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# Mountain Man Monthly

The Authorized Publication of the  
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 3, 2011  
White Elephant Gift Exchange  
finger foods to share**

**CSMLA Annual Trade Show  
& Convention Feb. 5 & 6**

**Primitive Shoot - February 20**

**Get Well Wishes**

**DUES are due  
Ads are due April 7**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS: CSML &amp; Statewide

WHAT	WHERE	WHEN	INFORMATION
<b><i>Sell Ads for the Shoot</i></b>	<b><i>Book ----- no time</i></b>	<b><i>like the present to</i></b>	<b><i>sell ads for the shoot book!!!!</i></b>
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	February 3	white elephant gift exchange fun!
Club Paper Shoot	<b><i>cancelled -- support</i></b>	<b><i>CSMLA Annual</i></b>	<b><i>Trade Show &amp; Convention!!</i></b>
CSMLA Annual Trade Show & Convention	DoubleTree North Westminster	Feb. 5 & 6	Annual meeting of the State Association; classes; auction, etc
Big Bore Shoot	Ft. Lupton Range	February 19 & 20	alternate dates: March 26-27
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	February 20	pistol at 12; rifle at 1:00 p.m.
Newsletter Articles Due	to the Editor	February 24 <sup>th</sup>	Don't be late with your info!!!!
Frozen Toes Rendezvous	Ft. Lupton	February 25-27	or Scott McCollough 303-909-2676
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	March 3	come & see what there is.....
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	March 6	check shoot hot line first!!!
<i>Daylight Savings Begins</i>	<i>March 13, 2011</i>	<i>Change your clocks</i>	<i>so you'll be on time for fun.</i>
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	March 20	check shoot hot line first!!!
Newsletter Articles Due	to the Editor	March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Don't be late with your info!!!!
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	April 3	pistol at 12, rifle at 1:00 p.m.
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	April 7	meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	April 17	pistol at 12; rifle at 1:00 p.m.
34 <sup>th</sup> Annual Squirrel Shoot	near Masonville	April 30-May 1 Snow: May 21-22	.40 caliber or smaller guns (970) 692-4658/(970)635-9544
<b><i>NO CLUB SHOOTS</i></b>	<b><i>IN MAY.....</i></b>	<b><i>GEAR UP FOR</i></b>	<b><i>36<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SHOOT!!!!</i></b>
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	May 5	last meeting before the shoot
36 <sup>th</sup> annual Memorial Day Shoot & Rendez.	Florence Mountain Park	May 28-30	lots of shooting, work, fun, and potluck on Saturday night
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	June 2	wrap up of the shoot
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	June 5	pistol at 12; rifle at 1:00 p.m.
Colorado NMLRA Territorial Matches	SPVHS Range Ft. Lupton	June 17-19	Darrel Koleber (970)669-2599 Scott Drake (970) 635-9544

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 began like a lot of our gatherings do; with lots of really good food. The wild game potluck presented lots of good things from Mother Nature's bounty and also a lot of good substitutions. There was elk, deer, antelope, sausage, roast, salmon, and lots of other goodies to tempt your palate. Thank you to the individual who brought pinons (pine nuts); haven't had any of those wonderful nuts in a long time. Cracking them was a reminder of youthful days gone by.

After everyone was fairly full and the trays were beginning to empty, Joy called us to order and we had a short business meeting. Once that was done, we then awarded the annual Wild Game Trophy for deer, elk, and antelope and then the fun began. We had several good tall tales this year and the best part was that the trophy has been revamped thanks to Buddy. That smelly, old, nasty, and ugly ear has been removed and the trophy is better now.

Don't forget that your dues are due and if you haven't paid them, get your check off to Ted. We want to keep our membership up-to-date and keep you all informed of the happenings!

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## Colorado Springs Muzzle Loaders, Inc. Regular Monthly Meeting December 2, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Joy, with tables full of wonderful wild game dishes. All was enjoyed by the members in attendance.

We welcomed new faces and old faces that haven't been seen for a while: Roy's daughter Sonia, Ron & Donna Deurmyer, Tom Campbell, Tim Keck, Jack, Cheryl, and Larry brought his cousin Kenny.

Motion made and seconded to approve the Secretary's report as printed in the *Mountain Man Monthly*. Motion so carried. Thanks to Doreen for doing the minutes from the meeting last month.

Treasurer's report given by Gwen with a

balance of \$11,220.80. American Legion will be raising the monthly rent for the meeting in six months. Motion made and seconded to accept the report. Motion so carried. Gwen reported that Stephen was home two weeks during the holidays and will be graduating on February 18. He will then be off to Ft. Lewis, Washington.

Membership report by Ted: Dues are due. 32 renewed and 2 new members. Phone books are ready.

