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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 buckskimming. 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

December 3 - 7:00 p.m.

Ornament Exchange
& finger foods

Combined Paper-Primitive Shoot
December 6

January Meeting - 7th @ 7:00 p.m.

Wild Game Potluck

Special Speaker Don Kneitz

Board Meeting - January 12

Joy's House 7:00 p.m.

President
Joy Hicks
Vice President
Bob McCune
Treasurer
Gwen Blanchard
Secretary
Janie Clark

Membership Chairman
Ted Beaupre

Range Officer
Ted Beaupre

Primitive Exec.
Doug Davis
Assistant Primitive Exec.
Tony Hecker
Womens' Primitive Exec.
Dee Beaupre

Cannon Master
Richard Stites

Legislative Liaison
Doug Davis

Mountain Man Monthly Editor
Doreen Webb

UPCOMING EVENTS: CSML & Statewide

WHAT	WHERE	WHEN	INFORMATION
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	December 3 7:00 p.m.	annual ornament exchange and finger foods
Club Paper-Prim Shoot	Ft. Melchert	December 6	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	January 3, 2016	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	January 7 7:00 p.m.	wild game potluck; tall tales told; trophy awards for game taken; speaker Don Kneitz
CSML Board Meeting	Joy's House	January 12 7:00 p.m.	plan the year's events; set schedules; make decisions
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	January 17	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
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; maybe a demonstration for all
CSMLA Annual Winter Convention & Meeting	Elks Club Ft. Collins	March 5	annual meeting & trade show; election of officers
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	March 6	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
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
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

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

**Colorado Springs Muzzle Loaders
Secretary's Report
September 3, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Roy Crouse, on Thursday, September 3, 2015. This will be Roy's last meeting with us as he and his wife Vivian will be moving to Montana. Ten members were present for this election meeting. Roy welcomed all to the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the August meeting. The motion carried.

No Treasurer's report was available at this meeting.

No Membership Chairman report available at this meeting.

Under **Old Business**, it was reported that the August Grainger Paper Shoot was a success.

Under New Business:

The elections were tabled due to a lack of a majority of members present.

Two people volunteered for two of the positions: Vice President was Bob McCune and Treasurer Gwen Blanchard. Both of them will be confirmed at the October meeting.

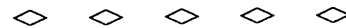
Doug Davis discussed the new muzzle loader certification for NRA/NMLRA. It is a combined rifle, pistol, and shotgun course. He discussed how much easier it is to obtain. For experienced muzzle loaders, a two-day instructor's course will be offered with a cost of \$60 for the two-day course on September 26 and 27 at Doug Rightmire's home. Information is contained in the current *Poke and Stroke* state newsletter.

There will be no shoot on Labor Day, Sunday, September 6.

Upcoming events were noted including a primitive shoot September 20; State Shoot at Ft. Lupton September 4 through 7, muzzle loading class at the Rightmire home September 26-27, and the bird and buffalo shoot on September 17-18.

A motion for adjournment was made and seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned. Next scheduled meeting is Thursday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janie Clark, Secretary



**Colorado Springs Muzzle Loaders
Secretary's Report
October 1, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by President Joy Hicks on Thursday, October 1, 2015. Visitors were welcomed by President Joy: Larry and Cindy Meidinger, Roy Crouse, Michael Clark, Doug, John, and Rick.

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

Treasurer's report was not available at this time.

Membership report given by Ted Beaupre noted that we currently have 70 paid member families.

Old Business: Elections to be included in this meeting

Women on Target was a success. Thanks for the assistance of members Joy, Tony, Doug, Gwen, Tim and John.

Muzzle Loader Instructor Course was held at Doug and Bridgette Rightmire's on September 26 and 27. Doug Davis reported on the course. He was assisted by Joy Hicks. Six new candidates for instructor attended the class with two candidates from CSMLA; Janie Clark and Ron Durmeyer.

Doug Davis also reported that the CSMLA Club Challenge Match will no longer be taking place.

New Business: Bird and Buffalo Shoot October 17-18 at Ft. Melchert. Camping can begin on Friday afternoon. Rifle and pistol matches with both primitive and paper ranges; chili lunch for \$5 all-you-can-eat; potluck dinner Saturday night; auction Saturday night after dinner - - auctioneer needed; followed by pancake breakfast Sunday morning. Shooting will occur on Saturday. Ted announced a new event named the Dirty Rotten Scoundrel with 25, 50, and 100 yards.

November meeting is the annual craft fair. No charge and anyone can participate. Bring finger foods to share.

A card was received from Mark and Liz, which was read by Joy.

Gun show October 10-11 at the Colorado Event Center. Volunteers are Jim Murray, Bob McCune, and Ron.

Ted Beaupre shared his 4 x 4 buck story.

Doug Davis presented the group with dates to participate in the MULEY event next year. Proposed dates are April 2, 16, and June 11. Members preferred one of the dates in April. The CSML provides the powder, patch, and percussion caps for the event.

Election of officers: Joy was re-elected as President.

