

# Where To Shoot CALENDAR OF N.M.L.R.A. CHARTER GUN CLUBS

**DAYTON, OHIO MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB**—Shooting match the first Sunday of every month with two big shoots a year. Hilltop Range, Dayton, Ohio. Directions: Go West on West Third Street to Gettysburg Ave., go 1/2 mile north to Jallapa Road. Range is one mile West on Jallapa Road.

**CALIFORNIA MUZZLE LOADERS OF LONG BEACH.** Shoot first and second Thursday of each month at Long Beach Police Department Pistol Range, Long Beach, California.

**NORFOLK LONG RIFLES,** Norfolk, Virginia. Meeting first or second Thursday of each month. All members of NMLRA and lovers of M-L guns welcome. Call 84484 or 88016 for information. Shoot every other Sunday at Club Range.

**THE BIG BEND MUZZLE LOADING CLUB.** Shoot every three months, Pecos, Texas. Secretary Mrs. L. A. Richards.

**SEATTLE MUZZLE LOADING RIFLE ASS'N.** Shooting every Sunday, match shooting second Sunday every month. We are now shooting at the East Side Gun Club Range. Call Av 2482 for details.

**CEDAR CITY GUN CLUB.** Matches second and fourth Sundays in each month. Three miles southeast of Lebanon, Ohio., on the Stubbtown Pike at the Irons fruit farm.

**SMOKY HOLLOW GUN CLUB,** Lannon, Wisconsin—Muzzle Loaders only, first Sunday of each month. Everybody welcome. Glenn Harmon, Secretary, P. O. Box 83, Lannon, Wisconsin.

**LANSING MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB.** Shoots every month on second and fourth Sundays, 9:00 A. M. until noon. Directions to range may be obtained by calling the secretary at Lansing 9-3803. Address 1205 Climax St., Lansing, Michigan.

**WALKER LAKE LONG RIFLES,** Hawthorn, Nevada. Shoot dates: first and third Sundays of each month at Naval Ammunition Depot. Meetings: first and third Wednesday of each month.

**TOLEDO MUZZLE LOADING CLUB.** Shooting second and fourth Sunday. Write Ray H. Busick, 3918 1/2 Berkeley Drive, Toledo 12, Ohio.

**SAN DIEGO BLACK POWDER ASSOCIATION** plans to hold a pistol match regularly on the third Sunday of each month at the San Diego Police Pistol Range, and invites all black powder shooters to attend.

**BLUE MOUNTAIN MUZZLE LOADING SHOOT.** Shartlesville, Pennsylvania—Last Sunday of every month.

**CHARCOAL BURNERS RIFLE CLUB,** Ironton, Ohio. 1954 season—first and third Saturday at Wm. Large Range on Ohio 141. Offhand and Bench. Short and Long range. Start shooting at 1:00 P. M.

**REBEL MUZZLE LOADERS,** Dunedin, Florida. Shoots first Sunday of each month.

**POWDER HORN CLAN,** Phoenix, Arizona. Shoot last Sunday of each month. Range on Northeast slope of Squaw Peak. Club address: Sportsman's Den, 1121 E. Camelback Rd.

**THE GEMMER MUZZLE LOADERS SHOOTING CLUB,** St. Louis, Missouri. Shooting on range every Sunday. Muzzle guns only. Write William S. Coffing, Secretary, 1257 Grant Road, Webster Groves 19, Missouri.

**MISSISSINAWA RIFLE CLUB** shoots the second Sunday of the month at the 4-H Club Farm, formerly Harwood Fox Farm, one mile east of Marion, Indiana, on State Road 18. Open sights, offhand, bench and pistol matches.

**EATON CANYON MUZZLE LOADERS ASSOCIATION,** Pasadena, California meets every first and third Friday of each month at the home of Mrs. H. Bust, 2015 South Raymond, Alhambra. The monthly shoot is held at the Eaton Canyon Rifle and Pistol Range, Pasadena, on the Sunday following the first meet.

**PHILADELPHIA MUZZLE LOADERS.** Shoots on second Sunday of each month. Monthly evening meetings on the first Thursday of each month. For further details, contact Joe Reese, c/o Flintlock, Lawrence Road, Havertown, Pennsylvania or phone Sunset 9-9420.

**NEW JERSEY ARMS COLLECTORS CLUB** meets third Friday of each month, Park Hotel, West 7th Street, Plainfield, New Jersey at 8:00 P. M.

**FORT SUTTER MUZZLE LOADERS OF SACRAMENTO.** California hold their monthly meeting the second Tuesday of the month at 2304 N. Street at 8:00 P. M.

**WOLVERINE MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB,** Detroit, Michigan shoots on own Range, second Sunday of each month. Secretary, 22944 Hayes Blvd., East Detroit, Michigan. Phone PR 7-2838.

