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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

February 4 - 7:00 p.m.

White elephant gift exchange
& finger foods to share

Paper Shoot - February 7

Primitive Shoot - February 21

Next Monthly Meeting

March 3rd - 7:00 p.m.

Bow Drill Demonstration

State Winter Convention

March 5 - Ft. Collins' Elks Club

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UPCOMING EVENTS: CSML & Statewide

WHAT	WHERE	WHEN	INFORMATION
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	February 4 7:00 p.m.	white elephant gift exchange; snacks, come see what returns
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	February 7	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	February 21	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	March 3 7:00 p.m.	business of the club; bow drill demonstration
CSMLA Annual Winter Convention & Meeting	Elks Club Ft. Collins	March 5	annual meeting & trade show; election of officers
NO PAPER SHOOT	Ft. Melchert	March 6	cancel as we'll be at convention!
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS	TIME BEGINS	MARCH 13	CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR!!
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	March 20	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	April 3	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
<i>CPW Big Game &</i>	<i>Hunting License</i>	DUE APRIL 5, 2016	<i>big game & limited draw licenses - - www.csp.state.co.us</i>
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	April 7; 7:00 p.m.	business of the club; who knows
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	April 17	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	May 5	last one before the big event
NO CLUB SHOOTS	IN MAY.....	NO CLUB SHOOTS	Work on annual shoot!!!!
41 st annual Memorial Day Black Powder Shoot	Florence Mountain Park	May 28-30	shooting, potluck, fun, and festivities
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	June 2	review of the 41 st event
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	June 5	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	June 19	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
NO CLUB PAPER	SHOOT JULY 3	DUE TO JULY 4	HOLIDAY!!!!
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	July 7; 7:00 p.m.	regular stuff & discussions
Grainger's Primitive Camp Out	Grainger property near Victor	July 16-17	camping, shooting, chili cooking contest, potluck supper, etc.
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	August 4	regular club business & whatever

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

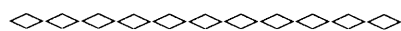
PAST THINGS

The January meeting was a very good one and if you didn't come, you were the loser. We had a lot of good food to share, a short business meeting, and then a wonderful discussion/demonstration on historical packs.

We also learned about the last gun shows, injuries to our friends the Schainost family, Winter Convention plans (which includes free trade tables), some statistics on our treasury and who the *new* Assistant Primitive Exec is. Hunting success information was provided and we reminded all of the yearly board meeting at Joy's house. We accomplished a lot during the short time we were together.

Ted reminded us all that our dues are due now. When you renew your dues, you will receive the newly updated and published CSML Phone Book. It is a bright green thing and is wonderful to have!!!! When you get yours, check your information and if there are any changes, get them to Joy as quickly as you can. We want the book to be of use to us all and most of all, to be accurate.

At the annual board meeting on January 12, those present set the club's schedule for the upcoming months, discussed shoots to be cancelled, and discussed some changes to the annual shoot as well. One very important thing that will be different in 2016, is that the annual election will be conducted at the Paper Grainger shoot in August, rather than in September. Seems as though we have more of a turnout at the camp-out than we do the election meeting so we'll just do it at that time. We then won't have a regular club meeting on September 1, 2016. You can start your Labor Day holiday early!



Colorado Springs Muzzle Loaders, Inc. Regular Monthly Meeting December 3, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President, Joy Hicks on Thursday, December 3, 2015.

Acknowledgment of visitors was made.

The Secretary's report was acknowledged. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes for November. The motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Gwen reported \$30 in and checks out for October and November gun shows. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. The motion carried.

Membership report given by Ted Beaupre. Currently we have 75 paid members. Old memberships prior to 2014 were dropped. Members are asked to make sure that phone, address, and e-mail are up-to-date for new address book. Yearly dues are due in January.

Old Business: Gun show for November had lots of interest. The price per table went to \$35.

M.U.L.E.Y deer event has no updated information at this time.

