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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

January 6, 2011

Wild Game Potluck, award the trophies, & Tall Tales

Paper Shoot - January 2

Primitive Shoot - January 16

Board Meeting January 11

Feb. 3 -- Regular Monthly Meeting
& White Elephant Gift Exchange

DUES are due by January 31st!!!

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UPCOMING EVENTS: CSML & Statewide

WHAT	WHERE	WHEN	INFORMATION
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	January 2, 2011	pistol at 12; rifle at 1:00 p.m.
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	January 6, 2011	wild game potluck & awards
Board Meeting	Joy's House	January 11	plan annual shoot & event
<i>Sell Ads for the Shoot</i>	<i>Book - - - no time</i>	<i>like the present to</i>	<i>sell ads for the shoot book!!!!</i>
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	January 16	pistol at 12; rifle at 1:00 p.m.
Newsletter Articles Due	to the Editor	January 20th	Don't be late with your info!!!!
<i>Gather up trader info &</i>	<i>let's get them invited</i>	<i>to our 36th annual</i>	<i>shoot!!!!</i>
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	February 3	white elephant gift exchange fun!
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	February 6	check shoot hot line first!!
CSMLA Annual Trade Show & Convention	DoubleTree North Westminster	Feb. 5 & 6	Annual meeting of the State Association; classes; auction, etc
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	February 20	pistol at 12; rifle at 1:00 p.m.
Newsletter Articles Due	to the Editor	February 24 th	Don't be late with your info!!!!
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	March 3	come & see what there is.....
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	March 6	check shoot hot line first!!
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	March 20	check shoot hot line first!!
Newsletter Articles Due	to the Editor	March 24 th	Don't be late with your info!!!!
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	April 3	pistol at 12, rifle at 1:00 p.m.
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	April 7	meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	April 17	pistol at 12; rifle at 1:00 p.m.
<i>NO CLUB SHOOTS</i>	<i>IN MAY.....</i>	<i>GEAR UP FOR</i>	<i>36TH ANNUAL SHOOT!!!!</i>
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	May 5	last meeting before the shoot
36 th annual Memorial Day Shoot & Rendez.	Florence Mountain Park	May 28-30	lots of shooting, work, fun, and potluck on Saturday night
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	June 2	wrap up of the shoot
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	June 5	pistol at 12; rifle at 1:00 p.m.
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	June 19	pistol at 12; rifle at 1:00 p.m.

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.

PAST THINGS

December's meeting began with a host of goodies all spread out on the tables at the back of the room. The aromas filled the air and made our tummies begin to growl. The President quickly called the meeting to order and then opened the buffet to all who were there.

While munching and enjoying the festive goodies, the business portion of the meeting was conducted in a rather quick manner. Not a whole lot to discuss. The most important thing was the distribution of new club phone books. Everyone gets one as a member of the club and if you want more than one, Ted will sell you a second one for \$1.00 (really cheap). This club phone book is only for club members and is a great way to keep in touch. If you weren't there to get yours, see Ted or Joy for your free copy.

Discussion held on shoot for January 2; the day after New Years. All were in agreement that a shoot would be the best thing so we're going to have it.

Everyone reminded to get their reservations in for the CSMLA Annual Trade Show and Convention in February. We need to have a good showing and especially at the annual meeting on Saturday. The State Association is in a rough shape and we need to determine the course of action for the CSMLA to follow. This is only done by the membership and we need to be there!!!

The meeting was adjourned and we proceeded to have fun with the annual Christmas ornament exchange. Numbers were drawn and the packages were selected and opened. Lots of very interesting ornaments were displayed. Some very creative hand-made ornaments were opened as well as some very carefully selected custom ornaments. Lots of pretty things to hang on the Christmas trees at home.

Merry Christmas to all and hope the jolly old elf in the red suit brings you what you wanted!!!

Colorado Springs Muzzle Loaders, Inc. Regular Monthly Meeting December 2, 2010

The assembled group began this meeting by filling their plates from the table filled with finger foods. For a few minutes, the sound of mmmmm's and "ooh, that's good" filled the air. The regular monthly meeting of the CSML was called to order by President Joy sometime around 7:30 p.m. First order of business was the welcoming of two new members to our group: Jack Young, an electrician, found us at the gun show. He has been involved with black powder for about ten years and the good thing is that his wife also shoots!!!! Larry McCracken, who is currently serving our country, just started black powder and is rapidly becoming hooked. He plans to be at the shoot on Sunday and is looking forward to playing with us. Later in the meeting, Gwen's friend Jeff Hitt who is a locksmith, joined us for some fun and fellowship.

Secretary's report of the previous meeting was published in the *Mountain Man Monthly*. Joy accepted a motion from the floor to accept this report as printed. Motion was quickly seconded and passed by acclamation.