**BILL MOOSE MUZZLE LOADER GUN CLUB,** Columbus, Ohio. Shoots first and third Sunday of each month. Spring shoot, June 6. Fall shoot, September 25-26. Range located Rt. 665, west of Rts. 3-62.

**EAST BAY MUZZLE LOADERS CLUB,** Oakland, California. Meetings held on the last Friday of each month. Meet jointly with the Northern California Arms Collectors. The Lake Merritt Boat House at 14th and Oak Streets is the site of the monthly gathering. The time: from 8:00 P. M. to 11:00 P. M. Monthly shoots are held at Knowland Park Range Oakland, California on the Sunday following the second Thursday of each month. Starting time: 10:00 A. M. For further information contact Dr. J. P. Evans, Secretary and Treasurer, 300 Vernon Street, Oakland 10, California.

**POTAWATOMI VALLEY MUZZLE LOADING CLUB.** Shoots every third Sunday of the month. For information write or phone, Ernest Swain, 6478 Reuter, Dearborn, Michigan, or call Lu 2-4746.

**CROWLEY'S RIDGE MUZZLE LOADING CLAN.** Campbell, Missouri. Shoots every second Sunday of each month at Earl Riek's farm one and one-half miles west on Highway 53. Muzzle loaders only. For further information write: Clinton Ramsey, Secretary, Campbell, Missouri.

**BLACK POWDER GUN CLUB,** Kansas City, Missouri. Holding shoots every two weeks on Sundays. Interested shooters can get further information from P. L. Boyer, 325 South Van Brunt Blvd., Kansas City 1, Missouri. Phone Chestnut 4689.

**GEORGE ROGERS CLARK MUZZLE LOADERS CLUB,** Louisville, Kentucky. Shotgun shoot every second Sunday afternoon. Rifle shoot every third Sunday. Practice every other Sunday afternoon the year around. Range is located three miles South of Louisville city limits on U. S. 31-W directly behind the Dixie Drive-In Theater. For further information contact: James T. Henderson, 1784 W. Gaubert Avenue, Louisville, Ky.

**TUSCORORA TRAIL MUZZLE LOADING CLUB.** Lisbon, Ohio. Shoots every third Sunday. For further information contact Raymond Brandt, Winona, Ohio.

**PIONEER MUZZLE LOADING CLUB,** Des Moines, Iowa. Regular shoot Sunday following first Thursday each month.

**FORT SUTTER MUZZLE LOADING CLUB** shoots fourth Sunday each month. Range located 18 miles east of Sacramento, Highway 50. Covered firing points.

**FORT HARMAR MUZZLE LOADERS CLUB.** Shoot dates: July 24 and 25, October 9 and 10.

**LOUISIANA GUN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION** will hold its charter meeting at the Captain Shreve Hotel, Shreveport, Louisiana, May 29th and 30th, 1954.

**BLUE MT. MUZZLE LOADING RIFLE ASSOCIATION,** Shartlesville, Pennsylvania Semi-annual Shoot, May 15 and 16, 1954. Also State Championship Shoot June 13, 1954.

**THE WILLIAM WAIT JR. SHOOT** or the Tenth Fort Ticonderoga Muzzle Loading Shoot to be held at Fort Ticonderoga, New York, on September 18-19, 1954.

**GALVESTON RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB** will hold a match on Sunday, May 16, at the Galveston Rifle and Pistol Club, Galveston, Texas at 10:00 A. M.

**MICHIGAN GUN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION** show will be held at the Post Tavern Hotel in Battle Creek, Michigan on May 22-23, 1954. All gun collectors are invited to attend.

**ANNUAL MID-WEST MUZZLE LOADING RIFLE SHOOT,** June 5th and 6th, 1954 at the 4-H County Fair Grounds, (Formerly Harwood Silver Fox Farm), Sponsored by H. A. "Pop" Boltz. For details write Mr. Boltz, R. R. 6, Marion, Indiana.

**YE CONNECTICUT GUN GUILD** will conduct a Spring Shoot, Sunday May 23, 1954 at Blue Trail Range, East Wallingford, Connecticut.

**THE SOMMERSET 1804-1954 SESQUICENTENNIAL OLD TIME SHOOTING FESTIVAL** sponsored by the Somerset Sesquicentennial Association at Somerset, Pennsylvania Turnpike, Saturday, June 26, 1954, 10:00 A. M. at Moore's Race Track, near State Police barracks.

**NUTMEG MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB** shoots every Sunday at their range in Stepany, Conn. Next meeting date May 25 and every fourth Tuesday thereafter with the exception of the months of July and August.