December monthly shoot: primitive and paper shoot were combined on Sunday, 12/6. Encouraged participation by all. Fee will be \$5.00 for the combined shoot and plans include 13 yards on turkey heads and 25 yards on meat shoot. Leaders for the event will be Fred, Tom, Ted, and Doug.

New Business: The January meeting will be the wild game potluck. Don Kenitzer will give us a talk.

Board meeting is January 12 at 7:00 p.m. at Joy's house.

Christmas cards for Ron Melchert and Reed Grainger were passed around for signature.

Upcoming events were noted. Next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, January 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion for adjournment was made and seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Ornament exchange followed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Janie Clark, Secretary

Don Kenitzer then gave us a wonderful discussion on his research of the historical packs carried by the early mountain men. He described for us, the market wallet, haversack, newly invented haversack, backpack, and shooting pouch. He brought samples of all the various packs and showed

us the differences in the packs, all the pockets, and how they came in to use. His discussion was very interesting and informative. We thank Don for sharing his research with us.

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SOME THINGS TO PONDER.....

If you were at the January meeting, you heard how our treasury is going down faster than it is up. As Gwen suggested, we need to think about ways to economize and at the same time, build up our treasury or we will soon be destitute! We all realize that Mother Nature won last year and we did not conduct our annual shoot which is the big money maker, but those items purchased for that event are being used for this year's event. One way to economize and make the money work for us.

We also need you to think about, build, buy, barter, trade, or whatever, to help us get items for the 41st Annual Memorial Day Shoot drawing tables. At this time, we only have one item from Richard Stites and that is not enough to sell tickets and make money. Look around your house and your garage and see what you can share, build, create, or whatever. Be sure that your items are worth the \$1.00 ticket price and are something that you yourself would like to have. We need to generate lots of sales so that we can remain in the black.

We are always looking for prizes for the kids games. Again, if you can build, buy, create, or come up with things for the kids, please get in touch with Dee Beaupre. She always works hard to put things on for the kids to participate in and enjoy and our policy is to ensure that all kids who participate get a prize of some sort. Let's all look for things to help Dee out with this project.

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In case your curiosity got the best of you and you weren't at the meeting to learn for your self, DON KENITZER is the new Assistant Primitive Exec. Don is a "new" old member from about 20 years ago. He is excited to be a part of our group and volunteered to help Doug with the primitive things. We are very grateful to Don for his enthusiasm and exuberance

and willingness to help us move forward and grow our group!!!!

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Paper Pistol Match January 3, 2016

by: Ken West

The weather was amazingly good for this first match of the year - - - hope that it was an omen! Eight of us enjoyed the opportunity. Not a high-scoring day for anyone, but a good shoot! The scores were:

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| Jim Murray | 87 |
| Tom Gabor | 83x |
| John Udovich | 73 |
| Ken West | 73 |
| Ted Beaupre | 72 |
| George Greaves | 68x |
| George Greaves | 43 |
| Braden Greaves | 35 |

This was the first time that the Greaves' have shot with us, and - - relying on my famous failing memory - - I'm not sure whether the second George is Junior or the III. The sons put in a great performance for first time shooters. (My score the first year at the Fall National was 29.) We are looking forward to shooting with them in the future matches.

Third time is the charm - - John Udovich won the tie in this match. The holes I put in

the 5 ring gave him a boost! When the scores are tied, the shooter with the hole farthest from the X loses.

An extra match for open-top revolvers has been added to the schedule for the Western National in Phoenix - - March 1 through 7. I may take my Colt and embarrass myself again!

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SOME GOOD NEWS.....

We have heard that Abby Votava went to the University of Memphis NCAA competition in air rifle, .22 and small bore. Adam Votava went to National Shoot for Archery and participated in the Kremmling Black Powder shoot. Adam also used a 12 gauge shotgun to harvest 5 ducks and he went elk hunting this year.

These youth are great examples of parent support in the shooting sports and encouraging their kids to learn to shoot. Way to go Abby and Adam!!!! We appreciate you both.

Colorado Springs Muzzle Loaders, Inc. Regular Monthly Meeting January 7, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President, Joy Hicks, on Thursday, January 7, 2016. Visitors were welcomed by President Joy. Wild game potluck was enjoyed by all.

