

# Weapons Collectors Society of Montana (WCSM)

## President's Message by Rick Montgomery

Dear friends,

How you vote is your choice, but before you vote, listen to the candidates. Then the one who supports your interests is the one you should support. And remember to hold them accountable once they are in. PLEASE VOTE!

The California law on buying ammo is crazy. First you can only buy 50 rounds total of any ammo—like one box of .22 shells—and then you have to own a registered gun in your name to buy that gun's ammo. As I said, crazy. They say this is to cut down on crime, but at the same time they say crime is going up. It can't be both, so which is it?

If you are interested in re-establishing District 5, which is the Billings, area, or if you would like to establish a smaller district in the northeastern part of the state, please call me at 406-375-2511 or Secretary Sandra at 406-836-7081.

We are most appreciative to everyone who continues to support WCSM. We look forward to another enjoyable year and hope to see you all at the gun shows. Please stay safe and healthy during these historic and challenging times.

## Display Tables

If you have a weapons collection and would like to show it off, consider having a display. Prizes are awarded for displays at the Great Falls shows, the Bozeman July show, and the Original Missoula show in August. Display tables cannot include sale items, and are judged using NRA judging criteria. If you wish to have a display, contact Bryan Gillette (Great Falls and Bozeman) at 406-580-5458 or Hayes Otoupalik (Missoula) at 406-549-4817.

Member Ken Clark of Seeley Lake won a FREE 2020 membership renewal after finding his number in our Fall/Winter newsletter.

**CONGRATULATIONS KEN!**



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## DUES

### NRA Membership:

\$25.00 single  
\$30.00 couple

### Regular:

\$35.00 single  
\$40.00 couple

For the 2020 application form, go to our website at: <https://www.wcsfmt.net/>

## 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!



*Will this be your last copy?*

If you haven't yet renewed your 2020 dues, this will be your last hard copy of our newsletter. Call or email Sandra if you lost or misplaced your card.

# State Updates

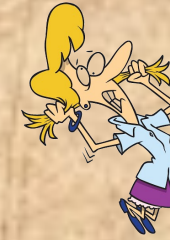
Spring 2020



## Earn Some Extra Cash

For every new member a District recruits, State will pay \$5.00 to the District to be spent in whatever way the membership decides. This can include giving the monies back to the sponsoring members. The particulars:

- New member must be sponsored by a current—paid up—WCSM member.
- Sponsoring member **must** sign the application form as the sponsoring member.
- State will keep a log of the new members and their sponsors, and will send this list and a check every quarter to the applicable District.
- The District that recruits the most new members by the end of December 2019 will receive a special prize.



## Cell Phone Frustration

Secretary Sandra apologizes to a few members who called with membership questions and didn't receive a return call. I didn't get notification of these messages until nearly two months after the calls were evidently made, and by that time everyone had renewed. Bless your hearts and THANK YOU! Technology is great ...when it works!

## 2020 Gun Show Calendars

If you own a business and would be willing to distribute our 2020 gun show calendar, please contact Sandra for a supply.

Great Falls Friends of the NRA Banquet has been rescheduled to **June 5** at 5:30PM at Exhibition Hall at Expo Park. For tickets, call Mitchell Supply at 406-268-1025.

## District News

### District 1: (Great Falls area)



◇ District 1 was featured in an article in the Treasure State Lifestyles Montana magazine, which is distributed throughout North Central Montana. Our article is on page 24 of the *Legends of the West* issue—<http://online.fliphtml5.com/atly/tpqg/#p=24>. If you would like to read the issue of the magazine, which is free, and need help with the link, just call or email Sandra.

◇ If you would like to help us resurrect the Youth Shoot, please call President Bob Snider at 406-590-0351. Older members are willing to remain involved, but need help with the 'heavy lifting', literally! The kids always had a great time and it was well attended.

◇ We all had an enjoyable time at our Christmas party on Dec. 17. 25 were in attendance.

### District 3: (Bozeman area)

◇ President Carl Robertson reports that the February Whitehall 'Benefit' Gun Show was an overall success with net proceeds donated to the VFW/American Legion. All tables sold out quickly with most tables already sold out for the upcoming September 18-20 show.

◇ District 3 is sponsoring its annual display show during the Bozeman Gun Show July 10-12. WCSM members are invited to present displays featuring firearms, edged weapons and related items. Cash prizes have been increased to \$400 for first place, \$300 for second, \$200 for third and \$100 for People's Choice. Judging will follow NRA display criteria. As always, display tables are free. Please contact Bryan Gillette, Show Promoter at 406-580-5458 to reserve a display table. Anyone interested in presenting a display is asked to contact Carl Robertson, Display Chair at 406-599-5391 for information regarding judging criteria.