Primitive Report by Doug: It is always Melchert's Rule so check your e-mails if you have questions about cancellation of a shoot. Phone trees are used if needed.

Memorial Day Report: Board meeting at Joy's house on January 11 at 7:00 p.m. This will be the beginning of the Memorial Day work. Open to all members.

CSMLA asked if we could combine the State Shotgun Championship at our shoot and we said yes. The shotgun crew will be bringing all the supplies and things necessary for this event. It is a win for both groups; more shotgun shooters and more activities for them.

Don't forget that your ads for the shoot book are due by the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

New Business: Gun show January 22-23 in Pueblo then February 11-12 but aren't sure of the Pueblo location yet.

CSMLA Annual Trade Show & Convention is February 5 & 6 and should be a good event. Encourage everyone to attend. Our club will have a table with things for sale or trade and we ask that all members who attend share a bit of time manning this table. There will be an auction and a drawing at this event again. Lois has a quilt in the drawing. If you have auction or drawing items, be sure to bring them.

Reminder given to get the nominations in for the CSMLA Muzzle Loader of the Year. If you are thinking of someone, think about our own range officer who does so much at the local and state level. Get your nominations to Mary Jo Kummer quickly.

Thanks again to Ron and Juanita Melchert for their land that our club uses every shoot. We are giving them a king size quilt with outdoor motif. Please remember them in your prayers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. but the meeting wasn't over 'cause it was Tall Tale Time! Trophy contenders were Ron Deurmyer who took a

doe and a 4-point deer; Dee Beaupre with a 4 x 4; Ted Beaupre with a 5 x 5 15 minutes after Dee; Petra LaChance with a cow; and Steven with a wild pig dressed out around 100 pounds.

This year's winner is Ted Beaupre for the largest deer; Petra LaChance for the elk; and no antelope.

The tall tales began with a rendition of Tom Gabor's "Flipping the Bird". While this was a story from the winter convention some years back, it did explain why Tom got a ticket for hitting a goose and how he "got" Doreen with the tale.

Tom Hendricks relayed a true story about home brew, a kidnapped lawyer and a country attorney and the taking of gas and tires. Somehow it all comes out in the end but you had to be there to hear it.

Delores Beaupre told her tale of convincing Ted that his driving to their hunting site was scaring her and making her really nervous. She finally got him to trade places with her and let her drive. Ted then learned he was the one to get out and open and close all the gates. Dee must be convincing because Ted fell for it!

Ron Deurmyer related his story of hunting on private land with Tom Campbell. Seems as though the issue centered around animals who took a mini ball and then went on to land owned by Gary Hart (past political) who is a die-hard anti-hunter. Crime scene cleanup was done and no evidence was left behind. When things go wrong, they go really wrong!

All the tales were so much better in person than can be relayed here. Next year, plan to be at the January meeting to hear them for yourselves.

It was also noted that old-time member Bob Sink has been working with Miss Pennsylvania on her fiddlin' and she will be competing in the Miss America contest coming up. He documented his contact with this beautiful lady by sending us a picture and calling Joy to notify her. When you watch the Miss America pageant later this month, watch for this young lady and know that she has survived meeting Bob!!!

Respectfully submitted,  
Lois Schainost

## JANUARY PRIMITIVE PISTOL MATCH

By: Ken "Suds" West

The weather was pleasant; cool but not cold and no wind. Four of us shot at the 12 gongs. The scores were:

Larry McCracken	12
Fred LaChance	11
Ken West	11
Steve Bingham	9

Steve and Fred shot flints. Larry's revolver, whose sights were off two yards at 25 yards, had sent the revolver back to the vendor and shot my .38 "Mang en Graz" target pistol - - - a pattern seems to be developing of me being beaten by my own pistols! It does demonstrate that there is nothing wrong with my pistols. I'll usually bring a couple of pistols to the matches -- anyone who shows up without a pistol and wants to shoot in the match can use one of them!

### *Things everyone else already knew.....*

I'm shooting 9 grains of 3F in my .44 caliber target pistol. It seems to give good ballistics at 25 yards, and the traditional 44 grains seems excessive for punching holes in paper. I was somewhat surprised to find that the light charge will send the .433 ball through four  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch dry oak boards spaced three inches apart. This gives Francis Parkman's stories of Sioux braves killing buffalo with a single pistol shot in 1848 some credibility.



## Primitive Chapter News

by: Doug "Moose Milk" Davis

The January Primitive Shoot was hosted by the paper guy, Tom Gabor so some of us,

(me included) could practice for the upcoming Big Bore shoot. Thanks, Tom!!!!

There were 9 men and 5 women attending with new members Bob and Jessie from Rye visiting and bringing their "moth-balled" guns. Welcome bob and Jessie.