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N. M. L. R. A. SPRING SHOOT

May 22-23

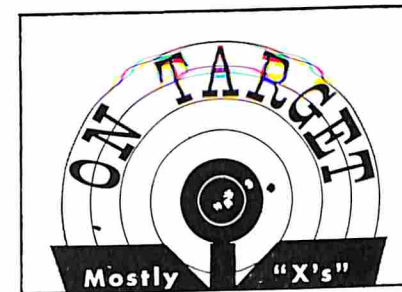
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## Punkin Balls Shoot Pressure Up

Dear Ed—I note in a recent issue of M-B an article about punkin balls in a shotgun, and whether they run the pressures up. I can say, most emphatically, they do. I am convinced that round balls run the pressure up 25% in a m-l gun and 50% if smokeless is used. I recall one instance in which I dropped a 12 gauge round ball in a cylinder bored 12 gauge in place of a heavy load of shot, and it set me back on my heels, and the printing on the head of the shell was flattened. It was a '97 Winny, though, so it took it.

I have seen m-l guns loosen up the rib if used with many solid balls and full loads of powder, when they would go along for years with the same load of powder and a weight of shot equaling the round ball. Why this should be so I do not know. It is likely due to the fact that a load of shot has more give to it and yields to the pressure down. But I can affirm that punkin balls do certainly run up pressures, and all users of shotguns would do well to heed this fact. If you want to use round balls, use a much undersized one and a heavy patch, even of leather, or equally thick stock. Taken all in all it's best to stick to buckshot. You can pile them in a small circle up to 100 yards by using the old trick of stringing them together.

W. R. KAUFMAN

## Thanks For The Ten, Otherwise . . . !

Dear Sirs:

It seems that my time has elapsed so am enclosing ten dollars which should be good for another three years. I didn't realize it had run short until this morning when I looked at my card.

I was reading the January issue of Muzzle Blasts when I came on the reference to the length of baby kangaroos at birth. I don't want to make a federal case out of it but just what does this have to do with the muzzle loading game? If you are hard up for material pertaining to the subject of firearms be they modern or antique please say so and I will be only too happy to supply you with material ranging anywhere from a quarter column inch to full page. If we are going to put out a zoological information magazine dwelling on the length of kangaroos at birth and the hibernation habits of the jumping mouse, badger, bat, gopher, woodchuck, chipmunk, racoon and bear: how's about changing the name of the association. You people probably don't realize that if you saved up this space you could run something more interesting and at least more pertaining. WHO CARES

ABOUT THE CHIRPING POWER OF CRICKETS? (NOT ME).

WAYNE D. EISAMAN

(But two lines are hard to fill with such a broad subject as muzzle loading. Try some pertinent facts you can tell in one or two lines, Wayne). Editor

## Pennsylvania Sesqui-centennial M-L Shoot

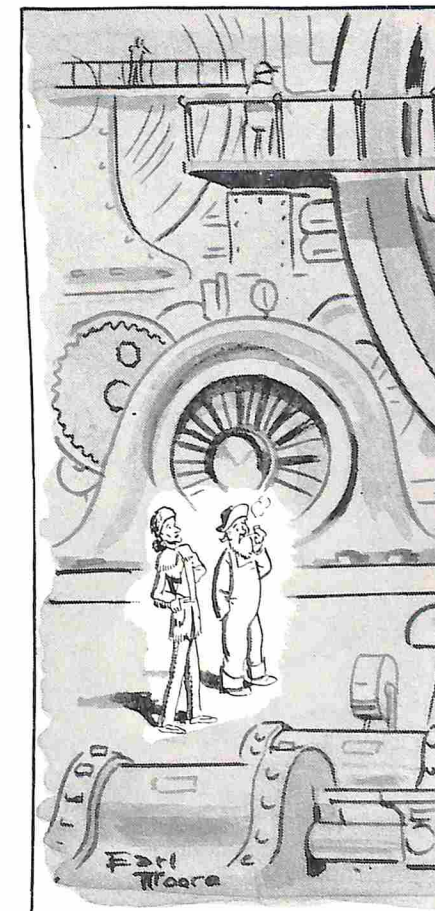
The Somerset Sesquicentennial Association at Somerset, Pennsylvania is sponsoring an Old Time Shooting Festival on the Pennsylvania Turnpike, Saturday, June 26, 1954 at 10:00 A. M. at Moore's Race Track, near State Police Barracks.

All muzzle loader shooters, dealers and traders are invited to spend a delightful day with "The frosty Sons of Thunder" in the mountains of Pennsylvania where we have good cool summer breezes, plenty of motels, hotels, private rooms and good restaurants.

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The muzzle-loader survives in U. S. military service today—as the mortar, a portable, front-line cannon that lobs shells high in the air onto targets nearby. Dropping the shell down the muzzle touches off the propelling charge when the projectile's base hits bottom.

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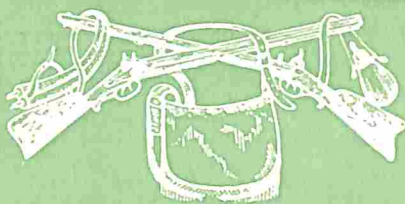
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