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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

TUESDAY, April 2, 2019

7:00 p.m.

Club Paper Shoot - April 7

**Club Primitive Shoot - Cancelled
(Easter Sunday)**

Dues are due!!!! Time to pay

up - - \$25.00

Squirrel Shoot - April 27-28

44th Annual Memorial Day Shoot

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UPCOMING EVENTS: CSML & Statewide

WHAT	WHERE	WHEN	INFORMATION
Regular Club Meeting	Am. Legion #209	April 2	Ken West presentation
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	April 7	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Club Primitive Shoot	CANCELLED DUE	April 21	TO EASTER WEEKEND!!!
CO Squirrel Rifle Championships	near Masonville off Hwy. 34	April 27-28	snow date: May 18 & 19; .40 caliber or smaller
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion #209	May 7 7:00 p.m.	last planning meeting for THE EVENT!!!!
44TH Annual Memorial Day Shoot	Florence Mountain Park	May 25-27 set-up May 24	annual shoot, potluck, club tent and all the fixin's!!!!
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	June 2	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Regular Club Meeting	Am Legion #209	June 4; 7:00 p.m.	wrap up of the annual shoot
Territorial Matches	Ft. Lupton	June 14-16	
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	June 16	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Regular Club Meeting	Am Legion #209	July 2	regular monthly meeting
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	July 7	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Primitive Grainger Camp Out	Grainger Ranch near Victor	July 20-21	potluck & chili cook-off Saturday night; lots to do
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	August 4	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Regular Club Meeting	Am Legion #209	August 6; 7:00 pm	regular club meeting & stuff
Paper Grainger Camp Out	Grainger Ranch near Victor	August 17-18	potluck Saturday night; lots of shooting; elections
Regular Club Meeting	Am Legion #209	Sept. 3	club business and such
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	Sept. 15	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	Oct. 6	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Regular Club Meeting	Am Legion #209	Oct. 8	club business and who knows???
Annual Bird & Buffalo Shoot	Ft. Melchert Penrose, CO	Oct. 19-20	long-range shooting; potluck Saturday night; auction; & stuff

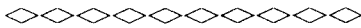
For CSML scheduled shoots; CALL SHOOT HOT LINE (719) 442-0150 after 9:00 a.m. on shoot day to be sure shoot is on!!!
Schedule is subject to change at any time and is based on information available at time of publication. On-line check csmlinc.org

PAST THINGS

If you missed the March meeting, you missed a really great demonstration and discussion by Jeremy Beaupre. He talked about how to Euro mount animals and it was extremely interesting. He has worked hard to figure out how to preserve his skills and make them look so very good. Thanks to Jeremy for coming from Highlands Ranch and sharing with us.

During the meeting, Bob McCune advised that he will be leaving us for South Carolina. We are sure going to miss him and wish him the best in his new job and location.

It is really getting close to the time for our 44th annual Memorial Day Shoot. Lots of things still to be done and lots of work to get ready. Let's all get pumped up and get to work.



Colorado Springs Muzzle Loaders Regular Monthly Meeting March 15, 2019

The March meeting of CSML was called to order by President Joy Hicks with 21 folks present. We welcomed everyone and introduced our guest speaker for the evening, Jeremy Beaupre from Highlands Ranch. He will be presenting a discussion on the Euro mounting of animals.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Joy asked for a motion to accept the Secretary's report as published in the *Mountain Man Monthly*. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

Treasurer Gwen was not present so there was no treasurer's report. Gwen is at the hospital with her son-in-law with an emergency appendectomy. Gwen did remind Joy that the insurance for the club is due this month.

Membership Chairman Ted advised that he is still getting renewals in but slowly. He asked that a reminder be placed in the newsletter; dues are \$25 per year.

Old Business: CSMLA Winter Convention is this weekend. The group is still taking table and dinner reservations if you can attend.

New Business: Don Stoner advised that there is a gun show Saturday and Sunday and we have a table. However, things are changed due to new sponsors. We have a limited number of people who can be at the table at one time. Show is at the same place as last time. Don also noted that they will be trying to sell guns if anyone has one for sale.

