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# Mountain Man Monthly

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Colorado Springs Muzzle Loaders Inc.

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**Monthly Meeting**

**April 5 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Demo: Make a Capote in  
one hour**

**ADS ARE DUE @ the April  
Meeting!!!!**

**Club Primitive Shoot - April 15**

**Target Painting/Work Party**

**May 5 @ LaChance Home**

**Pot Luck Lunch afterwards**

### UPCOMING EVENTS: CSML & Statewide

WHAT	WHERE	WHEN	INFORMATION
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	April 1	range opens at 1:00 p.m.
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	April 5	capote demo; ADS ARE DUE!!!
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	April 15	pistol @ noon; range @ 1:00 pm
Boy Scout Demo	Contact Doug	April 21	must have taken Youth Training
Colorado Squirrel Rifle Championships	Buckhorn Skinners Range near Loveland	April 28 & 29	snow dates: May 19-20. .40 caliber or smaller event
<b>NO CLUB SHOOTS</b>	<b>IN MAY.....</b>	<b>NO monthly club</b>	<b>shoots during May</b>
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	May 3	last meeting before the shoot!!!
Target Painting/Work Party	LaChance Home 665 7 <sup>th</sup> St. Penrose	May 5	10:00 a.m. Come prepared to work & bring potluck lunch!!!
Women on Target Clinic	Cactus Flats Range	May 6	See Doug for details.
Boy Scout Day Camp	Big R at Falcon	May 12	come help with the scouts
37 <sup>th</sup> Annual Shoot & Rendezvous	Florence Mountain Park	May 26-28	lots of fun, work, and best shoot in the state!!!!
NRA Woman's Pistol Class	Paradise Sales Colorado Springs	June 2	basic pistol class for women. Doug has details & more info.
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	June 3	range opens at 1:00 p.m.
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	June 7	review the 37 <sup>th</sup> annual shoot
Colorado NMLRA Territorial Matches	SPVHS Range Ft. Lupton, CO	June 15-17	lots of shooting; sponsored by Buckhorn Skinners & Ft. Lupton
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	June 17	pistol @ noon; range @ 1:00 pm
High Country Hideaway All Shotgun Shoot	Blue Valley Range @ Kremmling, CO	June 19-22	all shotgun event with more than 50 matches for all shotgunners!!!
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	July 1	range opens at 1:00 p.m.
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	July 5	monthly meeting of the group
Graingers Primitive Camp Out	Grainger's near Victor, Colorado	July 14 & 15	club campout & lots of shooting; chili cook-off & potluck on Sat.
Sierra Madre ML Rifle Club MtnMan Rendez	south of Saratoga, Wyoming	July 27-29	public invited. Info: Joe Morrison (307) 329-7944

For CSML scheduled shoots; CALL SHOOT HOT LINE (719) 632-7690 after 9:00 a.m. on shoot day to be sure shoot is on!!!  
*Schedule is subject to change at any time and is based on information available at time of publication. On-line check csmlinc.org*

# PAST THINGS

The March meeting was a cold one, but we still had a great time. Due to a copy machine issue, we were unable to prepare our event mailing, but we will be sending this out as soon as we can.

Good to have New York transplant Jerry Donohue at our meeting. He is a new member. Also good to see Reiko Rathman at the meeting. Welcome given to all who braved the cold to be here.

The business portion of the meeting went rather quickly. Lots of information was shared with the group. Our insurance is paid for the year so our funds look a little more depleted than normal. You can tell the season is beginning as the events portion of the meeting is getting longer and longer. Be sure to get your calendars noted so that you don't miss any of the upcoming things!!!!

Once we finished with the business stuff, Karen Emanuelson opened up her flute cases and gave us a resounding demonstration on them. She showed her various styles of flutes and the different materials they were made from, including PVC pipe. She also showed us about the air holes and the proper way to blow the flutes. Karen played us a couple of tunes and did a magnificent job of it. This was one of the most interesting demo's we have had in quite some time. THANKS KAREN for volunteering to do this for us.

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## Colorado Springs Muzzle Loaders, Inc. Regular Monthly Meeting March 1, 2012

The Colorado Springs Muzzle Loaders membership meeting was held on March 1, 2012. The meeting was called to order by President Joy Hicks. Joy welcomed Jacob Rathman's wife Reiko and newcomer Jerry Donohue who is a collector of civil war guns. Joy also thanked the rest of us for coming out on a snowy night.

Joy entertained a motion to accept the Secretary's report as printed in the *Mountain Man*

*Monthly.* Motion made and seconded from the floor. Motion carried. Thanks to Doreen for taking care of the meeting notes.