Vice President: Bob McCune volunteered.

Secretary: Janie Clark elected.

Treasurer: Gwen Blanchard volunteered

Membership: Ted and Dee Beaupre were re-elected

Range Officer: Ted Beaupre was elected

Primitive Exec: Doug Davis volunteered

President Joy encouraged everyone to help and participate in all areas.

Upcoming events were noted including: paper shoot October 4; bird and buffalo October 17-18, November 1 paper shoot, November 5 meeting & craft fair, gun show Friday, Saturday & Sunday after Thanksgiving.

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

Next scheduled meeting is Thursday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janie Clark, Secretary

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Primitive Pistol Shoot September 20, 2015

by: Ken West

Five of us enjoyed the excellent weather to shoot at the gongs. The scores were:

Al Bartok	14 gongs
Jim Murray	13 gongs
Steve Sterner	11 gongs
Ken West	10 gongs
Don Stoner	4 gongs

Don was shooting a Ruger Old Army that he hadn't sighted in. This match is getting to be more a social event than competition.

Gossip: Only had 86 registered pistol shooters at the Fall National in Friendship this year. The weather was unusually pleasant. The only thing I can say about my shooting (caplock) is that I was not embarrassed. My flint score is a whole 'nother story. About 90% of the surface area of the pistol target is within the rings; but I managed to put 4 out of 10 in the remaining 10% of the area with a flint at 25 yards.

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Paper Pistol Match October 4, 2015 By: Ken West

Good weather; six of us shot. The scores were:

John Udovich	90 xx
Jim Murray	90 xx
Fred LaChance	80

Tom Gabor	78
Al Bartok	78
Ken West	70

While there are very few ties in paper matches, the rules for breaking a tie are simple: the target with a ball farthest from the X loses. Jim placed his last two shots in the 5 and 6 ring.

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BIRD & BUFFALO October 17-18, 2015

I know that Ted and Dee tried to send me an electronic file about the Bird and Buffalo event but I could not read it. Maybe they can try again and my machine will read it or maybe their machine can speak a different language and send it again. I appreciate the attempt and look forward to getting it for the next publication.

Anyway the Bird and Buffalo was a little lonely without Joy but we all understood the severity of the incident in which her brother was killed. All of us at the event kept Joy and her family in our prayers and asked that the Good Lord watch over them all.

Ted had worked hard to set up the range and the shooters were a little slow in arriving but the range was soon full and the shooting began. We saw lots of folks come and go and here is a partial listing: two cowboy shooters: Bruce and Owen, Bill Elliott, Ron Deurmyer, Lon Mehle, Al Bartok, Jim Murray, Richard & Marilyn Stites, Isabel, Ashlynn, Lara, and Brendon Morris, Garry, Shanna, Dawson, & RandiRae Smith, Jeremy Stodghill, Steve & Judy Sterner, John & Sharon Udovich & Sharon's Nurse, Tom Gabor, Ken West, Jay Rathman, Don Stoner, Ted and Dee Beupre, Tony Hecker, Larry and Cindy Meidenger, Jock Harmon, and all the others that we may have missed. We sure were glad to see you all.

The chili was begun so that it could simmer and meld the flavors. Two pots as usual; one mild and

one spicy. Tables were set and cornbread, cheese, onions, Fritos, and tortillas were laid out. Cookies, no not home made from Joy but store-bought, were there for dessert. We had a total of 33 folks pay for lunch and far from usual, the spicy went first. We were left with only a few jars of the mild for the auction. We actually made \$10 profit from the chili sales before the auction.

Guess the candy was displayed in the shop. Lots of guesses were made but the winner was Isabel Morris. She was so excited to win the jar and the candy. There were 98 pieces and she guessed 100. Lots of other close guesses, but Isabel was the closest.

Once the ranges closed, folks began bringing food into the shop and all the wonderful smells began to fill the air. Doug whipped out his knife of all trades, and prepared his salad and dressing. Dee advised us that what we were eating was Swiss steak from this year's game that Ted harvested. The counter was so very full and that didn't include the whole separate table filled with goodies of all kinds. Enough food for a feast and that is what we did.

After the pots were emptied and the plates were as well, the Range Officer noted that there could be no crying about the shoot; everyone was told to "Cowboy Up". We had 1 sub-junior shooter, 2 lady shooters, and 9 men shooters. Isabel Morris with help from Grandpa Singe won the sub-junior category with a score of 80 xx!!! She lost her barrel pin and it was not discovered until later. After searching the grounds and a couple of phone calls later, Grandpa found it and the Seneca was restored for the next shoot.

Dee Beupre took first in the women shooters with a score of 136 and Judy Sterner was second with a 63. The men's scores were:

Mark Serpa	249
Tom Gabor	199x
Jock Harmon	195x
Ron Deurmyer	172
Tony Hecker	161
Larry Meidenger	155
Bill Elliott	152
Al Bartok	126
Steve Sterner	106

Prizes were awarded and all seemed to be pleased with

the results and the prizes. No complaints were heard.

