

# WASHINGTON STATE MUZZLELOADER'S ASSOCIATION

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## REMEMBERING BOB GIETZ

By Mike Nesbitt



With great sadness and an incredible feeling of loss, it's time to take a moment to remember Bob Gietz, an incredible member of the CCR&P Club who recently passed away. Bob was one of those people who almost everybody knew and everyone who knew him could have a different story to tell. For the most part, Bob was more of an organizer than a shooter and he ran the black powder matches, both muzzleloading and cartridge, as both the match director and the RSO for several years. Bob was a leading force in organizing the Old West Centerfire matches and, in fact, it was he who gave those matches their name. Bob's leadership and talents at organization were also seen at the annual

Rain-Dee-Voo and in the Spring Hunt which was our way of introducing muzzleloading, archery, and tomahawk throwing to the local Boy Scouts. We also saw Bob 'running the show' at several of the shoots at Tenino.

We can certainly agree that Bob was an organizer and, in fact, he did so much for the black powder matches, again both muzzleloading and cartridge, that when he had to bow out, due to health issues, no one else really knew what to do. It was a struggle filling the void that Bob had left, even when he was still available to give us guidance over the telephone.

The club recognized Bob's efforts several years ago and he was awarded a life-time membership. Our black powder cartridge shooters also recognized Bob's devotion to our sport and to our club and had a special green blanket coat made for him, which he is wearing in the photo to the right. The Sharps rifle over his shoulder was borrowed for the picture.

Bob was also a craftsman and he was a student



under Dave Dolliver when he built some muzzleloading rifles for himself. One of the best remembered is the .40 caliber percussion rifle which he used in match competition at CCR&P and other clubs.

In addition to those activities, Bob was also very active in the Washington State Muzzleloading Association and had the job of supplying the member muzzleloading clubs with the WSMA medals for shooting awards. So there are many corners to the void he leaves behind.

Perhaps Bob's most memorable trait is how practical he was. He could look at a situation and most always find a solution that would satisfy everyone. That practicality, as well as his blend of courage, stayed with him right to the end. When he went into the hospital for the last time, he had the understanding that it would be his last time, as he told a few of his friends.

Will Ulry was one of his good friends who was able to visit with him on his last day. Will's visit was drawing to an end so he stood to leave Bob's side. Bob reached out for a final handshake, with a firm and genuine grip, saying, "I'll see you on the other side."

Let's hope we all meet Bob again, on the other side....

## **TED HOGLAND'S PASSING**

Bob Brock reported to me that Ted Hogland passed away on Oct 7<sup>th</sup>. Ted was a rare individual. He retired as a Captain in the Fire Department. He loved the history of our sport and attended rondes in many states. He hunted regularly and harvested his share of elk and deer. I hunted a few times with him.

-Will Ulry

### **2023 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](mailto:michael.moran248@gmail.com) for upload to the website calendar.



## **2023 UPCOMING EVENTS**

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|------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1-5 FEB</b>   | <b>WASHINGTON SPORTSMEN'S SHOW, PUYALLUP, WA</b>   |
| <b>11-12 MAR</b> | <b>CASCADE MOUNTAIN MEN GUN SHOW, ENUMCLAW, WA</b> |
| <b>25 MAR</b>    | <b>WSMA FUNDRAISING DINNER, PUYALLUP, WA</b>       |




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