The Secretary's report was acknowledged. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes for December. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Gwen Blanchard reported a balance of \$5,340.91. Income was \$1,491.70 and expenses were \$5,648.62. Monies were lost due to not being able to have the Memorial Day shoot. Gwen asked for suggestions for ways to increase income, i.e. possibly increase membership fees, change the *Mountain Man Monthly* to publish every-

other-month. Ideas would be greatly appreciated. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the report. President Joy thanked Gwen for all of her work as Treasurer.

Membership Report: Ted Beaupre reported 76 current members. Eight renewals tonight and one new membership received at last shoot. The new membership address books are available. Any corrections will be placed in the *Mountain Man Monthly*.

Old Business: Gun show in November, people were seeking our booth. The next gun show will be in January on the 16 and 17.

Board meeting Tuesday, January 12, at President Joy's house is a planning meeting for the year and what to do for the Memorial Day shoot. The meeting is open to the membership.

Doug Davis asked that it be noted that Ron and Donna Deurmyer came to the meeting from Denver.

New Business: Membership meeting for Thursday, February 4 will be the white elephant giver exchange and also finger foods.

Doug Kenitzer has accepted the position of Assistant Primitive Exec. He was introduced by Doug Davis.

State Winter Convention will be a one-day event on Saturday, March 5 at the Elk's Lodge in Ft. Collins.

Muzzle Loader of the Year nominations need to be sent to Tom Gabor. He is taking care of this for Estill Ator, last year's winner.

Trade tables at the CSMLA Winter Convention are free for the first table and \$10 for each additional table.

Winter Convention is looking for folks to put on classes or discussions for the event. Contact Gwen if you can or will do something.

There will be no paper shoot on Sunday, March 6 due to most of us being at the Winter Convention. Primitive shoot in March will be as usual.

Need everyone to pray for the Schainost family. Todd has broken his ankle and Blake had a bad fall. Blake is dealing with a concussion and pelvic break that requires him to put NO weight on his body for up to six weeks. Lois is doing her best to care for

all the injured and keeping home and hearth supplied. Please keep these folks in your thoughts and prayers. They can use all the help we can supply.

Upcoming events were noted. Everyone reminded of the shoot cancellation in March.

Motion for adjournment made and seconded. Motion carried. A presentation was given by Don Kenitzer following the meeting. Thanks to Don for the presentation.

Respectfully submitted,
Janie Clark, Secretary

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January Primitive Pistol Match

by: Ken West

On January 17, the weather was surprisingly pleasant -- apparently most of the pistol shooters were enjoying it somewhere else! Four of us shot gongs on Sunday. The scores were:

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| Jay Rathman | 12 gongs |
| Ken West | 9 gongs |
| George Greaves III | 7 gongs |
| George Greaves IV | 6 gongs |

I now have the Greaves sorted out -- both shot better with my pistol than they did with theirs! I now, after years of trying, have the elevation right on the sights of my pistol -- as my score shows, it takes more than a good gun!

Parkman spent six months with the Sioux in 1848. His history of this visit is both interesting and entertaining. This is the story of his dealing with a vicious dog.

“As I left the lodge next morning, I was saluted by howling and yelling from all around the village, and half its canine population rushed forth to attack. Being as cowardly as they were clamorous, they kept jumping around me at the distance of a few yards, only one little cur, about ten inches long, having spirit enough to make a direct assault. He dashed valiantly at the leather tassel which in the Dakota fashion was trailing behind the heel of my moccasin, and kept his hold, growling and snarling all the while, though every step I made almost jerked him over on his back. As I knew that the eyes of the whole village were on the watch to see if I showed any sign of apprehension, I walked forward without looking to the right or left, surrounded wherever I went by this magic circle of dogs. When I came to Reynal’s lodge I sat down by it, on which the dogs dispersed growling to their respective quarters. Only one large white one remained, who kept running about before me and showing his teeth. I called him, but he only growled the more. I looked at him well. He was fat and sleek; just such a dog as I wanted. “My friend,” thought I, “you shall pay for this! I will have you eaten this very morning!”

