



ALASKA STATE MUZZLE LOADING ASSOCIATION

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National Shoot at Phoenix -- The Alaska team this year was down to two! We need to work on this. Discounting alibis such as "too windy", "my shoulder hurts", "I'm shooting in a higher class now" and "I have chores to do", Pat Reed and Keith Bayha held up Alaska's reputation.

Pat won two rifle aggregates and place second in two others, plus winning 9 match medals:

1st	Agg. FF	Offhand Championship	130 points
1st	Agg. BB	Traditional Offhand Flintlock Hunting Rifle Championship[expert class]	130x
2nd	Agg O	Traditional Offhand Hunting Rifle Championship [expert class]	126
2nd	Agg Z	Unlimited Longhunter Championship	161
1st	Match 30	100 yd 7-ring bull, 100 yards	43
1st	Match 103	100 yd 7-ring bull, 100 yards, flintlock	42
3rd	Match 91	100 yd 7-ring bull, 50 yards	
1st	Match	squirrel at 25 yards	50
3rd	Match	running groundhog, 50 yards	
3rd	Match	running deer, 50 yards	
2nd	Match 12	50 yards, 100 yard target	
3rd	Match 42	50 yards, 100 yard target	
3rd	Match 10	25 yards, 6-bull target	

Keith, shooting in the expert class, managed three second place match medals in pistol:

2nd	Traditional Agg:	KY Flint & percussion pistols, As Issue revolver	465xx
2nd	Match 22	As Issue Revolver, 25 and 50 yards, 10 shots each	162xx
2nd	Match 623	Any old pistol: green bottles at 10 steps	41

Pat Reed tells the our side-bar story:

Keith and I arrived in Las Vegas on Monday and picked up the motor home in Mesquite. The following day, we drove to Phoenix without incident.

Our first night in Phoenix (Wed.): As we were having a peaceful dinner, we noticed this red thing on the floor and it was moving ever so slowly. Rather than take a chance, Keith stomped on it (It was closer to him than me.). I gingerly picked it up to put it in the trash and that is when we noticed it was Bob's cap. Well, what do we do now with this limp organism of whose death we are responsible?

Since we were quite busy with shooting (both match and bull), this red thing was put out of sight and pretty much forgotten until we were packing up and getting ready to head back to Vegas. Imagine our surprise when we discovered that it really hadn't expired but was only dazed. What to do now?

It was decided that to put this thing in a bag, without air in order to get it back to Bob, would surely result in its final demise. Even creepy, crawly things need air, or so we concluded (remember, Keith is a biologist).

We had a problem: How to get this thing back to Bob without depriving it of air? It was in bad need of a lot of fresh air. We could have carried it on the plane, but without a kennel, it would have been risky. We knew that Bob would be in Phoenix in a couple of weeks for a shoot, but we didn't know anyone willing to baby-sit it for that long.

Then the light came on as we drove past the 1000-yard firing line, the perfect solution. Bob will be in this exact spot in a couple of weeks, and if this is his lucky cap, he will be really happy to be reunited with it. Most important, this fine specimen of a cap will get a couple of weeks of much needed fresh air and sunshine. So, we put it on a post, with a rock on top to hold it down (so that it wouldn't crawl off somewhere).

As far as I know, there is no record of the cheerful (or tearful) reunion of these two. A happy ending for sure, though. Together again!!!!



The rest of the story: In March Bob Engelbach journeyed to Phoenix to compete in the regional black powder cartridge matches.

Bob reported: "Steve Rhoades took me down the 1000 yard line and there was my red hat on the target marker. I was astounded." The lucky hat must have worked, for Bob won the trophy for the paper patch bullet portion of the American Creedmoor Cup match. And he set a new record high score. There actually was a trophy cup presented that Michael Rix put together. Bob said, "It's the best trophy I've ever won!" Maybe he can be persuaded to show it off at the gun show.

Memorial Day Rendezvous -- Jim Anderson was elected Booshway for 2007 and he with his Segundo, Ken Yehlik, have decided to hold it at Fort Wick, near Talkeetna, May 25 - 28. Ft. Wick is 3.6 miles down Yoder Road, which is at mile 3 on the Talkeetna Spur Road. Follow the signs from junction of Yoder road and Talkeetna Spur. Set-up is anytime Fri. afternoon, Sat. & Sun. there will be two shoots each day, and 'hawk and knife throws. Mon. is break camp day, anytime. Price is \$15.00 per camp for weekend or \$5.00 per day. Tin tepee camping spots available. Also, there are 2 water sources near the site, the South Fork of Montana Creek, and a small creek that runs along the back of the Range. . Mary Ann said "We've drunk the water from that creek all winter...like it better than town water. Availability of wood is not certain yet, Waiting to hear from Ed Wick re: that. Contact kenloak@mtaonline.net (Ken Yehlik, Segundo) late April to mid -May for further info on this.

