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## WSMA Fundraising Banquet and Auction March 24th

What an event! The banquet was held at the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club and once again folks were very generous in their support to the WSMA. First we had a wonderful catered meal made by our own ladies. No one walked away hungry and in fact the extra food was auctioned off. Next, we need to thank our traders, craftsmen, and others who donated items, this is the foundation of the event and the reason we can be so successful. And of course it just wouldn't have come together at all if the 100 or so of you didn't come out for the evening of fellowship and fundraising.

The main use of these funds goes to support youth shooting programs. This year we received a very nice letter from the folks at Pacific Primitive Rendezvous thanking us for the \$1,500 donation we made and outlining all the activities that were able to be done as a result. It is truly an investment in our future.

We are already booked for next year's event so mark your calendar for March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.



Some of the items for the Silent Auction

## High Spirits in the Rain: Spring Hunt 2018 By Bob Gietz

The Boy Scouts and their leaders at the 2018 Spring Hunt (Puget Sound Free Trappers' doin's) certainly had their share of April's rainy skies for this event. Held on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, at the Capital City Rifle and Pistol Club, near Littlerock, WA, the participants were treated at this doin's with local weather at its rainiest from cloudy to full-fledged drizzle. That made for some wet doin's, particularly on the Tomahawk and Archery ranges. The 35 Boy Scouts from Troops 300, 9093, 9310, 9319, 9419, & 9519 of the Timberline District, Pacific Harbors Council of BSA were ready and prepared to participate for the event at the day's start that morning.

Spring Hunts during the Rocky Mountain Fur Trade saw the return of the mountain men to the beaver streams early in the year to harvest the heavier prime pelts to be taken to the summer

rendezvous. There were no beaver to be trapped at this doin's but the Boy Scouts did have the chance to compete in some of the traditional trappers' skills. The Puget Sound Free Trappers combined with the Capitol City Bowmen hosted the competition of the skills involved with Archery, Tomahawk Throwing and Muzzle-Loading Rifle shooting. Attendance at Spring Hunt 2018 was comprised of 13 scouts from Troop 300, eight boys from Troop 9093, two from Troop 9310, three from Troop 9319, five from Troop 9419 and three scouts from Troop 9519. 18 adult parents and leaders came along with the boys to record phone camera images and even take a rifle shot or two with a flintlock rifle and bow & arrow as well.

Three groups of boys were organized to stage through the separate events; the WSMA provided medals for the top three in each category as well as a grant for shooting components and prizes with additional contributions from Sunbirds and Cabela's and cast round balls for the shooting were donated by "Loco Jeff" Ritter.

#### **Event winners were:**

**Aggregate** 1<sup>st</sup> Noah Kassab - T 300, 2<sup>nd</sup> Justin Boggs - T300, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Micah Ethell - T 9419.

**Archery:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tristan Snider - T 9419, 2<sup>nd</sup> Joel Johnson - T 300, and 3<sup>rd</sup> James McMillion - T 9093

**Tomahawk:** 1<sup>st</sup> Justin Boggs - T 300, 2<sup>nd</sup> Arlie Boggs - T 300, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tanner Matayoshi - T 9519.

**Rifle:** 1<sup>st</sup> Mosiah Tweten - T 9310, 2<sup>nd</sup> Macale Johnson - T 300, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Micah Ethell - T 9419.

WSMA Pilgrim awards for first time shooters at a Black Powder event went to twenty one of the Boy Scouts. Each shooting group also received individual prizes for selection by each of the competitors.

Support and conduct of the event would not have been possible without the work of the Puget Sound Free Trappers and Capitol City Bowmen. Early birds on Friday afternoon: Bob DeLisle, Will Ulry, Clarence Atchison, Roy Williams, Frank Ponceroff, Mike Nesbitt and Scott Isom ensured that targets and facilities were ready in ship shape.

Key people responsible for the activities were Tom Witt, Black Powder Range Director for CCRP, who coordinated Scout signup and scheduling and served as Range Master, Clarence Atchison, in charge of the Tomahawk Throw and Bob Jamison headed up the Archery instruction and competition, assisted by Dale Soost, and Mike Nesbitt. Archery equipment came from the Washington State Archery Association National "Archery in Schools" program. Don Kerr, in full traditional attire, demonstrated flintlock rifle shooting for each shooting relay. Additional workers assisting for Tomahawk; Scott Isom, and Frank Ponceroff. The Free Trappers brigade manning the rifle range was, Loaders; John Vladeff, BO Brown and JoJo McWhinney, and Line Coaches; Tom Brown, Bob DeLisle, Jerry Mayo, Tony Woore, Will Ulry and Roy Williams. Bob Gietz also served as Range Safety Officer. Rifles for the shooting competition were provided as the personal equipment of the Free Trappers.

The staff of Free Trappers and the Bowmen deserve a tremendous thank you for the generosity of their time required to put on this day-long event. Also, the WSMA receives our thank you for the medals and the youth grant which provided prizes and awards. We look forward to putting this Spring Hunt on again next year.

