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Opportunities Abound

This spring has been a whirl wind of activities. The WMLA was represented at the Open Season Event, Kalahari, WI Dells. Thanks to all those who participated, especially Dwight Claggett, Rick Ellis and Kari, Joe and Cheryl Lacenski. The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation annual convention. Thank you, Charlie Brown and Scott Thulien. Finally, the Wisconsin Hunter Education Instructor Association Annual Meeting. Squeezed in between those events was the WMLA Annual meeting, Silent Auction, with the Phil Siehr 3 Person Team shoot. Thanks to everyone for making those events very successful. More about those events later in my article. Oh, and I almost forgot, my trip to Kansas for a long weekend to celebrate one of my grandchildren's First Holy Communion.

As I shared during the Annual meeting, Gary Lang was more than "Just a member" as he was so fond of closing his emails to me with that tagline. Gary and I spent many minutes talking about more than muzzle loading. As I shared with Lori, I considered Gary a Renaissance Man. Gary loved to rib me about my persona name "Black Irish" not so much the black as the Irish part. The first time I experienced Gary's patient, softer side was at the Deer and Turkey Expo in Madison, many years ago. Gary presented me with a carved acorn. It was perfect, right down to the little cap and the cross lines. That acorn hung around my neck for years until my carelessness, I broke it. I was too ashamed to tell Gary what had happened.

Gary was extremely knowledgeable about a wide range of subjects. At times he would share his thoughts and ideas in a very deliberate, rather forceful manner. To me, that was one of Gary's endearing qualities. I will miss my conversations with him. However, Gary has left an indelible mark upon me and, I believe, the WMLA because he walked with all of us.

Due to the untimely demise of Gary, I decided, after much reflection and conversations with those closest to me, to run for the WMLA Presidency for another 2years.

Thank you to those who voted for me. All my time as your president is an honor. The WMLA is a very fine and highly respected association based on ethical standards only emulated by others.

I would also like to congratulate and thank Jessica Snow for accepting the Secretary position. I do believe Jessica is a huge asset to the WMLA and by combining the Secretaries and Publication positions into one, the efficiencies will be significant. Thank you again Jessica and I really do look forward to working with you toward moving the WMLA Social Media presence into the 21 st century. Jessica's information is under the front cover of the Badger State.

On a side note. At the Annual Meeting, discussion took place concerning publishing, an abridged version, of the quarterly meeting minutes in the Badger State. That idea will continue to be evaluated as the new officers and committee members confer. If you have an opinion, please feel free to share.

To move forward and achieve some of the objectives that have been weighing on WMLA for years, I will need your help. As I stated, at the Annual Meeting, when there are WMLA scheduled events in your area, I might be contacting you and asking for your assistance. The WMLA is not one person, WMLA Officers, Committee Chairpersons or even the WMLA District Representatives. The association is all of us. Everyone has value in sharing and through that shared effort we find opportunities.

Over the past couple years, the WMLA membership has increased. The WMLA has been working diligently to foster long term, positive, relationships with other organizations with similar

foundational beliefs that can strengthen our future as a viable entity within the Wisconsin Hunting and Conservation environment.

Through our conversations with the DNR 3R (Recruit, Retain and Reactivate) Program, the WMLA has been involved in developing opportunities that will include Learn to Hunt with a muzzle loader. The DNR 3R program is the new methodology for the DNR to reach out to inexperienced individuals not for just hunting, but for fishing, trapping and shooters. I am working on getting the 3Rs Coordinator, Robert Nack, to speak at the WMLA July or October Meeting. More information to come.

Thank you to Joe Lacenski for his tireless effort in trying to ensure the DNR Muzzleloading Add On instruction program is not completely lost in the bureaucracy. Joe and I continue to be positive vocal advocates for continuing the Muzzle Loading Instruction course as crafted by Joe, Chuck Baum and myself, many years ago. More on this topic as the DNR clarifies their position.

Another effort that is receiving significant enhancement is the WMLA's Wisconsin Wildlife Federation Affiliate Club relationship. The new WWF Executive Director, Cody Kamrowski, has agreed to speak at the WMLA July Meeting. Cody will share what WWF is doing and provide some insight into Fund Raising opportunities. Maybe Cody can share how the WWF goes about crafting up, editing and passing resolutions for consideration by the WI Conservation Congress.

Thanks again to Charlie Brown for his years representing the WMLA on the WWF Board. Thanks to Scott Thulien for taking the initiative to learn about the WWF Resolution process and for submitting a couple resolutions toward enhanced muzzle loading hunting opportunities.

Another side note for consideration or another opportunity. The WWF is a significant partner in MOHEE. Cody and I had a very brief conversation about, maybe, the WMLA being able to collaborate with the WWF on the 2026 MOHEE event. Please think about it and start building that 2026 calendar. Again, an opportunity. Yet, opportunities require members to commit.

Finally, and no less significant, is the relationship being developed with the McMiller Sports Center. Thanks to Kyle Benning, McMiller Manager, for facilitating the use of McMiller buildings and ranges for muzzle loading events. The WMLA Quarterly meetings have found a home at McMiller's.