Next up was the election. Lon Mehle volunteered to act as the auctioneer and he did a very good job!!! We thank you Lon for stepping up and helping out. There were a couple of items that became a hotly contested bidding war, but most of the items all sold. Given the small number of participants we did an admirable job of providing \$351 in profits for the club.

Sunday morning dawned and there was a good potluck breakfast for all. Ted provided eggs to order and there were several wonderful things to share. Marilyn and Richard had brought pumpkin bread and cream cheese to share. We heard that everyone ate to their hearts content.

After breakfast the ranges were returned to their waiting status and the camps were collapsed and everyone journeyed home. Many thanks to all who helped with this event and especially to those who participated in the events and the auction. Without you there would have been no shoot and no profits for the club. Thank you, thank you, thank you all.

On a side note, there were a couple of items that were "lost". Please look around in your gear and things and see if you may have picked up an older ladle with a white melamine handle with orange and yellow flowers on it. The other lost item is an old slim kitchen knife with a narrow pointed blade and three rivets in the dark wood handle. Somehow these things got left behind. While the ladle is not a big thing, the knife belonged to my mother and I would really like to have it back. If anyone saw or knows about it, please let me know. It has no real value other than sentiment. Again, thank you all.

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BIRD & BUFFALO PISTOL MATCH

By: Ken West

Setting up the target frames on the skeet range takes the pressure off and makes the pistol shoot a leisurely, friendly affair. For a change, the weather was pleasantly warm and

the breeze was gentle. We ended up with nine shooters - - - and some very good scores, at a measured range of 25 yards this year! Jay and I shot a target for "Tennessee" Jim but he decided to shoot his own. The scores were:

Jim Murray	96xx
Ron Deurmyer	92
Al Bartok	91xx
Jay Rathman	90xx
Brendon Morris	87x
Bill Elliott	86x
Ken West	85xx
Tom Gabor	83
Don Stoner	

We've changed the rules a bit for the pistol matches to enable more people to shoot. You can use one hand or two - - you can only use a bench rest if you are under 11 years of age - - - and we have gone to the "Bulls-eye" rules on scoring (if it cuts the line, its in). Wild Bill Elliott insisted on putting 11 holes in the paper and lost his best shot (traded an x for a 7). To get it right, he shot a practice target - - in which he also put 11 holes, last seen muttering something about learning to count!

Gossip: There were fewer people at the Bird and Buffalo this year. We seem to have been distilled down from a social club to a group of friends. The food and the company were unusually good.

Only had 86 registered pistol shooters at the Fall National this year. You always wonder about the gaps in the firing line. Two High Masters fired my target pistol at the 25 yard range, (everyone admires Bernie's front sight) one hit in the middle of the X, the other the upper right arm. Both said that I was not

using enough powder! I've upped my charge from 5 to 6 grains since.

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PAPER PISTOL MATCH

November 1, 2015

By: Ken West

Using what may have been the last of the good shooting weather for this year, five of the six who shot did some very good shooting. The scores were:

Jim Murray	91 3x
John Udovich	87
Tom Gabor	87
Al Bartok	85
Jay Rathman	82
Ken West	73

Gossip: Burnt out the heating element in my 5-pound lead pot trying to melt 8 pound ingots. Some of us are slow learners! Tennessee Jim's grandsons cleaned my 1848 Sharps pepper box after shooting it - - - I had no idea that those barrels were rifled!

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PRIMITIVE PISTOL

MATCH

November 15, 2015

By: Ken West

The weather finally started in the direction that we expect this time of the year; not too cold but a bit windy for accurate shooting. Four of us braved the wind to shoot at gongs. The scores were:

Jim Murray	11 gongs
Al Bartok	11 gongs
John Udovich	10 gongs
Ken West	10 gongs

Al completely missed the tie breaker (left beforehand), giving Jim the honor of putting the winnings into the range fund. Jim popped four caps on his underhammer before discovering that there was no powder behind the ball - - I did the same (only two caps) a few minutes later. This being a frequent experience with me, I carry a speed wrench to remove the nipple for pouring powder behind the ball!

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PRAYER CHAINS....

I would like to take this time to thank John Udovich for bringing Sharon to the Bird and Buffalo event. It was such a pleasure to see Sharon and share lunch with her. Her nurse was very helpful to Sharon and helps with the things that John does for her. Sharon thanked us for "good chili" and sharing the time with her.

Please remember Sharon in your prayers as well as John. It is never easy to be a care giver for your loved ones. It takes courage and determination and John certainly exhibits these things.

Remember Carol Gloyd and the loss of her father.

Remember Joy and the loss of her brother and the tragic circumstances for this whole family. It will be a long time before the legal issues are all resolved and every day is a struggle with the hundreds of questions that are yet unanswered.

Remember all our members and the daily struggles that we all face; some known, some not.

*In the sparkle of the season
In the hush of falling snow
Our hearts reach out in gladness
to special friends we know*

Happy Holidays

*Remember the ones
who have gone all too soon.
Hold close the ones
who are still here.*