

Washington State Muzzleloader's Association

December 2015 Newsletter

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Washington Sportsmen's Show

The show is just around the corner now and preparation is well underway! I want to thank all the volunteers who have already signed up to work the booth. We still have a few holes in the schedule, so take a look at the last page of the newsletter and see if you can help out. Remember, if you help out with a 4 hour shift (5 hr on Sat) you will get into the show for free, but you have to be on the list.



I want to especially thank the Cascade Mountain Men who will be bringing part of their Living History display down as part of the booth, and a bunch of additional volunteers! The Sportsmen's Show producers are really trying to promote Muzzleloading and I think we will be giving them a great product.

Also new this year I will be teaching an "Introduction to Muzzleloading" seminar on Thursday and Saturday in the Green Theater. I've got a basic slideshow put together but could use some pictures to help fill it out. If you have rendezvous pics, gear pics, or others, please let me know. I especially need some pictures of modern muzzleloader guns and gear, if anyone has them. I look forward to seeing you at the show!

Mike Moran
President, WSMA

G.A. Ruxton Memorial Museum

By Dave Braun, Bellingham, WA

For the past few years, my colleague Andy Ward and I (both WSMA) members have been doing a traveling interpretive display with a collection of about 25 original ml rifles, pistols and some high quality Native American archery replicas. We don't charge a fee. This is simply our way of satisfying our fantasy of being interpreters at a historic fur trade site. Since no such sites exist here in Whatcom County, we've simply created our own and bring it around with us to various events. It's



been a great hobby. So far, we've been at a few rondys in northwest WA, some archery gatherings, the 1838 event in Riverton, Wyoming, the Museum of the Mountain Man, a Cabelas event and some community history fairs in Montana. Please scan our website. We call ourselves the **G.A. Ruxton Memorial Museum and Traditional Shooting Palavar.**

Please take a quick look at this website/blog: www.ruxtonmuseum.org.

Christmas Muzzleloader Shoot at Paul Bunyan.

By Mike Moran

"Christmas is really about giving, and that's what this shoot is all about" said Chip Kormas as he addressed the group of twenty three shooters on Sunday morning. This was the annual Toys for Tots fundraising event and it was great to see folks come from the neighboring clubs to help raise funds for this organization. Chip told us all that this year was especially important, as \$55,000 worth of toys from the national Toys for Tots program destined for the Puget Sound was stuck in a blizzard somewhere in the Midwest. It was up to us to help Santa make it.

Jim Haeckel designed the course, combining two paper targets with some Christmas novelties. The paper targets, a fleur-de-lac and a six-bullseye, were both shot at 25 yards. The novelties were between 15 and 25 yards and consisted of some pine cones, charcoal, candy canes, water bottles, and a string of Christmas ornaments. Each paper target got 5 shots, for a total of 100 points, and one shot for each novelty item at 10 points each, for a grand total of 150 points.



Christmas ornaments and paper targets

In lieu of a shooter's fee, donations were taken at registration. Chip announced that an anonymous donor pledged to match any funds raised up to \$1,000. Just as the shooting began, the sun came out, highlighting some targets and casting shadows on others. Both paper targets were posted at the beginning, and the novelty items were already hung on the target frames with care, so once the shooting began there was no need to stop to go down range. Mark Curtis, in an effort to save lead, cut his target apart and stacked all his bullseyes in a pile, then used one ball for all of them. Normally this might be considered cheating, but the prizes were all wrapped at the Christmas party earlier in the month, so it was a complete surprise when as they were unwrapped.

In addition to the usual but wrapped prizes, there were several donated items that were raffled to help boost the pot.

Bill Sick made a puzzle box fire starter set, Steve Skillman donated a fluted horn, Frank Ponceroff made a domed lid box, and there were several other items, to include a hat from the Bremerton Brigade. Karla Hillberg did the honors of pulling the first ticket, which went to Linda Curtis. Linda then pulled the next one. Part way through the raffle a young man walked in to meet up with his family. He was immediately recruited to pull the next ticket, had several of the winners donate their raffle winnings to him. Of course, he had to keep pulling tickets, but it worked out well for him.

Did we make a difference for some kids this year? You bet we did. Between the donation and the raffle tickets **we collected \$1,476.00** (about \$65 per person)! Add to that the \$1,000 pledge from our very generous anonymous donor and the Muzzleloaders brought in a **grand total of \$2,476.00!** A Marine gunnery sergeant from the Toys for Tots program came to pick up the money (and a few donated toys as well) after the match, which will be put to good use in the next few days to make a difference for several of our local families. Merry Christmas to all.