Also, concerning opportunities. There are 3 McMiller Sports Center Youth Camp weeks and specifically Muzzle Loading instruction Tuesdays; July 22 nd , August 5 th and August 12 th . These are day long events starting around 08:00 and ending around 2:00. If you are interested in instructing young minds about the proper handling and use of a muzzle loader, let me know. You can call me at 608-774-7147 and leave a message or email me at markaconklin@charter.net.

McMiller Sports Center will host an Early Colonial/Long Hunter Encampment in August. More details forthcoming.

Last, of all, the McMiller Open House is Friday – Sunday, October 3rd h , 5 th. I'll have the WMLA Camp set up providing promotional materials and muzzle loading information. I can always use assistance.

With the change in Badger State Editor and Secretary, Jessica Snow, the WMLA has a new Membership Chairperson. The Membership person is Paul Sorrentino. Paul is a long-time muzzle loader from the Beloit Black Powder Lodge. The WMLA Post Office Box # is not changing and the other processes will remain the same for the immediate future.

Thank you, Paul, for assuming this incredibly important function for the WMLA. Membership is the main source of revenue for the WMLA and publication of the Badger State.

Remember, the WMLA Summer meeting is Saturday, July 12 th , at the McMiller Sport Center, Ski Chalet. An agenda will be sent out a couple weeks in advance of the meeting.

I wish you a very safe and enjoyable summer 2025. Don't forget to thank your mother and a veteran. For without them, our lives would be different.

Thank you for your efforts in preserving the Wisconsin Muzzle Loading Heritage, whether you are a competitive shooter, hunter, educator or living historian, the WMLA must have all of us to survive.

Mark A. Conklin Aka: Black Irish

WMLA President, Merchandise Chairperson

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From the Publisher, and Secretary:

Hi everyone!

I just wanted to say thank you for entrusting me with the publication of the Badger State Magazine. I will do my best to keep up the excellent foundation that Chris has created.

Please let me know if you have any suggestions or ideas of what you would like to see in the magazines in the future. I would like to provide as much information to all of our members as possible.

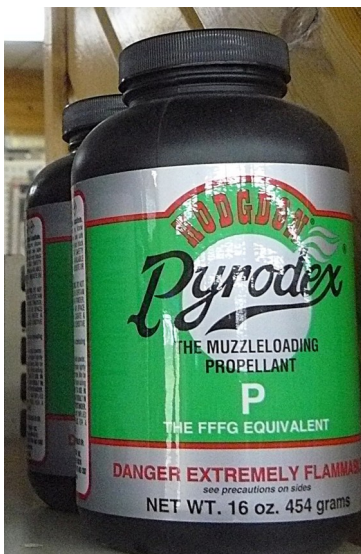
Thanks again, and I look forward to working with everyone in this association.

Cheers!

Jessica Snow

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As Always-- Keep Your Powder Dry

by Sydney J. Tanner

Black powder was invented and has been used by the Chinese since the 9th century AD. The function of black powder (and all its types and varieties) is to go boom. It is a propellant. It is supposed to burn (at the right rate) under controlled conditions to propel the ball out of your muzzle loader. Actually as the powder burns, the gasses expand, pushing the ball out of the barrel. It is interesting that black powder burns instantaneously when ignited.

Prior to industrialization in the 1800s, black powder was made by combining powdered potassium nitrate (also called saltpeter) with powdered charcoal and powdered sulfur. The saltpeter provides oxygen for the chemical reaction in firing. Charcoal provides the fuel. Sulfur helps stabilize the reaction. It is still basically made the same way.

The standard ratio by weight was 75:15:10, and that is still is the standard. This combining is sometimes called green meal and can include coarse pieces and lumps. To use it at this stage it is questionable and can be dangerous. For optimum quality, the combined powders need to be “fine” and uniform... basically, the stuff needed to be homogenized or milled. It was then pressed into disks or cakes (called mill cakes). The cake is then crushed and sifted into different grains for use.

With industrialization, the making and mixing of black powder is a lot easier and effective. However, in some places, it is still made by hand. If it is not stored properly, black powder degrades over time.

It is interesting that historically, willow was the sought after wood for making black powder charcoal. [I'll cover the making of charcoal in my next article.] Note: If you are making charcoal at home, do not grate or powder your charcoal-- for black powder in your kitchen, or use your wife's blender.

Smokeless powder was “invented” in 1884 by the French chemist, Paul Vieillé. He called it “poudre blanche” (white powder as opposed to black powder). It was made with insoluble and soluble nitrocellulose, that is gelatinized with ether and paraffin. The recipe has been tweaked several times since then, including adding nitroglycerin to some varieties. Because the recipe has changed, the powder is no longer white.

Smokeless powder is called that because it smokes less than black powder... but it does smoke. As the use of smokeless powder has increased, the use of black powder has decreased to a point.

Because of the higher pressure of smokeless powder, it is NOT recommended for use in muzzle loading.

The only exception involves those modern muzzle loaders specifically designed to use smokeless powder.

Black powder substitutes are allegedly safer, less corrosive, more efficient, and less fouling (easier to clean up after). Three of the most popular brands are: Pyrodex, Triple Seven, and Blackhorn 209.

Besides potassium nitrate, charcoal, and sulfur (only 60% of a mix of the three)-- potassium perchlorate, sodium benzoate, dicyandiamide, dextrin, and water are added to make Pyrodex. The other brands have similar additives.

