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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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Congratulations
MARLIN JOHNSON
2013 CSMLA Muzzle Loader
of the Year!!!!!!
Club Paper Shoot - March 3
Monthly Meeting - March 7
address flyers & such!!
Sell Ads for the Shoot Book
Club Primitive Shoot - March 17

UPCOMING EVENTS: CSML & Statewide

WHAT	WHERE	WHEN	INFORMATION
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	March 7	Gunsmiths of Williamsburg
Daylight Savings	time begins	March 10 set your	clock AHEAD 1 hour!!!!
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	March 17	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	April 4	primitive game night; come - try
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	April 7	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	April 21	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Colorado Squirrel Shoot	near Loveland	April 27-28	www.buckhorns skinners.com
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	May 2	last meeting before the 38 th shoot
Memorial Day Work Party	LaChance Home Penrose	May 4	work starts at 10:00 a.m. Bring a potluck lunch to share.
NO CLUB SHOOTS	IN MAY --- WORK	ON THE 38TH	ANNUAL SHOOT!!!!
Heritage Fair	Ft. Lupton	May 4	Jan Clower (303) 423-4887
Colorado Black Powder Pistol & Revolver Shoot	Ft. Lupton Range	May 11	Ken Kleinsorge (970) 352-7370 Ron Ring (970) 416-5784
Annual Memorial Day Shoot & Rendezvous	Florence Mountain Park	May 25-27	biggest & best shoot in the state! Come and join the fun & shoot.
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	June 2	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	June 6	post annual shoot discussion
Territorial Matches	Ft. Lupton	June 15-16	Ft. Lupton Range
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	June 16- Father's day	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
2013 Liberty Encampmnt	near Elbert	June 22-29	Jerry Collins (719) 347-3142
NO Regular Club	Meeting on July 4th	Celebrate the holiday	with your family and friends!!!
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	July 7	pistols at noon; rifles at 1:00 pm
High Country Hideaway Trap & Skeet Shoot	near Kremmling, Colorado	July 17-21	Tom Hart: (719) 275-8418
Primitive Graingers	near Victor	July 20-21	shooting, chili cook-off & more

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

February's meeting was a fun one. We had lots of goodies to share and some real fun in the white elephant game. Still looking for some of those odd things that were present in years past.

Dee Beaupre had shoulder surgery and is working on recuperating. We saw her at the convention in Denver and she is doing well. She hopes to be back shooting by September so she can hunt. You go girl!!!!

Reports are good regarding John Gloyd. He is home and doing well. He also is recuperating and waiting for his chance to come back and be with us.

If you didn't make it to the CSMLA Annual Trade Show and Convention, you missed a really good time. Lots of our group was there and best of all, our own Marlin Johnson was named as the 2013 Muzzle Loader of the Year!!!! Way to go Marlin.

Gwen did a fantastic job on arranging kids events even though there were only a handful of kids present. Classes went well and were well attended. Gwen is looking for future instructors as well so step up and help her out.

Much like with our elections, the train ran through the CSMLA. Lots of our group are still on the board and we are so proud of you for your willingness to help keep this important organization going.

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**MARCH 3 PISTOL SHOOT WILL BE RUN BY JIM MURRAY. Please come out and help support this part of our group!!!!**

## 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Shoot & Rendezvous

Yes, we are working fast and furious on this event. Committee lists are available for you to sign up and share your time.

Work party has been set for May 4 at the LaChance home. If you know how to get to the shoot, don't turn at 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Continue on Highway 115 south past the Gooseberry Patch Restaurant and take

the next left and head east. Fred's home is the second one on the left. You'll see all our cars there. Be sure to bring your utensils and food to share at the potluck lunch which will be held right after the work is completed. There are plenty of jobs for all of us so plan now to come and help us. Mark your calendar for May 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Still looking for things for the kids prizes. If you have any ideas or any items that you are willing to share, please let Joy or Dee know.

Be sure to sell ads and get the information and money in to Doreen as soon as possible. Deadline is the April meeting, but you don't have to wait for that. Turn things in as soon as you can so we don't have a last minute rush. Questions about sizes or anything related to the book should be directed to Doreen.

Please be sure to look through the 2012 book and proofread for accuracy and errors. Let Doreen know if you find anything that needs changed or updated. Again deadline for any of this is the April meeting.

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## DAVIS TRAINING, LLC

Doug Davis is conducting several shooting discipline classes in the next several months. Some are for students, some for instructors, and some just for the fun of it. Contact Doug to get a list of what he is offering and when. We're sure that you'll find something of interest and who knows, you may end up being a certified instructor.

Doug can be contacted at 719-651-2601 or on the web at [www.davistraining.biz](http://www.davistraining.biz)

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## COLORADO SHOOTERS MAKE NATIONAL NEWS

Don't know if any of you have read the listing in the NMLRA magazine to see all the names of people in Colorado who made the 2012 Territorial Top Ten Listing. As editor of the newsletter, I found it interesting to see names of folks I knew and that I would agree are great shooters and participants.

The 2012 top shooters from Colorado are:

Kelly Buxbaum - Top Gun  
 Andy Larson - - Agg AA Flintlock Trap (score 29/24)  
 Steve Case - - Agg AA Flintlock Trap (score 21/10)  
 Jim Tucker - - Flintlock Skeet Agg BB (score 14/7)  
 Estill Ator - Flintlock Skeet Agg BB (score 8)  
 Jim Tucker - - Agg I Skeet (score 67)  
 Rady Dyer - Aggregate I Skeet (score 65)  
 Sam Gladden - - Aggregate I Skeet (score 62)  
 Andy Larson - - Agg J Trap (score 39/38)  
 David Yeubanks - - Agg J Trap (score 37/30)  
 Jerry Knight - - Agg J Trap (score 37/29)  
 Tammy Raver - - Agg U Ladies Hunter (score 124x)  
 Sommer Tucker - - Agg Z Ladies Skeet (score 13)  
 Joyce Gladden - - Agg Z Ladies Skeet (score 6/3)

Way to go guys! You make us proud of our state and our shooters.....