Alaska State Rendezvous --

The 2007 State Rendezvous will be held June 23-30 at Chena Lakes in North Pole. We have a full slate of shooting events, daily craft workshops, kids' activities, ladies events, and other fun stuff. My co-Segundos, Lynn Schell and Kathy Waggoner and I have met several times already and have some great stuff planned. Water, wood, and privy are provided. Please let me know if you can lead a shooting or other event. More info will be provided in our up-coming brochure, or on Swanny's web site, www.norwestcompany.com

Your humble Booshway

David 'Music Man' Underwood

2007 Alaska Territorial will be held June 20-22 at the Upper Susitna Shooter's Association Range, mile 94 Parks Hwy, under the leadership of Keith Bayha. Results from last year may be viewed on the ASMLA website [www.akmuzzleloaders.org]. This will be our third year at this venue and we expect to top last year's participation of 28 shooters, by emphasizing opportunity for youths. We have been advised to expect several shooters from out of state too. The shoot program will be similar to last year including the light bench gun aggregate [See Pat Reed's article in the fall 2006 newsletter]. As was the case in 2006, membership in either NMLRA or the NRA meets the participation requirement [bring your card]. So, mark your calendars, phone up a NRA friend and invite them to participate. For more information call: Keith Bayha [907] 746-6662.

Squaw Camp Reborn -- Contact Carolyn Tomory at 745-5452 or Janey Wineinger at 745-2093 if you would like to participate and or help with the planning of 2007 Squaw Camp. Location and dates are not confirmed at this time.

Competent muzzleloader gunsmiths sought -- To assist with muzzleloader education and certification classes we need to develop a list of qualified muzzleloader gunsmiths, located throughout the state, who would be willing to inspect newly acquired used muzzleloaders and either declare them fit for use or make recommendations regarding needed repairs [and most likely make such repairs]. Such inspections would be made at your place of business in advance of classes. If you want your name and contact information added to this list please respond to Keith Bayha, 907-746-6662 or via e-mail nohorn@gci.net.

ASMLA's "History of Muzzleloading in Alaska" Project -- Editor, Keith Bayha, reports this project continues moving ahead slowly but steadily as more information is located. He has committed to sharing some of the content in "readings" at State Rendezvous. He is still seeking people who will commit the time to review all or portions of it. If you have information you intend to submit for inclusion, please do so ASAP and/or contact Keith to work out a plan so it can be included. For an outline, request it from Keith [see letterhead].

ASMLA's "Alaska Game Animal" Targets Available -- The target set features 10 Alaska animals drawn by Ed Wick and Keith Bayha, consisting of: Wolf, Polar Bear, Walrus head and neck, Caribou, Musk Ox, Dall Sheep, Mountain Goat, Moose head and neck, 5 Ptarmigan, and 5 Snowshoe Hares. They sell for \$3 per set of ten targets, plus shipping. To order a bunch for your shoot, contact Keith Bayha (746-6662) or nohorn@gci.net. To save on shipping costs, consider how you might arrange to pick them up or have someone do it for you. **We sold \$45 worth in Phoenix last month!**

Board of Game Actions -- EFFECTIVE IN 2008, participants in special muzzle loading hunts must already possess ADF&G's ML certification BEFORE making application for the permit. Consult the ADF&G website for their schedule of training opportunities.

ASMLA WebSite: Check out our website at < www.akmuzzleloaders.org >
You will note the photos in the gallery are lacking fresh ones from the past year or two. If you have good digital photos you would like to share by posting them here, e-mail them to Swanny at < webmaster@norwestcompany.com >

NMLRA's 2nd "Win a Trip to Alaska" Sweepstakes Alaska's won't want to miss out on this because the prize is \$3,000 with total flexibility in how it is spent. You could bring your family or friends to Alaska, take a trip elsewhere, buy yourself a new gun or two or three, or anything else you would rather do with it. This fundraiser is to enable construction of a running boar range at Friendship, Indiana. But the prize is Alaska focused because an Alaskan is running the Sweepstakes and offering to the winner his services as a facilitator for vacation planning. Simply make a contribution by check to the "NMLRA - Running Boar" and mail to NMLRA, PO Box 67, Friendship IN 47021. You can also pay by credit card and capture the miles or other card benefits by calling the NMLRA office in Friendship 812-667-5131. **Or you can contact Keith Bayha at 907-746-6662 or by e-mail nohorn@gci.net.** Tickets are \$20 each or six for \$100. Drawing the winning tickets will occur at the next national shoot after we reach our goal of \$10,000.



