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"These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman". Thomas Paine wrote those words in a paper called "The Crisis" on December 23rd, 1776, reporting on the colonial army's desperate situation in the early days of our fight for independence. Our founding fathers had amazing foresight. His fourth paragraph is just as relevant today as it was then.

"Tis surprising to see how rapidly a panic will sometimes run through a country. All nations and ages have been subject to them. Britain has trembled like an ague at the report of a French fleet of flat-bottomed boats; and in the fourteenth [fifteenth] century the whole English army, after ravaging the kingdom of France, was driven back like men petrified with fear; and this brave exploit was performed by a few broken forces collected and headed by a woman, Joan of Arc. Would that heaven might inspire some Jersey maid to spirit up her countrymen, and save her fair fellow sufferers from ravage and ravishment! Yet panics, in some cases, have their uses; they produce as much good as hurt. Their duration is always short; the mind soon grows through them, and acquires a firmer habit than before. But their peculiar advantage is, that they are the touchstones of sincerity and hypocrisy, and bring things and men to light, which might otherwise have lain forever undiscovered. In fact, they have the same effect on secret traitors, which an imaginary apparition would have upon a private murderer. They sift out the hidden thoughts of man, and hold them up in public to the world. Many a disguised Tory has lately shown his head, that shall penitentially solemnize with curses the day on which Howe arrived upon the Delaware."

It was a good read (spoiler alert-we win the war). Hang in there folks, we'll all get through this. Each club and range is approaching this differently, keep in contact with the event Booshways for the most accurate information.

WSMA Fundraising Banquet **Cancelled for 2020**

The Banquet is cancelled. We made this decision just before the Governor came out with his guidance on closing food venues over 50 people. We looked at some available dates to try to reschedule but in the end decided just to cancel completely for this year. The good news is that through your past generosity we have enough funds to support the Youth Grants for 2020 even without this year's fundraiser.

Refunds. Since we won't be having the event this year, and to keep the accounting books simple, we will offer refunds, and next year's event will start fresh. Of course if you would prefer to donate your ticket fee to WSMA it would help to fill the kitty for next year. Please email michael.moran248@gmail.com and let me know how you would like your ticket handled.

Donations. I can't thank our traders enough for the generosity they continue to show. All of the items donated from the gun show will get stored for next year. Some of the folks out there were planning to bring items to the banquet for the auction. Please hold onto those things for next year-we just don't have the room to store anything.

Tacoma Sportsmen's Club. The folks at TSC have been great to work with through all this, and have offered to refund all of the rental fee. Since they will be taking the loss, the WSMA board decided to split the rental costs with them to help ease the burden.

WSMA Election Results

With all the hype going on in the news, our election slid under the radar. Here are the results from the ballots cast at the gun show and those received via email.

President:	Mike Moran	<u># Votes, Best Rendezvous</u>	
Vice President:	Steve Cole	4	Paul Bunyan Plainsmen
Treasurer:	Shaun Curtis	3	Green River MM
Events Booshway:	Bob Geitz	3	Bremerton Brigade
Director:	Will Ulry	2	Rain-Dee-Voo
Director:	Steve Hohnstein	2	Sagebrush Free Trappers
Director:	Gary Wilson		
Director:	Mike Nesbitt		

Seattle Scottish Highland Games, Enumclaw, 24-26 Jul 2020

Calling all Highlanders! Each summer the Expo Center in Enumclaw is transformed into Brigadoon for the Seattle Scottish Highland Games. One of the events is an area called the "Walk Through Time" which features Romans, Vikings, Pirates, and the Royal Court – all with connections to the Scots. Well, the Scottish played a significant role in the Hudson's Bay Company and the Fur Trade in this area, and we are looking to put up a muzzleloading

display as part of it. Email michael.moran248@gmail.com if you are interested in participating.

Wash Jam, JBLM, 20-23 Aug 2020

Every two years the members of the Boy Scouts of America (and some international Scouts as well) gather at Joint Base Lewis-McChord for the Washington Jamboree, known as Wash Jam. Jerry Jazbec and his crew have been out for the past several of these events, and are looking for more volunteers to set up a camp and provide demonstrations for the Scouts. You can find more info in the attached letter. Email Jerry at jjazbec@hotmail.com.

CMM Gun Show – March 7th -8th

Thanks to the Cascade Mountain Men for hosting their amazing show, and special thanks to the WSMA members who helped work our booth: Mike Nesbitt, Bob Geitz, Steve Cole, Dwayne Anderson, Bill Daly, Jim Haeckel, Wayne & Terie Noll, Gary Wilson, Derek & Kerry Sotelo, Mike Moran, and Allen Tresch.

Website Updates www.wamuzzleloaders.com

It's time to build the 2020 Rendezvous calendar on the website. If you are responsible for an event, please contact Bob Geitz at duckfreak@q.com so he can update our event listings. We will do our best to keep the calendar updated with event closures. See the website for Boosway contact information

2020 UPCOMING EVENTS

28 MAR	WSMA FUNDRAISING BANQUET, CANCELLED
17-19 APR	SAGEBRUSH FREE TRAPPERS RDV, BENTON CITY, WA
18 APR	TRADE GUN FROLIC, EVERGREEN SC, LITTLEROCK, WA
18-19 APR	WENAH ML RENDEZVOUS, TROY, OR, CANCELLED
1-3 MAY	SNARLIN' BADGER GRUB SHOOT, POULSBO, WA
1-3 MAY	WHGG HORN & ACCOUTREMENT FAIR, LITTLEROCK, WA CANCELLED
1-3 MAY	YAKIMA VALLEY ML RENDEZVOUS, YAKIMA, WA
15-17 MAY	SKAGIT ML RENDEZVOUS, SEDRO WOOLEY, WA
15-17 MAY	WOMEN'S PRIMITIVE SKILLS, PUYALLUP, WA, CANCELLED
22-25 MAY	PAUL BUNYAN PLAINSMEN RENDEZVOUS, PUYALLUP, WA



Washjam 2020 will take place on August 20 - 23, 2020

Greetings from the campfire,

Washjam is a regional scout jamboree held every four years. It is a gathering of over 4000 youth from Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and other youth organizations. Participants come from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and British Columbia. It is held at Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

Activity areas are set up so that the youth can try out camping and pioneering skills. One such area is the mountain man encampment where youth learn about the mountain man time period and various skills of the era.

Reasons to volunteer:

1. Expand and promote our love of historical re-enactment
2. Teach our skills to the younger generation
3. Encourage youth to join in our activities
4. Enjoy the company of other re-enactors

This year, I have been tasked with organizing the Mountain Man Encampment. If anyone in your club might be interested, they may look online at: Washjam.org for further information or contact myself at yarnspinner@hotmail.com.

Yours in Re-enacting,

Jerry "Yarnspinner" Jazbec

P.S. There will be a .22 rifle range operating during this event and volunteer RSO's are needed.





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