The CSML has once again been invited to attend the MULEY deer event. It will be held at the Rocky Mountain Rooster's location on April 20th. Doug will not be able to attend so will need someone else to ramrod this participation. Ted agreed to take on this challenge. Things will be the same as before. Set up at 8:30 and Doug will see that Ted has the trailer and magazine for the event. Tom Gabor, John Gloyd, and Don Stoner volunteered to attend and help with this.

Ken West, Jim Murray, and Jake Rathman are back from the Nationals in Phoenix. They report a great time and 75 degree weather with no wind. Ken noted that it was a much better shoot than in Friendship. Jake told us about his opportunity to shoot an 1865 or 1866 Whitworth Sporting Rifle which belongs to Mike Alexander from Jersey Great Britain. You could hear the excitement in Jake's voice as he shared with us some history and details about this sporting rifle.

Bob McCune advised the group that he is leaving to go back east to Charleston, South Carolina. This involves a new job challenge and to be closer to his family. We will surely miss him!!! This will leave the office of Vice President open.

Upcoming events were noted.

Motion made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting. So done.

Respectfully submitted,
Temporary Scribe Doreen Webb

The floor was then turned over to Jeremy Beaupre who gave us a very interesting and insightful discussion on Euro mounting of skulls and such. His demonstration was very unique and very helpful. He shared both success and fail with the process of

cleaning the skulls and making them look good. He also provided information on how to hang these types of mounts. Great job Jeremy!!!

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Primitive Pistol Shoot

by: Ken West

The March 17 primitive pistol shoot had four folks who enjoyed the best shooting weather we've had this year for a hotly contested match. The wind was mostly non-existent and the temperature was pleasant. The scores were:

Al Bartok	11 gongs
Jay Rathman	11 gongs
Jim Murray	10 gongs
Ken West	10 gongs

It took three "shoot-offs" to settle the tie for first; Al won the honor of putting the winnings into the range fund cookie jar. Jim and I both hit the two tiny animals which are normally the tie breakers; but missed two of the big gongs at 30 yards. That "squirrel" at 15 yards is a lot harder to hit since it has lost its tail.

Arizona Western Independent National Shoot: Jim Murray, Jay Rathman, and I participated in the first Arizona Western Independent National Shoot (AZWINS) at the Ben Avery range north of Phoenix from February 27 through March 3. This replaced

the NMLRA Western National Shoot normally held at the same place and time - - - when the NMLRA board dropped the match. While the current organizers are on a steep learning curve, they are willing to learn!

There were about 140 registered shooters this year compared to the 106 for the last year of the NMLRA shoot. The weather was in the mid-70s all week with the wind gusting to 4 mph; however, traveling conditions north of Santa Fe, NM on the 3rd and 4th of March were a bit of a challenge, especially Raton Pass!

Jim had trouble shooting "a duello" (one hand on hip or back, one hand on pistol, turned slightly from the target), but finally got good at it! Jay spent most of the shoot as Range Safety Officer (they were woefully short of official NMLRA RSOs) and shot one of the few sporting Whitworths still being shot. This gun has been passed down through a family of Jerseymen since the period of the Civil War and looks like it was made yesterday. The Whitworth has a reputation for accuracy out at 1,000 yards, a number of them were purchased by the Confederacy and issued to sharpshooters - - - very unpopular with Yankee officers.

I actually managed to hit a 50 yard target with my Charles Moore flint (5 shots out of 10), and a good time was had by all! It appears that the new sponsors broke even, money-wise, and the shoot will be on again next year. You can find them at <http://azmuzzleloading.com>.

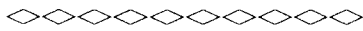
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DUES ARE DUE!!!

In fact, dues are past due now. If you have not renewed your CSML dues, send your check to Ted today. Dues are \$25.00 per year and include all family members under the age of 18. Dues are always due by the end of January each year, send them to:

Ted Beaupre
941 Daffodil
Fountain, CO 80817

Get your Dues in now so that you can keep up with all the happenings of the CSML!!!!



