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Mountain Man Monthly

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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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Regular Monthly Meeting
May 4, 7:00 p.m.

NO Club Shoots in May

Memorial Day Shoot Work Party
May 20; 10:00 a.m.

Fred LaChance Home in Penrose

Annual Shoot: May 27-29

Territorial Matches - June 16-18
Ft. Lupton

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UPCOMING EVENTS: CSML & Statewide

WHAT	WHERE	WHEN	INFORMATION
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	May 4; 7:00 pm	final discussion on the shoot.
NO CLUB SHOOTS	IN MAY.....ALL	EFFORTS ON THE	ANNUAL SHOOT!!!!
Women on Target	Cheyenne Mtn. Shooting Range	May 7; 8:30 a.m.	Hands-on clinic, instruction, and shooting/range time
Memorial Day Shoot Work Party	May 20	10:00 a.m.	at Fred LaChance home in Penrose; potluck lunch afterward
42 nd Annual Black Powder Shoot	Florence Mountain Park	May 27 through 29	annual shoot, potluck, drawings, fun and frolic
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	June 1; 7:00 pm	critique of the annual shoot
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	June 4	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Territorial Matches	Ft. Lupton	June 16-18	NMLRA shoot
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	June 18	Father's Day shoot; pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 p.m.
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	July 2	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	July 6; 7:00 p.m.	Susan Weed prepping demo
Grainger Primitive Camp Out & Shoot	near Victor	July 15-16	camping, potluck on Saturday, and shooting fun
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	August 3; 7:00 p.m.	regular club meeting
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	August 6	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Grainger Paper Camp Out & Shoot	near Victor	August 19-20	camping, potluck on Saturday, shooting fun and frolics; election
CSMLA State Shoot	Ft. Lupton	September 1-4	bracketed shoot; fun for all
NO PAPER SHOOT	ON SEPTEMBER	3; LABOR DAY	HOLIDAY
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	Sept.7; 7:00 p.m.	come and see what's up!
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	Sept. 17	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	October 1	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	October 5	who knows what will transpire.
Annual Bird & Buffalo Shoot	Ft. Melchert	October 14-15	camping Friday evening; potluck on Saturday night, auction

For CSML scheduled shoots; CALL SHOOT HOT LINE (719) 442-0150 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

Just in case you have forgotten, don't know, or just plain wanted to know the dues for our club for 2017 are past due. Time now to get your dues of \$25.00 for the whole family sent in to Ted. (Yes, we had to raise our dues but we were one of the last groups to do so!)

If you missed the April meeting, you missed a great discussion and demonstration by Richard Stites. He presented about flint knapping and did a great job. He told us lots of interesting facts and even showed us and let us knap a few flints of our own. You really need to plan to be at the meetings as you never know what may be happening.

Our prayer list continues to grow. We ask that you keep the following folks in your prayers and thoughts:

Bob & Gayle Emmons and their son Martin and his family.

Ron Melchert

Tom Hart

Richard Brassea (my brother who is battling thyroid and liver cancer)

Sharon and John Udovich



APRIL PAPER SHOOT

April 2, 2017

By: Ted Beaupre

We had a total of 8 shooters; 6 men and 2 ladies.

- 1st Randy
- 2nd Tony
- 3rd Doug
- 4th Jock
- 5th Jordan
- 6th Tom C.

Two ladies shot:

- 1st Lynnette
- 2nd Desire

All targets were the same ones for the Squirrel Shoot at the end of the month.

As always, thanks guys and gals for showing up.

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Colorado Springs Muzzle Loaders Regular Monthly Meeting April 6, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Joy. There were 23 of us present including Gwen's sister Lynn from Wyoming and Matthew, who had lost his wisdom teeth earlier in the day.

There have been no minutes for a while so there was nothing to approve or amend.

Gwen was asked to provide a reading of the treasury. She noted that there was no activity this month. Gwen is working on re-registering us with the state which will require \$60 to bring us current. We have not been current since 2004. Motion made, seconded, and passed for Gwen to take this task forward and spend the money to make us current. It was also noted that our funds are being moved from Wells Fargo to 1st Bank for a number of reasons. Motion made, seconded and approved for the movement of our funds.

Ken West made a comment that the primitive shoot was scheduled for Easter Sunday and he thought that the group had decided not to shoot on that day. Ken was right but no one had notified the Editor to have it changed in the *Mountain Man Monthly*. Maybe we need to find a more psychic Editor than we have now.