Next up was the Treasury Report, which Gwen gave us. She started with our balances, gave us the outgoing costs for our doing business, and then gave us the bottom line in our checking and savings accounts. Then she gave us the really good news that Stephen will be home around December 18th, notwithstanding the military changes that can occur. She will also provide Stephen's address for anyone who would like to send him a card. Motion was then made, seconded, and passed for acceptance of the Treasury report.

Joy called on Ted Beaupre for a Membership report. He noted that as of this meeting we have 93 paid memberships on our books. Notation made that dues are due in January so begin to prepare for that as well. New club member phone books have been printed and each member gets the first one free. Additional copies can be purchased for \$1.00 each and you can see Ted or Joy for these.

Old Business: Since Don Stoner was not with us, Jim Murray noted that the gun show was a good

one and there was lots of interest in our booth. He noted that the guys would like old copies of our *Mountain Man Monthly* to put on the table as well because it provides something the folks can take home with them and know about us and our events.

November's Primitive Shoot was conducted by Marlin Johnson. He noted that it was windy but they had a good time anyway. The shot at some small and larger round lids with the smaller ones counting as 2 points and the larger ones only one point. They also shot at some hanging tea bags and in the wind, that was a wild challenge. There were a couple of them that were hit and the tea spilled out. Steve Bingham had an interesting time at this shoot as his front site kept falling off in his hand. Winners of the turkeys were Jerry Farringer and Judy Sterner.

New Business: Joy noted that the Colorado State Muzzle Loading Association has contracted to host their Annual Trade Show and Convention (formerly known as Winter Convention) February 5 & 6, 2011. It is in Denver and promises to be a good time. There will be a drawing very similar to last year, classes, banquet and auction. Let's all get our reservations in and plan to attend this event. The Colorado Springs Muzzle Loaders will have a trade table on the floor as well so if you have stuff you want to sell or trade, please mark the prices and bring it with you. We'll also be looking for our group to help relieve the staff at this table during the weekend.

Also time to get your nominations in for the 2011 CSMLA Muzzle Loader of the Year. We have a very qualified candidate in our midst by the name of Tom Gabor. Nominations do not have to be a secret so ask your candidate to tell you about themselves and be sure to send that nomination off to John and Mary Jo Kummer. Their address can be found in the CSMLA Newsletter *Poke and Stroke*.

Doug Davis asked the group if we would like to have the *Mountain Man Monthly* available on our website as part of our advertising of things that we do. He would be willing to set this up and maintain it as part of our csmlinc.org website. The group agreed that this is a fantastic idea and it should be added to the website. Doug also noted that the hot cider pot was a new one and that the cider now tastes really good and like cider rather than rusted iron.

Upcoming events were noted. Ted Beaupre

will be hosting the paper shoot on Sunday and he noted that he has some pretty good targets. If you remember some of his Grainger shoots then you will know what some of the shots will be.

Motion made for adjournment. We then gathered around the food tables to finish off the goodies and drew numbers for participation in the annual Christmas ornament exchange. This is the one where you must keep what you draw.....no trading around. Some really unusual ornaments were here this year, including some moose buddies, pine cone reindeer, angels, snowmen, and even a jeweled star tree topper! Thank you all for participating in the fun.....and remember February's white elephant gift exchange is the time when you can swap and trade and resurrect some of the wild items that you have received.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Secretary Lois,
Doreen "Part-Time Substitute Scribe" Webb

DECEMBER PAPER PISTOL MATCH

By: Ken "Suds" West

Five of us shot pistol on December 5, enjoying some really good shooting weather! Had some new faces which makes the match more interesting! The scores were:

Tom Hendricks	87
Larry McCracken	82
Jim Murray	81x
Ken West	81
Steve Bingham	73

Steve was the only one shooting a flint. Jim shot a practice target after the match, scoring 90. Larry practiced with an 1851 Colt Navy, whose sights were WAY off (maybe four feet at 25 yards), so he shot the match with my target pistol - - - not the first time that I've been beaten with my own gun. Just shows that the problem is not with the gun.....

Things everyone else already knew.....

Before filing down a front sight, I paint the back of the blade red, use a knife to scrape off the paint above my best guess to the correct height. Using the top of the red paint as a sighting point, I fire a few shots to test my guess and repeat the process until the sights are dead on. Then start filing the sight down to the top of the red paint!

Tom Faux taught me that the wedge carrying the front sight is "one way" - - - it is tapered left-to-right so it is easier to drive out if you know the taper and the barrel must be on something solid which will not absorb the blow to drive the sight wedge out.

