

NMLRA MEMBER'S BENEFITS

Lots of good reasons for belonging to the NMLRA

Muzzle Blasts

Members of the NMLRA receive *Muzzle Blasts*, the premier monthly magazine devoted to all aspects of the muzzleloading sport. It's filled with informative articles on target shooting, hunting, collecting, history, gun building and other how-to projects, primitive camping and scouting, and much more.

Rendezvous

The National Rendezvous and Living History Foundation sponsors national rendezvous throughout the United States, and a valid NMLRA membership card nets you a \$10 discount for attendance. NRLHF rendezvous are *the best*. The Association supports these rendezvous through free advertising and other promotion in the pages of *Muzzle Blasts*.

National Competitions

With your NMLRA membership card, you are eligible to participate in two national championship matches in centrally located Friendship, Indiana. These two events bring thousands of like-minded people together to enjoy shooting, shopping, and camaraderie.

National Range

Members may shoot at The Walter Cline National Range in Friendship, Indiana - whether for a day, a weekend, or longer. Reasonably-priced camping facilities are available at the range. The range supports all forms of muzzleloading shooting, from long-distance slug-gun shooting to silhouette targets to trap and skeet shooting and everything between. Whatever your interest, the NMLRA National Range *has it all*. It's the largest and best equipped muzzleloading range in the world.

Territorial Competitions

Members are eligible to participate in thirty NMLRA-sponsored territorial matches throughout the United States. All major muzzleloading disciplines are included: shotgun, pistol, rifle, and primitive.

Charter Clubs

The NMLRA has over three-hundred muzzleloading charter clubs across the country, each with its own schedule of events and range times. The NMLRA Charter Clubs are well supported by the Association, with discounts on advertising, scoring aids, and targets. Charter Clubs are eligible for matching funds through an NMLRA grant program. Members of charter clubs can participate in a National Charter Club Championship.

Hunting Opportunities

Combined with a valid Indiana hunting license, your NMLRA membership card gives you in-season black powder hunting on five-hundred acres of prime southeastern Indiana land owned by your Association. A permit is required for hunting on NMLRA land; hunters can request one in the main office during business hours.

Longhunter Big Game Records Program

Members who enjoy the extra challenge of hunting with muzzleloading firearms have a chance to participate in the Longhunter Big Game Records Program. *The Longhunter Muzzleloading Big Game Record Book* is the premier registry for all record-class big game trophies in North America taken with a muzzleloader.

Camping Opportunities

Your valid NMLRA membership card gives you access to a full-facility campground in southeastern Indiana, complete with showers and electrical hookups – all for a price much lower than even state-run campgrounds. Our new Frontier Heritage Campground offers fifty-seven RV sites, each with 20, 30, and 50 amp electrical service, water and sewer hook ups.

Dealers

Many companies that deal in muzzleloading and period-reenactment supplies are longtime advertisers in *Muzzle Blasts*, the NMLRA membership magazine. Members benefit from this close relationship through access to knowledgeable and friendly manufacturers and dealers when it's time to buy equipment. Also, many dealers attend the NMLRA national shooting competitions, bringing their best items and prices to our members.

NMLRA Stolen Gun Registry

For added security, and to protect members' investments, the NMLRA supports a regularly-updated database called the Stolen Gun Registry, which contains descriptions of members' stolen black powder firearms. Law-enforcement officials and people who believe they have received a stolen gun can contact the NMLRA to find the rightful owner.

Muzzleloading Education

Members of the NMLRA can take advantage of the association's Muzzleloading Education Program to become trained NMLRA Muzzleloading Education Instructors and Trainers. This benefits many hometown clubs.

Scholarship Program

The NMLRA sponsors a scholarship program for its members and their dependents. Each year up to two scholarships of \$1000 each will be awarded. Contact the NMLRA national office to obtain an application form.

Beginner's Bench

NMLRA members who attend the National Shoots can invite their children, grandchildren, or novice friends to the NMLRA Beginner's Bench. At no cost, a qualified individual will help the new shooter safely load and shoot a muzzleloading firearm.

Range Officer Training

NMLRA members have an opportunity to become NMLRA Range Officers through courses offered every year. This is a benefit to home clubs all around the country.

NMLRA Museum

Members enjoy access to the NMLRA's extensive, regularly updated library and museum for research and study. Members can find information about almost anything related to the muzzleloading field, and can see fascinating exhibits at the NMLRA Museum and Library. Located in the national office complex, the museum is open only during the national shoots.

Legislative Action

The NMLRA represents its thousands of members in legislative matters. The Association strives to protect your Constitutional right to keep and bear arms.

Gunsmithing Seminar

Members may choose to attend the NMLRA's world-renowned annual Gunsmith Seminar. This is an opportunity to receive hands-on instruction and attend demonstrations by some of the most widely known and talented gunsmiths in the world.

NMLRA Postal Match

Members are eligible to take part in an annual NMLRA postal match with categories for rifle and pistol. For additional information contact the NMLRA office.

NMLRA National Youth Program

The NMLRA sponsors activities geared toward young shooters. These include the National Youth Shoot, special matches held at the Youth Range during the National Shoots, and the NMLRA Invitational Championship for 4-H Shooting Sports Members. The purpose of the program is to introduce young people to various shooting disciplines in a safe, fun, relaxed atmosphere.

Special Events

Members can participate in living history events, special-interest weekend seminars, and matches for specific disciplines (e.g., black powder cartridge rifle and shotgun matches, chunk gun matches, and other events scheduled for alternate range use.)

NMLRA Field Reps

Members benefit from over a hundred knowledgeable field reps scattered around the country who are sources of free information and assistance. Their names and contact information are published periodically in *Muzzle Blasts*.

Camaraderie

Hobbyists everywhere enjoy the company of other like-minded people. The NMLRA attracts friendly, generous, *genuine* people as members; they make up a huge family and support system where people can help, compete with, and learn from one another.

Personal Satisfaction

One of the most compelling benefits from belonging to the NMLRA is the satisfaction of being *on the inside* – willingly accepting responsibility for keeping our muzzleloading heritage alive, and supporting the national Association that made the rebirth of muzzleloading possible. The NMLRA is where today's muzzleloading got its start, and it's still the umbrella organization for the best muzzleloading events on the continent.