## THE 2018 OLALLA GRUB SHOOT

Presented by the BREMERTON BRIGADE

May 4-6 1828 was what it looked like at the Olalla Grub Shoot, which was put on by the Bremerton Brigade at the Poulsbo Sportsman's Club. There were around 18 shooters who all had a good time. Friday shooters spent time sighting in their rifles and pistols and later spent time getting caught up with old friends and spinning bigger and bigger “yarns” about what they had been doing this past year.

Saturday a shooters meeting was held in the morning where they found out that they would be shooting in teams behind what was left of their “fort”. Three man teams shot rifle and pistol from the fort in a timed event. The teams were decided by the shooters, kind of, as they blindly picked different colored “Tuits” from a bag. After they met their team members all headed out to the range.

Two forts were at the range (if you can call them that), one for rifle and one for pistol. For ten minutes the teams would furiously load and do their best at taking out the attackers which were wild animals. **(We would like to profusely thank the EVERGREEN CLUB for**



**Second Place Team: Bad Wind, Archie Silcox, Randy King**



**First Place Team: Terry Gadberry, Crow, Little Elk**

**lending us over 20 of these wild animals to shoot at!!!)** Luckily the forts were defended without too many casualties, just a few bruises to egos from malfunctioning firearms.

Later Saturday there was a stake shoot which was won by Cayoose who with his excellent hand eye coordination split the stake to win a large T-bone steak.

Saturday evening everyone met up at the gazebo for a very enjoyable dinner which was a fantastic stew cooked up by Terry Gadberry in a huge caldron on loan from Steve Cole. After dinner bags of grub were awarded to ALL

shooters even those who had the least luck at defending their forts.

Although the rendezvous was small everyone had a great time and many said the shoots were great. We hope that those who were unable to make this years rendezvous will make it next year.

Story by Stitch (Steve Hohnstein)

All photos courtesy of Rich Glen Bremerton Brigade



## TRADE GUN FROLIC By Mike Nesbitt

This year's Trade Gun Frolic was nothing like last year's, weather-wise or otherwise. This time the weather was completely on our side. Oh, it was chilly in the mornings, as the campers like DeWayne Pritchett and Lem Bartley will tell you. Dave Perry was in camp too enjoying the outing in the good weather along with his son who gained a little tomahawk practice. We had more "in attendance" than shooters, especially when we count Jeff Ritter and Bob Gietz who took care of registrations for us. All in all, we had a pretty good turn-out and some very good weather for such doin's.

We were honored by having Jessica Snow's parents, Ed and LuWayne, attending for this doin's and they came all the way from Wisconsin. I know they didn't come all this way just to shoot in the Trade Gun Frolic but they certainly didn't leave their guns at home. And Ed Snow, Jessica's father, made his shooting really stand out by taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place in two of the events.

And Jessica did very well, placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the aggregate plus taking 3<sup>rd</sup> in the flying clays. That's her on the left and I wanted to get a picture of her shooting as well as having the broken clay bird in the picture. The broken bird must be hiding in that cloud of white smoke because she made the shot good, it was a hit!



Jessica Snow with her father, Ed

Also, notice that Shay Register, who was shooting in his first Trade Gun Frolic, took a 3<sup>rd</sup> place medal for his shooting on the trail-walk. He did very well, getting eight hits on those ten "pretty tough" targets. Then he shot flying clays for his very first time. I coached him on target #1, where the bird comes over your head from behind you and you must hold low to hit it as it flies further away. Either he listened to me or he shut his eyes and jerked the trigger just at the right time because that bird shattered from a good hit.

Of course, we can't compliment any of the shooters without mentioning Steve McClary. Steve was the one to follow again, taking 1<sup>st</sup> place in all events with his left-handed Caywood except for the flying clays. It's always good to see Steve come to our events and he is an outstanding shooter.

Now, let me tell you about the



Steve McClary "chases" a running rabbit

stiff competition in the flying clays event. All in all, our shooting on these flying or "running" targets was not the best this year and there were at least four of us all tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place with only four hits each. So, the tiebreakers were looked at. Those were the shots we took on the trail at the small "target" on our scorecards. My tiebreaker score was only a 6 and at the time when I shot that, I didn't think it was very good. However, out of the four of us who were tied in the flying/running targets, I was the only one who had a score on the tiebreaker so 1<sup>st</sup> place was given to me. That is certainly an honor which I probably won't be able to maintain....

