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2019 WSMA Fundraising Banquet by Mike Moran

*"Happy birthday to you. Happy birthday to you,
Happy Birthday dear Bob, Happy birthday to you."*

This year's fundraising banquet for the WA State Muzzleloader's Association happened to fall on Bob Tresch's birthday, so after the Pledge of Allegiance and a blessing by Bill Daly, we wished Bob a happy 85th. We had 116 singers in attendance at the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club and it filled the hall with joy. The banquet was held on Saturday, March 23rd, 2019.

A small crew was on hand early in the day to get things set up and ready. Cindy Riggs and Renita Foust prepared all the food again this year, putting on a wonderful Italian meal of lasagna, chick pea salad, and a variety of breads. Kathy "Smokin'" Vanarsdale made the hors d'oeuvres and desserts. She also set the head table. "Set" is really an understatement, she created a work of art, and the folks from the Bremerton Brigade thoroughly enjoyed sitting at it this year. Several of the ladies from Women's Primitive Skills and several WSMA board members were on hand to set up



tables, decorate, and help run the event.

The success of this event is a direct result of the generosity of our members and traders who donate the items for the auction. A majority of the items come from the traders at the Gun Show in Monroe, which is hosted by the Cascade Mountain Men. Jerry Jazbec is the President of that fine club and he continues the longstanding relationship and support between the CMM gun show and the WSMA banquet. We even picked up a few new traders as WSMA members at the show. Another great organization is the Bremerton Brigade, whose members not only prepared the meal this year, but the Brigade picked up all the food costs. And we should never forget the very talented local craftsmen who make and donate such wonderful things that support our cause.

Happy hour got started at 5:00 and so did the fun and games. Don Freelove and Jayme Haeckel ran the Dice Game, where you got six rolls to see how many "sixes" you could accumulate. The prize this year was a very nice .44 cal A. Hunkler percussion pistol. By the end of the night we had a tie between Doug "Bad Wind" Kitchens and Terry Gadberry, each with a score of 10 sixes. A tie breaking roll was conducted and Terry took home the pistol. While that was going on Bill Daly was hawking his playing cards for a chance at the Rifle Raffle. This year's prize was a .54 cal half stock percussion rifle. Bill likes to conduct "raffle aerobics" where everyone with a card stands up, then he starts whittling down the competitors until only one remains with the other half of the winning playing card. This year it would go to Mike Moran.

At 6:00 pm sharp dinner was ready, so after the pledge and the blessing we made our way to the serving lines. The head table always goes first, and although it was hard for them to pull themselves away from their own special hors d'oeuvres and drinks, they made their way up. Cindy had



Karla Hillberg, Renita Foust, and Cindy Riggs preparing the meal

requested that we go table by table so there would not be a big crowd at the serving lines, and surprisingly everyone complied, which is unusual when such good food is being served. While everyone ate and the games continued, Mike Moran, the WSMA President, talked about the good year the organization has had, introduced the new board members (which look astonishingly like the old board members) and stated that once again we were able to give over \$4,500 in support of Youth Grants. Steve Hohnstein, one of the WSMA Directors, brought the WPS ladies up and presented them with a check for \$200 to sponsor four women to their women-only rendezvous. That brings us to the auction.

Mark Curtis called the bids again this year as auctioneer and kept the party going for the next two hours. There were too many nice items to list all of them, but there were a few that stood out. Steve Skillman had a nice scrimshawed horn with a Liberty motif, Smokin' donated a leather

dress and moccasins she'd made, Bill Gruner from Velent's Forge donated an .85 cal swivel cannon, and there was also a very nice rifle made by Tim Sampson for Dave Perry, who passed away last year.

Through everyone's generosity, we will again be able to support all of our Youth Grant requests to keep those young folks interested in the joys of muzzleloading. Thanks to all who attended and helped make this a very successful, fun event again this year. Our reservation is in for Saturday, March 28th, 2020 so mark your calendars for next year.

