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Mountain Man Monthly

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Colorado Springs Muzzle Loaders Inc.

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Monthly Meeting JULY 3

7:00 p.m.

4th of July Parade/Monument

Line up at 9:00 a.m.

Paper Shoot - July 6

Ft. Melchert

Grainger Primitive Camp Out

July 19-20

August 3 - Primitive Shoot

Ft. Melchert

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UPCOMING EVENTS: CSML & Statewide

WHAT	WHERE	WHEN	INFORMATION
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	July 3	normal stuff
Monument 4 th of July Parade	Monument	July 4	line up at 9:00 a.m. Don Stoner to provide parking passes
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	July 6	pistols as noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
High Country Hideaway	near Kremmling	July 16-20	lots & lots of shotgun shooting
Grainger Primitive Camp-Out	near Victor	July 19-20	annual club camp out; lots of fun; potluck Saturday night
State Silhouette Shoot	Ft. Lupton	July 27	Mike Lee (303) 548-6996
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	Aug. 3	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	August 7	business meeting
Boy Scout Thing	ask Doug	August 9	normal demo stuff....complete certificates needed to participate
Bell's Fort Rendezvous	Bear Basin Ranch Westcliffe, CO	August 13-17	www.bellsfort.com ; Joe Cacc. (719) 251-8715
Grainger Paper Camp Out	near Victor	August 16-17	potluck Saturday night; breakfast Sunday morning; lots of shooting
State Shoot	Ft. Lupton	August 29-Sept. 1	Camp fee of \$20; contact Joy
Regular Club Meeting & Annual Elections	American Legion	September 4	potluck beginning at 7:00 p.m. then meeting & elections
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	September 7	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	September 21	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	October 2	normal stuff
Regular Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	October 5	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Annual Bird & Buffalo Event & Auction	Ft. Melchert	October 18-19	long range & lots of shooting, potluck Saturday night; fun!!!!
<i>Daylight Savings Ends</i>	<i>turn your clock back</i>	<i>November 2</i>	<i>to be on time for the events!!!</i>
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	November 2	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	November 6	bring finger foods & treats
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	November 16	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

The June meeting was a good one and a short one. Several reports and notations of the upcoming things that are on our calendars. Be sure to check out all the things that you can participate in.

May was a busy month and the annual shoot has come and gone again. For some of us it crept up so fast that we were amazed and behind the eight-ball. However, we still had a great event, over 100 registered shooters, and even made a little money. Thank you to all of you who helped to make this one a success and made it run very smoothly.

Gwen Blanchard was given the MVP award this year. She sure stepped up and saved our bacon on some e-mail items, purchases, cash for drawers, and all the things that she did for us. Way to go Gwen!!!!

Dee Beaupre provided us with some really good pictures of the kids events and other things that happened at the annual shoot. We hope to get some of them in the newsletter soon. Thanks Dee for preserving some of the fun that was had!

The Big R Boy Scout demo was done in May. Gwen reported that the weather was perfect, including no wind! Terry and Janey, John and Carol, Don Stoner, and Michelle Blanchard all helped with the hawk and knife and fire starting. The best news is that there were no accidents.

We had a table at the gun show in May. Ted Beaupre helped with this one. He reports that the same crew helped staff the table and they handed out flyers and brochures.

Doug reported on the Mule Deer event and you'll find another article on it elsewhere in the newsletter. Doug did remember the club magazine of powder for this one. He thanked everyone for their great help and professionalism. He was impressed at the fantastic representation and it was noted that 244 kids signed up and we had 209 go through without counting the repeaters.

Don Stoner reported that we need to say a great big THANK YOU to Randy's Tree Service in Penrose!!!! They provided the cottonwood blocks for the knife and hawk events at the annual shoot. Be sure to contact Randy if you need your own stump for practice.

FOR SALE

14 x 14' Don Strinz pyramid with smoke hole and 2-piece pole. Also have trapper's stove which converts from wood to propane. Some tent stakes and stake puller included. Used only 4 times. Carry bag for tent included.

Can be seen on Don's website if you are not familiar with it.

\$600 for package. Will consider reasonable offer.

Jim "Jolly" Eide (719) 338-4104 or jeide67@gmail.com.

Colorado Springs Muzzle Loaders, Inc.

