

WASHINGTON STATE MUZZLELOADER'S ASSOCIATION

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Winter Quarters

I love these cold days in January, and this year we've seen cold, clear, and crisp weather. Which always gets me thinking about winter camping. But when I can't get outside, I usually always get to working on a project or two. This winter, a new pair of rabbit fur mittens and a pair of buckskin and buffalo mukluks were added to the inventory. Working on them helps keep the next monthly shoot and rendezvous in mind, and they've worked quite well keeping my fingers and toes warm while walking the dogs on these frosty mornings. It's one of my favorite times of the year.

Winter was one of the favorite seasons for the mountain men well. Joe Meek gave this account of the mountain man's winter quarters.



"This was the occasion when the mountain-men "lived fat" and enjoyed life a season of plenty, of relaxation, of amusement, of acquaintanceship with all the company of gayety, and of, "busy idleness." Through the day hunting parties were coming and going, men were cooking, drying meat, making moccasins, cleaning their arms, wrestling, playing games and in short everything that an isolated community of hardy men could resort to for occupation was resorted to the mountaineers. Nor was there wanting in the appearance of the camp, the variety and that picturesque air

imparted by a mingling of the element for what with their Indian allies, their native wives and numerous children. The mountaineers camp was a motley assemblage, and the trappers with their affectation of Indian coxcombry [conceited dandy] the least picturesque individuals."

So as you practice your "busy idleness" this winter, take stock of your gear, fix up what you can, and make your list of supplies to pick up from the traders. The Cascade Mountain Men's annual gun show is coming up soon in March, where the biggest assembly of traders this side of the Mississippi gathers to sell their wares. We'll see you there!

Mike Moran
President, WSMA

Puyallup Sportsmen's Show

Thanks to all the volunteers who signed up to work the show. The roster is full! It's a great show, so plan to get out and see it.

Elections and Membership Renewals

It's that time of year, folks. Our membership year expired on December 31st, 2016, so it's time to dust off that checkbook and send in your renewal. You can either mail it in to the address on the renewal form, or bring it with you to the Gun Show in March.

We also have elections coming up. We'll have a WSMA meeting in February at Rain-Dee-Voo, where we will be taking nominations. The voting will occur in March and you can either mail your ballot in or drop it off at the WSMA Booth at the Cascade Mountain Men Gun Show.

Right now, all the positions are open. We will be electing a President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, an Events Booshway, and two Directors (One east side and one west side of the state). The director positions are two year terms, all others are for one year. If you want to find out more about it, contact one of the current board members or check out the by-laws on the website.

2017 Calendar Website Updates

Have an event you want to get posted to the calendar? Need to post your new flyer or registration form? You can send the info and flyers to Bob Geitz at duckfreak@q.com or Mike Moran at michael.moran248@gmail.com.

WSMA Annual Fundraising Banquet

The FUNdraising Banquet will be on Saturday, March 25th at the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club in Puyallup. This event for WSMA members and their guests helps raise the money we use to support our youth shooting events.

Craftsmen, here is your chance to showcase your talents and help with the auction. We are also looking for folks to help run events during the dinner, so if you are interested, please contact one of the board members.



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INFORMATION ON THE UPCOMING EVENTS.**

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| 25-29 JAN 2017 | WASHINGTON SPORTSMEN'S SHOW |
| 17-19 FEB 2017 | RAIN-DEE-VOO, LITTLEROCK, WA |
| 11-12 MAR 2017 | CASCADE MOUNTAIN MEN GUN SHOW, |
| MONROE, WA | |
| 25 MAR 2017 | WSMA FUNDRAISING DINNER |

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WSMA Booth at Puyallup Sportsmen's Show

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!

Every Day: Mike Moran, Harry Charowski

Wednesday, 25 January

12:00 to 4:00 (4 hrs)

1. John Abbott
2. Vern Gibson
3. Scott Isom

4:00 to 8:00 (4 hrs)

1. Mark Curtis
2. Dana Atchison
3. Clarence Atchison

Thursday, 26 January

12:00 to 4:00 (4 hrs)

1. Bill Sick
2. Mike Nesbitt
- 3.

4:00 to 8:00 (4 hrs)

1. Bill Sick
2. Dick Armstrong
3. Joe Schroeder

Friday, 27 January

12:00 to 4:00 (4 hrs)

1. Rich Downs
2. Jim Hillberg
3. Bill Daly

4:00 to 8:00 (4 hrs)

1. Terry Gadberry
2. Boyd Phillips
3. Allen Tresch

Saturday, 28 January

10:00 to 3:00 (5 hrs)

1. Ernst Schubert
2. Rick Hopkins
3. Terry Gadberry
4. Renita Foust

3:00 to 8:00 (5 hrs)

1. Dan Smith
2. Dwayne Anderson
- 3.
- 4.

Sunday, 29 January

10:00 to 4:00 (4 hrs)

1. Don Kerr
2. Randy King
3. Jerry Jazbec

4:00 to 8:00 (4 hrs)

1. Randy King
- 2.
- 3.

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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 and mail to PO Box 2913, Olympia, WA 98507

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: _____