



Dear members,

Well the Annual meeting was a success and informative as usual. We held nominations for officers. Mike Murray was nominated and voted in as our new President. I have been voted in as the club's new Vice president.

The Sportsman show was a great success as well, and I want to thank everyone that participated, and volunteered their time to help man the booth this year. Gilbert, Larry Ritchie, Kim Tish, and Les Chaffin did a great job on the (2) seminars that they performed for the public at the Sportsman's show for safety and loading information on Muzzleloaders to the public. Again, without people volunteering their time to the club we would not be able to reach out to the public and perform these functions, so thanks again to all that helped setup, man the booth, and tear down the booth this year.

The club still has some hats for sale @ \$15 each for anyone wanting a nice hat with the club logo on them. Gilbert has the hats and would be happy to sell one to you. The Powder horn, Belt Bag, and Fire kit was won by Sam Horn at the Show. Thank you Gilbert for donating your time in scraping such a fine horn!

The Pistol is still an active raffle and the winning ticket will be drawn on April 11th at the end of the Fort Boise gun show at the fairgrounds. You can contact Gilbert Hardy for tickets (880-9960). We desperately need some volunteers to help man the booth at this show to visit with the public and work the raffle. If you would like to volunteer please let Gilbert or Mike Murray (467-6993) know what day and times you would be able to help.

So Mike is our new President to allow me to have more time to set up some activities (fun, interactive, and community) for the membership in the role of events organizer which is a new title to the club and well overdue. We will see how this goes, as I am still in charge of the newsletters as well. I strongly feel that we need to get more dynamic in our community and coordinate some events for all of us to get together and enjoy what we are trying to protect and preserve and that's "Muzzleloading".

So with that being said, I would like to kick off our **first club shooting event** by inviting everyone to Emmett's gun club range on Saturday May 15th with Greg Kershul and his crew. The shoot will be from 10-2 and the gates open @ 9:30 Am. Here is some info on what to expect at the shoot...

- At the Emmett shoot 6 to 10 targets will be offered at random ranges in a trail walk scenario.
- A six shot revolving percussion pistol "Sheriff Challenge" course of fire will be offered.
- Teams will be drawn from the hat for team events.
- Patched round ball or conical bullet may be used at the shooter's discretion. In-line muzzle loaders are allowed.
- Scoring categories will be for round ball rifle, conical rifle, smooth bore, revolving percussion pistol and single shot round ball pistol.
- All loading will be from the pouch or cartridge box. All shots will be taken from the standing position.
- Period attire is encouraged, but not required. Beginners welcome.

Cost: \$3.00 for the Emmett Shoot

Contact Greg Kershul 830-4377

After the shoot we are headed to the Pizza Factory in Emmett @ 102 W. 5th St (208-398-7777) corner of Washington and 5th st. I have set it up with the owner to have our own room at the Pizza factory so everyone can laugh loud and hard about how bad I shot. Please plan on bringing your own money for pizza.

The attached sheet shows a map to the range.

I would like to see all of our members out there to support this range in Emmett, have a great time with each other, and show our competitive spirits. If you need an excuse to burn some powder....this is it!

Cal Gillis made a suggestion at the Annual meeting to include some extra info about Muzzleloading in the newsletters such as technical info, or tips. And think that is a great idea. However, since I am already three pages for this newsletter, and the great tech article that I found is 6 pages long, I thought for this newsletter I would have Jeff Caddy post the tech tip on our website www.idahomuzzleloaders.com

Don't forget about the next upcoming membership meeting this month on April 14th @ 6:30 PM at my house which is in Nampa at 1050 Meadowbrook Ln. Off Sunny ridge between Locust and Greenhurst.

Respectfully yours,
 Jamie Gould
 VP IMA