### FROM THE TRADE GUN FROLIC BOOSHWAY

I would like to give my thanks to the following people, Mike Nesbitt for being my Segundo also helping with getting the trail ready along with the 5-stand and scoring, Don Kerr for getting the shooters' numbers prepared, to Jeff Ritter and Bob Gietz for manning the registration desk, to Jerry Mayo for helping with getting the WSMA Medals prepared and for helping with the 5-stand along with scoring, and to Scott Isom for running the 5-stand and also being a trail guide. You folks made my job a lot easier and smoother. Thank You.  
Bob DeLisle

## Trade Gun Frolic-2018-Results

<b>Aggregate:</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Steve McClary</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Ed Snow</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Jessica Snow</b>
<b>Paper targets:</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Steve McClary</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Ed Snow</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Bob DeLisle</b>
<b>Trail-walk:</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Steve McClary</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Dwayne Anderson</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Shay Register</b>
<b>Flying Clays:</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Mike Nesbitt</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Steve McClary</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Jessica Snow</b>



## Paul Bunyan Plainsmen Rendezvous 2018

by Mike Moran

We were in great favor with the weather gods this year as mountain men and women gathered in Puyallup over Memorial Day weekend for the 2018 Rendezvous hosted by the Paul Bunyan Plainsmen. The range was transformed into a sea of white canvas and camp fires as folks gathered to compete for prizes, exchange trade goods, and catch up with old friends. "Dakota" Nash headed up the festivities as Booshway, with Mike Moran as Segundo. A special thanks to our traders who set up to provide goods and atmosphere to the event.

In addition to great weather we were blessed with about a 10% increase in participants this year. The events followed the usual pattern and before you know it the Trail Guides were leading their parties down the rifle, pistol, and hawk & knife trails. These guided trails form the aggregate score, with an extra point added for period dress. Our top three mountain men were Allen "Two Tails" Tresh, Derek

Sotelo, and Paul Nelson. Our mountain women were Fallen Woman, Kerry Sotelo, and Shining Owl.

While the adults were making their way down the trails, the kids had their own fun going on. Jack Knight led the pee wees down their own discovery trail, and the older kids had activities and shooting events. A new game this year was a stick horse race using a big pair of dice.



The kids have fun stretching a hide



Will Ulry fires the candy cannon

Besides the aggregate events there were some novelty shoots. Bill Sick ran the State Shoot where four teams of five shooters competed for the fastest time to cut a 4x4 in half (that's the lumber version, not the vehicle). The Paul Bunyan Plainsmen team won that one. After that came the Candle Shoot with Caleb Smith taking top honors. On Sunday afternoon everyone gathered to watch teams of two compete for

the Chicken Shoot, where each team has to knock down three chicken shaped silhouette targets. The dynamic duo of Allen Tresh and Anthony Plante won that. And the Trade Gun Shoot on Monday morning was won by Allen Tresh, with Steve McCleary and Roy Brown coming in close behind.

The archery trail was unguided and included some hawk targets as well. The adult archers who took top honors were Wayne St. Cyr, Jim Haeckel, and Squatting Hawk. The non adult archery winners were Scotty and Quinton.

Bruce Coe came out from Cle Elem to provide us entertainment for the council fire again this year, and as he got his guitar picking going our judges for the Apple Pie contest began their tasting of the entries. Those judges put a lot of effort into making sure they had a correct ruling, often going back to re-taste just to make sure. Debbie Freelove had the best apple pie this year, and took home a nice prize for her efforts.



**Bruce Coe belts it out**

For those that were not participating in any of the many other events going on, there were a few demonstrations put on. Steve Skillman came by to talk about making powder horns, Joshua Books had his blacksmith shop set up and Mike Moran showed how to flesh and soften hides for tanning. Mike

had an elk hide on the frame and used a bit of Tom Sawyer whitewashing to get folks from the audience to help with the hard labor.



**The Plainsmen win the Stake Shoot**

Perfect weather, good people, and fun events came together to make a very enjoyable rendezvous. Thanks to all who made the trek to Puyallup and remember the way for next year.

## 2018 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](mailto:duckfreak@q.com) or Mike Moran at [michael.moran248@gmail.com](mailto:michael.moran248@gmail.com).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

19-22 JUL BARLOW TRAILS RENDEZVOUS, MT. HOOD NAT'L FOREST

19-22 JUL PENINSULA LONG RIFLES RENDEZVOUS, SEQUIM, WA

27-29 JUL OREGON TRAIL DAYS, TENINO, WA

25-29 JUL NCRA COLONIAL ENCAMPMENT, ROCHESTER, WA

9-12 AUG NW COLONIAL ENCAMPMENT, PORT ANGELES, WA

11-12 AUG MANY RIVERS RIFLE FROLIC, LITTLEROCK, WA

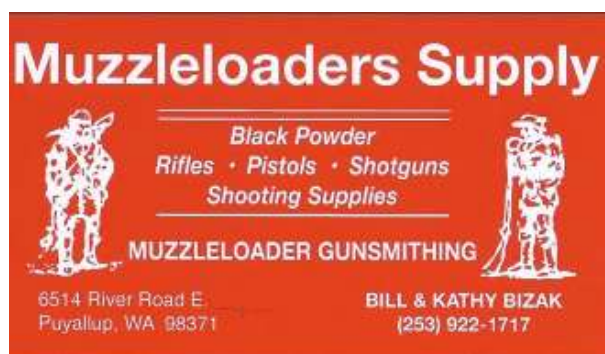
26-30 SEP HERITAGE DAYS, SACAGAWEA ST PARK



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