## 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!

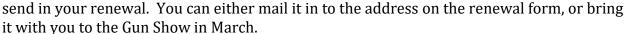
Mike Moran President, WSMA

#### 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**

 $\label{eq:continuous_state} It's \ that \ time \ of \ year, \ folks. \ Our \\ membership \ year \ expired \ on \ December \ 31^{st}, \\ 2016, \ so \ it's \ time \ to \ dust \ off \ that \ checkbook \ and \\$ 



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 <a href="mailto:duckfreak@q.com">duckfreak@q.com</a> or Mike Moran at <a href="mailto:michael.moran248@gmail.com">michael.moran248@gmail.com</a>.

#### **WSMA Annual Fundraising Banquet**

The FUNdraising Banquet will be on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 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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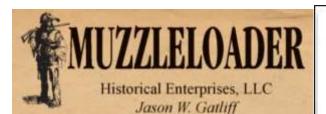
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25-29 Jan 2017 Washington Sportsmen's Show

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 <a href="michael.moran248@gmail.com">michael.moran248@gmail.com</a> to volunteer. We need a minimum of three people per shift, more are certainly welcome! **Every Day:** Mike Moran, Harry Charowski

12:00	to 4:00 (4 hrs)		4:00 to 8:00 (4 hrs)
1	John Abbott	1.	Mark Curtis
2.	Vern Gibson	2.	Dana Atchison
3.	Scott Isom	3.	Clarence Atchison
<u>Thurs</u>	day, 26 January		
12:00	to 4:00 (4 hrs)		4:00 to 8:00 (4 hrs)
1.	Bill Sick	1.	Bill Sick
2.	Mike Nesbitt	2.	Dick Armstrong
3.		3.	Joe Schroeder
Friday	y, 27 January		
	to 4:00 (4 hrs)		4:00 to 8:00 (4 hrs)
1.	Rich Downs	1.	Terry Gadberry
2.	Jim Hillberg	2.	Boyd Phillips
3.	Bill Daly	3.	Allen Tresch
Satur	day, 28 January		
	to 3:00 (5 hrs)		3:00 to 8:00 (5 hrs)
1.	Ernst Schubert	1	Dan Smith
2.	Rick Hopkins	2.	Dwayne Anderson
3.	Terry Gadberry	3.	•
4.	Renita Foust	4.	
Sundo	ay, 29 January		
10:00 to 4:00 (4 hrs)			4:00 to 8:00 (4 hrs)
1.	Don Kerr	1.	Randy King
2.	Randy King	2.	
3.	Jerry Jazbec	3.	

Wednesday, 25 January

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### **APPLICATION TO JOIN WSMA**

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	Trader:	Trade Gun:			
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