Whatever you use... Keep your powder dry.



52ND ANNUAL RENDEZVOUS

JUNE 13, 14, 15, 2025

This is the oldest, continuously held rendezvous in Wisconsin and one of the first in the Midwest.
The entire weekend will be dedicated to our long-time friends, the rendezvous participants.
Spectators are welcome, but this will not be advertised to the general public.



ONE OF THE LAST "OLD FASHIONED" MODERN RENDEZVOUS

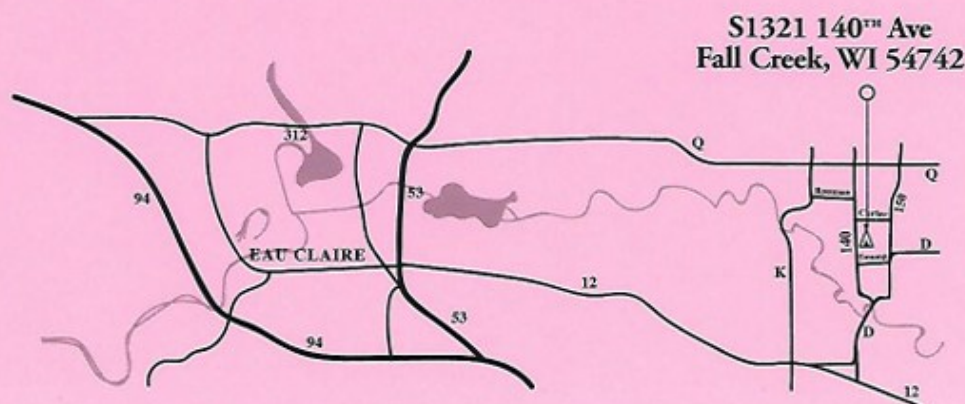


- ≈ Events All Three Days
- ≈ \$20.00 Fee Per Adult
(18 & over)
- ≈ No Extra Trader Fees
- ≈ Separate Primitive &
Modern Camps
- ≈ Good Water, Wood &
Toilets
- ≈ Candle Light Shoot

- ≈ Fire Starting
- ≈ Rifle, Trade Gun,
Smoothbore & Handgun
- ≈ Hawk & Knife Tossing
- ≈ Primitive Archery
- ≈ Kids' Games
- ≈ Camp Meeting
Saturday Evening

**Come early and don't
miss out on the fun!**

Contact Keith Traeseth
715-456-4453
2026 June 12 - 13 -14



2025 Pre 1840 COON CREEK RENDEZVOUS @ Coon Valley Conservation Club Coon Valley, WI



DATES

Spring Event – April 10 -13, 2025

Fall Event - October 16 -19, 2025

ACTIVITIES

- Woods Walk with Hawk/Knife, Bow, Rifle & Pistol AND Archery Golf Self Paced & Scored AND Children's Games Throughout the event**
- Thursdays Early Setup**
- Friday School Days with Presenters – Evening Candle Shoot (No Setup during School Days 10 am 2 pm)**
- Saturday – Hawk/Knife & Rifle Competitions
+ Open to Public Visits**
- Sunday Morning – Primitive Bow Competition**
- Sunday Noon – Camp Meeting**
- Sunday Tear Down and Release after Camp Meeting**

Camp Fee: \$25 with Camp Prize; \$30 Without Camp Prize

Contacts: Royce Curtis 608-452-3809 Martin Ferrari 608-689-3468

WWW.CoonValleyCC.com or Coon Creek Rendezvous Facebook Page



CVCC Muzzleloaders 2025 Shoot Schedule

(At the CVCC Clubgrounds,
S1005 Knutson Lane, Coon Valley, WI.



*** ALL SHOOTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ***

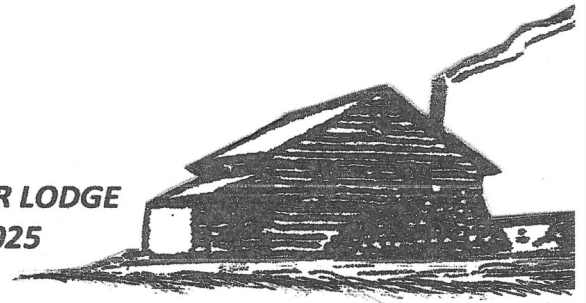
SHOOT RULES: All shoots are standing offhand position with no telescopic sights or support aids including slings or shooting sticks, etc. Target loads with lead balls or lead bullets only. SAFETY is FOREMOST – Muzzles Up or Down Range at all times! Range is open for practice prior to shoots.