Two targets were shot at 50 yards and two at 100 yards. Scores are as follows:

**Men:**

Fred LaChance	99
Doug Davis	94x
Larry McRacken	92
Steve Sterner	90
Jock Harmon	67
Ken McDonald	59
Joshua Ward	24
Roy Crouse	9
Scott Ward	dnf

**Women:**

Petra LaChance	50
Gwen Blanchard	33
Joy Hicks	29
Judy Sterner	19
Michelle Blanchard	dnf

The February Primitive Shoot will be hosted by Primitive Assistants Tony Hecker and Steve Bingham.

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## CSMLA ANNUAL TRADE SHOW & CONVENTION

Time for the annual State Association meeting and convention is rapidly approaching. February 5 & 6 in Denver is the time and place. Be sure to come to the very important meeting at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. Of course, we'd like you to come for the whole event,

but at least plan to be at the annual meeting. We need to help decide the fate of the CSMLA and what we want it to be able to do.

There will be several classes conducted and they are always interesting to attend. There will be quite a few traders with goods and things for sale. Our group is sponsoring a table for things that you want to sell or trade. Be sure to mark your cost and what, if any, reductions you would take. Also be sure that your name is somewhere on the item so that the money gets returned to the right person. No charge to you to sell your stuff at our table. We do ask that you volunteer a little of your time to man the trade table for a while. This will give a break to the ones there and allow them to enjoy the events as well.

Also, there is an auction and a drawing so if you have items for either one, please be sure to bring them and get them included. Items for either do not have to be period correct or associated with the American Fur Trade. We'll take most anything.

Bring your money to bid and buy. This is a fund-raiser for the CSMLA and we want to do our part to help them.

See you all there.....

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## GET WELL WISHES.....

In case you hadn't heard, we have a few of our friends that have had some tough times lately. We share this information with you so that you can send them cards of get well wishes to speed them along their journey.

***Fred LaChance*** had heart bypass surgery. He was transferred out of ICU and is looking much better. His wife Petra reports "he had to walk the halls with all the hardware attached and in tow, but he walked like a trooper. He got nauseated which is understandable."

Rest is now the most important thing for

Fred and we ask that you don't try to visit. It takes all his energy to work on getting better. Fred is a hard worker but will need to have some time to recuperate fully.

**Duane Jones** was coyote hunting down by Monte Vista and stepped out of his truck and broke his ankle and tore a ligament in his knee. Surgery is done but he is facing about three weeks of convalescence and about six months of rehabilitation. Send him a card or give him a call as both he and Nancy could use any pep-talk that we can share.

**Jane Lewis** has been having some health problems for a while and has been unable to stay in her home in the mountains. She is in Colorado Springs for a while so that she can meet with doctors and make the necessary visits. Many serious things have been ruled out but the doctors are still working on a final diagnosis.

In the meantime, Jane has purchased a laptop to be able to keep in touch. You can e-mail her at [janellewis25@hotmail.com](mailto:janellewis25@hotmail.com). Drop her a line and let her know you miss her as we all do!!!

Also, please remember Ron and Juanita Melchert as well. These benefactors are so good to us and we don't know what we'd do without them. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

If you have your new club address book, you'll have all the contact information for these folks. If you don't then renew your dues now and get it so you can.

Keep all our friends and families in your thoughts and prayers. Also remember all our service men and women far from home. Continue to pray for our country and it's leaders as they really need it.

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## ANSWERS TO THE FUN & GAMES FROM DECEMBER

- A. Nine first names were: Al, Mary, Dan, Andy, Phil, Les, Ed, Tom, and Matt.
- B. There were 18 times that the word "ox" appeared in the paragraph.
- C. The phrase was "don't cry over spilled milk"
- D. Anagram answers: (1) ewe, wee; (2) gum, mug; (3) Pam, map; (4) not, ton; (5) two, tow; (6) Deb, bed; (7) diary; dairy; (8) sauce; cause.
- E. The rhyming words were: (1) fly by; (2) low row; (3) pour more; (4) pool tool; (5) can't plant; (6) score more; (7) mule school; (8) grass class; (9) floor chore; (10) unheard word.
- F. The phrase was "one flew over the cuckoo's nest"
- G. Who's in the room? Someone

## MORE FUN & GAMES

Every word listed below is contained with the puzzle. They are vertical, horizontal, or diagonal. They can read either forward or backward.

cloudy	sleet	flood
snow	hail	sunny
hurricane	tornado	rain
	wind	

T	L	K	B	J	M	S	D	F
C	O	S	L	G	M	U	O	H
N	L	R	L	R	D	N	O	J
H	I	O	N	E	T	N	L	N
D	A	P	U	A	E	Y	F	I
L	H	L	W	D	D	T	W	A
S	N	O	W	M	Y	O	I	R
H	U	R	R	I	C	A	N	E
Z	R	K	F	Y	T	K	D	N

