

Weapons Collectors Society of Montana (WCSM)

President's Message

by Rick Montgomery

Dear Friends,

I was saddened to hear the news that our State vice president and District 1 director Ed Spragg passed away on October 11, 2022. Friends and the club lost a leader. In addition to being the vice president and one of our directors, he also served as our executive secretary for many years. He always worked for the members and the good of WCSM. He was a calm working man with common sense and also a fellow Christian. We will miss him.

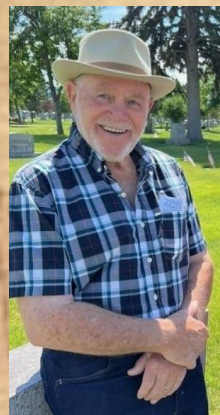
As you read this, the elections are thankfully over and we can get back to watching TV again without the campaigning. Of course, in another year we will be inundated once again with politicians and their promises. We definitely need to pay attention to what the Feds are planning with our gun rights. On Dec. 7, Democrats advanced legislation that would establish a federally controlled list of people who voluntarily agree to be blocked from buying guns. This seems to me to be another attack against our gun rights.

Our District 4 meeting attendance is just about to what it was pre-pandemic. We had 22 members at our November meeting in spite of the snow and ice. We all enjoyed an interesting "show and tell" featuring guns and knives.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL Annual Dues

THANK YOU to those of you who have renewed your membership! Supporting WCSM is supporting an organization that values and promotes our 2nd Amendment rights. Contact Secretary Sandra if you are interested in also renewing your NRA membership through WCSM.

RIP
Edward "Ed" Spragg
1936-2022



On behalf of the Spragg family, Secretary Sandra (Ed's daughter) would like to thank you for your kind words of sympathy upon the passing of Ed on Oct. 11, 2022. Ed was an ardent supporter of the 2nd Amendment and enjoyed shooting and gun collecting. He was a past president of the Montana Plainsmen Black Powder Shooting Club and also participated in cowboy action shooting. He was a member of the NRA and a 25 year member of WCSM where he was the executive secretary for several years, and at the time of his death was the State vice president and a director from District 1. Ed thoroughly enjoyed participating at gun shows and meeting up with his many friends. The shows will not be the same without him. To read his complete obituary, visit here: <https://www.schniderfuneralhome.com/obituary/edward-spragg> *May he rest in peace.*



For the third time, one of our members failed to find their membership number hidden in our last newsletter. To help you, Secretary Sandra has included your membership number, or numbers if a couple, on your mailing label. If you already renewed, she will issue you a refund.



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DUES

NRA Membership:

\$25.00 single
\$30.00 couple

Regular:

\$35.00 single
\$40.00 couple

For the 2023 application form, go to our website at: <https://www.wcsfmt.net/membership.html>

Wanted The Good, Bad or the Ugly

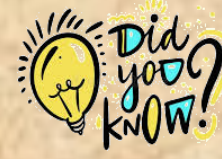
Do you have:

- District News?
- Interesting News?
- Helpful News?
- Good, Bad or Ugly News?

If so, send your submissions to Sandra. Post or email will work!



If you find your membership number hidden somewhere in this newsletter, call or email Sandra to win a FREE 2023 membership. GOOD LUCK!



If you are a current member of WCSM, you can advertise for FREE on our website if you have a weapon you would like to sell or if you are looking for something in particular. The only requirement is that the request must be relevant to WCSM. Just email Secretary Sandra with the item particulars and your contact info. If you are selling something, photos help too. Sandra also sends a membership-wide 3688 email announcing your ad. Not getting emails? Send Sandra your email address. She only sends information relevant to WCSM and doesn't share or sell the database to any person, business or organization.

Director Needed

District 1 is in need of a director to fill the vacancy left by the death of Ed Spragg. This person will represent District 1 at State meetings and vote on State business, and would complete Ed's term, which ends Dec. 31, 2023. Meetings are held three times a year at Great Falls, Missoula and Bozeman. To help cover expenses, directors are paid \$100.00 when they physically attend the meetings held outside of their district. If directors cannot attend a meeting in person, they can join via telephone. If interested, contact Sandra for more information.

New show!

We are very happy to welcome a new show in 2023 at CONRAD. The show will be held March 24-26 at the Pondera Shooting Sports Club at 972 Granite Road, Conrad. Current WCSM members will enjoy free admission to the show. More information will be posted on our website as it becomes available, so check back often. The show will also be listed on our 2023 calendar.

According to the Dec. 2022 edition of American Rifleman, both FedEx and UPS have changed their shipping policies to prohibit non FFLs from shipping "Firearm Products", which is defined to also include "Firearm Parts". Gun owners can still ship rifles and shotguns via the US Postal Service, but because Federal law prevents non-licensees from shipping handguns through the mail, a handgun owner cannot now ship a handgun for repairs or another lawful purpose using the three most common shippers.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

57th Annual COLORADO GUN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION GUN SHOW

MAY 20 & 21, 2023
Island Grove Event Center
421 N. 15th Ave.
Greeley, CO 80631

Thousands of Historical, Western, WWI & WWII Firearms and Artifacts on display and for sale.
8 Foot Tables *** Display Tables - \$130⁰⁰ *** Trade Tables - \$150⁰⁰

Early-In Passes Can Be Purchased at the Front Door Friday Morning at 9am May 19th for \$75. Valid for All Three Days

Purchase Tickets at the Door \$15 for both days \$5 Active Military Discount Free after 1pm Sunday

HISTORICAL FUN FOR EVERYONE!

