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Colorado Springs Muzzle Loaders Inc.

The Colorado Springs Muzzle Loaders, Inc. was chartered in 1969 by a group of men and women interested in their heritage and dedicated to preserving and promoting the sport of muzzle loading and buckskinning. CSML is a family oriented club that holds a broad range of functions such as camp outs, potluck dinners, and black powder shoots. CSML is affiliated with the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association and the National Rifle Association.

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Monthly Meeting May 1

NO club shoots in May

39th Annual Black Powder Shoot in only 4 weeks!

CSMLA Board Meeting May 3 Women on Target May 4 Rocky Mountain Roosters' event on May 10

Big R Cub Scouts May 17 Blake Schainost Graduates May 18

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UPCOMING EVENTS: CSML & Statewide

WHAT	WHERE	WHEN	INFORMATION
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	May 1	business meeting/shoot details
CSMLA Board Meeting	Village Inn Castle Rock	May 3	necessary board meeting for conducting business
Colorado Black Powder Pistol & Revolver Shoot	Ft. Lupton Range	May 10	state pistol championships sponsored by CSMLA
Rocky Mountain Roosters Event	somewhere near Colorado Springs	May 10	contact Doug for details & directions (719) 632-7690
Big R Cub Scout Demo	near Falcon behind Big R store	May 17	this we do for Liz & Mark. Contact Joy for details
BLAKE GRADUATES	FROM HIGH	May 18	SCHOOL!!! WAY TO GO!!!!
Lancaster's Restoration Rendezvous	Ft. Lupton	May 23 - 26	John Keeling (303)594-6201 Pepe Lucero (720)297-8850
39 th Annual Memorial Day Shoot & Rendez.	Florence Mountain Park	May 24-26	annual event of shooting and fun; potluck on Saturday night
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	June 1	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	June 5	wrap-up of the shoot event!
Santa Fe Trails Rendezvous	Raton, NM	June 8-14	near Whittington Center; lots of shooting, fun & prizes
Colorado NMLRA Territorial Matches	SPVHS Range Ft. Lupton	June 13-15	Darrel Koleber (970)669-2599 Scott Drake (970)635-9544
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	CANCELLED	Father's Day/pistols & rifles
San Luis Valley Old West Days	Saguache, CO	June 20-22	capture San Luis Valley as it was in the late 1800's
Liberty Encampment	near Elbert Road & Cty Rd 94-82	June 22-29	More Info: Jerry Collins (719) 347-3142
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	July 3	normal stuff
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	July 6	pistols as noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Grainger Primitive Camp-Out	near Victor	July 19-20	annual club camp out; lots of fun; potluck Saturday night
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	Aug. 3	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm

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

Well, since we didn't have a newsletter in March, we have lots of past things to talk about. For once in a long, long time we may not need to find a lot of other filler stuff to put in the newsletter so you get your money's worth.

The March meeting revealed that the contract with the City of Florence for the 39th annual Memorial Day Shoot has been approved and we've had it announced in the local papers.

Ted noted that we had 43 membership renewals so far this year. As in the past, there will always be a good number of folks who renew at the Memorial Day event. Be sure to get your dues paid soon or your name will be removed from the roster.

Lots of discussion on the upcoming Memorial Day shoot. Lots of work, reusing lots of medallions to reduce costs, comparisons of past shoots, and the work party on April 19th. It's time for all hands on deck to help us get ready for this event.

Jay Rathman presented a very interesting discussion on his Hall breech-loading flintlock rifle. Mr. Hall began designing his rifle in 1781 and perfected it in 1811. The Marine Corps was the first official users of this gun and it cost \$17.50 complete with bayonet and accessories. The field trials for this rifle in 1825 had it shooting 1,198 rounds at 100 yards rapid fire off-hand in ten minutes with 430 hits, a 36% accuracy, beating all others. Very interesting report and seeing the gun was also great. Thank you Jay!!!

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Primitive Pistol Match March 16

by: Ken "Suds" West

Good turnout, beautiful weather, good shooting. This was the "11's" match - - - except for a couple of characters shooting guns that hadn't been sighted in! The scores were:

John Udovich	12 gongs
Fred LaChance	11 gongs
Clay Vandenburg	11 gongs
Tom Gabor	11 gongs
Ken West	11 gongs
Al Bartok	10 gongs
Jim Murray	3 gongs

Jim is going to sight-in his flintlock pistol before the next match! Al had a new caplock that he hadn't fired - - - apparently the sights were pretty close. The warm weather and calm wind made the match a pleasure. My shooting in the NMLRA Western National in Phoenix was better than it usually is in our club matches; but I only came home with a re-entry medal. The participants from California are still having trouble getting power and caps.

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Primitive Chapter News

by: Doug "Moose Milk" Davis

Finally have something to report. We did have a shoot. The weather was very cooperative, believe it or not. Participants are as follows:

Jock Harmon
John Udovich
Fred LaChance
Ted Beaupre
Clay Vandenburg
Roy Crouse

Only one lady participated and that was Gwen Blanchard.