- Sat Jan. 25:** “Iron Man” Shoot (including Muzzleloader, rifle, pistol, shotgun and archery) and Primitive Muzzleloader Biathlon starting at 9 AM
- Sat Feb. 15:** Cabin Fever Shoot – 9 AM - 5 shot bulls eye, including Muzzleloader, rifle, pistol, shotgun and archery- Unlimited Number of Targets
- Thur. Apr 10- Sun Apr 13:** SPRING COON CREEK RENDEZVOUS
- Sat. Apr 19:** *Open Silhouette Rifle Shoot - Sat. 1-4 PM
- Sat May 17:** Spring LaX ML’ers Reunion Rifle Shoot – 1 – 4 PM
- Sat June 21:** “Coon Creek” Traditional Rifle Shoot – 1:00 PM:
- Sat Jul. 19:** “Heat in Valley” Muzzleloader Silhouette Rifle Shoot – 1:00 PM
- Sat Aug. 16:** Eightteenth Annual “Smoke in the Valley” Shoot – 1:00PM
(*”Special” Traditional Rifle Shoot)
- Sat Sept 20:** Fall LaX ML’ers Reunion Rifle Shoot – 1 – 4 PM
- Mon. Oct 13– Thur. Oct. 16:** “Special Limited” Muzzleloader Squirrel Hunt
- Thur. Oct 16– Sun. Oct 19:** FALL COON CREEK RENDEZVOUS -
(*Open Rifle Shoot Sat. 1-4)

All Shoots are OPEN TO ALL muzzleloader enthusiasts.
Camping is also available on the clubgrounds.

For Information Call Keith Mathison 608-452-3410 Follow us on Facebook Or
Visit CVCC WEB SITE CoonValleyCC.com

**BELOIT RIFLE CLUB/BLACK POWDER LODGE
CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2025**



**JANUARY 18th & 19th , 2025- Sat. & Sun., MILTON & BELOIT'S - W.M.L.A.
PROGRAM "B" (ANNUAL WINTER SHOOT) TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

February 16th , 2025 -- Monthly shoot / 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

March 16th , 2025 -- Monthly Shoot / 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**April 27th , 2025 - Sunday – Curt VanderVeens - W.M.L.A. Sanctioned
"Squirrel Shoot" Program "B" / Time 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

May 18th , 2025 -Sunday Monthly Shoot / 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**June 21st , 2025-----Saturday 10:00 A.M. W.M.L.A. Sanctioned
"Wisconsin "Sergeant Alvin C. York Shoot ".CGM 60 Yards./ 9:00 a.m.to 2:00 p.m.**

**July 18th , 19th , 20th ; 2025 -W.M.L.A. Sanctioned - Buffalo Shoot-Program"A"
Friday & Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. & Sunday 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.**

**August 2nd , 2025 -- Don Ellis's -- W.M.L.A . Sanctioned "Shotgun Shoot"
Saturday -- Matches Start at -- 10:00 A.M.**

**August 17th , 2025 - Charlie Brown's / W.M.L.A. Sanctioned "Hunters Match"
Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**September 20th , 2025-Saturday 10:00 A.M. W.M.L.A. Sanctioned "Lou Braggo"
Chunk Gun Shoot -- CGM 60 Yards (Range open for practice 9:00 A.M.)**

**October 17th , 18th & 19th , 2025 ED Le CRONES "Turkey Shoot " WMLA Program
"B" . Shoot Friday & Saturday 9:A.M. to 3:P.M. & Sunday 9 : A.M.to 2: P.M.**

November ,2025 ----No Shoot ---- (Deer Hunting) Good Luck!

**December 19th , 20th & 21st , 2025 -WMLA Sanctioned "Frost On The Lodge
Shoot" Program "B" Shoot - Friday & Saturday 9:00 a.m.to 3:00 p.m. Sunday
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Harley Whitt (608) 921-1542 or Charlie Brown (608) 290-2978

GPS – 851 E. Philhower Rd. Beloit, Wisconsin 53511



From the Shooting Standards & Safety Chair

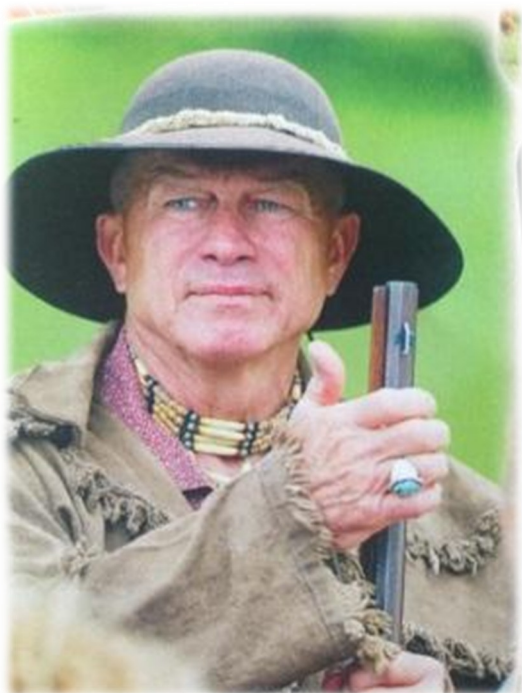
Hello Everyone,

For the Postal Match this year, you will send me \$8.00 and I will send you the 4 targets. When completed, send the targets back to me and I will score them.

Please see the previous page for a preview of this year's targets.

Thank you!