Membership Renewals

Our membership year ends on December 31st, so it's time to renew. Our by-laws allow a 90 day grace period and many folks take advantage of that and pay at the CMM gun show when they buy their Banquet Tickets. But why wait? It's as easy as filling out the renewal form and popping it in the mail. Renewal costs remain the same: \$10 for individuals, \$15 for families, and \$20 for traders. There are a number of you who have missed renewing last year and some the year before that. Let's get things up to date.

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ANNUAL TRADE GUN FROLIC

APRIL 27, 2019

Hosted by the Evergreen Muzzleloaders



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Now a one-day event! Trade Gun Frolic includes shooting at paper, gongs on trailwalk, and the flying (or rolling) clays from the 5-Stand. Be prepared for round ball shooting and for shots with birdshot. We will also be shooting at paper targets on the black powder range. The gongs and metal targets on the trailwalk might include some new ones that have not been used before. And we might have "after aggregate matches" in addition to the shooting done for the Trade Gun Frolic events.

Bonus points for primitive attire. Ladies, bring your trade guns!

Again we're asking for primitive blanket prizes which will be awarded to all participating shooters based on aggregate scores, in addition to the WSMA medals (which go only to the top three shooters in each class). If you would like to participate and receive a blanket prize, please donate a handmade prize of your own to go on the blanket.

In addition, the black powder range will be available for trying new guns on paper targets if a shooter wants to see where the gun is hitting. Also shot loads can be patterned.

Trade Guns must be smoothbore, flintlocks, simple trigger, with no rear sights.

- **Registration begins at 9:00 on Saturday, April 27, 2019**
- **Registration Fees: Adult Shooter - \$15, Junior - \$6**
- **Camping Fee: \$5 per night (primitive), RV hook-up \$15 per night**

WSMA MEDALS AWARDED FOR ALL CLASSES IN AGGREGATE.

To find Evergreen Sportsman's Club (360-357-9080) take Exit 95 from I-5 and go west 4 miles to Littlerock. Go straight through Littlerock to Mima Road. Turn left and head south for 1.2 miles to Bordeaux Road. Turn to the west again and go 6/10s of a mile to turn right on Marksman Road, leading you straight into the sportsman's club. Sign-up and registration is done right on the range.

TRADERS WELCOME!!

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Segundo: Mike Nesbitt
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COME ONE COME ALL !!!!

**1st ANNUAL SNARLING BADGER
GRUB SHOOT/RENDEZVOUS**

The Bremerton Brigade & WSMA are proud to announce that the 1st Annual Snarling Badger Grub Shoot/Rendezvous will be May 3, 4, & 5, 2019 at the Poulsbo Sportsman Club. Primitave camps are available as are spots for tin teepees.

Shoots will include:

A combined team pistol/rifle shoot. Grub and WSMA 1st, 2nd, & 3rd metals will be awarded.

An 80ish yard 3 shot paper target shoot. You can shoot this free hand or use the shooting bench provided or standing on your head if you want. WSMA 1st, 2nd, 3rd medals.

Steak shoot. 1st place wins a LARGE steak and 2nd wins medium steak. Everybody walks back to camp empty handed.

Hawk & Knife is also a team event (same team members as the fort shoot). WSMA 1st 2nd & 3rd medals.

Archery is an individual event for WSMA medals.

The candle shoot is for the winning\$.

Trade gun shoot for WSMA medals.

There will be a FREE stew & bread & salad & whatever shows up. Our own Terry Gadberry will be in charge of whatever canoe paddle he can find to stir it all day long.

There will also be a Dutch Oven Dessert Cook Off Saturday evening with judging just before dinner starts.

I hope to see some new faces and of course old faces at the rendezvous. It WILL be a fun weekend.

Stitch (Steve) Hohnstein
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2019 UPCOMING EVENTS

- 27 APR TRADE GUN FROLIC, EVERGREEN SPORTSMEN'S CLUB
- 3-5 MAY SNARLING BADGER RENDEZVOUS, BREMERTON
- 2-5 MAY WHGG HORN & ACCOUTREMENTS FAIR, LITTLEROCK
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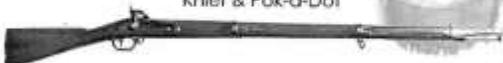


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