Some shoot in the past, can't remember
when:

Randy Ruyle
Ted Beaupre
Jock Harmon
no name on the scorecard

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

April 3, 2014

By: Your most inexperienced last-
minute fill-in, Gwen

Joy called the meeting to order a little after 7. There was no Secretary's report and no *Mountain Man Monthly*. Doreen has been ill and not up to publishing it. Get well soon, Doreen. We missed you.

I gave a short Treasurer's report. One deposit and interest on our savings. Nothing much there.

Ted's membership report consisted of "nothing new" but expects some additional members at the Memorial Day shoot.

Primitive Report, Doug says that there will be no primitive shoot in April because it's Easter Sunday.

Memorial Day Shoot. Work party at the LaChance home on Saturday the 19th at 10:00 a.m. and potluck to follow.

Gun show report. Don said it was an awesome show as usual.

Old Business: Still looking for entertainment for our monthly meetings.

New Business:

Liz and Mark are again doing the May 17 Cub Scout event at Big R.

May 10 the Mule Deer event. Doug will have more information at the May meeting.

Kim Bode has a 14 foot tipi for sale. Contact Joy or Kim for more info.

As your Treasurer I introduced the idea of a debit or credit card for the CSML. More and more businesses do not want checks especially when we order on line. The idea was tabled until next meeting when I can have some definite facts and costs from the bank.

Upcoming Evens: April 6 paper shoot (Ron's birthday) and April 26-27 Squirrel Shoot.

Ken West demonstrated how he makes his own pre-lubed patches. He has developed a system using Crisco and beeswax with varying thickness of cotton fabric.

Joy closed the meeting and we stood around and chatted for a while.

Respectfully yours,

Temporary Scribe Gwen Blanchard

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PAPER SHOOT

APRIL 6, 2014

By: Joy "Prez" Hicks

The day started like any other shoot day. Doug called Ron for a range check and all was well.

Doug and I headed out early so he could bench his .40 cal. As we drove, I looked at the sky and commented, "Looks like a beautiful day (Joy how could you!). As we dropped into the canyon the wind came up and it was snowing. Topped the hill and the sun was out again.

Arriving at Ron's we had some things to check out. When we came out the sky was dark to the north, not a good time to bench a rifle.

Everyone started gathering for the pistol match. Nope.....it was too cold, windy, and wet so we decided to have Ron's birthday party. The party was done and it was almost time for the rifle match. The sun was shining and not a gust of wind. We were ready!

There were 6 targets; 4 at 25 yards and 2 at 50 yards. Couldn't have asked for a better day. We were done with the 25 yard targets and the wind came up and it got colder so we decided to move back for the 50 yards. Those targets done then the sun came out and the wind stopped. Nothing unusual for a shooter.

I don't carry a gun to scare people; I carry a gun because sometimes this world can be a scary place.

I don't carry a gun because I'm paranoid; I carry a gun because there are real threats in this world.

I don't carry a gun because I'm evil; I carry a gun because I have lived long enough to see the evil in the world.

I don't carry a gun because I hate the government; I carry a gun because I understand the limitations of government.

I don't carry a gun because I'm angry; I carry a gun so that I don't have to spend the rest of my life hating myself for failing to be prepared.

I don't carry a gun because I want to shoot someone; I carry a gun because I want to die at a ripe old age in my bed and not on a sidewalk somewhere tomorrow afternoon.

I don't carry a gun because I'm a cowboy; I carry a gun because when I die and go to heaven I want to be a cowboy.

I don't carry a gun to make me feel like a man; I carry a gun because men know how to take care of themselves and the ones they love.

I don't carry a gun because I feel inadequate; I carry a gun because unarmed and facing three armed thugs, I am inadequate.

I don't carry a gun because I love it; I carry a gun because I love life and the people who make it meaningful to me.

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A LITTLE GUN HISTORY

In 1929 the Soviet Union established gun control. From 1929 to 1953 about 20 million dissidents unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

In 1911, turkey established gun control. From 1915 to 1917, 1.5 million Armenians unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

Germany established gun control in 1938 and from 1939 to 1945, a total of 13 million Jews and others who were unable to defend themselves were rounded up and exterminated.

China established gun control in 1935. From 1948 to 1952, 20 million political dissidents unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

Guatemala established gun control in 1964. From 1964 to 1981, 100,000 Mayan Indians unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

Uganda established gun control in 1970. From 1971 to 1979, 300,000 Christians unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

Cambodia established gun control in 1956. From 1975 to 1977, one million educated people unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

Defenseless people rounded up and exterminated in the 20th century because of gun control: 56 million

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THANK YOU to all who came to the work party on the 19th. We were able to get all the targets sorted, numbered, and stamped. We also had a great crew who strung all the medallions for us. We are well on our way to being prepared for the 39th annual shoot! The crew who came then shared a bountiful and wonderful potluck lunch. Fred's shop was full of wonderful smells and we all ate until we would pop! If you didn't make this event you missed a really good time. We worked and laughed and visited and had a wonderful day.

A great big **THANK YOU** to Fred and Petra for opening their home and sharing this space with us. It worked out perfectly and without you, we would not be able to accomplish all we did.

Thank you all, for allowing me to skip publishing the March issue of the MMM. I was just so sick that I couldn't make it happen. Hopefully we are back on track and yes, the deadline for all information is still the Thursday after the primitive shoot!!!!!!