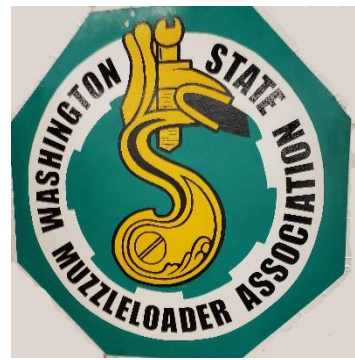


WASHINGTON STATE MUZZLELOADER'S ASSOCIATION

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President's Letter

I am looking forward to meeting with you, the members of the WSMA as we begin meeting more frequently at rendezvous', monthly shoots, and on a new platform; "The Fireside Forum". This will be a Q&A section of the journal where you can let your voice be heard. My intention is to open up dialogue between the more advanced/knowledgeable members and those new to our sport.

As with any forum there are guidelines that must be followed:

- 1) No personal attacks against other contributors. Critiquing ideas and opinions is encouraged to promote sharing knowledge. I know that we have literally hundreds of years of experience between our membership, lets share it in a fun, civil way.
- 2) Our organization is apolitical. Therefore, any submissions to the "Forum" will pertain to our sport and the skills associated with it. (i.e. Lets focus on the 18th and 19th century and leave the 21st century to fend for itself)

These are the basic guidelines put in place to promote conversation and education about muzzleloading and reenacting. I look forward to your involvement in this new way (for us) to communicate with you. I will do my best to post your questions and comments in the journal as quickly as possible.

Send your submissions to rondydoc@yahoo.com

We reserve the right to refuse posting any submissions that don't follow the guidelines.

If your submission is too long to put in the forum, I will contact you to ask your permission to modify it for space maintaining the content or make it an article for the journal, if appropriate.

Ultimately, the intent is to have a good time while sharing the information that we have gained through our shared experiences.

Bremerton Brigade Snarlin' Badger tops previous grub shoot

by Rich Glynn, 2021 Booshway, Bremerton Brigade

POULSBO – Bremerton Brigade's third annual Snarlin' Badger Grub Shoot brought 16 shooters to the Black Powder Range of the Poulsbo Sportsman Club April 30 to May 2. The 2019 grub shoot boasted 12 shooters.

The event, which features a team rifle and pistol fort shoot, and hawk & knife team effort, was supported by the Washington State Muzzleloaders Association. Four teams of four shooters competed for bragging rights, WSMA medals and a bag of grub per shooter.

Individual competitors won steaks in the Stake Shoot, earned cash in the Archery Shoot Out, and an "evening" Candle Shoot, where the youngest shooter, Isabelle "Snuffer" Lumadue won the Candle Shoot by default by scaring away the competition with her previous Candle Shoot win at the Brigade's annual rendezvous a couple of years ago.

The next doings from the Bremerton Brigade is its 2021 Annual Rendezvous Aug. 6-8 at the Black Powder Range, Poulsbo Sportsman Club.

2021 UPCOMING EVENTS

- 21-23 MAY** **WOMEN'S PRIMITIVE SKILLS, PAUL BUNYAN R&S CLUB, PUYALLUP, WA**
- 28-31 MAY** **PAUL BUNYAN PLAINSMEN RENDEZVOUS, PUYALLUP, WA**
- 4-6 JUN** **SPOKANE FALLS ML MOUNTAIN MAN & LONG HUNTER RENDEZVOUS**
- 4-6 JUN** **48TH ANNUAL INTERLAKE MOUNTAIN MEN RENDEZVOUS SEDRO WOOLEY, WA**