NMLRA = National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association -- If you are not already a member there are three Field Reps in Alaska who would be glad to assist you in becoming one:

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Note from Editor: ASMLA publishes two newsletters per year, spring and fall, and attempts to list all muzzle loading events we know of that are scheduled for the next six months or so. **Keeping it around as a reference could save you a lot of time.** If you have something you think should be added to this list let us know.

COMING EVENTS: UPDATE YOUR CALENDAR

The ASMLA calendar for the next 9 months offers lots of opportunity:

Mar 22-April 1 Mar 31	show fundraiser	Alaska Sportsmens' Show, Sullivan/Ben Boeke, Anchorage Friends of the NRA banquet in Eagle River	Natasha Meyer [907-337-1710]
April 14 5031]	shoot	Midnight Sun ML Club shoots ML at 10 AM at S. Cushman	Curt Stables [907-488-
April 14 9614]	monthly shoot	McKinley Mountainmen, Birchwood Shooting Park, near Anchorage, [Knock down silhouettes]	Joe Coe [907-688-
Apr 15 5031]	shoot	Midnight Sun ML Club shoots ML at 10 AM at S. Cushman	Curt Stables [907-488-
April 19 0751]	meeting	McKinley Mountainmen meets 7 PM at VFW Hall in Eagle River.	Jim Anderson [cell 952-
April 20 6562]	meeting	Upper Susitna Shooters Assoc. meets at 7PM at USSA Range.	Mike Kelly [907-357-
Apr21-22 745-8610]	Gun Show	AGCA's Spring Gun Show, Raven Hall, Palmer Fairgrounds	Ken Yehlik [907-
May 5 May 11 May 12 9614]	shoot youth educ monthly shoot	Midnight Sun ML Club shoots ML Jim Kruse [907-479-1290] TrailBlazer Event McKinley Mountainmen, Birchwood Shooting Park, near Anchorage, And work day to repair shooting benches	Curt Stables [907-488-5031] Joe Coe [907-688-
May 19 5031]	shoot	Midnight Sun ML Club shoots at 10 AM at mile 8.5 CHSSR	Curt Stables [907-488-
May 17 0751]	meeting	McKinley Mountainmen meets 7 PM at VFW Hall in Eagle River.	Jim Anderson [cell 952-
May 18 6562]	meeting	Upper Susitna Shooters Assoc. meets at 7PM at USSA Range.	Mike Kelly [907-357-
May 23	shoot 3071]	Bean Soup Shoot, few miles north of Glennallen on Richardson Hwy.	Warren Ulrich [907-822-
May 25-29 0751]	rendezvous	Memorial Day Rendezvous at Fort Wick, Talkeetna	Jim Anderson, Booshway [cell 952-
May 26	shoot 11 AM	<i>Upper Susitna Shooters Association is hosting at muzzleloader shoot each month on the third Saturday starting in May.</i>	
June 2	shoot	Midnight Sun ML Club shoots ML Jim Kruse [907-479-1290]	Curt Stables [907-488-5031]
June 2	class	Youth Day at Birchwood shooting Park	
June 9 9614]	monthly shoot	McKinley Mountainmen, Birchwood Shooting Park, near Anchorage,	Joe Coe [907-688-
June 15 6562]	meeting	Upper Susitna Shooters Assoc. meets at 7PM at USSA Range.	Mike Kelly [907-357-
June 16 5031]	shoot	Midnight Sun ML Club shoots at 10 AM at mile 8.5 CHSSR	Curt Stables [907-488-
June 21 0751]	meeting	McKinley Mountainmen meets 7 PM at VFW Hall in Eagle River.	Jim Anderson [cell 952-
June 23 -July 1 4514]	rendezvous	Alaska State Rendezvous , Chena Lake near North Pole	Dave Underwood, Booshway [488-
June 25 6662]	class at rendezvous	NMLRA Basic ML class, integrated with ADF&G ML certification class	Keith Bayha [907-746-
June 23 6562]	shoot 11 AM	Upper Susitna Shooters Association, mile 94 Parks Hwy.	Mike Kelly [907-357-
July 7	shoot	Midnight Sun ML Club shoots ML Jim Kruse [907-479-1290]	Curt Stables [907-488-5031]
July 13 6562]	meeting	Upper Susitna Shooters Assoc. meets at 7PM at USSA Range.	Mike Kelly [907-357-
July 14 9614]	monthly shoot	McKinley Mountainmen, Birchwood Shooting Park, near Anchorage,	Joe Coe [907-688-
July 21 5031]	shoot	Midnight Sun ML Club shoots at 10 AM at mile 8.5 CHSSR	Curt Stables [907-488-
July 19 0751 July 20-22 6662]	meeting shoot	McKinley Mountainmen meets 7 PM at VFW Hall in Eagle River. Alaska Territorial [rifle & pistol], USSA Range, mile 94 Parks Hwy.	Jim Anderson [cell 952- Keith Bayha [907-746-
July 28-29 July 26-28 2043; cell 232=3784]	Gun Show Squaw Camp	AGCA's 35th anniversary show, Sullivan Arena Squaw Camp restart, tentatively, Mile 99 Glenn Hwy	Janey Wineinger [907-745-
Aug 4	shoot	Midnight Sun ML Club shoots ML Jim Kruse [907-479-1290]	Curt Stables [907-488-5031]

