



## Poke and Stroke

The official bi monthly publication of the Colorado State Muzzle Loading  
Dedicated to the preservation of the muzzle loading sports

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### Coming Up

The CSMLA Annual Convention & Trade Show. March 16, 2024.  
See the flyer inside for more all the details.

## The CSMLA needs some help

Here are a few things you can do to help the Association

We need a membership chair. Joy Hicks handled this for many years and has recently retired. Joy has written up a handy description of how she has done things as Chair. You will find it on page 7 of this issue. If you are willing to help out with this project please contact Erin (Griz) Olefson at 970-308-0488

### We Also Need A Scribe (Secretary)

Neil Peacock has been filling this role for several (or more?) years now and he needs a break. We need someone to step up and perform the secretary's duties. Not a complicated job and easily filled by any of our members. I expect that Neil would be happy to counsel a new Secretary on any matters upon request. To volunteer please contact Erin (Griz) Olefson at 970-308-0488

Neither of these roles involves any more travel than you may wish to take on. Membership Chair is easily handled from home. The secretary will take meeting minutes **BUT THE CSMLA HAS ACTUALLY MOVED INTO THE PRESENT DAY** and our meetings are via zoom or attendance. your choice so this is also easily handled from home.

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**SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES TO THE *POKE AND STROKE***

If you have information on shoots, club meetings, re-enactments, classes or other items that would be of interest to our membership, please send it to: Mike Lee, Editor, CSMLA *Poke and Stroke*, 7430 Devinney Court, Arvada, CO 80005 or email to editorpokeandstroke@gmail.com Written or digital information are preferred, **HOWEVER**, phone calls will be accepted. Deadline for publication is posted in the most recent edition of the *Poke & Stroke*. If you have an article to share, we appreciate it. Your name will appear on the article. Material may involve any aspects of muzzle loading, including but not limited to: history, crafts, trades, gun smithing, hunting, and rendezvous. Photographs are especially welcome; black & white photos or color is fine. Digital images sent by email are preferred but any format is welcome. The Editor and the CSMLA are not responsible for loss or damage in the mail to manuscripts or photographs. All material will be edited for content and space requirements. Letters to the Editor will be accepted in any legible form. Mention of a product or service in advertisement or article does not imply endorsement, approval nor testing by the CSMLA

## HONOR ROLL

The following individuals are recognized for their outstanding contributions to the Colorado State Muzzle Loading Association.

### Founders:

Paul Arndt  
Cliff Malmquist  
Eugene Ball  
Dell Mendenhall  
James Ball  
Hez Salsbury  
Chuck Deats  
K. C. Williams  
Jacob Dewell  
Chuck Wolf  
Harlan Goodner

## MUZZLE LOADERS OF THE YEAR

1988 Barry Conner  
1989 Del Mendenhall  
1990 Al Main  
1991 Chuck Deats & Fred Newcomb (co-winners)  
1992 Ray Ezinga  
1993 Bill MacAfee  
1994 Larry Webster  
1995 Ron Melchert  
1996 Charlie Webb  
1997 Ken Klabon  
1998 Ramona Laffler  
1999 Dave Burman  
2000 Jack Riddell  
2001 Paul & Marcia Kelly  
2002 Joy Hicks  
2003 Doreen Webb  
2004 Stanley B. Honour  
2005 Jerry Farringer  
2006 Larry Hicks  
2007 Doug Davis  
2008 Doug & Bridget Rightmire  
2009 Ron Ring  
2010 John & Mary Jo Kummer  
2011 Scott Drake  
2012 Tom Gabor  
2013 Marlin Johnson  
2014 Ken Wee  
2015 Estill Ator  
2016 Darrel Kolebar  
2017 Ron Deurmyer  
2018 Ron Mann  
2019 Louie Silva  
2020 Ted Beaupre  
2021 Dee Beaupre  
2022 Erin Olefson (Griz)  
2023 Mike Lee

## Clubs and affiliates

If you are a member of a club that is not listed and you would like it to be, or you want to update this information, please contact the Editor.

