

**MICHIGAN STATE  
MUZZLELOADING ASSOCIATION  
NEWSLETTER  
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2018**



*It is that special time of year. Deer season! I am preparing for my annual trek to the Upper Peninsula. My much older brother "fossil" and I go to our friends hunting camp north of Newberry. We do not see many deer but have an enjoyable week.*

*Shooting season is slowing down now. Several clubs are having turkey shoots and hunter sight in days. The new years' time will bring The Last Blast shoot at Blue Water. I was able to attend that shoot this past year. A very fun woods walk with a hawk and knife throw. Many of the competitors we dressed in old timey clothing. The shooting was followed by an excellent meal and prizes.*

*The following weekend will bring the Frosted Paw at Columbiaville. Always a fun weekend event. Then comes the Winter Woods walk at the Lansing muzzleloader club.*

*These and other shooting events are listed in your MSMLA state shoot schedule. If you*

*do not have your favorite shoot listed there, get ahold of Ron and get a listing for next year. If you want to list a league, you can put in a single listing with contact information. Your \$5 ad goes all over the state and beyond.*

*Having said that I have to get my shoot dates for Bridgeport set and sent in to Ron. We can also state sending in sponsorship for matches at the state shotgun and rifle/pistol matches. These sponsorships help offset expenses so we can continue to offer quality events for everyone.*

*Have a safe hunting season and joyous holiday. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Lyle and Diane*

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**Dear Friends:**

*My oldest son Bob and I just returned from an Elk hunt in Idaho, near the Oregon border. We had a wonderful hunt, most*

*likely are last hunt out west together. It does not seem possible, that our first hunt out west was in 1972. It took 3 days of hard driving to get to Riggins Idaho. The ranch that we hunted on comprised of 12000 archers. The hunting lodge was located right on top of the mountain. It was a breath taking view from up there.*

*Bob Elka*

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***On 9/11/2018 the Board of Directors reluctantly voted to end the Western National Shoot due to lack of participation. The board also discussed ways to increase our presence in the West with the Territorial Program. Currently our Territorial Program services over 600 members.***

***Thank you for all the years of support.***



## **FROM YOUR EDITOR**

*Howdy folks: a very short newsletter this month as I only received one article from over 200 subscribers. I know by the shoot schedule and hunting seasons that are upon us we should have more articles. Have your secretary or president send articles on your club and your events. Remember this is your newsletter. Enough said.*

*Now it is getting that time of year for sponsorships to be thinking about. I will be sending letters out in December to those that sponsored a match last year. The association wants to thank you for your support in sponsoring matches. It definitely defrays the cost of the events for both MSMLA rifle/pistol and shotgun championships.*

*Also, get your shoot dates to me ASAP. I will be sending the second notice out right after 15 November. Shoot dates must accompany a check with \$5.00 for each event. Send to MSMLA, 16808 Peach Ridge< Kent City, Mi. 49330*

## **UNDER THE WEATHER**

*Not sure if you received the word that Guy R. Smith had, his left foot (the good one) amputated because of fierce infection. He is now in Gladwin Pines*

*and Rehabilitation center in Gladwin,  
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*These two hombre's are up to something  
and I'm not sure if it is good*

***ya all have a Happy Thanksgiving, a  
Merry Christmas and a prosperous  
New Year.***

**FROM YOUR MSMLA OFFICERS AND  
DIRECTORS**