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## FEBRUARY 3 PAPER PISTOL MATCH

*By: Ken West*

The weather couldn't have been better - - - and with y vision returned to what it was at the age of 20, I'm running out of excuses!!!

The scores were:

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| Jim Murray    | 89x |
| Lon Mehle     | 81x |
| Fred LaChance | 80  |
| Ken West      | 76  |
| Tom Gabor     | 71  |

Good to see Tom back with a pistol! Always surprises me to be reminded that Lon can actually shoot.

THINGS EVERYONE ELSE ALREADY KNEW.....

I have always considered failure as a learning opportunity. If I had taken full advantage of all of

my opportunities, I would have seven PhD's in muzzle loading by now. I keep flunking the field trials!

**TRIGGER PULL:** Never adjust the trigger pull pressure just before a match. It's harder to flinch and jerk the trigger with a 1 pound trigger pull than it is with a 2 ounce trigger pull.

**GRIP:** A heavier trigger pull requires a tighter grip - - - right? This is a good way to drop 15 points off your score.

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In a card with their membership renewal check, Tom and Joane Scott sent along a message. Ted asked that we print this and update all on their progress.

Greetings,

Hope your 2013 is underway and all is well. Tom has had some health issues this past year.....hopefully on the end now. He had a full hip replacement, apparently a defect since birth. He walks now!!! Next his shoulder for repairs and then hopefully he can walk and shoot his gun at camping. Last year was bad for him. We think of all our friends often and hope to see everyone this year.

Best Wishes,  
 Tom & Joane Scott

## REMEMBER.....

Muzzle Loading hunting season is by draw only. You need to get your licence request in shortly. Muzzle loading season for deer/elk/moose is September 14-22, 2013. Plains deer east of I-25, except for Unit 140 is October 12-20, 2013.

Check out the DOW website for more information on dates and fees.

# WHAT THE HECK!!!

By: Ted "Dances with Deer" Beaupre

Let me see if I can get a tale of high adventure going here. I was once told that in order to have an adventure, you have to cheat death. I guess the look that I got from Delores when I told her that she needed to carry in my tree stand because I was feeling a little puny that morning will have to suffice.

This year we arrived on the 29<sup>th</sup> of August and left on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September to go home. It sure was a nice time getting to watch the aspens change while we were there.

As usual, we set up camp and started to relax. The dog and I were waiting for grouse season to open. This year the bow hunters said that they were running into chickens everywhere and I wouldn't have a problem finding any.

We did see a lot of birds this year; as always when I didn't have a gun with me. One day Delores yelled that there was a bunch of chickens hanging just outside of camp! They sure made a nice grouse pot pie this Christmas.

Well, nothing much happened for the first two days of the season except on opening day. At about 0900, a Hollywood hunter came by wearing his tennis shoes and anklet sox, shorts, t-shirt, orange vest and hat . . . and including these giant white sunglasses. I almost dropped my rifle I was laughing so hard.

Well on Monday afternoon I was in my ground blind waiting for Mr. Horny to come down and drink. I have learned in the past that when you cock your rifle and set the trigger, it actually sounds like slamming a car door. Now what I do is cock the rifle and set the trigger and put the cap on only and I men only when I have a buck coming in. To do otherwise would be foolish.

At the same time every year almost down to the minute, (this year was no different) the buck came down and stood in the same place as the others. I raised my trusty rifle to a steady aim, pulled the trigger, and to my surprise, I heard CLANG! instead of BANG! What the \$%#\\$ I forgot to cap the rifle!!!! The buck turned and faced me but would not run! I put the cap on and pulled the trigger. The buck turned and ran about twenty feet and piled up.

After the smoke cleared, I stood up and looked around and found a doe standing just five feet from my blind. She stood there the whole time and didn't take off until I went to check on the buck.

As for Delores, it wasn't her year but we sure had a great time as always. See you next year.

*Editor's note: Ted sent some very good pictures of the buck and the birds that he got. However, I'm not too good at getting all this electronic stuff to cooperate. You'll have to ask Ted to see his pictures.*

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January 7, 1865, over 1,000 Cheyennes, Northern Arapahoes, and Sioux warriors attacked a stage station and store at Julesburg in northeastern Colorado. George Bent reported that the Indians seized so many goods it took 3 days to haul all the supplies back to their camp. He also claimed they found the army payroll; while the Indians cut up the bills and tossed them to the wind, Bent stuffed them in his pockets.

These Indians, at least, finally had enough food to eat. Bent wrote:

The camp was well supplied with fresh beef and had a big herd of cattle besides; then there were whole wagon loads of bacon, hams, big bags of flour, sugar rice, cornmeal, shelled corn, tins and hogsheads of molasses, groceries of all sorts, canned meats and fruit, clothing, dress goods, silks, and hardware...most of these things the Indians had never seen before, and they were all the time bringing things to me and asking me what they were and what they were used for. I remember an Indian who brought me a big box and wanted to know what was in it. It was full of candied citron and I told him what it was for. Another thing that puzzled the Indians was the canned oysters.

When bolts of cloth were found, the warriors liked to gallop at full speed over the prairie while the cloth unwound and streamed dramatically behind them.

There was so much feasting and celebrating that there were fires all through the night into the dawn. The drumming also lasted all through the night and could be heard for miles and miles throughout the valley.