### Buckhorn Skinners

Scott Drake 970-663-2374  
#1 Marmac Drive  
Loveland, CO 80538  
[damnphoneguy1330@aol.com](mailto:damnphoneguy1330@aol.com)

### Colorado Springs Muzzle Loaders

Ted Beaupre, President 719-329-8126  
941 Daffodil  
Fountain, CO 80817  
paper shoot - 1st Sunday 1:00 p.m.  
[www.csmlinc.org](http://www.csmlinc.org)

### Ft. Lupton Muzzle Loading Club, Inc.

Paper shoot - 2nd Saturday - Fun shoot the third Saturday at 10 AM Daylight time and 11 AM Standard time SPVHS Range

### High Plains Muzzle Loaders

Bill Phillips 970-454-2109  
Jim Eckersley (970) 353-8200  
Jimeckersley@comcast.net  
shoot - 1st Sunday - 9:00 a.m. June, July & August 10:00 AM other nine months  
Public welcome.

### Kit Carson Mountain Men

Park G Wood 719-688-5696  
27039 West Ridge  
Lamar CO 81052

### Rocky Mountain Men of Aurora

Chris Baker (720) 936-4218  
shoot - 1st Sunday at Aurora Gun Club

### San Luis Valley Renegades

Earl Wilson 719-580-9750  
Meetings 2nd Thursday of every month 6 PM. Call for location  
Shoot Sunday after 2nd Thursday 10 AM. (Weather permitting)

### South Platte Valley Historical Society

P.O.Box 663Ft. Lupton,  
CO8062 <https://www.spvhs.org>

### Starvation Trails Muzzle Loaders

C.J. Biwenga (303) 646-3090  
John Kummer (303) 646-2724

### Tallow River Trappers

Members of SPVHS  
<https://www.spvhs.org/tallow>

*We will run a flyer free for any club subject to space available. CSMLA affiliate clubs have priority on space. To affiliate, 50% of your members must belong to the CSMLA. Simply send a membership list and a request to affiliate on club letterhead to the Editor or Membership Director.*

### LIFETIME ACHEIVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

2013	Ray Ezinga
2014	Larry & Barb Webster
2015	Jack "Mato" Cardinbal
2016	Darrel Koelber
2017	Doreen Webb
2018	Joy Hicks & Gwen Blanchard
2019	Ron Ring
2020	Dale Crabb
2021	(snowed out)
2022	Doug Davis
2023	Hez Salsbury

The CSMLA offers for sale, the following items:

Iron-on Patch	\$6.00
Outside Window Decal	\$1.50
Inside Window Decal	\$1.50
Belt Buckle	\$15.00
Hat	\$10.00
Hat Pins	\$7.00
T shirts	\$10.00
Sweat Shirts	\$15.00 - \$20.00

Prices do not include shipping and sales tax. Contact Joy Hicks 719-598-5715 to order or for more details.

## Advertising in the Poke

Did you know that you can place your business card advertisement in the Poke & Stroke for only \$10 per issue? Contact the editor at editorpokeandstroke@gmail.com

## Editor's Note

If you are listed on the Masthead (page two) please check for correct information and advise the editor of any needed corrections.

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## President's Message

11/24/23

Hello All,

I hope this finds you and yours well and ready to celebrate the holiday season. It does not seem possible but a new year is just around the corner. The CSMLA and its partner groups are planning another busy year of shoots and events for our members.

Your State committees are preparing for the annual State Convention in March at the Victory Grange Hall in Aurora. This year will be bigger than last year with more vendors and classes throughout the day thanks to you. Lunch will be available and the evening meal will be served after the Membership meeting. If you are interested in reserving a table and/or teaching a class, please contact Ron Ring or me for more details. If you have never attended the evening meal, it is a wonderful way to end the day and visit with people without the bustle of the showroom floor. Please contact Ron or me for your meal reservations.

The State Shoot will be in August 2024 so please make your plans to join us for 3 days of competition, camaraderie, and fun. We are in negotiations with Ft. Lupton to hold it at the FLMLC range again this coming year. Ron

Ring, Tom Boudreau, Lou Garone, and I are continuing to improve the Shoot with your help, input, and suggestions. Your support is always appreciated so we can bring this event to you and make it the best possible.

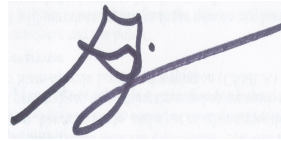
Your Association is in need of volunteers to fill vacant positions on the Board and Committees. I would like to thank Dale Crabb for stepping up to be Ron Ring's counterpart as one of our Directors at Large. I would also like to thank Jeremy Allee for becoming our newest addition to the Board as the Eastern Director. Unfortunately, Neil Peacock has tendered his resignation as the CSMLA Secretary so I need to fill this position ASAP. Neil did a wonderful job for us but needs to downsize his responsibilities so I would like to thank him for all of his help. The position of Membership Director is still open as well so I have been doing double duty but need to fill this at the earliest convenience since our bylaws do not allow a Board member to occupy two positions at the same time. If you are interested in serving your Association in a Board position, please contact me.