Regular Monthly Meeting

May 1, 2014

The CSML membership meeting for May was held on May 2, 2014 at the American Legion. Joy called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Motion to approve the Secretary report as printed in the *Mountain Man Monthly* was made and approved.

Gwen the Treasurer gave the report with a motion made, seconded and approved. Gwen brought up the fact that Wells Fargo is trying to charge the club and also the mess-ups that they are putting member's mortgage payments in the wrong accounts. She recommended that after Memorial Day is complete and records are done, we look for a different bank plus one that is local to Canon City as Doreen does a lot of the banking as well. Gwen also reported that the medallions from past events that were extra were being used for this year's shoot to help save on costs for the club. A label will be placed on the back of the medallions to show what event the medal is awarded for.

Ted reported that membership has had no changes but he is waiting for the Memorial Day event which will bring several renewals of folks.

Memorial Day shoot work party was in April. Thanks to Fred and Petra for allowing the club to use their home for painting and getting things ready for the shoot. Friday May 23 will be set-up for the shoot and

all who can be there and help will be much appreciated.

Old Business: We are still looking for volunteers to provide entertainment for the monthly meetings.

New Business: Gun show on May 3 and 4.

Mule Deer event May 10th. Doug asks that we be there at 8:00 a.m. as 8:30 is registration. Gun safety is the theme this year.

May 17 is the Big R Boy Scout event with Liz and Mark. Will be doing the hawk throwing and fire starting.

Barb and Marlin have a Wounded Warrior event in Westcliffe this month.

Motion made, seconded and carried for adjournment. So done.

Respectfully submitted
Lois Schainost, Secretary

Colorado Springs Muzzle Loaders, Inc.
Regular Monthly Meeting
June 5, 2014

The June 5 meeting of the CSML was called to order and Joy welcomed everyone.

There was no *Mountain Man Monthly* published in May so the May minutes will be published in the next issue.

Gwen provided the Treasurer's report. With the fact that the club made a little more money this year on the Memorial Day shoot and the changes the club made, we still maintained our shoot as being the best. Motion made and seconded to accept the report. Thank you Gwen for taking care of the money end of it all.

Ted reported that we now have 60 member families which is made up of both renewals and new members. If you have questions about your membership or dues please contact Ted.

Old Business: Still looking for entertainment for the monthly meetings. We really want folks to go away having learned something and having enjoyed something other than the regular business.

Gun shows are providing some new members and a way of getting information out. Thank you for everyone who works these as they are important to us as a club.

Mule deer event was great. Ron Smith from Florida was in attendance and helped out. There were 244 kids in attendance and 209 of them went through the activities our club had set up. Another one is being scheduled in August but all volunteers will need to go on line and be approved for the Boy Scouts who will be attending. Doug has the details.

Big R demo with the scouts was another great event. No wind, rain, or cold this year so it was very pleasant to be there.

Barb and Marlin reported that there were 250 Wounded Warriors at the picnic and they are working to get a special muzzle loading season of hunting established for this group of individuals.

New Business: June 15 primitive shoot canceled as this is Father's Day.

Reminder that the Territorial Matches are June 13-15.

Joy recognized all the workers for the 2014 Memorial Day event. She is so proud of all of us for working hard and making the event a success. She reminds us that it takes EVERYONE to make it a success. Joy did share that thanks to Gwen and her e-mail acceptance of the shoot book made it possible for us to print the shoot book this year. Cyberspace ate up the copies that were sent to Joy and Doug, but Gwen got hers.

Dee Beaupre noted that Joy had forgotten one individual for the shoot.....herself. Without Joy's leadership we would not be able to get this event done. Thanks to Joy for great leadership.

The club also thanked Charlotte Burrows from the *Canon City Daily Record* for her publicizing our event and the great articles that she had completed.

A new idea for the Memorial Day event was suggested. The idea is that once the range is completed and set up on Friday, people who are behind the scenes all weekend have a chance to shoot their targets on Friday before it gets busy. This item is being tabled until the Board Meeting in January, 2015.

Upcoming events noted, including the 4th of

July parade in Monument. Don Stoner will have more information and parking passes at the July meeting.

Joy asked for a motion for adjournment which was made, seconded, and passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Schainost, Secretary

KIDS GAMES/MEMORIAL DAY
By: Dee "Two Feathers" Beaupre

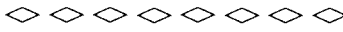
The children's games were a blast! We only had five children this year, as a lot of the older ones are shooting now.

