

WASHINGTON STATE MUZZLELOADER'S ASSOCIATION

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WSMA Fundraising Banquet Saturday, March 28th

The fundraising banquet is just around the corner. We are keeping the price at a low \$20 to ensure you have more to spend at the auction. Once again our own ladies are providing the meal and it is sure to be delicious. It will be held again at the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club and will open at 5:00 pm, with dinner served at 6:00 pm.

Rain to Justify the Name by Bob Geitz

This year our main muzzle-loading annual event lived up to its name, possibly to the detriment of overall attendance. For their first muzzle-loading event of the year, the Puget Sound Free Trappers of the Capitol City Rifle and Pistol Club hosted the annual "Rain-De-Voo" on the rendezvous trail just south of Littlerock. These "revels" got started at 1:00 o'clock, early Friday afternoon on February 14th when Boosway Will Ulry opened the gate to the trail walk. Event registrants amounted to only 30 individuals and the shooters were composed of 27 men, 1 woman, 1 junior, and one under 12. Seven campers endured in their tin-tepees and only 6 primitives took their damp canvas home to dry. Eleven traders welcomed the patrons including a number of visitors from the local community. We were joined Friday night through Sunday by two new Scout Troops 1920 and 9317, making this their first buckskin experience. For the 4 adults and 12 scouts they seemed to have good time and joined in the Short Hunter activity and the Candy cannon.

The competitors had a range of typical events: Rifle, Trade Gun, Pistol, Knife & 'hawk and Archery trails. Mike Nesbitt headed the shooting trails while Scott Isom ran the Knife & Hawk event and Rowland Zoller carried on as Trade Chief. Capable helpers were: Registrar/Clerk Tom Brown, assisted by Josh Brown and Bob Wright, trail guides Mike Nesbitt, Bob DeLisle, Roy Williams, and Jerry Mayo, with visitors Tommy Hay and Scott Young along with WSMA president Mike Moran also pitching in to keep the trail in working order. Clarence Atchison filled in as 'a man for all seasons' filling two tours of duty as a trail guide. He also filled in as a Trade chief, handling early trader registrations and making safety checks of all trader guns, as per our club rules. Finally, in cahoots with Dana, Clarence saw to cleaning the floors after traders had moved out. Aggregate scores could combine either Archery or Knife & 'hawk with the Rifle trail. The Capitol City Bowmen

headed by Dale Soost ran the Archery event while Will Ulry oversaw for the Under 12 events. Compliments certainly go to that fine staff.

Off the trail, in the shelter of the clubhouse, we had the Trader's Row. The kitchen was again being operated by the Capitol City Bowmen and the chow was really good. Extra credit goes to the kitchen crew: head cook Bob Jamison with a crew comprised of Golda & Wayne Rankin along with "Steve" and "Peggy" whose last name missed the record. On Saturday evening the clubhouse welcomed all comers to the Potluck, which had catered fried chicken provided by the Free Trappers to compliment the tasty results of the Dutch oven competition.

Our friends in the Washington State Muzzleloaders Association held their annual meeting in the clubhouse late Saturday afternoon.

The Dutch Oven competition stepped up a bit this year through the efforts of the Northwest Dutch Oven Society. This group came in at noon Saturday and set up a demonstration kitchen and display table offering insight into early day's use of the "black kettles." They produced some items for the potluck buffet and judged the competition for the Free Trappers. Awards went to: Main Dish, JoJo McWhinney 1st and Paul Nelson 2nd, Dessert, 1st to Leeann Nelson & Kerry Sotelo and 2nd went to a fine Dutch oven cook whose name escaped the record. The Society also raffled off two instructional books won by Golda Rankin and Dana Atchison. We hope the folks from the Northwest Dutch Oven Society come back again.

Will Ulry and Rowland Zoller were in charge of the evenings' events. Our Trader's Auction filled out the evening's agenda followed by the Poker tournament. Lots of folks pitched in to get the "dirty details" taken care of which included some of the "guests" as well as the hard-working Free Trappers. Poker tournament winner was Tugboat Bromberg

Our shooting was concluded with the novelty events which began at noon Sunday. Those were run by Will Ulry and Roy Williams. The novelty matches included two novelty targets and a Squirrel Gun match.

The end result of all efforts and activities came into recognition in the aggregate blanket prizes and awards. WSMA's youth grant to this event provided special awards for Junior and Under 12 shooters, and WSMA "Pilgrim" medals went to those participating in a black powder event for the first time. The muzzle-loading rifle, part of the Grant from WSMA, for the one-shot buffalo hunt prize was won by Nicholas Schubert. The primitive Camp of Mike Moran was judged as the most authentic and recognized with a certificate and a period correct leather wallet from Panther Primitives.

DETAILED EVENTS LISTING

EVENT	1ST PLACE	2ND PLACE	3RD PLACE
Top Mt. Man	Allen Tresch	Mike Moran	Tony Woore
Top Mt. Woman	Jackie Schubert		
Flint rifle	Bob DeLisle	Mike Moran	Allen Tresch
Perc. Rifle	Will Ulry	Derek Sotelo	Tommy Hay
Pistol	Tommy Hay	JoJo McWhinney	Tony Woore
Trade Gun	Mike Moran	Mike Nesbitt	Allen Tresch
Knife & 'hawk	Allen Tresch	James Haeckel	Paul Nelson
Archery	Tony Woore	Mike Nesbitt	Mike Moran

Under 12
Junior

Sydney Claridge
Natalie Schubert

Robby Rayment

Clayton Murray

Merchandise awards for individual skills were provided by the Puget Sound Free Trappers with a grant from Schuetzen Powder.