### District 4 (Missoula area)



"Hayes, you go first"

◇ We had a most enjoyable winter meeting with 31 in attendance and great stories afterwards. For show and tell there was a Civil War sword and about ten guns that were passed around. We also had two tables of sale items.

◇ At our July 2019 meeting, Phil Zacha brought a set of dueling pistols for everyone's enjoyment. Here, Hayes Otoupalik and Rick Montgomery engage in a 'gentlemen's' duel.

*I am not afraid of storms, for I am learning how to sail my ship.*

Louisa May Alcott



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Since 1975

Board of Directors Meeting  
 December 14, 2019—6:30 p.m.—Bozeman  
 Draft of Meeting Minutes

**Directors present:** John Shevlin, Ed Spragg, Scott Cloninger, Dennis Gulbranson, Herb Dawson, Carl Robertson, Walt Briggs, and Steve Montgomery, substitute for Hayes Otoupalik.

**Officers present:** President Rick Montgomery and Vice President Bob Flick.

President Rick opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the August 3, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously. Sandra discussed the financial report and reported the bank balance as of December 10, 2019 was \$33,071.36. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report as presented. Motion passed unanimously. Sandra also presented the **annual** income and expense report. Motion was made and seconded to accept the annual report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Sandra reported that a member in the Musselshell area contacted her about possible interest in reestablishing District 5, but that it will likely take several conversations with others in the area to determine if there is enough interest to do so. Sandra will continue to stay in touch with her.

Sandra reported the election results for State and District officers and directors. Names and contact information will be posted on the website and in issues of the newsletter.

Sandra reported that she received an invoice from Cincinnati Insurance Company for \$3,000, which was the total deductible for two separate claims filed as a result of the gun discharge incident at the Nov. 2016 Billings show. She confirmed with our attorney the accuracy of the invoice. Motion was made and seconded that WCSM pay half of the invoice and contact the Billings show promoter to pay the remaining balance. Motion passed unanimously.

In response to a charter member's request that the board consider lifetime membership for charter members, District 1 director and previous executive secretary, Ed Spragg, reported that several years prior it was charter members who recommended that there be no lifetime memberships, and that not granting these memberships has been part of the bylaws for quite some time. Motion was made and seconded to continue to follow the bylaws regarding this item. Motion passed unanimously.

After some discussion, a motion was made and seconded for State to order 50 baseball caps and 50 patches as promotional items for State and the districts. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting is April 25, 2020 in Great Falls. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

## 2020 District Officers and Directors

State President	Rick Montgomery	406 381-4363
State Vice President	Ed Spragg	406 788-4036

### District 1:

President: Bob Snider—406 590-0351  
 Vice-President: Mike O'Rourke—406 452-0298  
 Secretary: Ed Spragg—406 788-4036  
 Treasurer: Laura Schultz—406 453-2898  
 Director: John Shevlin—406 788-6908  
 Director: Ed Spragg—406 788-4036

### District 2:

President: Bill Matthews—406 755-9378  
 Director: Dennis Gulbranson—406 253-1936  
 Director: Scott Cloninger—406 755-0917

### District 3:

President: Carl Robertson—406 599-5391  
 Vice-President: Dan Weigand—406 581-5305  
 Sec./Treas: Doug Harrison—406 586-8842  
 Sgt. At Arms: Herb Dawson—406 579-1294  
 Director: Herb Dawson—406 579-1294  
 Director: JoAnna Dawson—406 579-1239

### District 4:

President: Rick Montgomery—406 381-4363  
 Vice-President: Michael Shine—406 363-3831  
 Sec./Treas: Hayes Otoupalik—406 549-4817  
 Director: Walter Briggs—406 728-9155  
 Director: Hayes Otoupalik—406 549-4817

## Another Gun Show Is Back In Town

According to District 3 President Carl Robertson, the **TWIN BRIDGES** 90-table Benefit Gun Show will be held August 28-30 at the Twin Bridges fairgrounds. Proceeds will support 4H shooting programs in two counties. If you would like to rent a table, call Carl Robertson at 406-599-5391. One third of the tables have already been sold.

## Dueling Pistols



L-R: Bob White, Phil Zacha

From member Phil Zacha:

*You probably don't realize you had a premiere gunsmith in this club, who I got acquainted with after making a bad deal on a pair of dueling pistols. He made this set of dueling pistols for me and presented them to me in a fitted cardboard box. He was unable to find a white gauntlet to start the duel with, so he substituted a rubber glove, nearly new, used only once before by a licensed physician in a prostate exam. These pistols are revolvers because they were meant for gentlemen and meant to give the opponent the first shot.*

### Great Falls April Gun Show

**Bryan Gillette does not know if the April 24-26 gun show in Great Falls will be allowed to proceed as planned. Look for an email from Sandra, or periodically check WCSM's website for an update, or call Bryan as we get closer to the date at 406-580-5458.**