We started off with Tug-of-War, put on by Ron Melchert. Candy was given to all the children. The children always love the Tug-of-War and ask when Ron will be there.

Carol Gloyd and I put on the other games. Three-legged race, pickle eating contest, sack race, and more. We also did feather painting and bag stamping this year.

I'm working on a couple of different games for next year. Hope to see more children next year. Don't forget Saturday and Sunday at 1:00 p.m. on Trader's Row.

Thank you Ron and Carol for all your help. Thank you also to Desiree Hayes for helping in the three-legged race.



MULEY DEER EVENT
May 10, 2014
By: Joy Hicks

What a day, what a team!!!! The MULEY deer event went off without a hitch. Doug even remembered the club magazine. Gwen says it's because she made sure he put it in, none-the-less it takes a team to get a job done and we have the best.

Headed by Doug Davis, Gwen Blanchard, Michelle Blanchard, Ted Beaupre, Don Stoner, John Gloyd, Terry Clark, Janie Clark, Dave Votava, Tony

Hecker, and Joy Hicks, and a wonderful surprise visit from Ron Smith who came all the way from West Virginia to help us.

Word is there were 244 kids signed up. We counted 209 through our station and we didn't even count the kids who came back the last 45 minutes for return visits.

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MONUMENT 4TH OF JULY
PARADE

Don Stoner assures us that the 4th of July parade in Monument is on. You need to plan to attend and he will have parking passes available at the July meeting on the 3rd.

Line-up is at 9:00 a.m. and everyone should be in period dress. Bring about 50 parade loads for the crowd to shoot off. The meeting place is at Lincoln and Jefferson Street. Will also need someone to help carry the banner to advertise our group.

If you have questions on how to make parade loads, call Don and he'll help out.



GRAINGER'S PRIMITIVE
CAMP-OUT

July 19-20 is our annual Grainger's Primitive Camp-Out held near Victor. We can arrive on Friday afternoon to begin the event.

You don't have to be in primitive camp or even primitive attire to attend. If you have it and want to, you are certainly welcome to do so. There will be lots of shooting of the primitive gongs and the tie-breakers.

Potluck supper on Saturday night is usually part of the annual chili contest. Doug has prizes for hottest, mildest, and tastiest chili. Haven't heard any words to the contrary so assume it will be the same this year. We'll also have the naming ceremony if there is someone out there that needs a name or has earned one.

Please be sure when you enter the Grainger

property that you leave the gates the way you found them.

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Colorado Springs Muzzle Loaders 2014 Memorial Day Shoot Results

Men's Percussion

Match 1 - 100 yd. Off-Hand

#6	Bill Lang	39
#18	Mark Serpa	37
#32	Buddy Acker	33

Match 2 - 100 yd. Any Position

#18	Mark Serpa	39
#24	Jock Harmon	39
#53	Marvin Hill	34

Match 3 - 50 yd. Off-Hand

#18	Mark Serpa	43
#38	Bob Amandi	42
#53	Marvin Hill	42

Match 4 - 25 yd. Off-Hand

#106	Dean Grogan	46
#32	Buddy Acker	45
#24	Jock Harmon	44x

Men's Percussion Aggregate

#18	Mark Serpa	161
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Men's Flint

Match 5 - 100 yd. Off-Hand

#27	Estill Ator	32
#18	Mark Serpa	18
#80	Stewart Leach	16

Match 6 - 100 yd. Any Position

#6	Bill Lang	38
#18	Mark Serpa	28
#7	Estill Ator	17

Match 7 - 50 yd. Off-Hand

#7	Estill Ator	44
#18	Mark Serpa	41
#6	Bill Lang	40

Match 8 - 25 yd. Off-Hand

#18	Mark Serpa	44
#21	Ron Deurmyer	43x
#7	Estill Ator	37

Men's Flint Aggregate

#18	Mark Serpa	131
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Hawken

Match 9 - 130 yd. Off-Hand/Rest

#18	Mark Serpa	38
#29	Ron Mann	36
#36	Andy Cannizzaro	33x

Men's Pistol

Match 10 - 50 yd.