Gwen Blanchard gave a detailed report for the Treasury. With a motion to accept and seconded, the report was accepted as read. Motion carried. Gwen did note that her son Stephen has married the love of his life Jordan on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to the newlyweds from all of us.

**Membership Report** was given by Ted Beaupre. Check your membership cards to see if you dues are due. We have six new members and 42 renewals at this time. Thanks to the people who are working the gun shows and helping to spread the word. Doug Davis and his clinics have garnered us three new members as well. It takes us all out there talking about our organization to make it work and grow.

**Primitive Report** from Doug Davis was non-existent. Too many things kept him busy, busy, busy.

**Memorial Day Shoot Report:** Everyone is reminded that ads need to be sold so that the printing of the book will pay for itself. Ads are due by April 5, 2012.

The work party to get targets ready and beads strung will be happening on May 5<sup>th</sup>. At the work party, we will also be pulling out all the tents, poles, stakes, and ropes to check to be sure we have everything and that it is all in working order. The work party will be held at the LaChance home in Penrose, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Marilyn Stites reminded all present that the club tent is looking for things to sell. You can sell your items at no charge, but be sure to mark the price on the item and let Marilyn know if you want to dicker or will take a lower offer.

**Old Business:** Winter convention highlights with Tom Gabor winning the CSMLA 2012 Muzzle Loader of the Year. Everyone who attended enjoyed themselves. We received a note from Ron Ring, Scott Drake, and Tammy Raver thanking everyone for attending. Our group has 7 board members at the state level. Gwen Blanchard was elected as Education Director and Tom Gabor as Vice President.

Doug Davis reminded everyone who will be helping with the BSA event in May at Big R's that

they must register on line with the BS by April 12. The group also needs a head count for the lunch that will be provided.

**New Business:** Boy Scout Day Camp at Big R's in Falcon on Saturday, May 12. Liz and Mark really appreciate our help on that day. Please keep Liz and Mark in your thoughts as they struggle with their illness, yet continue to support the Boy Scouts.

Doug Davis announced Women on Target will be May 6 for \$20 for the day of learning the safety of gun handling and shooting and lunch. Women pistol class in June. Check on the web for more information. Women on Target are held to empower women to help with their fear of guns and to know how to protect themselves in the right way.

Upcoming events: March 4 paper shoot; March 18 primitive shoot; April 1 paper shoot; April 4 membership meeting with Joy teaching everyone how to make a capote in one hour. Pueblo gun show on March 24 & 25. Gun show in Colorado Springs on March 10 & 11; call Ted if you plan to help.

The meeting ended with Karen as a special guest showing her talent of playing flutes. **Thanks for sharing the beautiful music, Karen.**

Meeting adjourned.  
Lois Schainost

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## **PAID YOUR DUES???**

**This is the last reminder and will be your last newsletter if dues are not paid.**

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## ***CORRECTION & APOLOGIES***

In last month's newsletter article about the 2012 Annual Trade Show and Convention, we made a grievous error. In the report, it was noted that Petra LaChance had won at the Master's Shoot. While this is true, it should have been clarified that Petra LaChance won the percussion event at the Master's Shoot. Barb Johnson won the flintlock event at the Master's Shoot.

We did not intend to slight anyone or cause any misinformation to be published. With trying to take photos, take notes, and keep up with all the things happening at the 2012 Annual Trade Show and Convention the editor did not get all the intricate details. Again my apologies for not printing the rest of the story.

*This is probably as good a place as any to remind all of you that if you want information published in the newsletter and want to be sure that it is accurate and what you want shared, please send us your information by Friday of the week of the primitive shoot. We can then assemble the correct information and ensure it is contained in the newsletter. We accept articles, notes, and descriptions of events, awards, happenings, and anything of interest to the muzzle loading group. Thank you for your continued support!*

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## **37<sup>TH</sup> Annual Shoot Stuff.....**

We are still looking for donated items for the drawing table. This is part of the yearly fund raiser and helps us to make a small profit for the work at the shoot. Look around your collection and see if there is something that would fit the drawing table. (Everyone remember the years we had cookies and baked goods? They seemed to go over real well.)

Don't forget the work party. We need lots of hands to make the work go quickly and easily. Be sure to bring your potluck lunch to share after the work is done.

Time to think about what things you can volunteer to do. There is always plenty of work for us and everyone helping out makes it happen easier and better. We always need help with the spectator's shoot, kids games, cleanup, set-up, range officers, and opening ceremonies. Be sure to contact Joy if there is something that you can and will do to help us put on the biggest and best shoot in the state!!!