Rick Hotz
Shooting and Safety Standards
Chair
262-332-8852



Rock River Buckskinners

SANCTIONED SHOOT RESULTS

Shoot Date: 1/18/2025

MATCH NAME & #	PL	WINNERS	SCORE	WMLA #
M-1 6-Bull	1st	Steve Brown	45X	1070
	2nd	Jerry Gosda	38	2984
	3rd	Ron Machajewski	34	3432
	4th	Larry Baird	32	3191
	5th			
M2 50 Yard Offhand	1st	Ron Machajewski	44	3432
	2nd	Steve Brown	43	1070
	3rd	Rick Hotz	41	3082
	4th	Jerry Gosda	40	2984
	5th	Larry Baird	35	3191
M4 Flintlock	1st	Steve Brown	48	1070
	2nd	Rick Hotz	47	3082
	3rd	Gary Chambers	47	2527
	4th	Larry Baird	45X	3191
	5th	Jim Meili	41	3248
M7 Smoothbore	1st	Steve Brown	47X	1070
	2nd	Rick Hotz	47	3082
	3rd	Jim Meili	45X	3248
	4th	John Roesser	45	3134
	5th	Larry Baird	44X	3191

WMLA/McMiller Sport Center

Muzzle Loaders Annual Phil Siehr 3-Person Team Shoot

Held: Saturday April 19, 2025

A total of 6 teams participated in this event.



1st Place Team:

Jared Kinjerski, Russ Hotz, and Ken Hotz

Total score: 135



2nd Place Team:

Steve Brown, Norm Hotz, and Rick Hotz

Total score: 130



3rd Place Team:

Kyle Snow, Ed Snow, and Cason Snow (not pictured)

Total Score: 126

Best Target of the Day:

Jessica Snow

Score: 48xxx

25 yard Flintlock



Congratulations to all teams that participated in the shoot.

Thank you to Scott for handling all the range officer duties.

W.M.L.A.

2024 BIG GAME REPORT

There are five entries for 2024 as of 12.31.2024

Black Bear: None

Whitetail Deer: Three

Wild Turkey: Spring - Two

Wild Turkey: Fall - None

Canadian Goose: None

Predator entries: None



**Take the
One Shot
Challenge**

A wild turkey: a Tom, was harvested on May 1, 2024 by Richard Mezera of Montello, Wisconsin and witnessed by Andrea Bulgrin. The turkey weighed 22.5 pounds. It had a 10 inch beard and 1 inch spurs. Richard's turkey had a total measurement of 62.5 points. Richard harvested the turkey around 6:30 a.m. at a distance of 18 yards using a Navy Arms 12 gauge double barrel muzzle loading shotgun. Congratulations to Richard Mezera and Thank you for entering the 2024 W.M.L.A Spring Turkey, Big Game Awards Program.

A wild turkey: a Tom, was harvested on May 1, 2024 by Jerry Gosda of Janesville, Wisconsin. Jerry harvested the turkey in Adams Co. Wisconsin and was witnessed by Mike Anderson and Rick Stanton. The turkey weighed 26-3/4 pounds with a 11-1/4 inch beard. One spur was 1-1/8 inches long and the other spur was 1-3/16 inches long. The total score was 74.8 125 points. Jerry harvested the turkey using a muzzle loading 12 gauge double barrel shotgun with one shot at a distance of 30 yards. With that score, it moves Jerry Gosda into second place in the W.M.L.A. Big Game Awards Wild Turkey Record Book. Congratulations to Jerry Gosda on your accomplishment and Thank you for entering the 2024 Spring Turkey W.M.L.A Big Game Awards Program.

A Whitetail Deer was harvested by Ray Brown of Milton, Wisconsin. Ray harvested the 8 point buck on Saturday November 23, 2024 in Iowa County. Charlie Brown was a witness to the harvest. The whitetail buck had an estimated score of 72-1/4 points. Ray harvested the deer using a 50 caliber percussion Hawken rifle, a 150 grain Buffalo Bullet and 50 grains of 3f black powder. He made a 30 yard shot with not tracking. Congratulations to Ray Brown on his accomplishment and Thank you Ray for entering the 2024 Whitetail Deer W.M.L.A. Big Game Awards Program.

Jim Nosker from Colfax, Wisconsin harvested a whitetail doe on November 27, 2024 and witnessed by Sydney Tanner. The doe was taken with a .54 caliber patched round ball, driven by 110 grains of FFG Triple 7 powder from a Thompson Center percussion Hawken rifle. The distance was 63 yards and the ball passed through the chest, destroying both lungs.

Jim Nosker from Colfax, Wisconsin harvested a whitetail buck on December 11, 2024 and witnessed by Sidney Tanner. The buck was killed with a sabot .44 caliber Hornady bullet fired from a .50 caliber Traditions inline, using two 50 grain pellets of Triple 7 powder. The buck had both lungs destroyed with a pass-through shot and the distance was 24 yards. Jim stated that the buck had one horn broken off so no need for scoring. Congratulations to Jim Nosker on his accomplishments and Thank you Jim for entering the 2024 Whitetail Deer W.M.L.A. Big Game Awards Program.

Respectively Submitted by: Harley J. Whitt W.M.L.A.

