

Washington State Muzzleloader's Association

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WSMA Election Results

We had a great turnout at the ballot box this year at the Cascade Mountain Men's Gun Show this year! Early exit polling showed that most of the incumbents would be re-elected. When the ballots were tallied the results showed the new slate of officers for 2016:

President:	Mike Moran	
Vice President:	Bill Daly	Best Ronly went to:
Secretary/Treasurer:	Mike Nesbitt	Paul Bunyan Plainmen
Event's Booshway:	Pete Strobel	
Director (West):	Steve Hohnstein	
Director (East):	Vacant	

The Director positions are for a two year term. Director (West) BO Brown and Director (East) Gary Sheets will remain in office until next year. Director Steve Cole will remain as he is Past President. A special thanks to Don Kerr for his term as WSMA Vice President in 2015, even though we lost him he remains very active in the Evergreen Muzzleloaders, Puget Sound Free Trappers, and the Washington Historical Gunmaker's Guild.

Fundraising Banquet

The annual WSMA Fundraising Banquet was a great success again this year, meeting our fundraising goals! Held at the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club on April 9th, it featured a wonderful meal prepared by our very own ladies of Women's Primitive Skills. Many prizes were donated by the traders at the Monroe Gun Show, but many others were provided by some of our local members, including several pieces of artwork from Dave Dolliver's collection he donated to the organization.



Jo Saylor's made the quilt shown in the picture, but unlike last year, Mark Curtis didn't have to suffer through watching his wife Linda outbid everyone for it. At the last minute, the bid was stolen away, but Mark and Linda contributed on many other items in the live auction. There was a good bit of spirited competition, and many great items to choose from.

Thanks to all the folks who made the event happen, it wouldn't work without everyone owning a piece of it and making it work. Through better planning we were able to reduce the ticket prices and our operating costs, and through the generosity of all the people present we were able to raise enough to support all of our youth programs for 2016!

Fort Walla Walla Days - A letter from the Program Manager

Dear Michael,

I hope this finds you well. I just wanted to reach out to see if you have any association members that are interested in coming out to Fort Walla Walla Days. We would love to have you here! If you have any questions or would like some re-enactor applications I would be happy to pass them along. I look forward to hearing from you!

Best wishes and warmest regards,

Abby

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TRADE GUN FROLIC, 2016 by Mike Nesbitt

The annual WSMA Trade Gun Frolic was, once again, the most fun of all of our muzzleloading matches and get-to-gathers. It has the most variety with paper targets, trailwalk, and the flying clays, plus some fun and interesting "after-aggregate" novelty matches so there is a lot to do, a very active doin's. In addition to that, the weather was simply gorgeous, we couldn't have asked for better weather to hold such a doin's. In fact, this year's Trade Gun Frolic was in many ways the best of all, and all eight of the shooters who participated will agree because the only way to make it any better at all would be to have more shooters.

Bill Iliff rode up from Oregon, for the first time in at least a couple of years, and I think he came back mainly to get revenge. He got it too! Bill was our top shooter and he took medals in every event except for the trailwalk, where he was only one hit behind. Good shootin', Bill!

Having the small number of shooters didn't diminish the action at all and those of us who were there certainly had a great time. These few pictures can't show all that went on or all who were there.

We should mention and give thanks to Joker Joe Pesek for handling the registrations, even although he wasn't very busy... And Scott Isom was camped at this doin's, bein' a great help by running the 5-Stand for our flying clays. (Actually, Scott never did catch on, on how to push the button for a clay that I could hit.) Maybe by next year Scott will have gotten more good practice.

More good practice is the real key, of course. With only eight shooters, half of them are mentioned in the winners' list. The other three shooters, who might join me in getting more practice, were Mike Holeman, DeWayne Pritchett, and Ralph Birmingham. You should join us next year, just to see if Bill wins again.

Trade Gun Frolic Results

<u>Aggregate:</u>	1 st Bill Iliff	2 nd , Adam Sampson	3 rd , Don Kerr
<u>Paper targets:</u>	1 st , Don Kerr	2 nd , Bill Iliff	3 rd , Adam Sampson
<u>Trailwalk:</u>	1 st , Don Kerr	2 nd , Adam Sampson	3 rd , Bob DeLisle
<u>Flying Clays:</u>	1 st Bill Iliff	2 nd , Adam Sampson	3 rd . Don Kerr



Top Shooter, Bill Iliff



Bob DeLisle on the trailwalk



Adam Sampson takes aim in the paper match



Bill Iliff makes a good shot on a flying clay target

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Make check payable to WSMA and mail to PO Box 2913, Olympia, WA 98507

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