Flyers are available. Take some with you wherever you go and see if you can leave for distribution. With all of us working together, we can get the word out and increase the daily visitors to the

event. As the gun shows have proven, if we get the information out, folks do come and they do sometimes join our group.

**Work party is May 5 at the LaChance home.**

Fred and Petra are at 665 7<sup>th</sup> Street in Penrose. Coming from Colorado Springs on Highway 115, go past the turn off to Ft. Melchert and watch for the Post Office. Turn left at the Post Office onto 7<sup>th</sup> Street and their home is the white house on the left. Look for all the cars around the house.

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**PRIMITIVE PISTOL  
MATCH  
March 18, 2012**

By: Ken "Suds" West

The wind got progressively stronger as we shot. At one point, I was holding my hat on with one hand and shooting with the other - - - which I am not using as an excuse for my poor performance. I hit *those* two targets!

Three of us shot pistol. The scores were:

Jim Murray	13 hits
Lon Mehle	12 hits
Ken West	10 hits

Jim won the tie-breaker. Lon's shooting was a pleasant surprise - - he was not shooting the Ruger Old Army! After the match, I managed to put two balls on top of each other in my target pistol with no powder in the barrel. I've "dry-balled" pistols so often that I carry a speed wrench to remove the nipple to put 4F under the ball.

**ODDS 'N ENDS.....**

The weather front that killed over 50 people in Kentucky generated winds in Phoenix

that were strong enough to shut down the Ben Avery range on

Friday during the Western National. The winds persisted through the weekend, which resulted in some rather low scores. Shoot records were broken by some of those wise enough to shoot on Wednesday and Thursday. I took a silver in the 25 yard cap-lock, slow fire with an 83-X in the Marksman class (that included 4 holes in the 6-ring). If found it hard to work up a lot of self pity for the inconvenience of losing a day's shooting when so many were killed by the same event.

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**Primitive  
Chapter News**

by: Doug "Moose Milk" Davis

The February Primitive Shoot interrupted by our not so good friend Mariah. The shoot was stopped early and scores were dependent on how early a shooter started and how fast they shot.

Gwen and Michelle Blanchard brought seven new shooters, the McRoberts family, Joanna, Darrel, Christian and Xavier(junior shooters), Nathaniel (sub junior) New to be added to the Blanchard Family, Mike Devine was the sub junior winner.

Don't really know about Mike, he turned down a candy bar and kept his winnings. Better watch out for him in the future <G>

Thanks to all who helped set up and tear down

## A TYPOLOGY OF FUR TRADE HOES

By: James A. Hanson

The image of an Indian maiden tending her garden plot with a rake fashioned from the antler of a deer and a hoe made from the scapula of a bison certainly appealed to poets like Longfellow and artists like Catlin, but native horticulturalists learned early on that nothing tills the ground or destroys weeds like a good iron hoe from the trading post. As buffalo Bird woman, a Hidatsa, noted, "iron axes and hoes, bought of the traders, were now used by everybody, and the work of clearing and breaking a new field was less difficult than it had been in our grandfathers' times." The US Government, anxious to turn the tribes into self-sufficient plowmen, also dispensed vast quantities of agricultural implements to its Indian wards in the early days of the reservation system.

All across the Southern United States, the Spanish had provided Indians the distinctive Iberian hoe pattern. This form goes back to Roman times. According to Spanish farmers, the curious poll on the eye is used to break up hardened clods of earth in the field. The Spanish hoe was in common use by Native Americans from Georgia to California for over two hundred years.

The Dutch hoes introduced in New York and Pennsylvania in the 17<sup>th</sup> century commonly have square or rectangular eyes. They are often mistaken for adzes, but the blades are too thin to have been used for such work.

Identifiable French hoes are very scarce. They probably had an applied cutting edge of steel, just like the axes of the period of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. According to the famous and much-reproduced "July 14<sup>th</sup>, 1703 Price of Goods" broadside, two small hoes were valued at one beaver, the same price as two small axes.

Following the British takeover of Florida, the governor in 1766 presented eight dozen "broad Carolina hoes" to the Indians who met him in council. The English hoes proved popular, in 1798 fur trader William Panton received a letter from d. McGillivray at Little Tallahassee that the Indians were asking specifically for more hoes.

Many invoices and orders simply call for "corn hoes". For example, the US Office of Indian Trade asked for "500 corn hoes assorted 7 to 10 inches, more larger". Other orders asked for "Virginia" corn hoes. The OIT factory at Natchitoches had a hundred on hand in 1821, and they were valued at \$7.33 per dozen.