Big Game Chairperson

WMLA Big Game Awards Entry

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone#

WMLA#

E-MAIL

Date Harvested

Witness

Estimated Score

Black Bear

Canada Goose

Whitetail Deer

Wild Turkey

Program Guidelines

1. All entrants shall be members in good standing of the Wisconsin Muzzle Loader Association. Do not have to be a member at time of kill, must become a member before apply in the award program.
2. All game must be harvested in MEMBERS HOME STATE during the established legal season and be taken using a muzzleloader approved by the Department of Natural Resources, following good sportsmanship and fair chase practices.
3. A plaque shall be awarded at the WMLA Annual Membership Meeting to the entrant who establishes a new record or exceeds a WMLA state record for each category.
4. In addition to the plaque, members who establish a new, or exceed a previously established record in either the deer or bear categories, shall have a donation of \$50.00 in his/her name made to a conservation oriented, non-profit organization operating in Wisconsin.
5. The top entrant in all categories, not establishing a new record or exceeding a previously established state record, shall be recognized at the WMLA Annual Members Meeting with a framed certificate.
6. All entrants shall receive WMLA Big Game Award pins.
7. Antlerless deer qualify for WMLA Big Game Award pins.

Scoring Procedure

1. Scoring for whitetail deer and bear shall follow the Boone and Crockett Scoring System.
2. Scoring for wild turkey shall follow the National Wild Turkey Federation Scoring System. (Field dressed weight, plus two times the beard length, plus ten times the combiner length of both spurs.)
3. Scoring for Canada goose shall be body weight at time of harvest.

Entry Procedure

1. Entrants shall fill out and mail the entry form, available in the Badger State Muzzleloader, along with \$5.00 entry fee, or otherwise notify the Hunting Committee Chairperson of their intent to enter, within 60 days of the close of that particular season.
2. Upon receipt of the completed entry form and one picture of the big game entry and payment of \$5.00 entry fee, the committee shall: * Forward the applicant the procedures for scoring their entry, and a WMLA Big Game Award pin.

3. At present the Chairperson of the Hunting Committee is:

Harley Whitt
1908 Forest Avenue
Beloit, WI 53511
608-921-1542

Form for WMLA

Advertisements

Event Flyers

Commercial Postings

Content submissions of articles, photos, letters, and other commentary- FREE

Issue to be in:

Spring
Summer
Fall
Winter

Must Be Received By
Must Be Received By
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Feb. 1st
May 1st
Aug. 1st
Nov. 1st

Size of ad

Price

		<u>Club</u>	<u>Business</u>
Full Page	7-1/2 X 10	\$ 37.00	\$55.60
2/3 Page	4-3/4 X 10	\$ 24.50	\$36.75
1/2 Page	3-3/4 X 10 OR 7-1/2 X 5	\$ 16.00	\$27.75
1/3 Page	2-1/2 X 10 OR 7-1/2 X 3-3/4	\$ 12.25	\$18.75
1/4 Page	3-3/4 X 5	\$ 9.25	\$14.25

Art work for ad if needed will be \$20.00 regardless of size.

Send Ad and Payment to:

Jessica Snow
2701 S 69th St
Milwaukee, WI 53219
262-573-5813
jessica.snow98@gmail.com

If submitting your advertisement via email, please send to the email address listed above, and send a check by mail to cover the cost. Please indicate which issue you want the ad to appear in and the intended size of the ad.

WISCONSIN MUZZLE LOADING ASSOCIATION, INC.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I hereby request Membership in the Wisconsin Muzzle Loading Association, Incorporated. If accepted as a member, I will abide by all of the rules and bylaws of the Association.

(Please Print Clearly)

Name: _____

Signature _____

Address: _____

E-Mail _____

City: _____

Please Note: Associate Membership is reserved for additional family within an individual household.

State: Zip _____

Phone: _____

Please make payable to: WMLA, INC.

Mail to:	WMLA	Associate \$ 5.00	Individual \$25.00
	Box 113	Club \$30.00	Life Assoc. \$75.00
	Milton, WI 53563	Life Member: \$300.00	

W. M L. A. BIG GAME RECORD BOOK

AS OF January , 2023

PLACE: NAME: YEAR: SCORE: LOCALITY OF HARVEST:

BLACK BEAR:

- 1. RUSSELL HOTZ: 2011 20 & 13/16 PRICE, CO.**
- 2. JERRY GOSDA: 2009 20 & 1/16 BARRON, CO.**
- 3. GORDON G. HABERMAN: 1984 19 & 13/16 ASHLAND, WI.**
- 4. LARRY DAHL : 1992 18 & 13/16 WESTBORO, WI.**
- 5. ROD MARTIN : 2007 18 & 5/8 CHIPPEWA, WI.**

WHITETAIL DEER:

- 1. CHARLES L. WILKE: 2006 12PT. 171 & 6/8 FONDULAC, CO.**
- 2. NORMAN HOTZ: 2015 12PT. 164 & 0/8 CRAWFORD, CO.**
- 3. DON JONES: 1984 10PT. 146 & 7/8 TUNNEL CITY, WI.**
- 4. CHARLIE J. BROWN: 1996 10PT. 144 & 6/8 IOWA, CO.**
- 5. SCOTT DONOVAN: 2022 12PT. 138 & 5/8 SAUK CO.**

WILD TURKEY:

- 1. DICK MEZERA : 2011 76.5 WAUPON,WI.**
- 2. GORDON LUKES: 2006 72.875 OGEMA,WI.**
- 3. SAM BOHY: 2005 70.25 SPENCER, WI.**
- 4. JEERY GOSDA : 2020 70.00 ADAMS,CO.**
- 5. CHARLES L. WILKE: 2006 67.5 FONDULAC,CO.**

