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Dave Perry Passed Away

Remembered by DeWayne Pritchett

Sadly, longtime friend, shooter and buckskinner, Dave Perry passed away on July 20, 2018. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. For a number of years, Dave was involved in the restoration project creating the only operational swift patrol boat from that era. Dave was a detail-oriented individual who got great pleasure from restoring his classic car, assembling model railroad kits and muzzleloading. Dave was a familiar face at our local rendezvous and an active member of the Puget Sound Free Trappers and Evergreen Muzzleloaders. He loved the adventure of attending new rendezvous and blackpowder shoots in other areas, too. One of Dave's most cherished memories was going to the Pacific Primitive Rendezvous at Weippe Prairie, Idaho. Upon arrival, the site was a wet, muddy mess. Right then and there, Dave and the 'skinner he was traveling with decided to change their plans. The trip transformed into a 5-day adventure of camping near the Clark's Fork River and visiting locations such as the Buffalo Bill Historical Center, Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, and, finally, a stop in Big Timber, Montana for a visit to the C. Sharps Arms and Shiloh Sharps companies. Dave also loved campfire cooking. If you camped with Dave Perry, you ate very well. He valued honesty, integrity, and friendship. Dave truly cared about those he considered friends. He loved to rendezvous and one of his favorite sayings was, "If I'm going to be sick, I'd rather be sick at rendezvous than at home." His absence has left a large hole in the hearts and souls of his family, personal friends and the rendezvous community. Adios Dave, you may be gone, but you will never be forgotten.



Remembering Jim Hayden

It's with a heavy heart that we are informing you of the passing of Jim Hayden on Saturday, June 23rd. Known as the Book Peddler, Jim was a fixture at the CMM Gunshow and other venues with an amazing inventory of books and magazines on black powder shooting and historical events. He will be greatly missed.

THE DOIN'S AT TENINO, 2018

By Mike Nesbitt

We only thought our low turnout for last year would be the record low but we sure beat it this year. This doin's at Tenino only had 19 active shooters this year so participation is simply going from bad to worse. With the very apparent lack of interest in the Tenino doin's, this report will be rather brief.

Again, Tenino was the site for the **WSMA Formal Rifle Championships** where paper targets are shot for score. Adam Sampson was the boosway once more and he did a terrific job. The weather was too good again with temperatures soaring into the 90's on Sunday afternoon. Tom Brown was our Range Safety Officer again so we made sure that the low number of shooters didn't give Tom any kind of break. This was the 41st year at Tenino.



Tim Sampson lines up his shot while Ralph Birmingham spots the target



Jerry Mayo sends a shot downrange

The low number of shooters didn't mean any of the scores were low, not at all. In fact, there was one shooter in the crowd who's shooting really deserves some comment and compliments. That was my friend Bob DeLisle. Bob placed, taking either 1st, 2nd, or 3rd, on every target, or, as shown in the scores listed below, in every match. I don't recall a doin's at Tenino previously where one shooter's name is shown so many times. Good doin's, Bob!!

Bob won the main aggregate and the Trade Gun Match, which gave him his choice of the three buffalo powder horns made by Steve Skillman. He also won the Mike Fink

match, claiming the nice bottle of booze.

Once more, sincere and multiple **Thank you's** go to Adam Sampson with the help of Will Ulry and Bob Gietz for being "ramrods" for this shoot. More names who should be mentioned and thanked for their participation in helping with the set-up and operation of this event, in addition to those who have donated prizes for either the raffles or the shooting aggregate. But now the future of the shoots at Tenino is unknown. If there will be future shoots, announcements will be made in this newsletter and on the WSMA website.