I would like to take a minute to inform you of a change in my life that will have a limited effect on the Association. After 30 years of living in the Greeley area, Claire and I are moving back to my hometown. As some of you know, I was born and raised on a farm outside of Holyoke. This was not an easy decision to move away from the Front Range but we feel it is the right move for us. This move will not affect my service to the Association or the Membership. I might not be at as many monthly shoots but I will still be in the area as much as possible and I am always available by phone, text, or email. I am looking forward

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to working with all of you and our new members to keep the Association strong and thriving.

See you soon,



Griz  
2023 President  
Colorado State Muzzle Loading  
Association

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## CSMLA POSTAL MATCH

Here's some exciting news about our CSMLA members postal match. Starting with the new year the format and rules will change in a way that will make the match more accessible to all our members. Here are the changes

1. What is the entry fee? There is no entry fee. There is no cost to participate.
2. Who can enter? The CSMLA postal is for CSMLA members only. Memberships include all family members including children under age 18.
3. How do I get targets? You can download targets at <https://www.csmla.net/csmla-postal-match>
4. What if I don't have access to the internet how can I get targets? In a pinch, you can contact Gwen Blanchard for targets,  
03 Balfour Ave,  
Colorado Springs, CO 80909  
gwynbl57@gmail.com  
719-291-0995
5. Targets do not have to be



mailed in. You can email a photo of your target OR mail your target. Full instructions are printed on the target.

6. Targets and photos of targets must be whole. No missing corners or torn off portions.

The match is annual and monthly. At the end of the year the shooter with the highest total score for the year will win 2 pounds of powder. The shooter with the second highest total score for the year will win 1 pound of powder. Bragging rights will be on a monthly basis. The scores for the monthly will be updated in each issue of the Poke and on the website at <https://www.csmla.net/csmla-postal-match>

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Wildlife Report by David H. McCord, December 2023

The following are active issues seen via our membership in the Colorado Wildlife Conservation Project.

\* Update hunter ed in schools: A bipartisan act, H.R. 5110, "Protecting Hunting Heritage and Education Act" was signed October 1. This ensures schools funding is allowed for hunter education, school sponsored shooting teams, archery, and wilderness courses. Specifically, the legislation makes it clear that the Safer Communities Act does not undermine these programs to teach firearms safety and responsibility, and provides recreational opportunities for students across the country. An earlier interpretation asserted ed funding would not be allowed if a school had hunter ed, archery, etc.

\* USF&WS will protect the wolverine population (lower 48 states) as "threatened" under the ESA giving them new legal protections and recovery. A wolverine wondered our state a few years back but left. The CPW will design a plan

for their return – doubtful it would mean much for hunting or ag. The First Gentlemen Marlon Reis supports their reintroduction.

\* Bill (Initiative #91), to ban so called cat "trophy hunting" – terms as claimed by the advocates, would prohibit mountain lion, bobcat and lynx hunting and trapping. This initiative by radical animal rights interests is targeted for the November 2024 ballot. It would prohibit hunting, trapping, using dogs or electronic devices to hunt mountain lions, bobcats or Canadian lynx (more ballot box biology). I will ask our board to consider a motion to oppose the initiative. The CWCP is campaigning to oppose #91.

CPW indicates about 400-500 Colorado mountain lions are legally taken each year. If #91 is approved, these 400-500 lions would remain in the population and my estimate is a lion will kill a deer size critter every week to 10 days, so do the math, 12,000 to 15,000 or so deer, elk, livestock animals, etc. would become lion kills each year. Per Mia Anstine, CWCP member and hunter and guide, "if we don't have hunters managing wildlife, the agency will manage them, thus they will still be killed. However, the management will be at a cost to Coloradans rather than receiving revenue from licensed hunting."

Coloradans for Responsible Wildlife Management: "The proponents of this initiative are wielding misinformation as their weapon. They've coined the term "Trophy Hunting" to mislead the public and potential voters, veiling their true intentions behind a facade of concern over fair chase, cruelty, and mismanagement. We, the Coloradans for Responsible Wildlife Management, a 501 (c) 4 organization, have embarked on a

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painstaking journey of legal, educational, and logistical endeavors to quash this unfounded initiative."