“I intended that day to give the Indians a feast, by way of conveying a favorable impression of my character and dignity; and a white dog is the dish which the customs of the Dakota prescribe for all occasions of formality and importance. I consulted Reynal; he soon discovered that an old woman in the next lodge was owner of the white dog. I took a gaudy cotton handkerchief, and laying it on the ground, arranged some vermilion, beads, and other trinkets upon it. Then the old squaw was summoned. I pointed to the dog and to the handkerchief. She gave a scream of delight, snatched up the prize, and vanished with it into her lodge. For a few more trifles I engaged the services of two other squaws, each of whom took the white dog by one of his paws, and led him away behind the lodges, while he kept looking up at them with a face of innocent surprise. Having killed

Francis Parkman’s Revenge on a Sioux dog

him they threw him into a fire to singe; then chopped him up and put him into two large kettles to boil. Meanwhile I told Raymond to fry in buffalo-fat what little flour we had left, and also to make a kettle of tea as an additional item to the repast.”

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A letter from Member, Richard Truex in Indiana.

I'm enclosing my 2017 dues while I'm working on that chicken farm. Things are little bit slow. They say people are going back to work. Don't look like that to the older workers like me.

Sorry to hear about that shooting of the Planned Parenthood by that idiot. My answer as to what to do with him is not politically correct and involves a gallows and a rope. He is as guilty as the day is long and he should pay quickly for the crimes that he committed.

I finally got my new barrel for Big Bertha from Track of the Wolf. I'm going to make it 32 inches long. I figured it out that it will take four pound of weight off of Big Bertha. It's going to have a 1-66 twist. That's the twist Douglas Barrels use when they make black powder barrels.

There is a neighbor around here that was stationed up in Alaska with those Nike missiles. I asked him if he knew Ron Melchert and he said "I have heard of him". He told me that the warrant officers maintained and serviced the missiles while he provided security to the area. It took six guys to do this service due to the small work.

I read in the newsletter that there is only about 80 families left. In 1990 when I left Ft. Carson for Germany, we had 212 members just in our organization. It's like this all over.

I better go.

Sincerely,
Richard Truex

Editor's Note: Richard has been a faithful member since before he was deployed to Germany. He is usually the first member each year to send in his dues. He is a black powder shooter and continues to support this hobby as well as us. We are certainly grateful to members like Richard who help us.

Back in the September issue, we began a story about **A DAY IN A HAT FACTORY**, which was from *The Penny Magazine*, London. Here's the next installment of this fascinating article.

We next trace the progress of the pelt into a room where, to one unused to the din of machinery, everything seems noise and confusion. This is the "cutting" or "cropping" room, in which six or eight machines are actively at work, each attended by a female. We Englishmen, happily, know very little of the guillotine, or we should probably find some resemblance between its action and that of the cropping machine. A long, broad, and sharp blade, having the edge downwards, works very rapidly, with a chopping action; and the pelt being introduced between the blade and a support beneath, the fur is cut from it with a precision that nothing can exceed. The impression on the mind of a visitor is that the pelt must inevitably be chopped to shreds, but, by some admirable adjustment of mechanism, the fur is removed without the skin being cut. The female who attends that machine puts it in or out of work when required, guides the pelt through it, collects the filaments of fur etc. Such outer fragments or small pieces of the pelt as do not lose their fur by the action of the machine, are laid on a table, and women, by the aid of small instruments shaped somewhat like a cheese-cutter, remove the remaining fur. The denuded skins are useless to the hatter, and are sold at a small price to sise-makers (sizing-makers) in the north of England.