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DECEMBER PAPER SHOOT RESULTS

By: Ted Beaupre

By the first word in this report, you will have noticed that it is not the December Paper Shoot results. That is not because Ted didn't get the information in by the deadline. He sent it but unfortunately, my computer could not understand the language of the report that Ted sent from his computer and I could not open the file. All I got was a bunch of errors and boxes and rectangles and junk. I'm sure that it is something simple but with the dang-nabbed *&%\$@ computers, it may as well have been in Greek. Nothing I did would make it happen and I'm just not computer literate enough to fix the problem.

Sorry folks, but I'll try to get Ted to bring me a copy of what he wrote and we'll get the report in the next month's newsletter for you to read. (Some days I just hate this high-tech gobble-dee-gook and everything associated with it!)



December 19th Primitive Pistol Match

By: Ken West

The pistol match today was about what I expected; relieved only by Tony's good shooting with a really poor gun. He says that he paid \$50 for it but it looks like a \$35 gun.

Suspecting, due to the proximity to Christmas and the nasty weather of last week, that I would be the only one shooting pistol, I brought two pistols so that I could shoot against myself. Halfway through the match, Tony Hecker brought his Jukar flint pistol up and joined me.

The weather was warm and the light gusty wind was from the west. I hit eleven of the gongs and Tony hit nine - - - missing two fo the big up-close ones and hitting the squirrel.



Primitive Shoot Report

By Tony 'tenderfeets' Hecker

The weather being pretty nice six shooters entered the rifle shoot (all precusion shooters). There were 10 gongs posted

They finished as below:

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| No. 1 | Marlin Johnson | 18 |
| No. 2 | Vern Chilton | 18 |
| No. 3 | Ted Beaupre | 17 |
| No. 4 | Larry | |
| No. 5 | Kerry McDonald | |
| No. 6 | Fred Barraza | |

Respectfully Tony

36th Annual Memorial Day Shoot & Rendezvous

That's right, this will be the 36th year that the CSML members have hosted the largest and best shoot in the state!!! That's also right that it is never too early to start the planning and processing that goes on to make this the best and biggest shoot in the state.

The Board meeting at Joy's house on January 11th will be the official start of this event as well as the planning and setting of the calendar for the club for the year. While Board members are required to attend, we invite all the other interested members to join us for this meeting. The more help we have the better things turn out to be.

One thing that everyone needs to do is to look over the last year's shoot book and let us know what needs to be changed, clarified, or updated. We know the ads will change, but there is a lot of other information in this book that needs to be reviewed and looked at seriously. Please let Doreen know as soon as you can about the changes you think need to be made. (Yes, she has already begun the work of updating and changing the shoot book art work otherwise we'd never make the deadline.)

Following is a list of things that have to be done before the shoot.....yes, we have many lists that enable us to remember all the stuff we need to make this event the biggest and best in the state!!! Take a look at this list and see what you can do to help, where you think there needs to be a change or update, or what you are willing to step up and take charge of. We need lots of **YOUR** help to make this all work. There is no one person in charge of everything and no one automatically does any of this. Where someone has already volunteered to do the item has been noted. However, if you want to know how or what that person does, all you have to do is ask and they will gladly share with you.

1. **PAPERWORK FOR THE SHOOT**
Contract with the City of Florence
Insurance paid for the event
2. **FLYERS & ADVERTISING** Create the annual flyer - - - *Doreen has done this so that we could enclose it in our "beg" letters*

and so that it would be available for Board approval at the meeting on January 11.

- Where to advertise
Public Relations
Ad deadline - - - *is APRIL 7, 2011*
3. **TENTS AND POLES**
Repairs needed
How many
Replacement poles
4. **TABLES & CHAIRS**
How many and where needed
5. **TARGET BOXES**
6. **RADIOS & BATTERIES**
7. **PA SYSTEM & POWER**
8. **EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**
9. **SIGNS**
How many
Where
New ones
10. **PORT-A-POTTIES**
11. **REVIEW SHOOT MATCHES**
12. **PRIZES**
Medallions
Aggregate
Mountain Man & Mama Events
13. **TARGETS**
How many of each
Work party for painting & marking
When to order
Where to purchase
14. **REGISTRATION**
Who
Forms
Prices
15. **SHOOT BOOK**
Artwork & paste up - - - *Doreen Webb*
Ad deadline - - - *is April 7, 2011*
16. **SHOOTER IDENTIFICATION**
What kind
How many numbers
17. **CAMP IDENTIFICATION**
What kind
How many
18. **OPENING CEREMONY**
Who to conduct
Color guard
Flag pole & flags

19. **PAPER RANGE**
Poles, Celotex, wire, rope
Staffing
20. **PRIMITIVE RANGE**
Throwing blocks
Gongs
Staffing
21. **NOVELTY MATCH**
Who
Targets
22. **KNIFE & HAWK RANGE**
Hours of operation
Who
Rules
23. **TRADERS ROW**
Letters to vendors - - - *Doreen has sent*
Possible sources for others
Who to organize
24. **SCORING**
Supplies
Replenish blue box
25. **KIDS EVENTS**
Prizes
Games
Candy Cannon
Tug-of-War
26. **SPECIAL EVENTS**
27. **DRAWING**
Prizes - - - *Doreen sent solicitation letters*
Tickets
28. **CLEAN-UP OF GROUNDS**

There is always more work than we have volunteers to do. I know it sounds like we are begging and we are!!!! Please help us and volunteer early and often. Don't place all the work on the same old folks who have always done it. Step up and help make this bigger and better than ever.