The challenge is large as the anti-hunting agenda is expressed not only in Colorado but in other states, the need is to head this off before it grows into a nationwide ban on ALL HUNTING. The stakes are high, and goes beyond Colorado and beyond mountain lions and bobcats. The HSUS, Sierra Club, and similar radicals lost earlier efforts to ban cat hunting and trapping but they keep coming back.

Other: Two Denver initiatives: the same animal rights extremists who successfully were able to ban fur sales in Boulder, are active in Denver with a fur sales ban initiative and another initiative would make slaughterhouses illegal. To my knowledge, there is one Denver slaughterhouse, it processes lambs, employs about 170 workers, and is located near the National Western Stock Show grounds.

Wolves: CPW is using helicopters to live capture wolves in Oregon and voluntary airplanes for transport, is delivering wolves for release in western Colorado at locations not shared. Wolves blew elk out of the small Oregon valley we hunted a few weeks ago.

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In support of Dave McCord's report on the mountain lion issue, I am publishing the following which was submitted to the Boulder Camera by Mr. Marve Clynce. Ken Wee obtained this text from Marv and submitted it here for publication with Marv's permission.

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**Reference to "State must end trophy hunting, fur trapping of wild cats".**

This ballot measure pushed by Pat Craig, Christine Capaldo and Dave Ruane will do more damage to the

cats and other prey animals and not save any amount of the cats. The population of mountain Lions and bobcats has been steady for more than 50 years. Hunting and trapping our cats is strictly to control the over-abundance of these cats and keeping them from destroying the populations of prey animals. Last year-2022, 284 male mountain lions, and 198 female lions were taken by hunters. It is a law that the meat from mountain lions be saved for human consumption- the same as any other game animal (contrary to what these people stated). If the ballot measure was to pass we would see a drastic loss of prey animals and eventually the destruction of the numbers of prey animals and the cats. One must just look at California to see this damage to deer populations. The lion-people problems have escalated there also, and many cats are killed as problem animals. Many studies have proven that mountain lions kill one deer or elk per week-mostly deer. With 3000 to 7000 mountain lions in Colorado, that is an average of 156,000 to 364,000 animals per year. The 482 lions taken by hunters would save 25,064 deer and elk in one year. Colorado's mule deer populations have been low and struggling for many years. Our Game, Fish and Parks have done an admirable job of game management in Colorado, and have kept the Mountain lion in line with available prey without hurting the lion population. A hunter must take a course on Mountain lion identification, habits and prey before a hunting license can be obtained, so they can identify a female with offspring. As can be seen by the numbers, the majority of Lions taken are males, and all the females taken were non-lactating with no offspring. As for making it sound easy to hunt them as Craig, Capalado and Ruane stated, let me point out how wrong they are. 2493 hunters bought Mountain lion permits in 2022, and

take is 19%, so it shows how very difficult Mountain lion hunting is. Each Game Management Unit-GMU, in the State has a limited quota, and when that limit is reached the season in that GMU is closed. A hunter must call in each day before hunting to check the quota status. This system has worked very well for lion and prey management. Bobcats kill many fawns and small prey animals and contribute to low numbers of deer, rabbits, and many bird species. Bobcat populations in Colorado are very high and have been for many years.

The above named people stated "this has nothing to do with killing for meat or for management. A TOTAL FALSEHOOD, as it has EVERYTHING to do with management of all species of prey animals and the Mountain lions and bobcats too. Example-Boulder. Boulder and surrounding areas used to be teaming with mule deer. Mountain lions have taken over the whole front range and there are very few deer left because of no hunting the big predators. Is it right to use the ballot box initiatives from anti-hunters to stop the proper management of Mountain lions and bobcats, and destroy the deer, elk and small prey species? Is it right to blast our Game Fish and Parks department and hunters with untruths as these three people have done, but it is ok for Mr. Craig who has hundreds of caged wild animals and cats on his "sanctuary" to make money on?

