

Message from the Board of Directors of the Iowa Black Powder Association
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Most everyone reading this message has either participated in or at minimum is aware of the N.M.L.R.A. Territorial Program. Recently, mostly due to a reduced participation population, the national association indicates they have been losing money on the program, as well, a number of local and state organizations hosting these events have not done well financially either. The national association has been trying to solve this problem by reducing and sometimes totally eliminating awards. For the 2023 program additional changes were made, primarily by eliminating or combining matches at each event and substantially increasing the cost of participation for individual competitors.

The I.B.P.F. also recognized that neighboring states (South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska) have already discontinued sponsorship of national territorial events. After "polling" many previous territorial contestants the I.B.P.F. realized the recent changes were sure to have a serious adverse effect on future events. We needed a "fix"! The I.B.P.F. truly hopes you'll like what will be the 2023 event.

First it will be "hosted and sponsored" solely by The I.B.P.F. Location will remain at the fine Pine Ridge facility in Steamboat Rock, Iowa; dates remain the last weekend in May (26, 27 and 28, 2023). Hoping to secure participation from around the mid-west, as in past territorials, it has been titled "Mid-WINS" (Mid-Western Independent National Shoot). N.M.L.R.A. rules will prevail, matches will mirror events available at national competitions, aggregate winners will be recognized from 1st to 5th place, no club or association affiliation will be required to participate, an overall "Top Gun" competitor will be recognized and last but not least registration and aggregate fees will be one half of what one can expect to pay at a territorial event. There's your "heads up", mark your calendars and watch your mail. A full event flyer with all the details will be sent later in 2023 with the full I.B.P.F. shoot event mailing.

Best regards and Happy New Year on behalf of the entire Board of Directors for the Iowa Black Powder Federation.