#6	Bill Lang	75
#21	Ron Deurmyer	69x
#70	Jim Murray	61

Match 11 - 25 yd.

#19	Gordon Serpa	88xx
#6	Bill Lang	88x
#20	Jerry Farringer	87x

Men's Revolver

Match 12 - 50 yd.

#6	Bill Lang	85x
#21	Ron Deurmyer	72
#70	Jim Murray	54

Match 13 - 25 yd.

#6	Bill Lang	93x
#21	Ron Deurmyer	88xx
#70	Jim Murray	88x

Men's Pistol Aggregate

#6	Bill Lang	341x
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Ladies' Percussion

Match 14 - 50 yd. Off-Hand

#43	Melanie Artichoker	44
#100	Corisa Higgengardner	43
#41	Desiree Hayes	31

Match 15 - 25 yd. Off-Hand

#100	Corisa Higgengardner	36
#43	Melanie Artichoker	35
#64	Daphne Artichoker	34x

Match 16 - 25 yd. Off-Hand

#30	Brenda Juarez	40
#100	Corisa Higgengardner	37
#64	Daphne Artichoker	37

Match 17 - 100 yd. Any Position

#43	Melanie Artichoker	24
#30	Brenda Juarez	23
#100	Corisa Higgengardner	21

Ladies' Percussion Aggregate

#100	Corisa Higgengardner	137
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Ladies' Flint

Match 18 - 50 yd. Off-Hand

#28	Michelle Blanchard	7
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Match 19 - 25 yd. Off-Hand		#106	Dean Grogan	42	
#28	Michelle Blanchard	20	#24	Jock Harmon	42
Match 20 - 25 yd. Off-Hand		#29	Ron Mann	40	
#28	Michelle Blanchard	19	Match 35 - 25 yd. Off-Hand/5-Bull Buffalo		
Match 21 - 100 yd. Any Position		#106	Dean Grogan	47x	
#28	Michelle Blanchard	0	#6	Bill Lang	42
Ladies' Flint Aggregate		#29	Ron Mann	39	
#28	Michelle Blanchard	46	Match 36 - 50 yd. Off-hand/100 yd. Buffalo		
Jr. 12 & Under		#8	Ted Beaupre	43x	
Match 26 - 50 yd. X-stick/100 yd. Bull		#57	Steve French	42	
#37	Nick Cannizzaro	38	#106	Dean Grogan	40
#101	Kadin Smith	20	Match 37 - 50 yd. Off-hand/100 yd. X-Bull		
#104	Aubree Miller	12	#8	Ted Beaupre	41
Match 27 - 50 yd. X-stick/100 yd. X-Bull		#106	Dean Grogan	39	
#37	Nick Cannizzaro	43x	#29	Ron Mann	23
#101	Kadin Smith	22	Old Timers' Aggregate		
#104	Aubree Miller	0	#106	Dean Grogan	168x
Match 28 - 25 yd. X-Stick/6-Bull		Super Senior			
#37	Nick Cannizzaro	33	Match 38 - 25 yd. Off-Hand/6-Bull		
#101	Kadin Smith	24	#20	Jerry Farringer	46
#104	Aubree Miller	5	#22	Fred LaChance	42
Match 29 - 25 yd. X-Stick 5-Bull Buffalo		#3	Marlin Johnson	40	
#37	Nick Cannizzaro	36	Match 39 - 25 yd. Off-Hand/5-Bull Buffalo		
#101	Kadin Smith	32	#3	Marlin Johnson	45
#47	Christopher Dwyer	11	#6	Bill Lang	42
Jr. 12 & Under Aggregate		#22	Fred LaChance	39	
#37	Nick Cannizzaro	150x	Match 40 - 50 yd. Off-hand/100 yd. Buffalo		
Jr. 13-16		#3	Marlin Johnson	43	
Match 30 - 50 yd. X-stick/100 yd. Bull		#20	Jerry Farringer	42	
#68	Kody Artichoker	36	#39	Duane Jones	17
#16	Sierra Vaught	25	Match 41 - 50 yd. Off-hand/100 yd. X-Bull		
#103	Ashton Miller	11	#3	Marlin Johnson	43
Match 31 - 50 yd. X-stick/100 yd. X-Bull		#20	Jerry Farringer	41	
#68	Kody Artichoker	16	#39	Duane Jones	9
#16	Sierra Vaught	8	Super Senior Aggregate		
#17	Leah Spears	7	#3	Marlin Johnson	171
Match 32 - 25 yd. X-Stick/6-Bull		Match 42 - 5-Man Team			
#17	Leah Spears	39	#107	Anthony Hecker	7
#16	Sierra Vaught	33	#56	Robert Worm	
#68	Kody Artichoker	33	#38	Bob Amandi	
Match 33 - 25 yd. X-Stick 5-Bull Buffalo		#21	Ron Deurmyer		
#103	Ashton Miller	33	#29	Ron Mann	
#16	Sierra Vaught	19	Match 44 - Husband and Wife Team		
#17	Leah Spears	18	#64	Daphne Artichoker	52
Jr. 13-16 Aggregate		#66	Trevor Artichoker		
#68	Kody Artichoker	99	#3	Marlin Johnson	39
Old Timers'		#4	Barb Johnson		
Match 34 - 25 yd. Off-Hand/6-Bull					