People have taken over vast amounts of wild animal habitat with cities, subdivisions and personal homes that inhibit where cats and prey can exist, which means more control by our Game Fish and Parks Department to ensure that none of our wildlife over populates the carrying capacity of what is left of the habit these animals occupy. Over population means starvation of species. As to the

economic benefit, these people conveniently leaves out the reality that hunting big cats brings thousands of dollars to the communities where hunter stay in motels, buy gas, buy food and frequent restaurants and pay wages to guides and outfitters. These people are correct that wild cats control prey populations as they are managed today, but take away this management and you produce a big problem of overpopulation of one species to the detriment of other species. Our current management program by our Game, Fish and Parks Department has worked very well for more than 50 years, and needs to continue to work. Please take a hard look at the good game management that our Game Fish and Parks does with professional biologists and field people and compare that to the damage that this anti-hunting ballot measure and it's sponsors would do to upset the current balance of nature in Colorado. Remember also that the hunters put up ALL the money to properly manage ALL species of wild animals and birds in Colorado, and these anti-hunters do not put up any money.

Marvin Clyncke  
Boulder, Colorado

Marvin Clyncke is an 83 year old life-long resident of the Boulder valley and has been a life-long conservationist, donating thousands and thousands of dollars to wildlife in Colorado. He also is a life-long wildlife photographer with many magazine covers and photos to his credit. He has worked on many early projects with the Game and Fish and Parks Department to help preserve Bighorn sheep and Rocky Mountain Goats. He is an advocate of fair-chase hunting to insure a balance in our game populations and insuring that our children and grand-children can enjoy ALL our wildlife.

## Website Update

Improvements to the website are coming along a bit at a time. I eagerly solicit content and suggestions that our members may have. If you have not visited lately, go to [www.csmla.net](http://www.csmla.net)

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### The CSMLA has a printer for sale.

Kyocera TASKalfa 4500i with Duplexer and Finisher, Serial # NLS1X00075. \$2500 Currently located in Loveland

Contact the Editor if interested editorpokeandstroke@gmail.com

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### A note from Joy regarding the duties of the Membership Secretary

To collect membership information, issue membership cards, deposit membership dues in a timely manner, keep a list of current members.

Things that I do: Make myself available at State Events to collect dues and answer questions concerning whatever. Make sure Board Members have up to date Membership Lists.

I have written instructions of how I do it as a base line, to be adapted to what works best for the Membership Secretary.

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### Upcoming events

We try to keep and up to date listing of all the upcoming events that we are aware of! Both in the Poke & Stroke as well as on the Association website:

<https://www.csmla.net/events/upcoming-events>

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### A Rock & Roll Senstation!

That's right, and he is here in our midst. A long time CSMLA member who has come out as a master lyricist!

Yup, it's Ken Wee who has rewritten the lyrics to "Pinball Wizard" such as to be appealing to the members of what we affectionately know as the "Muzzle Loading Community"

It's up to you dear members to sing it for yourselves!

ROUND BALL WIZARD. words by Ken Wee and adapted to Pinball Wizard by The Who and the rock opera Tommy. Oct. 20, 2023

Ever since I was a youngin'  
I shot the lead round ball  
From Florence to Fort Lupton  
I must've shot them all  
But I ain't seen nothin' like him  
On any range big or small  
That dead-eye youngin'  
Sure shoots a mean round ball

He stands like a statue  
Even through a klatch!  
Always lines the sights right  
Winning every match  
Aims Kentucky windage  
When hunting in the fall  
That dead-eye youngin'  
Sure shoots a mean round ball

He's a muzzle loading wizard  
With fast or slow twist  
A shooting wizard  
I never see him miss.  
How do you think he does it?  
I don't know.  
What makes him so good?

Ignores all distractions  
Can't hear no taunts or jeers

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Sees no pans a'flashin'  
Shooting without fear  
Always wins tie-breakers  
Never seen him fall  
That dead-eye youngin'  
Sure shoots a mean round ball.  
I thought I was the Colorado king  
But I just handed my shooting crown to him

Against my favorite rifle  
He can beat my best  
Point him at the target  
And he just does the rest  
With rifle, trade gun, pistol  
He just wins them all.  
That dead-eye youngin'  
Sure shoots a mean round ball.

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### 2023 Adams County 4H Muzzle Loaders

Adams County's Muzzle loader team led by Amanda and Jeramie Allee, with help from Al Seely and numerous club members from FLMLC as mentors, took both a Junior and Senior team to State. Their Junior team made up of Joselyn Fontius, Abby Holdren and Joe Holdren placed 4th in the state as a team. Two of those juniors placed in the top ten! Joselyn Fontius placed 2nd as an individual and Abby Holdren placed 10th. Their Senior team made up of George Fontius, Taylor Seely, Taylor Madsen, and Kyle Rippe placed 3rd in state as a team. Two of those seniors also placed in the top ten and qualify a them for Nationals. George Fontius placed 7th and Taylor Madsen placed 9th.



