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Farewell to Coffee Pot

It is a sad time for all when a friend passes. Robert Kindsvater passed away in September. Known as "Coffee Pot" to most folks here, he was a regular participant and trader and our rendezvous. Many people can look to their possibles and find something that Coffee Pot provided them, in addition to all the good memories. He was a Navy veteran, a family man, and a good friend. <u>Hey Coffee Pot, We'll miss you</u>.



Coffee Pot shoot a clay pigeon at the Trade Gun Frolic



Hunting Stories and Pictures Wanted!

Got a great story about the trophy buck that jumped in front of your ball, or about the one that got away? Send it in and we'll get it in the newsletter. And since pictures are worth a thousand words, send them in too.

Puyallup Sportsmen's Show



Just after hunting season and the holidays we'll start the New Year with the Washington Sportsmen's Show. WSMA will have our booth there in the same location as last year, and we hope to get many volunteers for the five days of the show. Last year brought in some good contacts, let's make 2017 another banner year.

Fall Harvest with the Evergreen Muzzleloaders by Mike Nesbitt



No one can complain about the weather we had for our Fall Harvest Rendezvous this year, unless it's me and Joker Joe Pesek plus maybe a few others. The nights got cold, cold enough that I was awful glad to have the wood stove in the tent again. And I noticed that my tent was not the only piece of canvas in camp that had a chimney which was blowing smoke in the mornings. Of course, after the sun came out, which gave us warm days, the fires weren't needed. No rain at all and shooters were actually eager to get out on the trail just to take advantage of the shade from the timber.

Several things were the same as last year. A lot of the crew were the same; Don Kerr was the booshway and again he

had a lot of help from Scott Isom. Tony Yaklich was on hand and again Pete Strobl handled the after-aggregate matches on Sunday morning. Joker Joe Pesek handle registrations while Bob DeLisle and I did what we could to keep the knife & 'hawk trail opened. And, again, "Squatting Hawk" Clark Sherwood was our top shooter,

claiming the Top Mountain Man medal. (At least this year I did get a new picture of him.) Likewise, the trails were basically the same as last year and the only changes were in some of the targets. We did get a new target on the archery trail but that was more for updating the trail and not to change it.

There were a couple more traders this year than last and none of them were set up inside the club house. That goes along with the good weather. Ralph Birmingham, with Maggie's help, was set up along the road again and I know he did make some sales. Across from Ralph was Rusty Young, the blacksmith. Will Ulry was there selling his wooden camp furniture in addition to donating one of his famous chairs for the aggregate prizes. I can't name all of the traders like I should but even so I hope they all did well and felt very welcome.



Some notable differences can be seen if we compare last year's Fall Harvest with this year's. One nice difference was that Mike Moran made it this year and camped in his lean-to beside the dry creek. My tent was



Top Mountain Man Clark "Squatting Hawk" Sherwood

just a little ways from Mike's camp but we were careful not to get too close because Mike was vying for the "Best Primitive Camp" award. (He got it too!) Another difference from last year was that we had only 38 shooters this year, that's about 20 shooters less than last year. Having 38 shooters probably shouldn't be combined with "only" but our numbers have dropped. This is too bad in one or more respects but the real truth simply is that those shooters who missed this rendezvous missed out on a lot of fun.

Justin Ramme won the youth Rifle

Those "missing persons" also missed out on some very good prizes. This was the first doin's since the shooters made it plain that they'd prefer to bring blanket prizes to the rendezvous as part of their shooters' entry fees. The booshway and crew of the rendezvous were very all pleased to see the quality of the items donated for prizes in addition to the number of prizes. In addition to that, the Evergreen Muzzleloaders received a very nice and generous donation from Cabela's which included a medium sized Dutch oven, a cast iron covered fry pan, an oil lantern, and several items of camping ware. Another donation deserves mention; Dave Dolliver figures he's through with doing any archery so he donated



Tony Woore, Alan Tresch, and Will Ulry defend the fort

his primitive bow plus a quiver full of arrows to be awarded as a single prize. (That bow

was taken rather quickly, by a good archer too.) I don't think any of us go to rendezvous just for the prizes but a good shooting prize certainly helps us to remember good times at such doin's.

One of the best prizes, of course, was the rifle made possible with the WSMA grant that went to a young shooter. That shooter was Justin Ramme and we both hope and expect to see him doing some very good shooting with that gun, maybe at out next rendezvous.

WSMA Primitive Champions:

<u>SHOTGUN</u> 1 st Clark Sherwoo 2 nd Bob Tresch 3 rd Pete Strobl	od <u>HUNTER'S CLa</u> 2 nd Ben Woord	1 st Clark Sherw	ood none
<u>PISTOL</u> 1 st Gary Girard 2 nd Bob DeLisle 3 rd Tony Woore	KNIFE & 'HAWK 1 st Clark Sherwood 2 nd Wayne Noll 3 rd Allen Tresch	<u>TRADE GUN</u> 1 st Gary Girard 2 nd Don Kerr 3 rd Mike Moran	ARCHERY 1 st Clark Sherwood 2 nd Tony Plante 3 rd Steve Andrews
1 st Kim Harrison 1 2 nd Gary Girard 2	EN'S AGGREGATE <u>W</u> I st Clark Sherwood 2 nd Kim Harrison 3 rd Gary Girard	<u>/OMENS' AGGREGATE</u> 1 st Kerry Sotelo 2 nd Terie Noll	SENIOR AGGREGATE 1 st Pete Strobl 2 nd Mike Nesbitt 3 rd Will Ulry
<u>PEE-WEES</u> 1 st Kyle Andrews 2 nd Justin Ramme	Justin Ran		<u>PRIMITIVE CAMP</u> Mike Moran

Now Building the 2017 Events Calendar

Get your club's rendezvous event information on the WSMA Website. Send in a flyer or at least the dates and contact information and we'll get the website updated for the coming year. Got a website for your club? Send in the link. You can send the info to Mike Moran at <u>michael.moran248@gmail.com</u> or Bob Geitz at <u>duckfreak@q.com</u>.





CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION ON THE UPCOMING EVENTS.

- 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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AREAS OF INTEREST AND PREFERENCES

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Hunting:	Pistol:
Historical:	Shotgun:
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