Aug 11	monthly shoot	McKinley Mountainmen, <u>location to be announced</u> .	Joe Coe [907-688-9614]
Aug 18 5031]	shoot	Midnight Sun ML Club shoots at 10 AM at mile 8.5 CHSSR	Curt Stables [907-488-
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Aug 25 6562]	shoot 11 AM	Upper Susitna Shooters Association, mile 94 Parks Hwy.	Mike Kelly [907-357-
Sept 1	shoot	Midnight Sun ML Club shoots ML Jim Kruse [907-479-1290]	Curt Stables [907-488-5031]
Sept 8	monthly shoot	McKinley Mountainmen, <u>location to be announced</u>	Joe Coe [907-688-9614]
Sept 15 5031]	shoot	Midnight Sun ML Club shoots at 10 AM at mile 8.5 CHSSR	Curt Stables [907-488-
Sept 20 0751]	meeting	McKinley Mountainmen meets 7 PM at VFW Hall in Eagle River.	Jim Anderson [cell 952-
Sept 21 6562]	meeting	Upper Susitna Shooters Assoc. meets at 7PM at USSA Range.	Mike Kelly [907-357-
Sept 22 6562]	shoot 11 AM	Upper Susitna Shooters Association, mile 94 Parks Hwy.	Mike Kelly [907-357-
Sept 28-30 4216]	rendezvous	Fall Rendezvous at Mendeltna, mile 152 Glenn Hwy. Dennis Midgely, Booshway [907-895-	
Oct 13 9614]	shoot	McKinley Mountainmen, Birchwood Shooting Park, near Anchorage,	Joe Coe [907-688-
Oct	gun show	At the Carlson Center in Fairbanks	Curt Stables [907-488-5031]
Oct 13 5031	shoot	Midnight Sun ML Club shoots 10 AM at 8.5 CHSR	Curt Stables 907-488-
Oct 18 [3rd Thu] 0751]	meeting	McKinley Mountainmen meets 7 PM at VFW Hall in Eagle River.	Jim Anderson [cell 952-
Oct 29 [3rd Fri] 6562]	meeting	Upper Susitna Shooters Assoc. meets at 7PM at USSA Range.	Mike Kelly [907-357-
Nov 11 9614]	monthly shoot	McKinley Mountainmen, Birchwood Shooting Park, near Anchorage,	Joe Coe [907-688-
Nov 16 [3rd Thu] 0751]	meeting	McKinley Mountainmen meets 7 PM at VFW Hall in Eagle River.	Jim Anderson [cell 952-
Nov 17 [3rd Fri] 6562]	meeting	Upper Susitna Shooters Assoc. meets at 7PM at USSA Range.	Mike Kelly [907-357-
Nov 17 5031]	shoot	Midnight Sun ML Club shoots 10 AM at 8.5 CHSR	Curt Stables [907-488-
Nov 4514]	reenactment	COHT's Feast & Frolic, 32.2 Chena Hot Springs Road Dave Underwood, Booshway [488-	
Dec 2	dinner/auction	MMMLRC's annual dinner and auction will be at the North Slope Restaurant, Eagle River	
Dec 10 9614]	shoot	McKinley Mountainmen, Birchwood Shooting Park, near Anchorage,	Joe Coe [907-688-
Dec 21 [3rd Fri] 6562]	xmas dinner	Upper Susitna Shooters Assoc., at 7PM at USSA Range.	Mike Kelly [907-357-

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN CONTINUES -- Dues from those with expired membership continue to come in, along with those of new members. Since last fall's newsletter the following have joined or renewed [# years]: Anchorage: James Killeen [1], Alan Skinner [1], Al Romans [1]; Big Lake: Brad Porter [4] Delta Junction: Bob Lee [1]; Eagle River: Suellyn Novak [5], Chris Tomsen [1]; Palmer: Tom Nye [1]; Talkeetna: Bill Peck [4]; Thorne Bay: Frank Price [5]; Wasilla: Butch Guliland [5], and Cal Pope [1].

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limit to everything. Some of you have been active and have been retained on our mailing list for years for that reason alone. This is the last issue you will receive unless you join or rejoin.

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Member of local club? _____ Would like my name forward to club? _____

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