New Business: Ted and Dee will not be at this year's Memorial Day Shoot. Doug has agreed to take on the range for Ted. Marilyn Stites will be taking on Dee's kids games. Bob McCune has also volunteered to help but we will need lots more help to make this shoot a success. We need everyone on board to help with this event. That includes set up and tear down as well as the normal daily activities.

May 7 will be the next Women on Target Clinic. Everyone is invited to attend and help participate in this CSML sponsored event. It will be held at the Cheyenne Mountain Shooting Range.

Don Stoner noted that the last gun show was a little slow on Sunday. The next one scheduled is for July 8.

Don also noted that the Monument July 4th parade will be happening. While he has not yet received any information, he expects it shortly and will be sharing it with all. In the mean time, everyone is asked to begin making your parade loads to participate in this fun and exciting parade.

Everyone was reminded that the work party is being held on May 20 at the LaChance home and will be followed by a potluck lunch.

April 29-30 is the Squirrel Shoot.

May 27-29 will be the annual Memorial Day Shoot at Florence Mountain Park

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned.

The group gathered round and watched Richard ‘‘Singe’’ Stites and his flintknapping demonstration. Richard shared lots of interesting things about the flints themselves and where they are found up to and including letting us knap a few times if we wanted to. This was a very interesting demonstration and we are glad that Richard shared it with us.

Respectfully submitted,
Part-time recorder, Doreen Webb

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Paper Pistol Match **April 2, 2017**

by: Ken West

The three of us were actually too lazy to put up the backstops for a paper match, so we did a primitive match. The Serpas joined us after the match started. The scores were:

Jim Muarray	12 gongs
Tom Campbell	11 gongs
Mark Serpa	11 gongs
Ken West	11 gongs
Lynnette Serpa	10 gongs

With no tie-breaker, Jim started calling quarters on the gong at 54 yards. Time to start practicing for the Rendezvous!

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HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES????

Dues are \$25 and should have already been paid to Ted. If not, get him your money now so that you don’t miss out on any of the activities or events!

WORK PARTY **MAY 20**

Don’t forget the work party on May 20 at the LaChance home in Penrose. It won’t take us long to get the remaining things done for the annual shoot and then we will all partake in a potluck lunch. Bring your favorite lunch dish as well as your own plates, utensils, and drinks. We will have a good time and it will be a quick review to make sure we have what we need for the shoot.

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42nd Annual Memorial Day **Shoot**

As most of you know, this group has been hosting the annual Memorial Day shoot for 41 years. This is the 42nd and each one is getting harder and harder to complete. We need all the help we can get and are always asking for assistance in the set up, tear down, and running of the event.

As part of the planning for the event, we have

a list of the Memorial Day Shoot Committees and what they do. Here is that listing and who chairs those groups. If you want to volunteer or have something to add to the items, please contact any of the people listed. No offer will be refused!

Shoot Book: Joy Hicks, Doreen Webb, Gwen Blanchard. We have taken to printing our own book to save money for the club. The important part is always the matches and a place to write your scores down.

Prize Medallions: Doreen Webb and Joy Hicks. Doreen orders the medallions, applies the identification tags, sorts and double-checks to make sure we have a medallion for each match.

Club Tent: Marilyn Stites. Marilyn takes this chore on with grace and dignity. She will sell anything you have as long as it is marked with a price and you tell her if you will negotiate or not. Marilyn tallies it all up and keeps the money safe and secure.

Traders Row: Gwen Blanchard heads this one up. However, it is good for all of us to ask vendors to come and participate in our event.

Registration: Petra LaChance is the lead on this one. She and her crew help get everyone registered, give them the right targets, and makes sure that there is always someone with an answer.

Scoring: Joy Hicks is in charge of this. She has the work down to a fine art and we are able to make the awards ceremony on time.

Drawing Prizes: Everyone is part of this. We are always looking for donations and things to give away at the drawings. This is one way to help us make some money to keep this event going.

Paper Range: Ted Beaupre is in charge of the range. However, this year he won't be there and Doug Davis will be taking on this task. He will need all the help you can supply. If the range is set up by Friday noon, then it may be opened for the workers to shoot on Friday.

Primitive Range: Doug Davis is in charge of this one. He is looking for help to set up this year as he is busy with the paper range.

Shotgun Range: Tom Hart and Rady Dyer are the managers of this area. Rady supplies the trap and birds and all who go have a great time watching the birds disappear.

Cannon Range: Richard "Singe" Stites is the cannon master on this range. He knows all and makes sure that all the big guns have a great time.

