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Mountain Man Monthly

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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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Monthly Meeting
January 5 @ 7:00 p.m.
Wild Game Potluck

Club Primitive Shoot - Jan. 15

White Elephant Gift Exchange
@ the meeting February 2

CSMLA Annual Trade Show
& Convention - - February 18-19
Nomination for ML of the Year

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TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS: CSML & Statewide			
WHAT	WHERE	WHEN	INFORMATION
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion Colorado Springs	January 5, 2012	wild game potluck & Tall Tales to be told; game trophies given.
CSML Annual Board Meeting	Joy's House 4820 Montebello	January 10 th @ 7:00 p.m.	set yearly calendar; start shoot activities; get things arranged
<i>Nominations for the</i>	<i>CSMLA Muzzle</i>	<i>Loader of 2012</i>	<i>due to Scott Drake by 1/15/12!!</i>
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	January 15, 2012	pistol @ noon; range @ 1:00 pm
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	February 2	white elephant gift exchange
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	February 5	range opens at 1:00 p.m.
CSMLA Winter Trade Show & Convention	Holiday Inn Denver East, Quebec St.	February 18-19	traders, gun maker's fair, classes drawing, art show, & more!!!
NO Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	February 19	see you at Winter Convention
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	March 1	annual mailing preparation
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	March 4	range opens at 1:00 p.m.
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	March 18	pistol @ noon; range @ 1:00 pm
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	April 1	range opens at 1:00 p.m.
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	April 5	37 th annual shoot preparation
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	April 15	pistol @ noon; range @ 1:00 pm
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	May 3	last run-through for the shoot!!!
NO CLUB SHOOTS	IN MAY.....	NO monthly club	shoots during May
37 th Annual Shoot & Rendezvous	Florence Mountain Park	May 26-28	lots of fun, work, and biggest & best shoot in the state!!!!
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	June 3	range opens at 1:00 p.m.
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	June 7	review the 37 th annual shoot
Club Primitive Shoot	Ft. Melchert	June 17	pistol @ noon; range @ 1:00 pm
Club Paper Shoot	Ft. Melchert	July 1	range opens at 1:00 p.m.
Regular Club Meeting	American Legion	July 5	monthly meeting of the group
Graingers Primitive Camp Out	Grainger's near Victor, Colorado	July 14 & 15	club campout & lots of shooting; chili cook-off & potluck on Sat.

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

Colorado Springs Muzzle Loaders, Inc. Regular Monthly Meeting December 1, 2011

The December meeting was a good one. We had 24 folks present when we began. Lots of goodies to eat and we had fun exchanging our annual Christmas ornaments.

The group had a very lively discussion on whether we should cancel our monthly shoots on certain holidays or special days or not. From the perspective of information published in some of the national publications, we always have paper shoot on the first Sunday of the month and primitive on the 3rd Sunday of the month. If folks are not members to know that we may cancel like January's paper shoot on New Year's Day, they may show up expecting a shoot and no one is there. Our web site is still new enough that not everyone knows to check this and they may not be on the e-mail list to get the updates. The final decision was that we would stick with the schedule except for those times when the Melchert's enact their range rule. When that occurs, then folks will just have to check one of the many ways to get the information or risk driving to a "no shoot" site. We will try to get our web site as an update to all the printed information so that it is available.

For those of you who have not heard, our new Range Officer Todd Schainost was injured recently in an accident involving a vehicle. He is doing well, but will be laid up for a while with leg and ankle injuries. This means that all you assistant Range Officers may be called upon to help out during Todd's recovery. The good thing is that Todd is okay and doing better and that is what is most important.

Reports from Petra LaChance advise us that Fred is home and recuperating from his recent heart surgery. He is one tough guy and for that we are grateful. We wish him a speedy recovery and that he heals well.

Please keep Tom and Madeline Newell in your thoughts and prayers.

If you haven't already done so, please provide Joy with your hunting results. Trophy awards will be made in January. Also, be sure to get your tall tales ready to tell at the January meeting!

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The regular monthly meeting of the CSML was called to order by President Joy a bit late tonight, due to the finishing work needed to mail the January-February issue of the State Association's newsletter, *The Poke and Stroke*. (This is a commitment that the great group of the Colorado Springs Muzzle Loaders volunteered to do for the State Association.) We welcomed our guest Christopher Crouse who introduced us to his girlfriend Kyleen. Welcome to both of you and thank you for joining us for this meeting! Good to have Tom Hendricks lovely lady Kathie at this meeting as well.

Joy asked for a motion of acceptance of the minutes of the November meeting as printed in the *Mountain Man Monthly*. Motion and second received from the floor. Motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer Gwen gave us treasury report for the month, noting that there was not much at this time. We've added a few memberships, the proceeds from the Bird and Buffalo event, and the donation from Lincoln Financial to the coffers. Our outgoing funds were spent for the copier rental and supplies and the deposit for gun show tables. We have a little over \$10,000 in the treasury at this time. Since there were no questions raised about the report, a motion was made to accept. Motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

When asked for a Membership report, Chairman Ted advised that nothing has changed since last month. He did remind all that January begins the new 2012 renewal time. Get your membership dues in now and avoid the rush or forgetting to do it. CSML dues are still only \$15 for a family membership. Motion was made to accept the membership report. Motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Doug's Primitive Report began with a thanks to Steve Bingham who ran the primitive shoot for him while he was out-of-state. Barb Campbell and Ted Beaupre also assisted with this shoot and Doug is grateful to them for their assistance. It's nice to have

volunteers who will help out at the last minute and Steve is one of them. There will be a primitive shoot on December 18 if Melchert's agree and Mother Nature doesn't interfere too much. Doug then gave Ken West a bad time about not ribbing him in the *Mountain Man Monthly* this time. Doug asked Ken if this meant that they were truly "friends" now.