CANADIAN GOOSE:

- 1. DWIGHT CLAGGETT 1996 10 LBS. WAUPON, WI.**
- 2. ED PUTNAM 1993 9 & ¾ LBS. COUNTY, N/A**
- 3. CHARLES L. WILKE 1993 9 LBS. 6 OZ. FONDULAC, CO.**
- 4. NANCY PUTNAM 1993 9 LBS. COUNTY, N/A**
- 5. BILL O'CONNER 1994 8 LBS. WARRENS, WI.**

WMLA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jun 1 Rock Run Long Rifles- Monthly Club Shoot- 9AM-3PM

Jun 1 Smoky Hollow- Monthly Club Shoot- 11AM

Jun 7 Hope Rod & Gun Club- Black Powder Skeet Match- 9AM-3PM

Jun 13-15 Fort Old Abe Muzzleloaders- 52nd Annual Rendezvous- S1321 140th Ave, Fall Creek, WI 54742- Contact: Keith Traeseth 715-456-4453 (see flyer in this issue)

Jun 21 Beloit Rifle Club/BPL- WMLA Sanctioned "Wisconsin Sergeant Alvin C. York Shoot" CGM 60 Yds- Saturday 10AM/ 9AM-2PM

Jun 21 Coon Valley Conservation Club- "Coon Creek" Traditional Rifle Shoot - Sat. 1:00 PM

Jun 28 Rock River Buckskinners- "Over the Log" Shoot

Jun 29 Rock River Buckskinners- "Hunter's Match"

Jul 6 Smoky Hollow- Monthly Club Shoot- 11AM

Jul 12 WMLA SUMMER QUARTERLY MEETING MCMILLER SPORTS CENTER SKI CHALET- 10AM-2PM

Jul 13 Rock Run Long Rifles- Monthly Club Shoot- 9AM-3PM

Jul 18-20 Smoky Hollow- Summer Rendezvous and silent auction

Jul 19 Coon Valley Conservation Club- "Heat in Valley" Muzzleloader Silhouette Rifle Shoot - 1:00 PM

Jul 18-20 Beloit Rifle Club/BPL- WMLA Sanctioned Buffalo Shoot Program "A"- Friday & Saturday 9AM-3PM, Sunday 9AM-2PM

Jul 22 McMiller Sports Center Summer Camp Muzzleloading Instruction Day

AUG 1 BSML SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE- FALL

Aug 2 Beloit Rifle Club/BPL- Don Ellis's WMLA Sanctioned "Shotgun Shoot"- Saturday matches start @ 10AM

Aug 3 Rock Run Long Rifles- Monthly Club Shoot- 9AM-3PM

Aug 3 Smoky Hollow- Monthly Club Shoot- 11AM

Aug 5 McMiller Sports Center Summer Camp Muzzleloading Instruction Day

Aug 12 McMiller Sports Center Summer Camp Muzzleloading Instruction Day

Aug 16 Rock Run Long Rifles- WMLA Sanctioned Jim Towne Log Shoot (Paul & Sandi)- 9AM-3PM

Aug 16 Coon Valley Conservation Club- Eighteenth Annual "Smoke in the Valley" Shoot - 1:00PM ("Special" Traditional Rifle Shoot)

Aug 17 Beloit Rifle Club/BPL- Charlie Brown's WMLA Sanctioned "Hunter's Match"- Sunday 9AM-2PM

Sep 6-7 Rock River Buckskinners- Fall Shoot

Sep 7 Rock Run Long Rifles- Monthly Club Shoot- 9AM-3PM

Sep 7 Smoky Hollow- Monthly Club Shoot- 11AM

Sep 20 Beloit Rifle Club/BPL- WMLA Sanctioned "Lou Braggo" Chunk Gun Shoot- CGM 60 Yds- Saturday 10AM (Range open for practice @ 9AM

Sep 20 Coon Valley Conservation Club- Fall LaX ML'ers Reunion Rifle Shoot - 1 - 4 PM

Sep 27 Rock Run Long Rifles- WMLA Sanctioned Log Shoot (Paul & Sandi)- 9AM-3PM

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Oct 3-5 McMiller Sports Center Open House

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Oct 5 Rock Run Long Rifles– Monthly Club Shoot– 9AM-3PM

Jan 4 Rock Run Long Rifles– Monthly Club Shoot– 9AM-3PM

Oct 5 Hope Rod & Gun Club– Black Powder Trap Match– 9AM-3PM

Jan 4 Smoky Hollow– Monthly Club Shoot– 11AM

Oct 5 Smoky Hollow– Monthly Club Shoot– 11AM

Jan 17-18 Rock River Buckskinners @ Beloit Rifle Club/Black Powder Lodge– Winter Shoot

Oct 11 WMLA FALL QUARTERLY MEETING– MCMILLER SPORTS CENTER SKI CHALET– 10AM-2PM

Oct 13-16 Coon Valley Conservation Club– “Special Limited” Muzzleloader Squirrel Hunt

