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Celebration of Life for Pete Strobl by Mike Nesbitt

The Celebration of Life for Pete will be held, or will begin, at the Evergreen Sportsman's Club at 1:00 pm on Saturday, November 4th. This is going to be a pot luck so if you have something to add to the feast, please bring it along.

I just had a conversation with Cindi, Pete's daughter, and they would love to have the blackpowder shooters fire a salute, with blank loads (just powder charges) right outside the Evergreen clubhouse windows right at 1:00 pm on November 4th. That would be the big kick off for the Celebration of Life being held in Pete's memory.

Being in costume would add to the salute but will not be required.

Okay, this is all I know at this time. If you have any questions you can try running them by me and I'll try to find the answers. Other than that, I'll see many of you, I'm sure, at this gathering to remember Pete. Shoot sharp's the word, Mike

Remembering Salliann "Smiling Eyes" Schutt-Glaspy by Mike Moran

Salliann L. "Smiling Eyes" Schutt-Glaspy, wife of Leland "No Poles" Glaspy, passed away on October 24th, 2017. A remembrance for her will be held at the Bethel Baptist Church in North Portland at **2:00 pm on Tuesday, November 7th**. This will not be a rendezvous themed event. Leland will gather some more information about her for the next Journal. Please keep them in your thoughts.

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Hunting Stories Wanted!

Been successful this season? Got that big buck you've been after for years? Did you hunting partner earn himself a new nickname? We want to hear about it. Send in those stories and photos, even if it was about the one that got away.





FALL HARVEST RENDEZVOUS-2017 By Mike Nesbitt

The very hot and dry weather, with bad fire danger all around us, meant no fires in our camps at this doin's. So this year there was no chimney from the wood stove sticking through the roof of my tent.

Other than that, camp for Mike Moran and myself was pretty much the same as last year.



We had a good camp

An early morning picture of Mike Moran's and Mike Nesbitt's camps along with some good shooting, and our camp included the Friday night cooking of burgers than



Jerry Mayo added the "Texas Touch"

that is only a very small glimpse of the shooting at our Fall Harvest Rendezvous.

Some of our favorite traders added to the camp such as Ralph and Maggie Birmingham as well as Will Ulry. Rusty Young, the blacksmith, was there too offering some pre-made goods rather than burning his coal fire this year. Bill Conant (Sweet William) was there too with his paintings and a few guns plus supplies. So Traders' Row was fairly well stocked which always adds to the doin's. Both Mike Moran and I got new shirts from Ralph and Maggie.

many missed. We had some music too because both Mike Moran and Jerry Mayo brought some "strings" along which added a very nice touch to the fun.

There were some new targets on the trail-walks but those didn't make any real changes from last year's doin's. Some things were different though, such as my pistol shooting. For some reason, yet to be determined, my pistol score was very low. I missed more than half of the pistol targets... That's okay, and to make up for it, Mike Moran had a very good pistol score. And, of course,



Mike Nesbitt firing one of his many pistol misses on the trail



Booshway Scott Isom begins the awards

The prizes this year were very plentiful with a good selection of "goods" brought in by shooters as blanket prizes plus items previously donated by Cabela's. Our traders also donated some very good pieces of plunder. In addition to all of that, Steve Skillman showed up and donated a fine custom-made powder horn. That horn was "raffled off" at the awards ceremony and a young man named Aiden was the winner. That thrilled the young man and he has some real hopes of becoming a powder horn maker.

One of the best prizes, of course, was the rifle made possible with the WSMA grant that goes to a young shooter, usually a Pee-wee or sometimes a Junior. That shooter was Trew Kellems and it was really great to see the look in his eye when his number

was drawn from the hat. Also, it was very nice to have Mike Moran, the WSMA president, on hand to award that rifle to Trew.

Our scoreboard listed 39 shooters and I don't think that counts the nice number of Pee-wee shoots that enjoyed this doin's. There were nine pee-wees! In addition to that we had three shooters in our Junior class which was three more than last year. So our shooter numbers have climbed and it's always a very good thing to see some new shooters just starting out.



Mike Moran awarding the rifle

Halloween Fun

by Mike Moran

The cool breezes of fall descended on Paul Bunyan for the first monthly shoot of the season. Being the end of October, Halloween was the natural theme and that's what Jack Knight picked. The course of fire included pumpkins, zombies, and other challenging targets. It was a great way to get the season off to a bang.





Jack Knight coaching Jack Knight

The targets included five shots on a paper target with the score based on the target ring hit, five shots on a zombie target that oozed green where a head shot was 5 points and a body shot was 3 points, and five shots on a series of single targets including a (very small) pumpkin, round silhouette, heart silhouette, and the heart with a whole in it. Each of those were worth 5 points each (with two shots on the hole-y heart).

The weather cooperated perfectly as the fifteen or so shooters got out to their positions on the range. Jack's target selection meant that all the targets could be posted at the beginning, with no need to go down range till it was over.

Once the shooting began, so did the rain,

and Mike Holeman found out the hard way

how curly a target can become if it is only stapled in the middle. He still managed to put all his shots in the right place.

When everyone had rotated through and completed their 15 shots we recovered our targets and Jack compiled the scores. Bob DeLisle was the overall winner, with Jack Knight Jr. as our top scoring (and only) young shot. I'm not sure what November will bring for weather, but Karla Hillberg will be cooking up something special for our Thanksgiving course of fire.



Bill Sick checks his shot

2017 and 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 or Mike Moran at michael.moran248@gmail.com.





UPCOMING EVENTS

17 FEB WSMA ANNUAL MEETING AT RAIN-DEE-VOO, LITTLEROCK, WA
10-11 MAR CASCADE MT. MEN'S MUZZLELOADING GUN SHOW, MONROE, WA

24 MAR WSMA FUNDRAISING BANQUET, PUYALLUP, WA













