signed up. Also be sure to check out the WSSA website for updates on state championship matches as well as other competitions that are being held around the state, info located here: www.wyossa.com/matchschedules.htm and with full results posted here as they become available: <http://wyossa.com/matchresults.htm>

Dave Babits

We are diminished !

Mike C. Pattyn, a WSSA Life Member, from Riverton passed away on May 14 at age 52. His services were at Hillcrest Baptist church May 21. He had worked construction until disability forced retirement in 2007. For several years he hosted the high power 'across the course' matches for the Lander Valley Sportsmen. Mike was a life member of the NRA and WSSA. May he rest in peace.

A special Request From the Vice President

Mike ran across the course matches several times a summer in Lander, and would have a BBQ after one of them for all of us, with him picking up the tab as well and having his wife prepare everything. He enjoyed competitive shooting and shooters. He was always cheerful even when he did not feel well.

His wife, Angie, spent her time taking care of him, and so has no job, though she is looking. Mike left no life insurance and Angie is having a financially difficult time. I am asking shooters to help her in memory of Mike. He was one of the good ones. Her address is: Angier Pattyn, 1720 E. Monroe St., Riverton, Wy. 82501

Thank You very much in advance for your help!

Beverly

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Next WSSA Membership Meeting

Nov 12th 2016

"9 am"

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From the Editor **We need some help!** *If you would like to be the clubs full time publisher, all you have to do is ask?? Well, you will also need a computer and the knowledge to use some of the popular programs such as Microsoft publisher, Adobe pdf, and Word. Of course being able to e-mail will be of help.*

We could also use a web master as well. If you can use Microsoft expression or Adobe Dream Weaver, and also the previously listed programs, that would be a big help. I know that folks today use Weebly and other such methods, but our stuff is still on the old systems.

Beginning in 2017 we are going to be using the Web Site and Face book for most of our communication. So, if you can help out please contact me, "the club secretary" if you like you can call 307 347 8852. We intend to expand our web site by including more information like how to articles, and what works best for me with regard to the new changes and equipment that have come out this year. If you have something you think would be of help to others, then please write it up and send it to me at wssa.sectrea-spector@wyoming.com

As always if you have any questions let me know. Everyone is busy right now with the summer shooting season in full operation. "If ya need to" phone me a couple of times or send that extra e-mail, I will try to work with ya. Till next time, take care. Nick