Oct 16-19 Coon Valley Conservation Club– Coon Creek Rendezvous– Contacts: Royce Curtis (608-452-3809), Martin Ferrari (608-689-3468) (see flyer in this issue)

Oct 17-19 Beloit Rifle Club/BPL– ED Le CRONES “Turkey Shoot” WMLA Program “B” Shoot– Friday & Saturday 9AM-3PM, Sunday 9AM-2PM

NOV 1 BSML SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE– WINTER

Nov 2 Rock Run Long Rifles– Monthly Club Shoot– 9AM-3PM

Nov 2 Smoky Hollow– Monthly Club Shoot– 11AM

Dec 7 Rock Run Long Rifles– Monthly Club Shoot– 9AM-3PM

Dec 7 Smoky Hollow– Monthly Club Shoot– 11AM

Dec 19-21 Beloit Rifle Club/BPL– WMLA Sanctioned “Frost On The Lodge Shoot” Program “B” Shoot– Friday & Saturday 9AM-3PM, Sunday 9AM-2PM

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Contact: Harley Whitt
1908 Forest Avenue
Beloit, WI 53511
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Beloit, WI 53511

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Marshfield, WI 54449
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From US 10 east of Marshfield, take
Stadt Road north (look for commun-
ication tower) to club house on
west side of road.

Fox Valley Muzzleloaders

Contact: Dennis Krempien, Treasurer
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New London, WI 54961
dkrempien73@gmail.com

From Readfield: Hwy 96 & Cty W north 4 miles to Cut-Off Rd. turn left
(west) to Seefeldt Rd. and turn left and follow to club. From New London:
South on Cty. W to Cut-Off Rd. right (west) to Seefeldt Rd. and turn left and
follow to range. GPS for Range is E8450 Seefeld Rd. Website:
www.foxvalleymuzzleloaders.com

Rock Run Long Rifles

Contact: Paul and Sandi Swanson
1-815-624-6725

Six miles NW of Rockford IL, on west side of Eddie Road (Fire #5790) midway
between Trask Bridge Road (IL 70) and Telegraph Road.

Rock River Buckskinners

Contact: Rick Hotz
P.O. Box 477
Milton, WI 53563
E-mail: wielkhunter10@gmail.com
Phone: 1-262-441-8070

Smoky Hollow Muzzleloaders

Contact: Ed Snow
6936 Beech Rd.
Racine WI 53402
1-262-939-3712

From US 45 go east on Hwy 67 to Dundee, then continue on Cty F. North
on Cty S 1 mile. East on Parnell 3/4 mile to gate. From Hwy 57 go west on
Cty F thru Cascade. North on Highview. West on Parnell 1/4 mile to gate.
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Triangle Sportsmen's Club

Contact: Rick Hotz
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Big River Long Rifles, Inc.

Contact: Karla Witzig-Treasurer
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Rendezvous held annually, Thurs. through Sun. of Fathers Day Week-
end.

Coon Valley Conservation Club

S1005 Knudson Lane
Coon Valley, WI 54623
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Hope Rod & Gun Club

Contact: Rick Ellis
N9285 Benson Rd.
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WMLA Range Officer/WMLA& Club Scoring Rules, muzzle loading
range, 3 trap fields, indoor/outdoor archery range, camping, potable
water, clubhouse, primitive/modern toilets. Members only except
scheduled events.

From Reedsburg, Cty V 2.6 miles to Luedtke Road, then 1.7 miles to
club on right.

GPS-location—S2064A Luedtke Rd. Reedsburg, WI 53959

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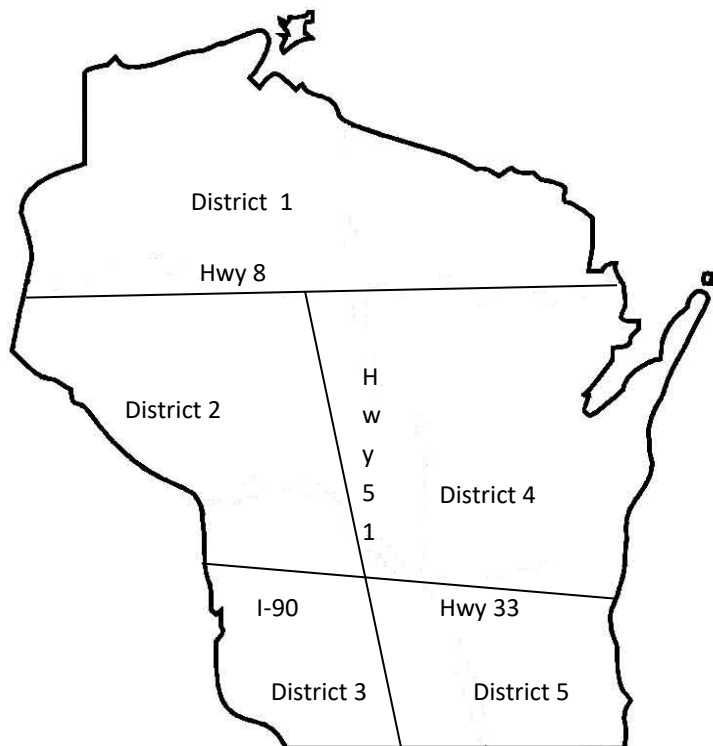
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