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- Welcome to 2009! 2008 was a great year for the Idaho Muzzleloader Association. Some of the highlights of last year were providing the Sportsman's Warehouse and the Idaho Fish and Game with muzzleloader history and weapons training. We were also invited by CO Criag Mickleson to support free fishing day at the Marsing Ponds. We provided Hunters Education courses as well.

- We picked up 16 new members last year.

- Our muzzleloader raffle was a huge success. Frank Burtlow was the lucky winner.



Some of the plans we have for this year are:

- Our annual meeting will be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February 10:00 am. It will be held at the Hunter's ED building @ 109 W. 44<sup>th</sup> St. in Garden city. We have included with this news letter our application form for those who can not attend the annual meeting to renew the IMA \$10 Dues fee. The application form will also be available on our new web site for those who cannot attend as well. You can print the form and mail or submit by e-mail. Please make check or money order to IMA & send to P.O. Box on application.

- We have a brand new Traditions .50 cal Woodsman Hawkins Riffle for this year's raffle. Tickets are 5\$ a ticket or 5 for \$20. We also have a haversack that Mike Murray has donated for the club to raffle off for \$1 a ticket. LARRY'S SPORTING GOODS was kind enough to donate a Traditions ramrod accessories pack. Mike McMichael and Steve and Barbra Stradley from POWERBELT donated \$150 worth of bullets. Charlie Starks,

aka Captchee, is donating a custom built short starter. Jamie Gould donated a fir If anyone has anything they would like to donate to put with the haversack, let us know. Gilbert will have tickets available to those who want to sell raffle tickets for the items at the annual meeting. We still need to iron out details about quantities of ticket sale limit and date to pull winning ticket. We have approval from the Idaho lottery commission to hold the raffle starting kit. Dave Beale from Spectra has also given us approval.



- The IMA will be at the Idaho Sportsman's show March 5<sup>th</sup> thru the 8<sup>th</sup>. We will have the raffle items on display in our booth. We are looking for volunteers to help man our booth. Please RSVP at the annual meeting. Any time you could spare would be greatly appreciated.

- The launch of the new Idaho Muzzleloaders Association website. We expect to have it up and running very soon. Keep checking our link at [www.idahomuzzleloaders.com](http://www.idahomuzzleloaders.com). We hope the website will help us reach out to people looking for a club. Also to spread communication out to the community and members of events and news that affects our sport. We would like to express our gratitude to Jeff Caddy for volunteering his time to design and maintain the website.

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