44th annual Memorial Day Shoot

Yes, this event is rapidly approaching and following is a listing of some things to consider as we plan and prepare for this event:

THINGS TO CONSIDER BEFORE THE SHOOT

Memorial Day is bearing down fast. We have chair persons for all of the Committees involved in putting on a quality shoot. These people will need your help. I thought this would be a good time to let you know what goes on behind the scenes. The people I have mentioned here and the jobs they do are very important. A lot goes on that is not even talked about here. For some we start thinking about the next shoot before we finish with the last one. If anyone has been left out I am truly sorry and it is not because we don't appreciate

what you do it is because sometimes I have CRS. Let me know, don't just get mad and feel bad let us know so we can make it right. You are all to important and the work you do for the Club is needed so we can survive and be the biggest club in the State.

We start something like this.....

Contact Florence - Joy

Contract in order - Joy

Make sure insurance - Gwen Blanchard

Flyers & Mailing

Folded, stamped, stapled, addressed

Flyers need to be done by December so we can send out beg letters and get ads in the appropriate places. Flyers are delivered to Winter Convention, The Mountain Man, Sportsman,s Warehouse and where ever else we can think of, The Mountain Man is a big supporter and makes sure flyers get out to a lot of people.

Shoot Book

Doreen and Joy put together; will print at last minute

Club Tent

Marilyn Stites gathering up your things spending time in tent to sell.

Traders Row

Open to all who want to set up tents and sell things. Items must be period appropriate (1740 - 1850)

The Membership sends out invitations to traders, takes reservations, makes sure things run smoothly on traders row.

Opening Ceremony

Ted Beaupre, handles this very well. I feel a good opening ceremony is what gets us off on the right foot and besides when we fire the cannon we are official we wake everyone up and let them know it is time to play.

Porta-pots

Contact Canon Rentals every year and set this up for us.

Registration

Petra LaChance and her team spend their days getting people signed up, before we even start, she makes sure her registration forms are in order, makes sure she has all the equipment she will need; tables, chairs, pens, cash box, targets in order, etc. One of the main things she does is P.R. she answers a lot of questions

Scoring

This is Joy's baby. Her team makes sure they have tables, chairs, target boxes, score boards, markers, cards, templates, score card box, calculators, etc. When the targets are shot the team scores them, enter the scores, and post them to a score sheet for all to see. When the shooting is over the team figures the winners lines up the prizes and gets everything ready for the Awards Ceremony.

Targets

Joy orders the targets from American Target at the end of March, a target painting party is set up, everyone meets, paints a stripe on each target to color code the range distance, Match # and Shooter# are put on each target. We have a pot luck lunch and enjoy socializing while we get the job done.

Prize Medallions and Aggregate Prizes

Doreen and Joy figure out how many and what we need. Orders are placed with Ron helps placing orders also. Aggregate Prizes are designed and made

Drawing Prizes

Prizes are gathered from donations. We need everyone's help with this.

Drawing Tickets

Tickets are bought at Walmart we have to make sure we have enough. Need to have cans to put tickets in for drawing.

Parking

Need to make sure signs are made and put up

Paper Range

Ted Beaupre and his Range Officers have to make sure they have poles, wire, range stand, PA System and battery to run it. A work party is set up to check out the land, road, to measure ranges, before hand celotex is bought, cut up and hauled to the sight. The Trailer carries most of what we need.

Primitive Range

Mister Primitive himself, Doug, Moose Milk or what ever we want to call him, starts way ahead of time he repairs targets, purchases material finds a crew to help him pack targets and set up. He also makes sure he has good signs so everyone can find him up there on the hill.

Knife & Hawk

Don Stoner and John Gloyd spend a lot of time on the hill scoring. Before the shoot they have to make sure they have scrounged enough hawk blocks. Hawk Stands are built. Score cards are made at target party and coordinated with registration.

Shotgun Team - Tom Hart and Rady Dyer bring in their team and take care of this for us be sure to support this quality event

Clay Birds

Need to be purchased at the best price and transported to the site and leftover birds taken back to Ron's and stored in the shed. We use about 15 cases of 135 count birds. Clay birds are also needed for Husband & Wife and Team Events

Mountain Man & Mama Run

Doug and The Primitive Team have set up a great MM Run trying to keep in mind this is also a spectator event. A course is laid out. Targets have to be hauled and set up. Score cards are coordinated with scoring team and registration. A good time is had by all. Coordinator works with Doug on the Mountain MaMa Run and uses some of the Mountain Man Run course for her women.

