

WASHINGTON STATE MUZZLELOADER'S ASSOCIATION

December 2023 Journal

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President's Note - New Year's Eve

As 2023 ends and 2024 begins, I look back to the fun times that we had at different rendezvous', primitive camps, and shootings events. It is extremely exciting to have another year of more camping, shooting, and re-enacting, but mostly to continue growing in my knowledge/skills and relationships. We have numerous opportunities to share our sport with other people, and we need volunteers for all of the events!

Washington Sportsman's Show - January 31- February 4 2024. Washington State Fairgrounds, Puyallup, WA. Volunteers will man the WSMA booth in half day shifts. Free entry at the Will Call Gate (Please let Mike Moran know, he will send in the names prior to the event for free entry). Most importantly, we have a great opportunity to talk with many people that may not know that they are future Buckskinners.

Cascade Mountain Men Trade Show – March 9-10 2024. Enumclaw Expo Center, Enumclaw, WA. Volunteers will be at the WSMA table; they will talk to the public about membership, rendezvous', and other events throughout the year.

Washington State Muzzleloaders Fund Raiser Banquet – March 23, 2024. Tacoma Sportsmen's Club, Puyallup, WA. Volunteers are needed throughout the event, Setup, assisting with various games and the auction, most importantly come out and have fun while supporting our organization.

Elections are Coming Up. Another opportunity to help our organization. Consider holding a position and making a difference in our community. Talk to one of board members and we will be happy to explain what is involved.

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season and are looking forward to this year as much as I am.

Steve Cole

WSMA President

Youth Grant Applications

Event Booshways-get your applications in for the 2024 WSMA Youth Grants. Grants will be evaluated on a first come, first served basis, and remember, we love to get pictures and stories of the kids in action.

2024 Washington Sportsmen's Show 31 January-4 February

The annual Sportsmen's Show at the Puyallup Fairgrounds is right around the corner. We'll have the WSMA booth there to advertise our sport to all the sportsmen's around. It's a good time for **Booshways to get event flyers out!** We need volunteers to man the booth, with the same great deal as before – work a half day shift, get in to see the show for free. See the schedule at the end of the journal to sign up.



JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 4, 2024

WED - FRI: 12NOON - 8PM	WASHINGTON STATE FAIR
SATURDAY: 10AM - 8PM	EVENTS CENTER
SUNDAY: 10AM - 4PM	PUYALLUP, WA

2024 Calendar Updates

Please check the schedule on the website to ensure your event dates and contact info are correct. Send your club rendezvous flyers to michael.moran248@gmail.com for upload to the website calendar.

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| 28 JAN | WSMA SILHOUETTE SHOOT, PAUL BUNYAN R&S CLUB, PUYALLUP, WA |
| 1-5 FEB | WA SPORTSMEN'S SHOW, WESTERN WA FAIRGROUNDS, PUYALLUP, WA |
| 16-18 FEB | RAIN-DEE-VOO, CAPITOL CITY R&P CLUB, LITTLEROCK, WA |
| 9-10 MAR | CASCADE MOUNTAIN MEN GUN SHOW, ENUMCLAW, WA |
| 23 MAR | WSMA FUNDRAISING BANQUET, TACOMA SPORTSMEN'S CLUB, PUYALLUP, WA |

2023 Plainsmen Christmas Shoot

It was a little hard to tell how much smoke our muzzleloaders were making with the fog on the range, but for sure we made a pile of money for Toys for Tots. It was our annual Christmas Toys for Tots fundraising shoot and Dakota Tew, our Marine Reserve representative for the program took away \$1,540 and a table full of toys for families in need.

The shoot itself was put on by Bill Sick and consisted of two paper bullseye targets with five shots on each, then a variety of novelty targets for the remaining ten shots. These included tongue depressors, dixie cups, lollipops, candy canes. and a steel gong in the



Those tongue depressors, dixie cups, lollipops and candy canes sure look small out at 25 yards.



Dave Rase and Doug "Bad Wind" Kitchens on the firing line.

shape of a Christmas stocking. All were hung at 25 yards, with the stocking gong just a bit further. After the safety meeting and setting up the targets the shooting commenced. Those first few shots were through cold barrels as the temperature was just below freezing, but the sun worked its way over the trees and eventually things warmed up.

The scoring was straight forward. Bill provided a card for each shooter to keep track of his hits and what each was worth. The paper targets were scored according to the printed rings, and as we usually do there were bonus points for period

attire. While the scores were being tallied, Chip Kormas brought out his candy cane pistol for an after match for those interested. Since this was a fund raiser, in lieu of a shooter's fee we collected donations, either cash or toys. Then, to help boost the pot, a raffle was held. Dave Rase donated a belt axe with curly maple handle he made, and Steve Skillman made a North Carolina style banded powder horn. There was also a woven sash and some more powder horns for the prizes.

The scores were announced, and the shooters came up in turn to pick their prizes. The Plainsmen had wrapped all the prizes at their Christmas party a few days before, so all prizes were



Dakota Tew measures out his powder for the next shot.



These fine items were made and donated to help raise money for Toys for Tots.

picked “blind” from under the Christmas tree. Bob Wendt, the Paul Bunyan Treasurer, came out to collect the money and write a check on behalf of the club and **when Dakota left, he took \$20,000 and a truck full of toys, compliments of all the shooting disciplines at Paul Bunyan.** A very Merry Christmas indeed.

