

# Eastern Platte Muzzleloaders

More Wind from the High Plains!

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## THOUGHT FOR TODAY:

The spirit of one individual can supersede and dismiss the entire clockworks of history.

Tom Robbins

Well Members,

There's a new Editor in town. For better or worse it's in the person of former EPM Secretary Pat Appel. Without a DNA sample for positive identification, I can't be sure, but I think that's ME. Those with tender sensibilities might want to join a more gentle-type organization, like the Marines. Now what kind of nut ball gives Pat Appel the power of the pen? Your very own club President--- Cal Griffiths. Any complaints or senses of outrage may be voiced to him at 1-800-I.M. President.

I have a partner in the future editing of this newsletter too. The plan is for me to do the writing, ( you know, the hard stuff! ) and Nick Siracuse will be taking on the technicalities of distribution, ( that's mailing to you ) posting important dates, or adding anything of general interest to club members. So if you're NOT reading this, the person you want to call is Nick Siracuse 1-800- I-forgot-to-mail / e. mail – this-to- you.

I think our 1<sup>st</sup> order of business will be to ask for your patience. We are beginning this on very short notice, but will try and do our best. Hopefully, our newsletter will improve month by month. In times gone by Nick produced the newsletter and did an outstanding job.

Before I go any further, I need to express in excess my thanks and gratitude to Karl Lindholm who has taken it upon himself to give me computer lessons. And I am in no way a quick study! He also lent his considerable experience to rendering maintenance on my new TEN year old lap top. Without his help now and probably in the

future, I could not do my part in this little adventure. So Karl, with a “ K , “ thanks so much for your patience, help, and knowledge. And Angela, my deepest apologies for the broken, mindless heap of humanity your husband has become due to overmuch time with Ms. Editor.

Now-----

Down to actual club business. Cal would like to remind all members that dues are DUE. Doesn't that sound like a bad Bob Dylan song? At the meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup> a new combination to the range will be decided by members present and will only be given to those who are up to date due wise. If some Soprano-looking types show up at your door, consider it Cal's LAST reminder...

On June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM EPM will be hosting along with Sportsmen Assisting Nebraska Disabled Sportsmen ( SANDS ) an event to be held at EPM range for disabled sportsmen who would like to learn more about muzzleloading. More details will be discussed at the next meeting, but from what I understand it's going to be a great time and opportunity for all concerned. Meat for a cookout will be provided and attendees are encouraged to bring along a side dish or dessert. Anyone wanting more info can contact Nick Siracuse at 659-2815. Please come and add your combined experience, humor, and friendliness to this event. I've got a feeling we'll learn more than our SANDS partners.

Our range is a wonderful and beautiful place. Several of EPM's officers have begun a “ participation campaign. “ They would like to send out a plea for more members to help out at events, work parties, or just plain enjoying the range. Interest seems to be low among all black powder clubs so gentle nudgings are becoming more frequent. I surrendered. You don't want the “ participation posse “ following you around.

The next meeting is on May 8<sup>th</sup>, so come on out, have dinner and hassle some officers. I wouldn't mess with the news crew though. They're a little cranky right now... I'd like to pass on a quick reminder that Red, White, and Blue

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rendezvous is next month over Memorial Day at Cairo, Nebraska. If you can afford the gas go have a look see. It's one of the BEST rendezvous on record. At least according to this brain-fried reporter. Whoever made this damn computer better hope he's / she's still young enough to RUN! There's a reason they call them " roving reporters... "

And with that violent outburst my 1<sup>st</sup> newsletter comes to a close. I've had enough of this crap. KILL CAL... KILL CAL... I mean--- Once again, please bear with us while we try to get this up and running. For my part, I'm not learning way too much too fast. Eventually, some form of cohesion will emerge. If not, you know who to contact. Mr. Nick Siracuse

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Have a care for our troops overseas,  
land, wind, water  
and those who live there too...

'Til next month----  
Pat Appel

Here's something a few members might want to try with those pesky dandelions . Personally, I never thought of dandelions as pesky, but I know many people do. Now you can just DRINK them

off your lawn with this surprising little household Spring tip. I'll bet it would make this newsletter business run a lot smoother...

## DANDELION WINE

From the Farmer's Almanac

2 quarts dandelion petals  
4 quarts water  
2 oranges, cut into small pieces  
2 lemons, cut into small pieces  
1 cake yeast  
3 ½ lbs. sugar

Pick dandelions early in morning. Get rid of stems & green collar at end of each flower. Rinse.

Place in a large nonreactive ( ?? ) pan & cover with water. Boil 20 minutes. Pour hot liquid over orange & lemon pieces. Cool to lukewarm. Add yeast & let stand 48 hrs.

Strain mixture thru cheesecloth squeezing to remove all juice. Add sugar to juice, stir well to dissolve. Pour liquid into jug. Cover with a lid, bu do NOT screw cap down tightly ( or close with a water seal; use a cork with tube inserted thru it for stopper & put other end of tube into a glass of water )

Let stand for about 6 wks. , or until still. Strain & bottle. Keep for at least 6 months before drinking. This wines' taste improves with age. Send bottle to Editor...