



Eastern Platte Muzzleloaders

More Wind From the High Plains...


January 2008


THOUGHT FOR TODAY: God made the world round so we would never be able to see too far down the road.


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Well Members,


I know it's a new year because I have an official 2008 moose calendar from Alaska (courtesy of Karl Lindholm) and it says so. I understand the Eskimo's interview the moose to weed out the cantankerous and have each moose chosen model personally. There's one named "Weeza" that's a particular shocker. (No Sean, you may not gaze upon her.)

 Hope everyone had a splendifferous Christmas. I gave Mr. Appel Hunting Lodge a nifty granny fanny pack (No, 'ya dolts. Not me!) with cute deer grazing alive in picturesque woods where no tree falls to hold his extremely violent ammo. He took it back to Wal Mart and exchanged it for a pair of white socks. Needless to say, my thoughtfulness went unappreciated. I used to call "this man" The Great White Hunter. Now he's known around the lodge as The Lesser Black-Hearted Skeevy Killer. I hope his new white socks know how to cook, clean, 'n cuss...


 The 1st meeting of 2008 was attended by 18 members, a few of them newly deranged officers, and proceeded as efficiently and confusion free as EPM gets. Our new President, Sean McKown, handled his responsibilities with presence of mind and shining dignity. He ate his dinner while the rest of us cornered him with questions, complaints, and scathingly brilliant ideas. I thought I'd have trouble redirecting my jibes and razzing to a new President not of the Cal persuasion, but it turns out I'm not having any difficulty at all! Cal, still being of officer material, is in no way about to be forgotten either...

 Range Officer Rick "The Ax" McCollum informed members that he had all the materials collected for the construction of the long awaited club cabin. Members must now decide where to place it--- range side or camp side. Most input was leaning toward range side. Elois VanVoorhis put a motion before members to check out each suggested sight at the Jan. 27th club shoot and members can

come to a final decision at the February meeting. The motion was unanimously accepted. (No one fools with the fudge lady!)

 Cal presented for members to think on the possibility of having another SANDS shoot this year. Cal plans to speak with SANDS members at their upcoming banquet and report back the result of his inquiry to EPM members. Mr. Secretary was promptly put in charge of SANDS negotiations and planning without 1 voice of dissent. (Imagine!) For those of you who may have forgotten or were not EPM members in June of last year---


The Sportsmen Assisting Nebraska Disabled Sportsmen (SANDS) is an organization that does exactly as their name implies. Last year, EPM sponsored a shoot held at our range for SANDS members wanting to give muzzleloading "a shot." (Yeah! My ever cleverness followed me into the new year!) We had a pot luck picnic, a good time, and made a few new friends. As details for a repeat event are decided, I'll pass them along via your trusty newsletter.

 The EPM raffle begins this month. President Sean says tickets will be sold for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. So far, we have 2 prizes donated;

- *a pistol stand—Wade Farr—made personally with his own craftsmanship
- *an afghan—Pat Appel—made personally with her own stitchery

The gun or possibly guns for the raffle have not been purchased yet, but will be listed as soon as they are. Persons wanting to buy (you better!) or sell (you better!) raffle tickets need only ask at meetings, call or visit Sean.

Donations of prizes (please do) can be given to any officer. Here's an EPM suck-up-to-an-officer TIP; Sean loves visitors at 3:00 in the morning. Bring a pizza.

 Before I have to run off and do something really important like Febreezing the lodge and pronouncing it "clean," (You should see me Spring "clean.") let me remind members that our dues are payable again on April 1st. (No foolin': That joke never gets old...) For your remembrance, dues are now \$100.00 per family membership. A late charge of \$25.00 will be applied for every 3 months a member is not paid in full. After 6 months of nonpayment, membership will be considered forfeit. (Now I feel like I should go bathe.) Oh, April! If Uncle Sam doesn't get you, EPM will! Let's all remember my gentle reminder. You don't want Sean and his henchmen (okay, it's just Cal) visiting the serenity of your households!

I'll tell him to bring a pizza.

'Til Next Month,

PAT





This is a medieval recipe for venison that was served at the court of the English King William Rufus in the 11th century. A traditional accompaniment to boiled venison was frumenty, a cereal dish. It is still made today, but is now called furmenty. Do not feed to Ed...

VENISON WITH FRUMENTY

3-4 lbs venison (suitable for boiling)
1 large turnip, sliced
3 carrots, sliced
3 onions, sliced
2 tsp parsley, chopped

Bring deer to a quick boil in salted water (1 level tsp to each 2 pints of water). Add vegetables. Lower heat and simmer 'til tender. (About 2-3 hours.)

Drain. Leave in warm oven 5-10 minutes to dry off, then slice meat. Serve with frumenty and a little of the strained cooking liquid.

FRUMENTY

4 ounces hulled wheat
13 fluid ounces rich full cream
1 ounce mixed dried fruit
1 beaten egg yolk
1 tsp honey
2 tsp ground cinnamon
salt

Soak wheat in water overnight, preferably in a warm place. Drain. Boil wheat gently in milk for 20 minutes, add dried fruit, continue boiling gently for 40 minutes more. Beat egg yolk with honey and cinnamon. Stir into wheat and milk. Add a little extra milk if too stiff, but don't make it runny. Season sparingly with salt. If you make frumenty in advance, add extra milk when reheated.

A REFRESHER COURSE EPM RANGE RULES

- 1) No loaded guns ANYWHERE except on the firing line.
- 2) No open powder containers.
- 3) Load from separate measure only.
- 4) No Smoking on or near firing line.
- 5) No alcohol west of the bridge during shooting hours.
- 6) Round Ball- Open Sights Only.
- 7) Musket- Mini or Round Ball
- 8) Pyrodex or Black Powder Only.
- 9) No Spotting Scopes- Range Officer Only to verify hit or score.
- 10) No part of the body to touch any support unless match rules call for it. Exception: Cross Stick or Moses Stick matches.
- 11) Elbow must be minimum of 4" from body.
- 12) No Junior or Sub-Junior shooters without direct adult supervision.
- 13) No one under age 15 at tomahawk or knife log without direct adult supervision. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!
- 14) Only designated shooters to be in firing line.
- 15) In case of misfire or malfunction, Range Officer must be notified and weapon fixed on firing line.
- 16) DO NOT blow down the barrel of any gun.
- 17) ALL decisions of Range Officer are final.
- 18) EPM reserves the right to deny anyone use of the range if not following the above rules.

Ed reserves the right to wish one and all a happy and safe New Year. See 'ya at the range hiding from Range Officer Rick!





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1 EPM CALENDAR

January 18- Convention in Kearney, Ne

January 27th- Work Party & Club shoot

January 26-27- Rock Creek Gun Show in Lincoln, Ne

February 12- NEXT MEETING!!!

February 16- Work Party

February 23-24- Winter Meat shoot & Walk thru the
Woods shoot

THOUGHT FOR TOMORROW: Time is a great teacher, but
unfortunately it kills all its pupils. HECTOR BERLIOZ