Orders for tools to supply the Choctaws then being forced to migrate to Indian Territory included 200 hilling hoes @ \$3.50 per dozen, 200 weeding hoes @ \$4.00 per dozen, and 100 grubbing hoes @ \$9.00 per dozen. These were to be supplied by Asa Waters, a noted gunmaker of the time.

The leading supplier of hoes to the American Fur Company was apparently Thomas Kissam & Company of 228 Pearl St., New York, who also supplied the company with general hardware and even Belgian Northwest guns. Annual orders called for 50 to 60 dozen hoes, and the AFC stated emphatically that "these goods are to be imported from England at the lowest cost prices." A typical AFC order requested "fifty doz. necked corn hoes, in casks of 10 doz. each for shipment to New Orleans."

There were two kinds of hoes being supplied in the 19<sup>th</sup> century Indian trade. In 1842, Pierre Choteau Jr., & Company notified the American Fur Company in New York that the Indians wanted only necked hoes. "We have plenty of the common sorts - - These necked hoes are becoming much more in request among our Indians on the Missouri."

Ewing brothers in 1849 ordered cheap "Yankee" hoes, with eyes that were riveted to the blades rather than forged of one piece, for their Minnesota trading posts.

Many of the hoes found at early Plains Indian sites were remodeled by their Indian owners. The wide blades were an excellent source of iron, and the eye with the heavy strengthening rib could be left intact to be used as a useful gardening tool. In fact, hoes were also useful tools for nonagricultural applications. Samuel Pond noted that among the Minnesota Sioux, "they used no agricultural implements except hoes, which were narrow but heavy and strong and furnished with short strong handles for digging in the hard ground. The hoes were used more for other purposes than for planting, and were carried on their journeys, to be used in leveling the ground for their tents, dig-

ging roots, and so forth.” On his epic journey to the Pacific Ocean in 1808, Simon Fraser mentioned that the voyageurs used a hoe to cut a foot-wide path so the men could cordel the canoe along a steep bank.

The nomadic Plains tribes found uses for hoes as well. In 1843, there was a demand for hoes from among the Indians living around Fort Laramie. A list of Cheyenne Indian property captured in a village west of Fort Larned, Kansas, and destroyed by the United States army in April, 1867, included 46 hoes and 41 grubbing hoes. An 1872 order for goods to supply the Western Sioux included “293 dozen Planter’s Hoes, No. 2, best cast steel.” Several hoes marked “CLEMENT & MAYNARD WARRANTED NO. 2” have been collected from the Oglalas.

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### TRADING POST GARDEN SEEDS

Following are three lists of seeds to be furnished to various American traders. The first one is found in the Records of the United States Office of Indian Trade, NARS. The second list, sent from Fort Union in 1835, is in the Missouri Historical Society. The third list is from the 1868 Fort Laramie Peace Commission of garden seeds to be furnished to traders employed by the various Indian agents to teach farming to the Oglala and Brule Sioux. Long-time fur trader Joseph Bissonette secured such an appointment and planted his exhibition garden on Bordeaux Creek, just a half mile downstream from the Museum of the Fur Trade. He abandoned it and his trading post to relocate to Pine Ridge Reservation in the fall of 1877, the last fur trader to leave this area.

Jan. 17, 1807. US Office of Indian Trade, Georgetown, D.C. Bernard McMahon - paid him for:

|       |                     |        |
|-------|---------------------|--------|
| 2#    | White Spanish onion | \$5.00 |
| 1 lb. | Red do.             | 2.00   |
| 1 lb. | Salmon radish       | 1.25   |
| 1 lb. | London radish       | 1.25   |
| 1 lb. | Early dutch turnips | 1.25   |
| 1 lb. | Early stone do.     | 1.25   |