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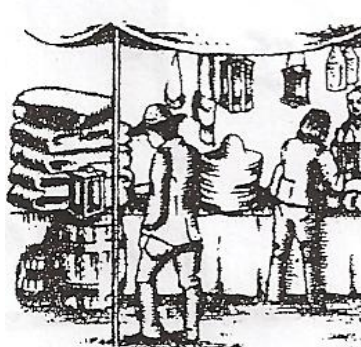
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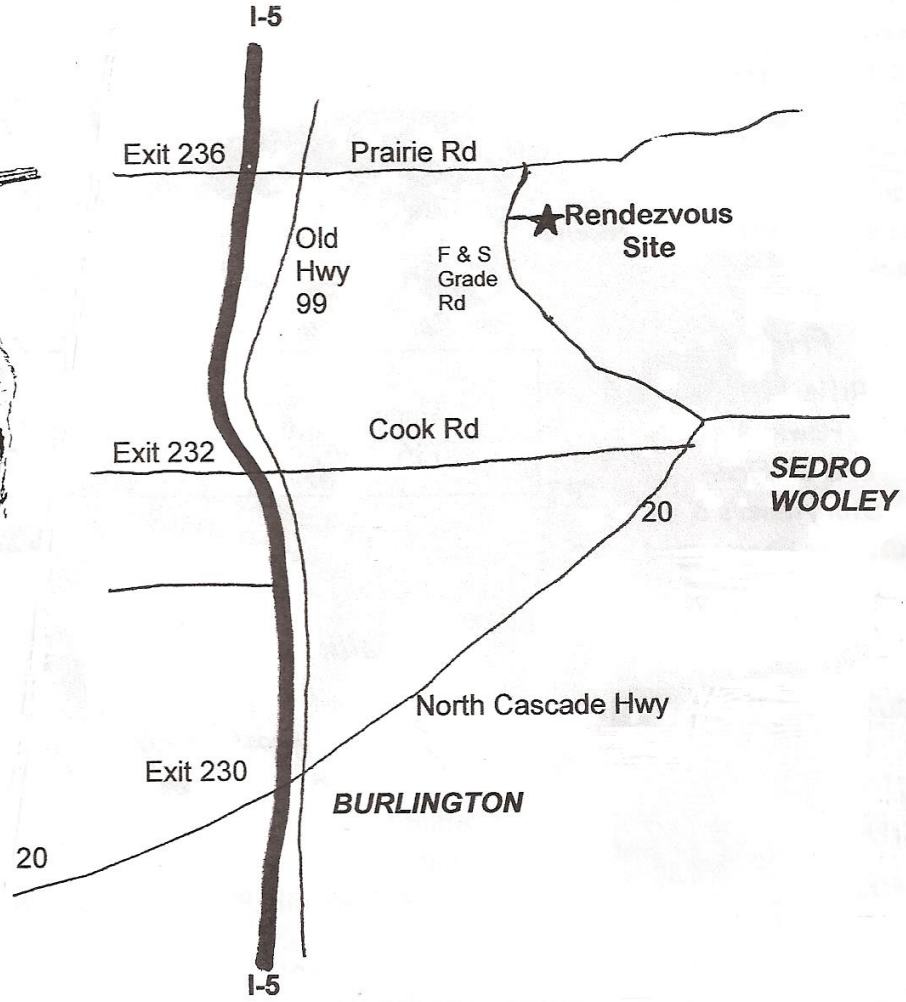
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Getting Started in Reenacting, A Simple Guide

By Steven Cole

Like almost everything else involving our sport/hobby/passion, if you ask ten people how to accomplish a task; you will receive eight reasonable ideas (all similar), three radical and potentially dangerous ideas, and one “You’re not right in the head” idea.

I will attempt to stay with the “Sane 8” in this article. My focus will be on assisting new people to our craft to not make the same mistakes that I did when I first started. I really liked Bob Ross but most of my missteps were not “happy little accidents”

When starting you need to consider building a persona based on the time period that you are interested in, the occupation for your persona, and what geographic location your persona came from.

There are a number of practical reasons to do this:

- 1) You can do research on a very specific person. This helps you select your clothing, gear, shelter, and the all important firearm/weapons.
- 2) You gain a better understanding of daily life of an 18th/early 19th century person.
- 3) As you develop your character, you can learn skills from that time period.
- 4) You will find people with similar interests that can teach you the aforementioned skills

I strongly advise that you do not make your first big purchase a firearm. I did just that and then realized that it was not the right time period, right for my persona, and since I bought it used; it had issues that I had no idea how to overcome.

I still own that rifle and have learned it’s idiosyncrasies and now let beginning muzzleloader shooters use it to learn how to load, fire, and maintain a black powder firearm. I don’t use it at historical reenactments as it is too modern (percussion cap Hawken) for a 1750s/60s long hunter.

The best thing to work on building in my opinion is your clothing and gear. They tend to be the least expensive, easiest to find (refer to all of the reenactors that weren't initially specific in the "stuff" that they bought), and helps you feel a part of the event.

The next purchase should be your shelter and camp gear. There is a wide variety of tents/shelters to choose from. You need to seriously think about what type of shelter works for you, your family, and your camping buddies. I purchased a 12'X12' diamond thinking that would be "perfect" for my wife, three kids, and myself plus all of our gear. After the first family adventure, my wife and two of my kids decided that they had pressing business to attend to whenever a rendezvous was scheduled. My third child (the favorite) stuck it out for a few more events then he too decided that I needed to experience the solitary life of a long hunter. The moral of the story, if you want it to be a family bonding experience, make it comfortable for them too.

Look around online, at events, and with people that have similar interests and family dynamics before making your purchase.

Lastly, you finally get to look for your firearm and shooting supplies. I have already touched on this so I won't belabor the issue. Just understand that this will probably be your largest single investment in reenacting. Choose it like you would a new vehicle; Appearance, Ease of Handling, Price Range, and does it truly fit your time period and persona.

I look forward to comments, recommendations, and feedback from other members of the organization.

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