The new muzzleloading pistol trail will be open Thursday afternoons and on Sunday, January 14th from 10-2 and the next monthly shoot will be WSMA Silhouette shoot on January 28th.

Results:

123	Steve Richard	95-X	Brian Wissner	77	Jerry Mayo
103	Mike Nesbitt	95	Dave Rase	72	Ray Ramirez
102-X	Bob DeLisle	95	Wayne Noll	70	Mike Holeman
99	Tim Klima	92	Dwayne Anderson	53	Dakota Tew
98-X	Cody Mehr	84	Jim Haeckel	29	Chip Kormas
96-X	Paul Nelson	79	Jim Hillberg	5	Mike Moran
96	Lawrence Saltarelli	78-X	Doug Kitchens		

Membership Renewal Time

It’s that time of year again to renew your membership with the WSMA. Just complete the form attached and send it in with a check and keep your membership active. It’s still just \$10 for an individual, \$15 for families, or \$20 for traders.

Pilgrim Medals

We found a source for more Pilgrim Medals and they are on their way! Club Booshways, if you have folks who need them, contact Mike Moran at michael.moran248@gmail.com to arrange to get some.



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APPLICATION TO JOIN WSMA

New Renew

____ ____ Individual Annual Dues (\$10.00)
____ ____ Family Annual Dues (\$15.00) (Head of house, spouse, children under 18, still living at home)
____ ____ Club Annual Dues (\$10.00)
____ ____ Trader Annual Dues (\$20.00). Business Name: _____

Make check payable to WSMA, mail to 6536 Fawcett Ave, Tacoma, WA 98408

Name: _____ Club: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Newsletters will be sent by email unless requested otherwise.

AREAS OF INTEREST AND PREFERENCES

Primitive: _____ Flint Rifle: _____

Target: _____ Perc. Rifle: _____

Hunting: _____ Pistol: _____

Historical: _____ Shotgun: _____

Trader: _____ Trade Gun: _____

Gun Maker: _____ Appraisal: _____

WSMA Booth at Puyallup Sportsmen's Show 2024 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!

Wednesday, 31 January

12:00 to 4:00 (4 hrs)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

4:00 to 8:00 (4 hrs)

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- 3.

Thursday, 1 February

12:00 to 4:00 (4 hrs)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

4:00 to 8:00 (4 hrs)

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- 2.
- 3.

Friday, 2 February

12:00 to 4:00 (4 hrs)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

4:00 to 8:00 (4 hrs)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Saturday, 3 February

10:00 to 3:00 (5 hrs)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

3:00 to 8:00 (5 hrs)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Sunday, 4 February

10:00 to 1:00 (3 hrs)

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- 2.
- 3.

1:00 to 4:00 (3 hrs)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



WSMA Silhouette Shoot

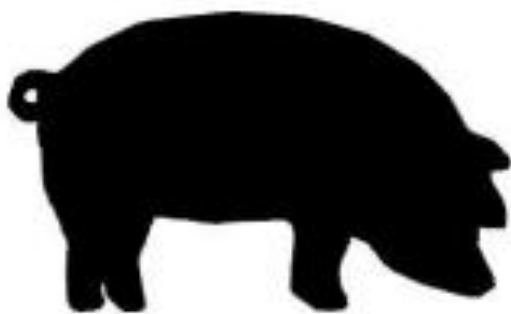
Sunday January 28th, 2024

Paul Bunyan Rifle & Sportsmen's Club

4 animals, 4 distances, 4 chances.

Shooter's meeting starts at 9:30 am

Rifle only. 16 Shots, Match fee \$10.



Puget Sound Free Trappers

Invite you to

Rain Dee Voo

FEBRUARY 16th,17th and 18th 2024



Rifle Trail (Clothing bonus) Pistol Trail, Trade Gun Trail, Knife & 'Hawk Trail, Primitive Archery Trail
Prize for Top Mountain Man/Top Mountain Woman competing in all five (5) events

- Heated Indoor Trading Post (Traders may setup Thursday evening after 8pm).
- Above ground fires required. Be prepared.
- Aggregate: Rifle, plus Archery or Knife & 'Hawk combined.
- Aggregate Prize Blanket
- Dutch Oven Cook-off (Outdoor Preparation), Main Dish and Dessert Categories.

Fees and such

Shooters: Men/Women Aggregate	\$27.00 plus blanket prize (\$15 value)
Junior Shooters (ages 12-17)	\$6.00
Single Event Participation	\$ 12.00
Camping (Each Camp, for the event)	\$11.00 Prize for best primitive camp

Friday (2/16) All trails open at 1:00 pm.

Saturday (2/17) All trails open at 9:00 am, last start 3:00 pm.

Dutch oven cook-off, all entrees must be in by 5:45 pm for judging. Potluck dinner follows at 6:00 pm.

Sunday (2/18) Trails open 9:00 am, last start at 10:00 am, **All score cards in by noon!**

Awards ceremony at 2:00 pm.

Directions: Exit 95 from I-5, go west 3.5 miles to Littlerock, South (left)
1.5 miles on Littlerock Road, turn left and uphill into Capitol City Rifle and Pistol Club
(14318 Littlerock Rd SW, 98512)

Booshway Josh Brown

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Segundo Derek Sotelo

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Trade Chief Kerry Sotelo

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