Knife and Hawk: Don Stoner, Jim Murray, and John Gloyd are the masters on this range. They work hard to ensure that all the throwers get the right scores.

Mountain Man Run: All the primitive guys handle this. It is run on Sunday night.

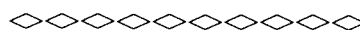
Mountain Mama Run: The primitive ladies will handle this one. We may try to run it at noon on Sunday but look for the schedule to verify.

Kids Events: Dee Beaupre is the chairman here. However, this year she has made a deal with Marilyn Stites to help her out as Dee won't be at the event. Let's all help Marilyn out with this event.

Spectator Shoot: This is one event that always needs help. This is where our future shooters may come from and it is important that we have someone there to help stir up the interest.

Opening Ceremony: We are always looking for someone with new ideas to open the event.

Tug-o-War: This is the kids' favorite thing to do. We need someone to help with this for Ron this year.



THINGS TO REMEMBER AT THE SHOOT

Paper targets with one stripe are shot from a

rest or off cross sticks.

Paper targets with 2 stripes are shot off-hand.

Colors for distance on paper targets:

Blue is 25 yards

Green is 50 yards

Orange is 100 yards

Black is 130 yards

Always be sure that you post the right color target at the right distance! Range officers should check the colors on the targets before each round is shot.

Make sure that your shooter number and the match number are on each of your targets before you turn them in. Without the shooter number or your name, we can't score the target.

All challenges to scores must be made no later than noon on Monday. Nothing will be accepted after that.

FROM A TRAPPERS DIARY

By: Charlie Ritchie

Reflections on the Indians

The reflections that I would like to re-live with you, come from such sources as Capt. W. P. Clark, author of "Indian Sign Language" 1885, George Catlin 1832, who spent eight years among the Mandans, and others whose lives touched the early Indians.

All too often, the primitive Indian has been looked upon as immoral, unclean, and totally lazy. This was not always the case, and among his own kind, there were codes of honor, cleanliness, and integrity. Frankly speaking, the corruptors of the Indian were our own forefathers, who wouldn't or couldn't let the Indian evolve along his own route.

Now hear this, pilgrims, ol' Richie ain't getting up on the soap box, I'm just trying to quote a few long passed on coons, and get some facts straight. Lord knows, I ain't got no right to preach, defend, or try any of them other things that politicians always seem to be doing. But I might as well make it known

right now, I've always had a certain amount of respect for the American Indian, so much so, that when I was a little boy I had dreams of being adopted into a tribe of Indians. So without further ado, let's proceed to debunk a few of the myths and wive's tales that have been spread about the Indian for the last 130 years.

The white man has always thought of himself as God-fearing, but Capt. Clark said: "There are no people who pray more than Indians." He also says: "Indians make vocal petitions to the God or force which they wish to assist them, and also make prayer by painting the long stem of the pipe. The Poncas call the sun, God or Grandfather, and the earth Grandmother, and pray to both when making supplications. Running Antelope, a chief of the Uncapapa band of Sioux, said in regard to painting the pipestem that the mere motion meant, "to the Great Spirit" give me plenty of ponies; plenty of meat; let me live in peace and comfort with my wife, and stay long with my children. To th earth, my Grandmother: let me live long; hold me good and strong. When I go to war, give me many ponies and let me count many "coups". In peace, let not anger enter my heart." Sound like words to live by?

Cleanliness has also been another touchy subject when it came to primitive Indians. How many times have you hard that Indians were dirty, and didn't seem to care about such things as bathing and staying neat. Not so again. George Catlin spoke of the Mandans, "After eight years in their lodges (1832-40) says that notwithstanding many exceptions, among the wild Indians the strictest regard to decency and cleanliness and elegance of dress is observed, and there are few people, perhaps, who take more pains to keep their persons neat and cleanly, than they do."

Alexander Henry II, a fur trader and whiskey merchant, who didn't especially have a love for the red man, had this to say in 1806 about the Mandans. "Both men and women make it a rule to go down to the river and wash every morning and evening."

I could go on and on about others who observed the same customs among the Indians. But I will only say this, just as there are dirty people among all races, there were dirty people among the Indian. This is the human quality about us all, and thank goodness, we ain't all alike.

The subject of chastity is often brought up

among those who read accounts of the various rendezvous. In the book, "Give Your Heart To The Hawks", it seems that almost every Indian man would sell his wife to the highest bidder. Maybe there were some tribes and individuals who would do such things, but the total scope of the picture doesn't look like what we have been led to believe.

