

Washington State Muzzleloader's Association

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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 michael.moran248@gmail.com or Bob Geitz at duckfreak@q.com.

Puyallup Sportsmen's Show

Things are shaping up for the Sportsmen's Show. We've been invited back to teach the "Introduction to Muzzleloading" seminar, and the Cascade Mountain Men will have their History of the Muzzleloader display set up again. WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO WORK THE SHOW! Volunteers who work a half day shift will get into the show for free. Please see the sign-up sheet at the end of the newsletter and help fill out the schedule.



Hunting with Bill and Steve by Steve Hohnstein

This year Bill Daly (Three Alarm) and I went both elk and deer hunting together. We went Black Powder for elk but decided to use modern for deer. Neither of us had any luck elk hunting but here is what happened deer hunting.

On a Monday we went out deer hunting in Mason County for a black tail. We spent several hours out there, each at our own location. Bill never saw anything but trees but while I was out there I could see a set of antlers and BIG black eyes just inside of the tree line. That deer never turned to give me a decent shot (he was about 200 yards away just in the trees) and finally turned and walked deeper into the woods.

Two days later on Wednesday, Three Alarm was supposed to pick me up at 0600. At 0605 I sent him a text asking his ETA and got a call back telling me that his clock was off by an hour.... ehhhh yeah, whatever. Well Three Alarm showed up about 40 minutes later and

we took off for the same area. We drove past where I had hunted on Monday by about a 1/4 mile and I said that I wanted to stop and try this next clear cut.

As we got out of his truck it started raining so we both donned our rain gear and got everything else we needed. Three Alarm was going to walk down the road and look for a spot to hunt and I started working my way out to where I saw a tree to stand next to. When I got to the tree (182 feet from the truck, later checked by GPS) I realized that I was in a slight depression and didn't have the view I wanted. Now understand that it took me 15 minutes to walk that 182 feet, between stopping and looking and the dense brush. I saw an 18"-20" tall tree stump just a couple of feet away so I decided to stand up on it. By now the rain was coming down like a fire hose so my binoculars were worthless.



I had been standing on the stump less than 5 minutes.....count 'em - 5 minutes, when I notice a slight movement to my right. When I took a good look I could see an antler through the bushes. I saw it start moving so I raised my rifle and yep!!!...here he comes!! I double confirmed that that guy had sticks growing out of his head, lowered the sights to his shoulder and BANG!! I see this buck take 3 bounding leaps and then disappear.

I walked over to where I shot him and started looking for sign..... nothing. I then started trailing where he had bounded and after about 50 or so feet still haven't seen any sign or blood trail. By now Three Alarm calls me on the radio and asks if I had heard the shot and I tell him, "Yep, it was me!!"

Just then I see my buck laying on the ground.....dead. He had gone less than 100' and expired! Now you have to understand I was standing out in the

Steve Hohnstein takes a nice buck with Bill Daly open on a tree stump wearing just about as much bright orange as you could wear, looking like a bright orange beacon, when this buck walks out FIFTY FEET from me.... not yards, FEET!!

Three Alarm was nice enough to come over and together we field dressed it and then took the next hour to get it back to the road. AN HOUR!!! I checked where the deer went down and in a straight line it was 212 feet from the truck!! I think we dragged it a half mile or more through brush and downed trees to get back. When that deer bounded it went down.... down into a depression that made it very difficult to get out.

Needless to say Three Alarm hadn't even found a spot to hunt before I shot my deer! Moral of the story..... don't take me hunting and let me pick the first spot to hunt.

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| 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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WSMA Booth at Puyallup Sportsmen's Show

Volunteer List

Please contact Mike Moran at michael.moran248@gmail.com to volunteer. We need a minimum of three people per shift, more are certainly welcome!

Wednesday, 25 January

12:00 to 4:00 (4 hrs)

1. John Abbott
2. Vern Gibson
- 3.

4:00 to 8:00 (4 hrs)

1. Mark Curtis
- 2.
- 3.

Thursday, 26 January

12:00 to 4:00 (4 hrs)

1. Bill Sick
2. Mike Nesbitt
- 3.

4:00 to 8:00 (4 hrs)

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- 2.
- 3.

Friday, 27 January

12:00 to 4:00 (4 hrs)

1. Rich Downs
2. Jim Hillberg
- 3.

4:00 to 8:00 (4 hrs)

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Saturday, 28 January

10:00 to 3:00 (5 hrs)

1. Ernst Schubert
2. Rick Hopkins
3. Terry Gadberry
4. Renita Foust

3:00 to 8:00 (5 hrs)

1. Allen Tresch
2. Dan Smith
- 3.
- 4.

Sunday, 29 January

10:00 to 4:00 (4 hrs)

1. Don Kerr
- 2.
- 3.

4:00 to 8:00 (4 hrs)

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APPLICATION TO JOIN WSMA

New Renew

____ ____ Individual Annual Dues (\$10.00)

____ ____ Family Annual Dues (\$15.00) (Head of house, spouse, children under 18, still living at home)

____ ____ Club Annual Dues (\$10.00)

____ ____ Trader Annual Dues (\$20.00). Business Name: _____

Make check payable to WSMA and mail to PO Box 2913, Olympia, WA 98507

Name: _____ Club: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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AREAS OF INTEREST AND PREFERENCES

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Target: _____

Perc. Rifle: _____

Hunting: _____

Pistol: _____

Historical: _____

Shotgun: _____

Trader: _____

Trade Gun: _____

Gun Maker: _____

Appraisal: _____