There are lots of committees to ensure that we have lead workers for the different areas. Be the first to volunteer for one of those committees and get started now.

We are always in need of prizes for the kids games and events. They love simple prizes and it never takes much to make them happy. Put your skills and imagination to work and help us make some prizes for the kids events.

THINGS TO REMEMBER....

Our club has paid for a trade table for the CSMLA Annual Trade Show and Convention. Bring your stuff to sell or trade and be sure that you have the prices marked on the items. We'll also be looking for staffing for this table. If we all take a turn at it, then no one gets stuck at the table all day.

Get your nomination in now for the CSMLA Muzzle Loader of the Year. Deadline is January 15 and your nomination goes to John & Mary Jo Kummer, 29500 County Road 5, Elizabeth, CO 80107 or at jkummer@myedl.com. Be sure to include plenty of good information about your candidate because the judges don't know this person. Your description of why they should be the winner is all the judges have to go on. If you don't have enough information, just ask your candidate to help fill in the blanks. The nomination does not have to be a secret.

Dues for the CSML are still only \$15 per year and they are due and payable by January 31st. Please give your money or check to Ted Beaupre as soon as you can. That way, you won't forget and you won't miss out on any of the fun of the CSML!!!!

February 3rd's meeting is the white elephant gift exchange. This is the one where you bring the wildest, most god-awful thing you have ever gotten that you want to give away to someone else. Wrap it up pretty and tie it with a bow. Make it appealing so that it will be chosen.

The game begins with each participant drawing a number. #1 starts and opens the first gift. From then on, each individual may swap his hot item with any of the others that have been opened before him. Finally, when the last gift has been opened and displayed or swapped, then whoever drew #1 gets to make a final choice from all the items opened.

This is lots of fun and creates quite a few laughs among the group. Whoever is lucky enough to get #1 is the real winner because they can end up with the best thing of the night or at least get rid of the

worst thing that they got!!! You never know what will surface from previous years.....



SOME FUN & GAMES

Nine common first names are hidden in the sentence below. What are they?

ALABAMA RYE BREAD IS DANDY,
BUT ANGLOPHILES ARE USED TO
AUTOMATE TOAST.

Find all occurrences of the word "ox" in the paragraph below.

While working at Fort Knox, Otto Xavier put a box of rocks in Roxy's in-box, hoping to get her attention. Roxy found the box when she went to go Xerox the announcement that she was leaving Fort Knox to attend Oxford on a rowing scholarship as a coxswain. When he saw the announcement, Otto x-ed out Roxy's name in his Rolodex and turned his attention to Moxy, a foxy chatterbox he met at cardiokickboxing.

Can you "read" the phrase below?

DON'T CRY
SPLASHED MILK

An anagram is a word made up of the rearranged letters of another word (as in *made* and *dame*). Fill in the blanks in each sentence below with words that are anagrams of one another.

- The mama ____ was proud of her ____ baby lamb.
- Dad was disgusted to find a wad of ____ At the bottom of his coffee ____.
- ____ needed a ____ to find her friend's house.
- Although it was very heavy the bookcase did ____ weigh a ____.

- It took _____ tugboats to _____ the freighter into port.
- _____ Was so tired that she went right to _____.
- Elizabeth kept a daily _____ and wrote about her trip to see the cows at the _____ farm.
- "I tried to wash off the _____," said the cook, "but it was a lost _____."

Answer each clue below with a pair of rhyming words. The numbers that follow each clue indicate how many letters are in each word. For example, "what time sometimes seems to do" would be "fly by".

- What time sometimes seems to do (3,2):

- It's near the orchestra (3, 3):

- Thirsty man's request (4, 4):

- Pre-swim leaf remover (4, 4):

- Farmer's lament after the rain (4, 5):

- Coach's directive to the team (5, 4):

- Where a beast of burden is trained (4,6):

- Where to learn to make hula skirts (5, 5):

- Sweeping duty (5, 5):

- It's said too softly (7, 4):

Can you "read" the phrase below?

1 FLU
CUCKOO'S HOME

There's only one person in a room. Take some away, and there's still one in the room. Who is in the room?

Answers, if you need them, next month.....