Primitive Camps at Tenino

TENINO MATCH RESULTS

MAIN AGGREGATE	1. BOB DELISLE	2. ANDY MCCOY	3. STEVE ANDREWS
90 YD SINGLE BULL ANY PSN	1 JERRY CHARLTON	2. BOB DELISLE	3. MIKE NESBITT
75 YD SINGLE BULLSEYE	1. MIKE NESBITT	2. BOB DELISLE	3. ANDY MCCOY
50 YD SINGLE BULL BUFFALO	1. BOB DELISLE	2. ANDY MCCOY	3. STEVE ANDREWS
25 YD NIGHTMARE TARGET	1. JOJO MCWHINNEY	2. BOB DELISLE	3. STEVE ANDREWS
25 YARD CROW	1. BOB DELISLE	2. CARSON EDMINSTER	3. STEVE ANDREWS
TRADE GUN MATCH	1. BOB DELISLE	2. WILL ULRY	3. DEWAYNE PRITCHETT
LADIES MATCH – CANCELLED		JUNIOR AGGREGATE—CANCELLED	
PISTOL MATCH	1. JOJO MCWHINNEY	2. MIKE NESBITT	3. BOB DELISLE
CANDLE MATCH	1. STEVE ANDREWS	2. BOB DELISLE	3. ANDY MCCOY
VEE NOTCH	1. WILL ULRY	2. KEN EDMINSTER	3. BOB DELISLE
MIKE FINK MATCH	1. BOB DELISLE	2. KEN EDMINSTER	3. MIKE ARNOLD

Bremerton Brigade 2018 Rendezvous

On August 3rd, 4th, and 5th in the year 1818, mountain men (and their women and young'uns) from far and wide showed up to the Bremerton Brigade Rendezvous. At night you could see near as well as day from the fires roaring at over 55



The crew hits the trail

campsites and off in the distance you could hear Big Elk bugling, trying to find his lost herd. During the day in-between fights and wrestling there were 50 shooters lighting off their smoke poles trying their best to shoot the wings off a fly.



Frank Ponceroff fires his broomstick

One of the events was a “Boomstick” shoot which was won by Davis Riggs & Randy King.

Saturday night a potluck was held at the Gazebo with mighty fine fixings. No one went hungry, (even Big Elk!!) A Dutch Oven Desert contest was held and there was a surprise winner.....3 ALARM!!!!!! (Bill Daly). Second was Lori Caswell and third was Ick Wilson. The judges said all three were delicious.

After the potluck a candle shoot was held with about 8 shooters including a pilgrim, Isabelle Lumadue (16) and her grandpa Chuck Lumadue. Well most all blew out the candle on the first shot and the fun began. During the 2nd or 3rd move back Isabelle was still in it when her grandpa missed his shot. Just about everyone fell over laughing when you could see Isabelle hold up a dollar bill and say, “You need a dollar grandpa?” Needless to say it was all in good fun and shooters slowly dropped out leaving poor little Isabelle and one other dead eyed mountain man. (who we shall not name).

By now the they were almost back to the shooting shed and it was dark.....dark that you couldn't see your rear sight let alone the front. Little pilgrim Isabelle shot first, raising her rifle up into the dark, trying to find the sights and slowly squeezes the trigger, BOOM!..... the only thing you could see down range was the glow of the candle wick. As our unnamed expert goes up to the line Isabelle looks at him and says, “Ya know what?, I don't believe that I need to reload.” Three shots later after purchasing all of his buy backs, Little Isabelle Lumadue was the candle shoot champion and was congratulated by the other shooters.



Boyd Phillips makes smoke



"Snuffer" gets her mountain name

Sunday at noon everybody met at the council firing for prize out. When Isabelle was called up to be awarded the candle shoot winner there was a naming ceremony. Let it be known to all who were unable to attend that forever more Isabelle Lumadue shall be known as SNUFFER for her ability to snuff out many of the best shooters in the area.

Top shooters - men: 1. Neal Bonrid 2. Two Tales 3. Boyd Phillips

Top Shooters - women: 1. Short Shadow 2. Lori Caswell

FALL HARVEST RENDEZVOUS-2018

By Mike Nesbitt



“Top Mountain Man” Bob DeLisle sits in front of his pyramid tent with Mike Moran’s diamond fly at the right.

This year the very hot and dry weather nicely vanished a week before the rendezvous. So, we didn’t have any problem with fire danger. In fact, we did have a problem with keeping our little campfires burning. The rains were very good at putting those fires out... We had a wet rendezvous. But it was a good camp along with some good shooting, and our camp included the evening cooking of steaks and burgers over those “above-ground” campfires. Our primitive area wasn’t as crowded as we had hoped but it was still good. My wall tent became the cooking tent quite quickly although both Bob DeLisle and Mike Moran cooked steaks over their grills. Mike Moran had brought buffalo

steaks for this doin's. Booshway Jerry Mayo camped with Bob DeLisle and certainly contributed to the good times.