Mike Nesbitt hits the target

1. Wally McKendry	137-1X	9. Chris Statz	95	17. Jayme Haeckel	53
2. Mike Moran	129-2X	10. Dakota Nash	92-1X	18. Archie	47
3. Bob DeLisle	125-1X	11. Andrew McDonald	82-2X	19. Jim Hillberg	42
4. Jim Haeckel	121	12. Frank Ponceroff	82	20. Boyd Phillips	39
5. Don Kerr	116	13. Mark Curtis	71-3X	21. Mike Farnum	38-1X
6. Mike Nesbitt	111-1X	14. Lori Caswell	69	22. Chip Kormas	38
7. Mike Holeman	108-1X	15. Gina Hanson	63	23. Dustin Farnum	20
8. Adam Sampson	108	16. Terry Gadberry	63		

Our Monthly Shoot

by "Loco Jeff" Ritter

Well, we could just as easily been singing the second chorus of "Oh Susanna"! It rained all night and into the day we shot so the weather most certainly was not dry!

The shooting started promptly at 9:30 with a total of 5 good shooters, 2 kibitzers and one coffee maker.

Tony Yaklich handled making the coffee while Dave Dolliver and yours truly did our best to fill the gaps in shooting with our witty repartee. (At least, we thought so...)

The field started at 25 yards with the big "X" target for 5 shots, then shot 10 shots at the double buffalo at 50 yards, and rounded out the match with 5 more shots at the single bullseye buffalo. That bullseye at 100 yards is mighty small!

Shooters Bob DeLisle, Adam Sampson, Frank Ponceroff, and Scott Isom all started the "X" target with guns blazing. Don was using his just-finished flintlock, "full-auto" pistol. Both Don and Scott fell by the way side, leaving Bob, Adam and Frank to battle it out for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, and that is just how they finished! Bob DeLisle posted a 160 for 1st place. Adam Sampson listed in at 152x for 2nd place and Frank Ponceroff scored 136xx for 3rd. Scott Isom had a good score of 46xx on the "X" target but did not finish.

The sun came out briefly as we adjourned to the warming shack for our meeting, which lasted until 10:59.

Now, here's wishing you all a very Merry Christmas along with hopes of seeing you all next year.

MATCH RESULTS:

Name	25	50	100	Total
1. Bob DeLisle	46	77	37	160
2. Adam Sampson	48X	76	28	152X
3. Frank Ponceroff	47XX	79	10	136XX
4. Scott Isom	46XX	-	-	46XX
5. Don Kerr	-	-	-	0



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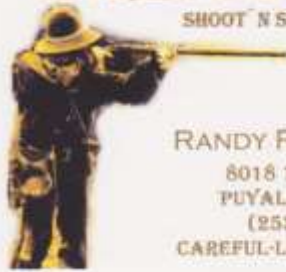
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**WSMA Booth at Puyallup Sportsmen's Show
Volunteer List**

Please contact Mike Moran at michael.moran248@gmail.com to volunteer. We need a minimum of three people per shift, more are certainly welcome!

Tues 26 Jan (set up - time TBD)

1. Mike Moran
2. Bill Daly
- 3.

Wednesday, 27 January

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| 12:00 to 4:00 (4 hrs) | 4:00 to 8:00 (4 hrs) |
| 1. Mike Moran | 1. Mark Curtis |
| 2. Randy Scuka | 2. |
| 3. Nina Baker | 3. |
| 4. Boyd Phillips | |
| 5. Coffee Pot | |

Thursday, 28 January

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| 12:00 to 4:00 (4 hrs) | 4:00 to 8:00 (4 hrs) |
| 1. Mike Moran | 1. Mike Moran |
| 2. Bill Sick | 2. Dakota Nash |
| 3. | 3. Jenn Gray |

Friday, 29 January

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| 12:00 to 4:00 (4 hrs) | 4:00 to 8:00 (4 hrs) |
| 1. Mike Moran | 1. Mike Moran |
| 2. Mike Nesbitt | 2. Mike Nesbitt |
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| 4. | 4. |

Saturday, 30 January

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| 10:00 to 3:00 (5 hrs) | 3:00 to 8:00 (5 hrs) |
| 1. Mike Moran | 1. Mike Moran |
| 2. Randy Scuka | 2. Terry Gadberry |
| 3. Nina Baker | 3. Renita Foust |
| 4. Jim Haeckel | 4. |

Sunday, 31 January

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| 10:00 to 4:00 (4 hrs) | 4:00 to 8:00 (4 hrs) |
| 1. Mike Moran | 1. Mike Moran |
| 2. Allen Tresch | 2. Dakota Nash |
| 3. | 3. Jenn Gray |
| 4. | 4. |