#30	Brenda Juarez	32	#7	Estill Ator	9/5
#31	Ron Juarez		Match 69 - Jr. 16 & Under Prize Match		
Shotgun			#37	Nick Cannizzaro	8/4
Match 46 - Open Class/10 yd.			Match 70 - Special Shotgun		
#74	Rady Dyer	20/20	#55	Kim Davis	27/18
#55	Kim Davis	18/9	#73	Deak Flinchpaugh	26/5
#73	Deak Flinchpaugh	16/10	#74	Rady Dyer	25/8
Match 47 - Open Class/16 yd.			Cannon		
#55	Kim Davis	26/6	Match 56 - Large Bore		
#74	Rady Dyer	17/8	#84	Levi Leonard	19
#73	Deak Flinchpaugh	17/3	#87	John Sandell	15.5
Match 48 - Open Class/20 yd.			#85	Haley Leonard	14.25
#74	Rady Dyer	18/9	Match 57 - Medium Bore		
#55	Kim Davis	16/6	#76	James Dennis	13
#54	John Culwell	14/9	#59	Josiah Hunter	5.5
Match 49 - Traditional/Original Gun			#77	James Hendrix	0
#55	Kim Davis	13/4	Match 58 - Small Bore		
#72	Tom Hart	11/7	#56	Robert Worm	12.75
#7	Estill Ator	9/5	#76	James Dennis	12.5
Match 50 - Novice			#78	Connie Condie	2.5
#96	Luke Sandell	11/5	Match 59 - Rifled Bore		
Match 52 - Junior 12 & under			#77	James Hendrix	26
#10	Adam Votava	9	#78	Connie Condie	19.25
#90	Blake Reeves	8	#76	James Dennis	12.5
#92	Lucas Henson	4	Match 60 - Tomahawk		
Match 53 - Women			Men		
#95	Jennifer Sandell	3/3	#11	Harley Armstrong	10
#58	Dee Davis	2/1	#14	Blake Schainost	9
Match 54 - 2-Man Team Protection			#114	Trent Artichoker	5
#55	Kim Davis	20/20	Ladies'		
#74	Rady Dyer		#12	Susan Armstrong	1
#54	John Culwell	20/20	#64	Daphney Artichoker	1
#73	Deak Flinchpaugh		Match 61 - Knife		
#72	Tom Hart	18/12	Men		
#7	Estill Ator		#11	Harley Armstrong	5
Match 55 - Open 30 - 16 yd.			#114	Trent Artichoker	4
#74	Rady Dyer	26/11	#79	Jerry Stodghill	3
#7	Estill Ator	26/7	Ladies'		
#55	Kim Davis	25/17	#12	Susan Armstrong	4
Match 66 - Open 30 - 20 yd.			#64	Daphne Artichoker	0
#74	Rady Dyer	25/12	Match 62 - Jr. Tomahawk		
#54	John Culwell	21/6	#16	Sierra Vaught	6
#55	Kim Davis	20/6	#68	Kody Artichoker	4
Match 68 - Flintlock 16 yd.			#103	Ashton Miller	3
#74	Rady Dyer	12/7	Match 63 - Jr. Knife		
#72	Tom Hart	10/3	#16	Sierra Vaught	7
			#68	Kody Artichoker	5
			#103	Ashton Miller	3