OVER 800 TABLES

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CGCA Special Rate Hotels Greeley 2023 Show
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Candlewood Suites Greeley, 830 29th St, Greeley, CO 80634, Ph: 970-477-7243
Fairfield Inn & Suites Greeley, 2401 W. 29th St, Greeley, CO 80631, Ph: 970-339-5030
Homewood Suites by Hilton, 2510 46th Ave, Greeley, CO 80634, Ph: (970) 330-1706

For additional information contact:
David Weddle, Show Chairman • PO Box C, Fort Collins, CO 80522
Phone 720-482-0167 • Email CGCAshow@cgca.com • www.cgca.com

Only firearms 50 years and older are allowed. Ad paid for by CGCA.



How well do you know the Colt "snake guns"?

Source: American Rifleman, June 2022 edition

1. How many serpents comprise the lineup:
a. Nine b. Five c. Seven
2. In the early '90s, Colt introduced the first version of its biggest "snake gun":
a. Python b. Anaconda c. Viper
3. This is the most renowned of the snake guns:
a. Diamondback b. Python c. Anaconda
4. This gun was designed for target shooting and was discontinued in 1991:
a. Diamondback b. Boa c. King Cobra
5. Because of its distinct look, it is considered a rarity in the lineup:
a. Cobra b. King Cobra c. Viper
6. Only 1,200 were made of this snake in 1985:
a. Boa b. Anaconda c. Python
7. This was the first snake reintroduced beginning in 2017:
a. Diamondback b. Cobra c. Viper
8. This snake was discontinued twice and was reintroduced in 2019:
a. King Cobra, b. Boa c. Anaconda

Answers: 1.c, 2.b, 3.b, 4.a, 5.c, 6.a, 7.b, 8.a



The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it. MICHELANGELO



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Since 1975

2023 District Officers and Directors

State President	Rick Montgomery	406 381 7959
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District 1:

President: Cody Snider—406 781-6803
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 Director: Vacant

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 Director: Gregory Tolar—406 360-5953

District 4: (election to be held Jan. 2023)

President: Rick Montgomery—406 381 7959
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This word search is similar to *Jeopardy* in that the clue is given and you have to find the answer. If you want to download a plain copy to print, go to our website and click on [Newsletters, then 2022, then the MT Cities and Towns 2 pdf link](#). You can also contact Sandra to send the file directly to you.

Montana Cities and Towns, #2

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| 1 Bats might live here | 8 Tilapia is this |
| 2 Port city on the River Clyde | 9 Between Sicily and the North African coast |
| 3 This type of wind is common in Great Falls | 10 Home to the family Cervidae |
| 4 Name of the sheriff in Gunsmoke | 11 A Scottish pike |
| 5 A city in upper Manhattan | 12 A yogo sapphire mine is here |
| 6 Survived the sinking of the Titanic | 13 A book in the Old Testament |
| 7 Was the capital of Yugoslavia | 14 The Métis were its first permanent settlers |
| | 15 Lake Frances is here |

Answers: 1. Belfry 2. Glasgow 3. Chinook 4. Dillon 5. Harlem 6. Ismay 7. Belgrade 8. Whitefish 9. Malta 10. Deer Lodge 11. Glendive 12. Ulica 13. Wisdom 14. Lewistown 15. Valter



CREAMED CORN CASSEROLE (Easier Eats)

If you like corn, and really, who doesn't, then you will enjoy this casserole. Not only is it easy and inexpensive, but Secretary Sandra can vouch that it tastes great too. It's an excellent side dish for your Christmas ham.

Ingredients:

1/2 cup unsalted butter; 1/4 cup all-purpose flour; 1/4 cup granulated sugar; 2 eggs, well beaten; 1 cup whole milk; 1 (15.25-ounce) can whole kernel sweet corn, drained; 1 (14.75-ounce) can creamed-style sweet corn; 1/2 tsp. salt; 1/2 tsp. ground black pepper

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°. In saucepan, heat the butter slowly over medium-low heat, swirling the pan until it's just melted. Let the butter cool for 2-3 minutes. Whisk the flour into the melted butter until well incorporated. Whisk in the sugar, the eggs and the milk. Stir the whole kernel corn and the creamed corn into the butter mixture. Season with the salt and pepper. Pour the corn mixture into a shallow 8x8-inch baking dish. Bake uncovered until the center is set and the casserole is browned and caramelized on top, about 1 hour 15 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes.

2023 SHOW CALENDAR: At the December 10, 2022 board meeting, directors voted to include the Bryan Gillette shows and the Sky Blue shows on our 2023 calendar. These shows, however, continue to **not** allow free admission to our current members. We are adding them as a convenience to you. Calendars will be mailed no later than January.