Youth Rifle (one shot Buffalo Hunt), Nicholas Schubert included a complete equipment chest and accouterments

Ugly Mountain Man: Scott Young

Primitive Camp: Mike Moran

Low scoring shooter (box award from Bugler) Jackie Schubert

Adding to the Trapper's raffle Hawken replica Trade Rifle were a Mike Nesbitt-made shooting bag (donated by Clarence Atchison) and Steve Skillman donated a traditional Powder horn, plus a gun cover by Ralph Birmingham. Winner of that raffle was Paul Nelson.

The Puget Sound Free Trappers thank all of those who came and enjoyed this black powder shooting event. Next year we'll have our Rain-De-Voo again, on Presidents' Day weekend in 2021 (February 13 -15). Our next booshway is Tom Brown, he and the (hopefully dry) crew welcome you to come again.

[Quad Club Shoot, Sunday, Feb 28th](#)

What a great turn out it was for the annual Quad Club Match. This year the newly formed Lynch Creek Longhunters stood in for Seven Rivers to shoot against the Paul Bunyan Plainsmen, Evergreen Muzzleloaders, and the Bremerton Brigade. And the Lynch Creek fellas did not disappoint – taking home the trophy on their first attempt.



Lawrence Salterelli takes aim

Each club brought a target to shoot. The Plainsmen had a gopher, Bremerton brought a snow gopher, Lynch Creek had a racoon, and the Evergreeners brought a bullseye target. The targets were shot one at a time, with each target being collected so it could be scored by the club who brought it. Once all four targets were scored, a team of independent and unbiased scorers sequestered themselves in a room to tally the scores. Each team got to count the best 5 scores for each target to get their aggregate score. The trophy went to the highest club score, and prizes were available for everyone using their

individual score.

As the score tally team was doing their best to figure out the winning team, the rest of us sat down to a pot luck lunch, each club responsible for a different item. Despite the rain that greeted us first thing in the morning, it was a glorious day.

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| 1. Scott Young -177-X | 11. Jim Haeckel-140 | 21. Cody Mehr -122 |
| 2. Bob DeLisle -174-2X | 12. Glen Borg -136 | 22. Freek Hoover -115 |
| 3. Jerry Johnson -165-5X | 13. Mark Curtis -135-X | 23. Don Kerr -113 |
| 4. Mike Holeman -161 | 14. Jim Hillberg -135 | 24. Tyler Eppling -99 |
| 5. Tommy Hay -157-X | 15. W. McKendry -134-2X | 25. Hatchet Jack -78 |
| 6. Ned Neland -156 | 16. Tim Klima-132-X | 26. Karla Hillberg -76 |
| 7. Jack Knight -150-X | 17. Mike Nesbitt -132-X | 27. Gene Duvall -76 |
| 8. Jerry Mayo -150 | 18. Doug Nash -132 | 28. Steve Richard -NS |
| 9. Mike Moran -147 | 19. Bill Daly -130 | 29. Rich Glynn -NS |
| 10. L. Salterelli -144-X | 20. Doug Kitchens -125 | |

[WSMA Elections - March](#)

Elections are coming up and we are taking nominations now for all of the officer positions. If you are interested in running, talk to one of the current board members. The election itself will be held during the CMM Gun Show.

[CMM Gun Show - March 7th -8th](#)

Coming up soon is the Muzzleloading Gun Show hosted by the Cascade Mountain Men in Monroe, WA. WSMA will have a table at the show and will need volunteers to staff it. The best part - WSMA will reimburse your entry fee!



Bill Daly and Mark Curtis

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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.

2020 UPCOMING EVENTS

- 7-8 MAR** **CASCADE MT MEN GUN SHOW, MONROE**
- 15 MAR** **LYNCH CREEK LONGHUNTER'S MONTHLY SHOOT, EATONVILLE**
- 28 MAR** **WSMA FUNDRAISING BANQUET, TACOMA SPORTSMEN'S CLUB**

**GET YOUR BANQUET TICKETS AT THE GUN
SHOW, OR PURCHASE THEM AT THE DOOR**

WSMA Booth at Cascade Mountain Men Gun Show

Volunteer List

Please contact Mike Moran at michael.moran248@gmail.com to volunteer. We need a minimum of two people per shift.

SATURDAY, March 7th:

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| 9:00-11:00 | 1. Bob Geitz
2. Mike Nesbitt |
| 11:00-1:00 | 1. Bill Daly
2. Steve Cole |
| 1:00 – 3:00 | 1. Dwayne Anderson
2. Jim Haeckel |
| 3:00-5:00 | 1. Wayne Noll
2. Terie Noll |

SUNDAY, March 8th:

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| 9:00-11:00 | 1. Gary Wilson
2. Steve Cole |
| 11:00-1:00 | 1. Kerry Sotelo
2. Derek Sotelo |
| 1:00-3:00 | 1. Mike Moran
2. Allen Tresch |



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