# 2023 Muzzle Loader of the Year

It's that time of year when all members of the Association are called upon to nominate candidates for Muzzle Loader Of The Year! All nominations are considered and a new Muzzle Loader of Year will be named and inducted at the annual Convention and Trade Show in March.

Decide who you would like to nominate and submit your nomination in writing either by email to [editorpokeandstroke@gmail.com](mailto:editorpokeandstroke@gmail.com) or by USPS to:

Mike Lee  
7430 Devinney Ct  
Arvada CO 80005

Also feel free to call me if you have any questions about this at:

303-548-6996 If I don't pick up leave a message. I return all calls promptly.

Muzzle Loader of the year has been a continuing award given for many years. The list of past Muzzle Loaders Of The Year can be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

So, put on your thinking caps and decide who you think is a good candidate.

Understand that nominations and nominators are kept private. Only the chosen candidate is named.



# FROZEN TOES RENDEZVOUS 2024

## At Historic Fort Lupton, Colorado



### Tallow River Trappers (SPVHS)

**February 17th** Early Setup  
**February 22-25** Rendezvous

TRT MEETING on Saturday morning / pancake breakfast provided (members only)  
 Booshway: \_\_\_\_\_ and Segundo: \_\_\_\_\_

**TRADERS WELCOME:** Traders may be asked to donate a prize

Above Ground Fire Pits Required, Shovel and Water Bucket Must be Visible, No campfire if not attended  
 Water and some Firewood Onsite..... Absolutely NO Tree Cutting!

No Vehicles in Camp after 6pm Friday Unless Pre-Approved by Booshway

Pets MUST BE LEASHED at ALL Times, and have a HUMAN with them

Campers Must Be in Pre-1840's Dress after 6 p.m. on Friday night and throughout the rendezvous

NO Visible Plastic or Aluminum

Camps with Horses MUST HAVE proof of Insurance

Cannons in Designated Area by Pre-Approval **ONLY** (Owners **MUST** Sign Waiver before any "Fire in the Hole" commences)

**FEES:**

Non-Member Camping Fee: Family \$35.00 & Single \$25.00; and Members Camping Fee: Family \$30.00 & Single \$20.00

Modern Camping and Tin Tipi areas: Plus (space limited) Electric hook-up available for an additional \$10.00 fee

Enter the Annual Chili Cook-off contest on Saturday night  
 (Other Events to be determined)



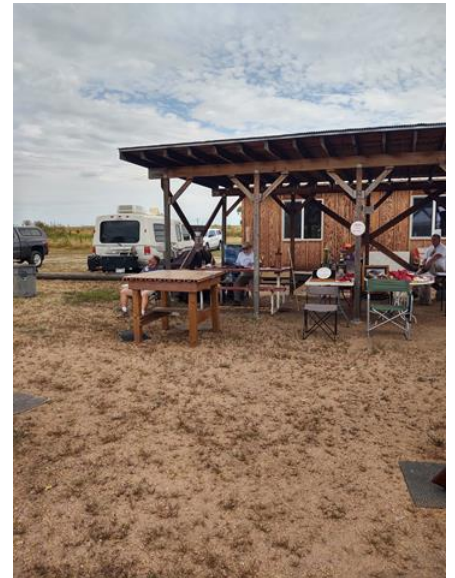
Located Near Fort Lupton  
 Living History Events & Demonstrations

**Tallow River Trappers**

[www.SPVHS.org/Rendezvous](http://www.SPVHS.org/Rendezvous)



# 2023 State Shoot



# **SAVE THE DATE**



**Colorado State Muzzle Loading Association**

**ONE-DAY WINTER CONVENTION and  
TRADE EVENT**

**March 16, 2024**

**Victory Grange            2025 N. Tower Road            Aurora, CO 80011**

*Trade room will be open to the public on Saturday, March 16 from 8:00am to 4:00pm*

**Classes start at 10:00AM and run until 3:00PM**

*CSMLA Membership Meeting – Election of Officers 4:00pm    Banquet, Awards 6:00pm*

**If you are interested in teaching a class please contact us.**

Ron Ring  
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[rring282@gmail.com](mailto:rring282@gmail.com)

Griz Olofson  
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[t1.e1.g1.o1@gmail.com](mailto:t1.e1.g1.o1@gmail.com)