We have said that the women in the "pulling" room cut, tear, or pull out the long coarse hairs from the pelts, and that these hairs are useless to the hatter. But it is impossible completely to separate the coarse from the fine fur by this means; and therefore, the fur, when cropped from the pelt by the machines, is conveyed to the "blowing room", finally to effect the separation. This room is probably the largest in the factory and presents a remarkable appearance. It is of small height, but measures, perhaps, fifty feet by forty, having eight hollow boxes or trunks extending nearly the whole length of the room. The action of these hollow machines is exceedingly beautiful, and may, perhaps, be understood without a minute detail of mechanism. A quantity of beaver or other fur is

introduced at one end, near a compartment in which a vane or fly is revolving with a velocity of nearly two thousand rotations in a minute. We all know, even from the simple example of a lady's fan, that a body in motion gives rise to a wind or draught; and when the motion is so rapid as is here indicated, the current becomes very powerful. This current of air propels the fur along a hollow trunk to the other end of the machine, and, in so doing, produces an effect which is as remarkable as it is valuable. All the coarse and comparatively valueless fur is deposited on a cloth stretched along the trunk, while the more delicate filaments are blown to a receptacle at the other end. Nothing but a very ingenious arrangement of mechanism could produce a separation so complete as is here effected; but the principle of action is not difficult to understand. If there were no atmosphere, or if an enclosed place were exhausted of air, a guinea and a feather, however unequal in weight, would fall to the ground with equal velocity; but in ordinary circumstances, the guinea would obviously fall more quickly than the feather, because the resistance of the air bears a much larger ratio to the weight of the feather than to that of the guinea. As the resistance of air to a moving body acts more forcibly on a light than on a heavy substance, so likewise does air, when in motion, and acting as a moving force. When particles of sand and gravel are driven by the wind, the lightest particles go to the greatest distance. So it is with the two kinds of fur in the "blowing machine", those fibres which are finest and lightest are driven to the remote end of the machine.

We have thus visited those part of the factory in which the crude materials are prepared for the hatter, and will now, therefore, take our materials to the "body-makers", and witness the processes of forming them into a hat.

In one corner of the factory is a dark dingy room, where, around a steaming "kettle" we see eight men busily employed at some operation, the nature of which can scarcely be divined through the clouds of steam. We pass by the, however, and visit some upper rooms where the fur and wool are worked up together. The "body" or "foundation" of a good beaver hat is now generally made of eight parts rabbits' fur, three parts Saxony wool, and one part of lama, vicunia, or "red" wool. A sufficient quantity of these for one hat (about 2 ounces) is weighed out and

placed in the hands of the "bower". On entering the "bowing-room", a peculiar twanging noise indicates to the visitor that a stretched cord is in rapid vibration; and the management of this cord by the workman is seen to be one of the many operations in hatting wherein success depends exclusively on skillful manipulation. A bench extends along the front of the room beneath a range of windows, and each "bower" has a little compartment appropriated to himself. The bow is an ashen staff, from five to seven feet in length, having a strong cord of catgut stretched over bridges at the two ends. The bow is suspended in the middle by a string from the ceiling, whereby it hangs nearly on a level with the work-bench, and the workman this proceeds; - - the wool and coarse fur, first separately and afterwards together, are laid on the bench, and the bower, grasping the staff of the bow with his left hand, and plucking the cord with his right by means of a small piece of wood, causes the cord to vibrate rapidly against the wool and fur. By repeating this process for a certain time, all the original clots or assemblages of filaments are perfectly opened and dilated, and the fibres, flying upwards when stuck, are by the dexterity of the workman made to fall in nearly equable thickness on the bench, presenting a very light and soft layer of material. Simple as this operation appears to a stranger, years of practice are required for the attainment of proficiency in it.

The point in the routine of processes at which we have now arrived requires a brief consideration of the operation of felting, on which the whole manufacture of a beaver hat depends. Felting is a process whereby animal fibres are made to cohere and to form a kind of cloth, without the aid of weaving, plaiting, knitting, sewing, or any analogous processes - - warmth, moisture, and friction being the means by which it is effected. There is reason to believe that the process of felting was known in early times, and that the tents of the Tartars, as well as some articles of clothing, were produced by these means; but the evidence on this point is rather indistinct. At what time felted wool was first employed for making hats it would be difficult to say; but there is a legend current among some of the continental hatters which gives the honor to St. Clement, fourth bishop of Rome.

(To be continued.....)