Match 64 - Mountain Man Run

#14	Blake Schainost	6:17
#56	Robert Worm	7:45
#8	Ted Beaupre	8:05

Match 65 - Mountain Mama Run

#28	Michelle Blanchard	2
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Jr. Mountain Mama Run

#17	Leah Spears	3
#104	Aubree Miller	3

Gong Shoot

Men

#19	Gordon Serpa	17
#56	Robert Worm	17
#22	Fred LaChance	16

Women

#30	Brenda Juares	12
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Junior

#16	Sierra Vaught	15
#37	Nick Cannizzaro	12
#17	Leah Spears	11

**THE WOMAN WHO BROUGHT BACK
THE BUFFALO**

It is believed that people's lives are lived according to their dreams. Dreams exist within the circle of ourselves. To the Indian, dreams are messages from the spirit world and give to the dreamer a part of the power that moves everything which exists. This story of long ago is about a young Blackfoot woman's dream of a spirit stone that sings to her. Communication with the spirit stone brings the buffalo to her people. The buffalo was one of the most important four-legged animals, a gift of love given to the Indian people by the Great Spirit. It is said that songs made from dreams hold their powers forever.

In the long ago, before the people had horses, they sometimes starved when they were unable to move their camps fast enough to keep up with the moving buffalo herds. This story takes place during such a famine.

Three sisters were married to the same man. One day they were out gathering firewood. The youngest sister was carrying a large load of wood when her carrying strap broke. Each time she stopped to fix the strap it broke again. Her sisters went back to their lodge while she tried to fix the strap for the fourth time. As she bent over to fix the strap she thought she heard a voice singing. She looked around but could see no one. Yet the voice seemed to be coming from very near by. She became frightened and got up to leave, but the voice called out to her. Then she noticed in the direction of the voice an unusual-looking stone sitting up on the ground near her pile of wood. She went over to take a closer look and saw that the stone was sitting on a little bunch of buffalo hair. The voice began to sing again:

it came from the stone: "You woman will you take me? I am powerful! Buffalo is our medicine."

The young woman reached down and picked up the stone. In those days the people had no pockets, and she was not carrying her miscellany pouch. She put the stone beneath her belt, next to her skin, and went home. She did not tell anyone what had happened.

That night she had a dream. The stone came to her and sang its song again. Then it told her: "I have come to you and your people because I pity you. My power is able to communicate with the buffalo and bring them here. I have chosen you to bring me to camp because you are humble and I know your thoughts are good. You must ask your husband to invite all the holy men to your lodge tomorrow night. I will teach you some songs and a ceremony which you must show them. If you do this then I will have my power bring back the buffalo. But you must warn your people: my power is always announced by a strong storm, and when it first arrives it will look like a buffalo, a lone bull. You must tell your people not to harm him. The rest of the herd will follow as soon as he has passed safely through your camp."

During her dream the woman was taught several songs she had never heard before. The Iniskim, or Buffalo Stone, told her that he had many relatives about the prairie, and that all of them were in contact with the same power as he. He told her that any of the people who wished to have good fortune from this power should look for one of his relatives and bring them home and treat them with respect.

When the young woman woke up she wondered what to do about her dream, for she was quite shy of her husband, being the youngest wife. Only the sits-beside wife takes part in the husband's ceremonial functions, never the wife who sleeps closest to the door. When the husband went outside, the young woman told her older sister about the stone and the dream. The sister said: "I will tell our man what you just told me. If your dream comes true, then you may have my seat next to him. But if not, I will only pity you for what you will have to suffer."

When the husband learned of the matter, he immediately sent out invitations to the camp's holy men. In a short while, they gathered in the home of the young woman and were served a small portion of berries, and broth made from scraps of leather. They were excited when they heard why they were invited, although one or two got up and left. The old people were always skeptical of someone who claimed to have been called upon in a dream and given a power.

With the approval of the holy men who remained, the husband asked his young wife to sit at the head of the tipi and lead the ceremony that had been shown to her. She had a tiny piece of fat, which she had mixed with sacred paint in the palms of her hands. While she covered the Buffalo Stone in the sacred paint she sang one of the songs:

Iniskim, he says: Buffalo is my medicine.

Iniskim, he is saying: I am powerful!

(To be continued.....)