Alexander Henry, who I have already made mention of, had this to say about the Flatheads. "The Flatheads of the Buffalo Plains, generally encounter the Piegans and fight desperately when attacked. They never attempt war themselves, and have the character of a brave and virtuous people, not in the least addicted to those vices so common among savages who have had long intercourse with Europeans. Chastity is particularly esteemed, and no women will barter her favors, even with the whites, upon any mercenary consideration. She may be easily prevailed upon to reside with a white man as his wife, according to custom of the country, but prostitution is out of the question; she will listen to no proposals of that nature. Their morals have not yet been sufficiently debauched and corrupted by an intercourse with people who call themselves Christians, but whose licentious and lecherous manners are far worse than those of the savages. A striking example is to be seen throughout the N.W. country, of the depravity and wretchedness of the natives; but as one advances into the interior parts, vice and debauchery, become less frequent. Happy those who have the least connection with us, for most of the present depravity is easily traced to its origin in their intercourse with the whites." He went on to say that whiskey was a subtle poison among the savage tribes, and could directly be attributed to their miserable and wretched condition.

George Catlin in 1832, said that, "the Mandan women are beautiful and modest and amongst the respectable families, virtue is as highly cherished and as inaccessible, as in any society whatever."

We see two things in the above statements. First of all, it took repeated contact with the white man to decay the Indian morals. Secondly, that whiskey and liquor were also responsible for the downfall of the Indian. It goes without saying, that the Indian would have been better off, if he could have evolved on his own.

Courage is another term which is often times

placed only on the shoulders of the mountain man, frontiersman, etc. The Indian had tons of it, and didn't even know that he possessed it.

Jonathan Carver, who wrote the book entitled "Travels Among the Sioux", in the years 1766-9, had this to say about the Indian form of courage. "These savages are possessed with many heroic qualities, and bear every species of misfortune with a degree of fortitude which has not been outdone by any of the ancient heroes either of Greece or Rome."

Ernest Seton, author of "The Book of Woodcraft", said this "None of us are likely to question the Redman's prowess when we remember for example that Black Hawk with 40 warriors utterly routed 270 American riflemen in 1832, Chief Joseph in 1877 with inferior weapons beat the American soldiers over and over again with half their number, and in 1878 Dull Knife with 89 warriors fought and defied 2000 American troops for over four months."

Even the composure of meeting death was an act of courage to the Indian, and most resigned their fate away very peaceably. So if'n you want to talk about courage, spell it with a capital C in regards to the Indian.

Dr. Charles Eastman, who wrote "Indian Boyhood", said that none of the wild Indians were wasteful in the beginning. He stated, "After all, the wild Indians could not be justly termed improvident, when the manner of life is taken into consideration. They let nothing go to waste, and labored incessantly during the summer and fall, to lay up provisions for the inclement season. Berries of all kinds were industriously gathered and dried in the sun. Even the wild cherries were pounded up, stones and all, made into small cakes, and dried, for use in soups, and for mixing with the pounded jerked meat and fat to form a much prized Indian delicacy".

Buckskinning owes something to the early Indian, because'n if it weren't for the Indian's initial wisdom and teachings, there wouldn't have been many trappers who could have made a living. Maybe the mountain man didn't take up with such bad company after all.

I'll leave you with a few thoughts by Ernest Seton, author of "The Book of Woodcraft". "The Indian believed in cleanliness of body. He believed in purity of morals. He believed in speaking the truth,

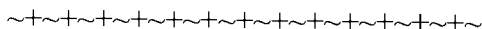
and nothing but the truth. His promise was absolutely binding. He hated and despised a liar, and held all falsehood to be an abomination.

He believed in beautifying all things in his life. He had a song for every occasion - - a beautiful prayer for every stress. His garments were made beautiful with painted patterns, feathers, and quill work. He had dances for every fireside. He had led the world in the making of baskets, beautiful blankets, and canoes, while the decorations he put on his lodges, weapons, clothes, were among the countless evidence of his pleasure in the beautiful, as he understood it.

He believed in the simple life. He held first that land belonged to a tribe, not to the individual; next, that the accumulation of property was the beginning of greed that grew into crime.

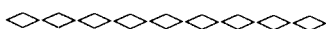
He also believed in peace and the sacred obligations of hospitality. He believed that the noblest of virtues was courage, and that, above all other qualities, he worshiped and prayed for. So also he believed that the most shameful of crimes was being afraid. Last but by no means least, he believed that he should so live his life that the fear of death could never enter into his heart; that when the lat call came he should put on the paint and honors of a hero going home, then sing his death song and meet the end in triumph."