Mountain Man & Mama Run Prizes

We have a lot of talented people in our group who make these prizes special. Every year we try to make these prizes special and anyone who can contribute their time and special talents is very much appreciated.

Cannon Range

Years ago Richard Stites volunteered to help with cannons and he is still at it today that is why he was given the name "Cannon Master" he is the one and only. We are one of the only shoots to hold a cannon match and it is very much a spectator sport as well as fun for the special breed of people known as cannoneers. The Cannon Master scrounges large cardboard boxes and paints them for targets, he runs the camp as well as the range, safety is always first, he is in charge of P.R with the cannoneers year around and has built a lot of lasting friendships with "his" people. He also has to do his own scoring.

Kids Events

We try to have events for everyone, even the little ones, "Sprouts". The Sprout Runs works kind of like the Mountain Man and MaMa Runs without the shooting. A course is set for the kids in two age groups (12 yrs and below) (13yrs-16yrs) We have both girl and boy sprouts in each age group. We need to know what kind and how many prizes we think we will need keeping in mind everyone goes home with something. Thanks to Dee Beaupre for all the hard work she does working on this event and the prizes she makes

Junior Mountain Man and MaMa Runs

For Juniors 13 to 16 yrs , are done in coordination with the Mountain Man and MaMa Runs and do involve some shooting and starting a fire.

Spectator Shoot

A very popular part of our event. Sometimes it is the only time people have to fire a black powder rifle. This is very good P.R. for us, he helps people load and shoot guns that

have been loaned to the Spectator Range. We try to have targets so everyone can take home the target they shot.

Shooter Number Medallions

We try to come up with a theme. The Blanchard Family has used leather and a stamp to make medallions and Sandra has used her lettering talents to personalize them.

Publicity

Publicity starts as soon as one shoot is over. It is everyone's job, please take flyers and information where ever you go and get out there and sell ads.

Tug - O - War

Need to have a big long rope and gather up the kids (the easy part, they come out of the woodwork) and head for traders row. Once on traders row the kids have fun pulling and falling and then are awarded prizes. Everyone gets a prize for participation. The Traders like this event also.

Clean up

Even though we are supposed to police our own area some one has to spiff up the place just a little. Florence Mountain Park people have always commented on how nice the place looks after we leave. We owe a special thanks to the people who stay behind after we all leave. Their team (I'm sure I didn't get all the names of the people who have helped them in the past) walks the whole area to make sure nothing is left behind to mar the land. Thank you for all you do to keep us looking good not only at the Memorial Day Shoot but all the other times that we might forget to say "Thanks".

Our Treasurer

Does a great job of keeping track of us and making sure the bills get paid the money gets deposited, and when it is all over she lets us know how we came out. Thank you Gwen for keeping it all straight.

Listed below are the shoot committees for Memorial Day. This is being provided so that you can contact them and volunteer some of your time. All who volunteer make this an easier job and a better time for the attendees. Plan now to help out as much as you can.

Memorial Day Shoot Committees

Shoot Book - Doreen Webb & Joy Hicks

Prizes -Doreen Webb

Aggregate Prizes - Joy Hicks

Club Tent - Marilyn Stites

Traders Row - Gwen Blanchard

Treasurer - Gwen Blanchard

Registration - Petra LaChance

Scoring - Joy Hicks

Drawing Prizes - Everyone

Paper Range - Ted Beaupre

Primitive Range - Doug Davis, Tony Hecker

Shotgun Range - Tom Hart & Rady Dyer

Cannon Range - Richard Stites

Knife & Hawk - Don Stoner & John Gloyd

Mountain Man Run - Primitive Guys

Mountain MaMa Run -

Kids Events - Dee Beaupre

Spectator Shoot -

Shooter Number Medallions -

Opening Ceremony - Ted Beaupre & Friends

Tug - O - War -