We had some different targets on the trail, at least one of the targets was now for both rifles and trade guns. That was the mountain goat shot through the toilet seat. We did that during the monthly shoot which preceded the rendezvous by just one week and I hit the target easily that time... But not this time... Booshway Jerry Mayo gave us some other surprises too, just new things or new ways to do it. All good doin's too. Good traders offered a variety of goods. Ralph and Maggie Birmingham had traditional clothing again and Will Ulry was selling more tables and chairs. Will also ran the pee-wees match, doing a great job there.



Mike Moran fires a shot on the rifle trail

Dana Atchison had shooting accessories for sale and "Scratch" had his trade blanket of knives and scrimshaw for sale or trade. Frank Ponceroff had some handmade wooden boxes for sale too. That didn't make a real large traders' row but it did make a good one, well worth seeing just in case you might need something.



Margaret Klug assisted Jerry Mayo at the awards.

The prizes this year were very good, primarily because the participating shooters donated some very good items. Outstanding things like the wooden chair that Will Ulry makes a habit to donate, the portable rifle-rack that Frank Ponceroff donated was taken rather quickly too. Ralph Birmingham donated a primitive shirt and I don't recall who donated the folding wooden table. One more donated prize was a diamond fly tent but that will have to be

awarded at the next doin's simply because announcing it somehow got lost in the shuffle. Prizes were so good, in fact, that the shooters were thanked for their thoughtfulness and generosity just before the awards were presented.

Some of the most special prizes, of course, are the items awarded to the pee-wees. Those aren't the most expensive but at the same time they can become highly treasured by the youngsters receiving them. We awarded a couple of mouse 'hawks plus several non-primitive items which might be used for camping such as pocket knives



Mike Moran hands the prized rifle to Bella Griggs

and flashlights. Margaret Klug helped quite a bit to see that the pee-wee shooting was done well and she also helped in awarding the prizes for the young shooters.

Our scoreboard listed over 40 shooters and at least 10 of those were pee-wees. It's always nice to see some new faces and 3 of those pee-wees were first-time shooters. They all got Pilgrim medals in addition to their pee-wee prizes. There was one shooter in the Junior class. One of those pee-wees, Bella Griggs, got a very good start. She got to shoot a good target, win a rather nice pee-wee prize, and her name was drawn from the hat by WSMA President Mike Moran to win the rifle. Now she's got her own muzzleloader, not too bad for attending her first shoot! Awarding the rifle was made possible by the generous WSMA grant and it's always an "added touch" to have the rifle presented to the young winner by the WSMA President.

WSMA Primitive Champions:

HUNTER'S CLASS

1st Kirsh Graham
2nd Bob Gietz (Dry Ball!!)
3rd Sally Graham

TOP MOUNTAIN MAN

1st Bob DeLisle

JUNIOR

1st Isaiah Gudgell

PISTOL

1st Gary Girard
2nd Mike Nesbitt
3rd Mike Moran

KNIFE & 'HAWK

1st Mike Holeman
2nd Mike Moran
3rd Kim Harrison

TRADE GUN

1st Bob DeLisle
2nd Mike Holeman
3rd Don Kerr

ARCHERY

1st Mike Nesbitt
2nd Tony Woore
3rd Mike Moran

RIFLE MEN'S AGGREGATE

1st Kim Harrison
2nd Gary Emberly
3rd Gary Girard

WOMEN'S AGGREGATE

1st Gary Girard
2nd Jerry Charlton
3rd Bob DeLisle

SENIOR AGGREGATE

1st Leslie Crow 1st Kim Harrison
2nd Eva Johnson 2nd Mike Nesbitt
3rd Frank Ponceroff

PEE-WEES

1st Connor Gudgell
2nd Trenton Cole

RIFLE WINNER

Bella Griggs

BEST PRIMITIVE CAMP

Not awarded

UPCOMING EVENTS

23-27 JAN WASHINGTON SPORTSMEN'S SHOW, PUYALLUP, WA

9-10 MAR CASCADE MOUNTAIN MEN GUNSHOW, MONROE, WA



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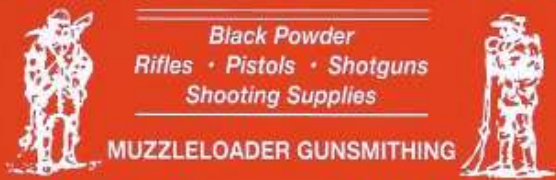


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