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|--------|----------------------------|--------|
| 1 lb.  | Yellow fall turnip         | \$1.25 |
| 1 lb.  | Large late fall do.        | 1.25   |
| 1 lb.  | Parsnip                    | 1.25   |
| 1 lb.  | Long orange carrots        | 1.25   |
| 1 lb.  | Long red beet              | 1.25   |
| ½ lb.  | Early york cabbage         | 2.00   |
| 2 lb . | Early sugarloaf            | 2.00   |
| 1 lb.  | Drumhead cabbage           | 2.50   |
| 1 lb.  | Savoy cabbage              | 2.50   |
| 1 lb.  | Cabbage lettuce            | 3.00   |
| ½ lb.  | Brown Dutch cabbage        | 1.50   |
| ½ lb.  | Grand admiral              | 1.50   |
| 4 qts. | Early golden Hotspur peas  | 1.25   |
| 4 qts. | Glory of England peas      | 1.25   |
| 4 qts. | Early speckled dwarf beans | 1.00   |
| 1 qts. | Yellow dwarf beans         | 1.00   |
| ½ lb.  | Soy                        | 1.00   |
| 1 oz.  | Squash                     | .12    |
| 2 oz.  | Long squash                | .25    |
| 1 oz.  | Melon                      | .50    |
| 1 oz.  | Cantaloupe                 | 1.00   |
| 4 oz.  | Cucumber                   | 1.00   |
| 1 oz.  | Sweet Marjoram             | .75    |
| 1 oz.  | Basil                      | .50    |
| 1 oz.  | Balm                       | .50    |
| ½ oz.  | Graves end asparagus       | 1.00   |
| 1 oz.  | Marigold                   | .25    |
| 4      | Canvas bags for peas       | .50    |
| 1      | strong box                 | .62    |

July 17, 1835, Fort Union UMO  
To Daniel Lamont from J. A. Hamilton.  
“The garden is very productive. Garden seeds wanted for Fort Union Fall, 1835.

|         |                             |
|---------|-----------------------------|
| ½ lbs.  | Turnip beet                 |
| ½ lb.   | Kale                        |
| 1/4 lb. | Red summer turnip radish    |
| 1/4 lb. | Scarlet long radish         |
| 1/4 lb. | Yellow summer turnip radish |
| 1/4 lb. | White summer turnip radish  |
| 1/4 lb. | Early garden turnip         |
| 1/4 lb. | Parsnips                    |
| ½ gal.  | Early peas                  |
| 1/4 lb. | Long carrot                 |
| ½ gal.  | Early dwarf French beans    |

½ gal. Windsor broad beans  
 2 oz. Horse radish  
 2 oz. Parsley  
 2 oz. Broad-leaf sage  
 ½ lb. Mustard  
 2 oz. Savory cabbage.  
 A gardenpot of thyme to come up by boat in the spring.

May 1, 1868, fort Laramie, D.T.  
 Indian Peace Commission to Bramble and Miner:

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| 40 bushels potatoes @2.75    | \$110.00 |
| 3# Hubbard squash seed @3.00 | 9.00     |
| 8 qts Pumpkin seed @ 25      | 2.00     |
| 2 lbs. Onion seed @2.00      | 4.00     |
| 4 lbs. Turnip seed @1.25     | 5.00     |

June 9, 1868. Indian Peace Commission to J.W. Bosler:

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| 1-1/4 lbs. Pumpkin seed   | \$3.15 |
| 1-1/3 lbs. Hubbard squash | 2.10   |
| 17 packs Turnip seed      | 5.10   |
| 40 Bu. Potatoes           | 80.00  |
| 10# Turnip seed           | 25.00  |
| 8 qts. Pumpkin seed       | 4.00   |

**A Fair Trade as Reported in *Harper's Round Table*, 1896, N.Y., p. 842.**

Old Tools and New Ones  
 By Barnet Phillips

(*Gimlet: a small tool with a screw point, grooved shank, and cross handles for boring holes.*)

I bought a gimlet with a metal handle for five cents, and it turned out to be a good tool. Five cents seemed cheap for a gimlet. Then I read that when manufacturers turned out gimlets in large quantities they could afford to sell them for less than a cent apiece. I happened to remember how a friend of mine showed me, some years ago,

a handsome otter-skin pouch neatly ornaments, and told me that when he was in Alaska he had given an Indian a gimlet for it.

“That was a hard trade for the Indian,” I said, “for that skin is worth twenty-five dollars.”

“I did not take any advantage of the Indian,” was my friend’s answer. “The man was perfectly satisfied with the barter. A week afterwards I would have given the skin back, and more besides, to have had the gimlet. Skins were plenty in Alaska, gimlets were scarce. The real cost of a thing often depends on how much you need it - - - and that is called the demand; and to something else - - - the distance from the place where the thing is made. You see, the subject of transportation comes in there, which has to do with supply.”

When I thought it over I came to the conclusion that my friend had not got the better of the Indian, and that it was a fair swop.

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*Summer is coming fast, we hope to see you at many of the events around the State, if you did not get a packet of everything we know that is going on this summer contact me. Don't forget our Primitive Campout, July 14 & 15 and the Paper Campout, August 18 & 19 and most of all we will see you Memorial Day Weekend.*

*Your Prez.....Joy (Tenponies)*