If'n I have to say more in defense of the primitive Indian, then I'm probably wasting my words. Because in the last few words, Seton said it all in regards to the American Indian.



"The people are the masters of both congresses and courts, not to overthrow the Constitution, but to overthrow the men who pervert it!"

Abraham Lincoln



You Know You're A Female Buckskinner If.....

You tie your sneakers with a piece of leather.

You wear moccasins instead of bedroom slippers.

You realize that your fully beaded Indian dress cost more than your wedding dress.

You want a capote for Christmas.

Your favorite fabric is calico and not silk.

You consider going to a rendezvous as a vacation.

You can set up a tipi faster than your old tent.

You camp next to some strangers, and by next week, consider them some of your best friends.

You tell your kids that ashes in their eggs gives them extra flavor.

You win a rolling pin in a throwing contest.

You make fry bread to serve to company instead of donuts.

Your hair still smells like smoke after shampooing.

You don't worry about not showering for three days, because by that time, everyone else will smell just as bad.

You collect all the beads your husband has bought at former rendezvous and start your own trade blanket.

You send the kids off on a scavenger hunt so you can concentrate on your beadwork.

You allow your husband to wipe his greasy fingers on his 'skins so they'll get some character.

Your best scissors are now the leather scissors.



Colorado NMLRA
National Territorial Matches
*Sponsored by Buckhorn Skinners &
Fort Lupton Muzzle Loader Club*
June 16, 17 & 18, 2017
SPVHS Range, Fort Lupton, CO

- ◆ Bench ◆ Light Bench ◆ Offhand ◆ X Stick ◆ Pistol ◆ Junior ◆ Sub Junior ◆
- ◆ Musket ◆ Smoothbore ◆ Sighted Smoothbore ◆ Flintlock ◆ Hunter ◆
- ◆ Unlimited Hunter ◆ Youth Unlimited Hunter ◆
- ◆ Ladies Offhand ◆ Ladies Hunter ◆ Ladies Pistol ◆

Registration Fees

Members of NMLRA, or NRA

(Must show proof of current membership of one of the above organizations.)

\$8.00 per Shooter / \$13.00 per Family

\$8.00 Aggregates Fee - *(For every 4th agg PAID per competitor, the 5th is FREE.)*

Non-Members

\$12.00 per Shooter / \$18.00 per Family

\$12.00 Aggregates Fee - *(For every 4th agg PAID per competitor, the 5th is FREE.)*

NMLRA Memberships (New & Renewals) available at the Registration Tent.

SPVHS Fee for Range & Camping on the Range
Potable Water & Some Electricity Available
Fires in Fire Barrels Only

For More Information Contact:

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42nd Annual

BLACK POWDER SHOOT

Memorial Day Weekend
May 27-29, 2017

Florence Mountain Park, Florence, CO



PUBLIC WELCOME!

For additional information:

Joy Hicks - (719) 598-5715

Doreen Webb - (719) 275-8724

csmlinc.org

Trader's Row Pre-Registration & Info
Gwen Blanchard (719) 291-0995

NO CAMPING before 9:00 a.m. Friday
Bring your own firewood & water
Haul your own trash

NO PETS

**** FEES ****

Camping	\$20.00
Individual shooter registration	15.00
Families of 3 or more shooters	25.00
Each match or event	1.00*
<i>(*Except Mountain Man, Mountain Mama, Gong Shoot & Shotgun)</i>	
Trader's Row (pre-registration required)	35.00

Recommend Shooters have eye & ear protection.

Potluck Saturday night at 6:00p.m. near scoring tent

**** EVENTS & HAPPENINGS ****

Men's & Ladies' flint, percussion, pistol, & revolver matches

Team Events for clubs and couples

Junior rifle, shotgun, knife, and hawk matches

Old Timer's Matches

Cannon Matches (rifled and smooth bore)

Gong Shoot (\$5.00)

Trader's Row

Mountain Man and Mountain Mama Runs (\$5.00)

Super Seniors' Match (for those 70+ shooters)

Knife and Tomahawk Matches

Shotgun Matches

Games, Tug-of-War, and craft classes for Kids - - -NO CHARGE

Drawing Prizes: muzzle loading firearm & more ...

Spectator Shoot (come & try out a muzzle loader) - - - FREE

Open trade session 7:30p.m. Saturday night. Bring your blankets & trade goods.

Musicians are encouraged to bring your instruments!