Old Business: Discussion held on the last gun show. Ted noted that it was a larger gun show but it seemed as though there was not as much interest in us as in the past. They did invite the archery hunters at the table next to them to come and join the muzzle loading fun. Thanks given to Gwen Blanchard, John Gloyd, Tom Gabor, Tom Hendricks, Delores Beaupre, and Steve Bingham for their help at this one.

New Range Officer Todd Schainost told us about the three new shooters at the last paper shoot. These folks had never shot before. Todd did tell us that it was a fun shoot. Dee and Joy almost tied with their targets: 165XX and 165X is a real close shooting event!!!!

New Business: The State Association's annual Trade Show and Convention are fast approaching. Be sure to get your nomination submitted before January 15, 2012 for the 2012 Muzzle Loader of the Year. We are working on getting our own Tom Gabor the right nominations to make him the winner. Information on Tom and his accomplishments will be sent out to all our group that want it so that they can compose their nominations. Again the deadline for submitting these is January 15, 2012.

Discussion then held with the group about canceling some of our shoots due to the holiday they fall on and/or whatever reason. After much talking and suggestions, it was finally determined that we will not cancel shoots unless Melchert's Rule is applied. The regular monthly paper shoot will be held on the first Sunday of each month and the regular monthly primitive shoot will be held on the third Sunday of each month. This will then eliminate the need to try and let new people or visitors know about the shoots. EVERYONE is encouraged to check the website and/or get on Doug's e-mail list so that if there is a cancellation, the information is posted. You can also always use the old fashioned phone hot-line (719-632-7690) at 9:00 a.m. on shoot day to find out if the shoot is still on.

Gwen then advised that we have somehow forgotten to include the petty cash pass-the-hat at the meetings. Do we want to continue this tradition? She did tell us that we make enough in the pass-the-hat to pay for the monthly meeting space. Motion was made to continue this tradition and a hat was quickly rounded up and passed around. Please note.....nothing soggy in the hat, please!!!!

Joy advised that the club has some sweatshirts for sale with club logos printed on them. If we don't have your size, you can let us know and we'll try to get them or bring us your favorite sweatshirt and we'll screen it for you.

Time for the CSML to renew our charter with the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association. To do this, we only need 10 members to provide their membership information and it is free. Those with current memberships in the NMLRA are asked for their numbers so that we can keep this going.

Tom Gabor advised the group that our illustrious and determined member Fred LaChance drove himself to the hospital last night with chest pains. He has been admitted but further details are not yet available. We will do our best to keep all updated on his condition as we find out more.

Cards for the Melcherts and Reed Grainger were passed around for signature. We owe a lot to these individuals and this annual sharing is our way of telling them how much we appreciate them.

Upcoming events were noted for all. There will be a paper shoot held on New Year's Day, January 1, 2012. Plan to come out and support the shoot. Pistols will start at noon.

Motion made for adjournment and was seconded and unanimously approved! So done!

Respectfully submitted,
Temporary Scribe Doreen Webb

Don't forget to submit your nomination for the 2012 CSMLA Muzzle Loader of the Year. The nominations are due to Scott Drake by January 15, 2012. (#1 Marmac Drive, Loveland, CO 80538 or damnphoneguy1330@aol.com)

Don't delay - - get your nomination in today.

PRIMITIVE PISTOL MATCH December 18, 2011

By: Ken "Suds" West

The weather was perfect - - - just as the match finished! While the match was being shot, the swirling wind was distracting.

Five of us shot gongs. The scores were:

Jim Murray	12
Ken West	11
Al Bartok	10
Doug Davis	10
Roy Crouse	dnf

Roy was shooting a CVA single-shot pistol, not a revolver as previously reported. Al was shooting a Ruger Old Army - - - and very well.

Things everyone else already knew:

During the match, my target pistol fired without my touching the trigger - - - which is scary! Fortunately, having absorbed a few years of Doug's friendly safety counseling, this occurred while I was capping at the firing line with the pistol pointed down-range. Following the safety rules, even when we KNOW it isn't necessary, gets us through these mishaps without anyone being hurt.

Disassembling the gun, I discovered that the replacement sear, which I had installed last June, had a soft nose which had gradually rounded and would no longer stay in the full-cocked notch in the tumbler. There are aspects of metallurgy that I would really prefer to not be forced to learn!

Hunting & fishing regulation brochures are available online at http://wildlife.state.co.us/rulesregs/regulation_sbrochures. Big game (deer, elk, pronghorn, bear & moose) should be available in mid-February.

This is where the muzzle loading season information is also available.

deer/elk/moose	Sept. 8-16, 2012
plains deer	Oct. 13-21, 2012
pronghorn	Oct. 21-29, 2012

JANUARY 5, 2012 MEETING

Don't forget that the January meeting will be the annual wild game potluck. Bring your favorite "wild" dish to share and your eating utensils to enjoy what the others bring.

Once the meeting has concluded, we will then be awarding the annual Big Game trophies to their respective winners. Following this will be the telling of the Tall Tales, which is always a good time. The winner of the Tall Tales will be allowed to take home the somewhat "modified" trophy so that they can display it in their home for the next year.

Plan to join us and have a rousing good time along with lots of good food!

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Be looking all around your house and garage for that perfect "white elephant" to bring to the meeting in February. This is a fun time where we get to choose from the gaily wrapped items and discover what may be a treasure or a klunker. This is the one time in our festivities that you will be able to trade for any of the other previously opened "white elephants" and whoever draws the #1, gets to pick the final pick

