

# SHINING TIMES

MAY 2022

**No Shoot this month**

**Hi All, Our June Shoot is Canceled.**

We will meet on Saturday June 18th at 9am at the West side of the Wheatland Ferry by the boat ramp.

Unfortunately we have lost our shoot site at Paradise Acres in Hopewell.

At the meeting we will discuss our responsibilities regarding removing and cleaning the FHBPB materials from the site.

**We want to thank Steve and Michelle Aldrich for letting the Club have the use of their property for all these years and greatly appreciate their past support.**

## **Upcoming Events:**

June Club Shoot  
June 18—CANCELED

Pacific Primitive Rony  
June 17-25th

Barlow Trail Rony  
July 13-17

Tioga Mountain Man  
Rony July 15-17

**June 20:**

Hope you all get your Tags for this coming year.

Let's make meat!

## **CLUB OFFICERS**

President—Ken Kinkaid Vice President - Paul Bess Sec/Treasurer - Jack Meade  
Range Officer- Jeff Kincaid Safety Officer - Allen Ray Shoot Recorder - Kathy Meade  
FHBPB, PO Box 155, Forest Grove, OR 97116

As this was addressed to the members of the club, here is what we received from Steve and Michelle:

Please do respect Steve and Michelle's wishes. They have been great hosts over our years on their Ranch. We will work through Ken regarding our responsibilities for cleaning out and removal of all of our gear etc.

**Paradise Acres Ranch, LLC  
10700 Jerusalem Hill Rd NW  
Salem, OR 97304**

June 4, 2022

Forest Hills Black Powder Brigade  
1736 Springtime Ct. NE  
Keizer, OR 97303

To the members of FHBPB:

Effective immediately, the club will no longer be allowed to shoot at our private range and will be required to remove their possessions from the site by July 31, 2022.

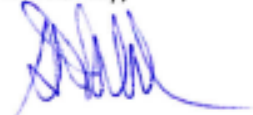
The following conditions are required to be met:

1. Members cannot enter the property without permission from Steve.
2. The property will be unavailable for access from June 17- July 4.
3. Targets cannot be removed unless Steve is present to aid in identification.

Removal of the structures is negotiable.

Members of FHBPB are always welcome to attend free trapper events.

Sincerely,

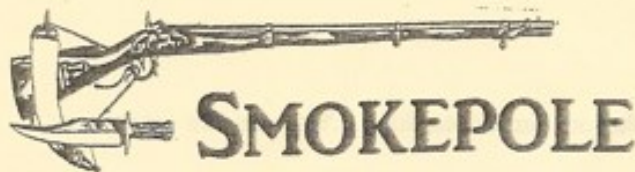


Steve Aldrich



Michelle Aldrich

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MAY 2022

**MEETING:** Monday, May 16, American Legion Hall, 8<sup>th</sup> & C St., Springfield. Social time is 6:30; meeting at 7. Club business will include a report on the new shoot site at Sharps Creek. The program will be a discussion about primitive camping. My experience with this topic is you never really get there, it is an ongoing endeavor (hence the joy of Trader's Row), and we can learn from each other.

**SHOOT:** Saturday, May 28, Emerald Empire Gun Club, McGowan Creek Rd., Springfield. President Walt Evens is your host. Set-up at 9:30, shoot at 10. Potluck to follow at the clubhouse. Yes, it is Memorial Day weekend but not everyone leaves town and you'll be safer at the range than on the road! Bob wants to remind folks he will have his knife sharpening kit again and can sharpen kitchen knives as well as those guy knives. **NEW RULE AT EEGC** – eye protection is now required for everyone on the shooting range. We have some safety glasses for those who are still eagle-eyed and don't wear spectacles like everybody else their age.

#### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Walt Evens**

Greetings! As always I hope everyone is in good health and spirits.

It looks like life might be going back to normal. Three months now and the masks are still gone.

We're in talks with land owners on Sharps Creek Road east of Cottage Grove to have primitive shoots and camp-outs on their property. We haven't given up on the quarry area yet but if we can find something that's closer and safer, that would be a plus. As we've found out in the past, the only drawback to these types of activities is fire season.

I'll be doing the May match. Jim Eikenberry has June. We have someone for September, October and November. We need July and August covered. Having different folks sponsor every month brings new and fresh ideas for targets. As long as they're safe to shoot at, the only limitation is one's imagination. Well, and no human likeness. (EEGC rule). The last Saturday of December is New Year's Eve. I don't think a morning shoot and afternoon potluck will hamper anyone's party plans. However, we should get a consensus from the group.

I want to thank everyone who volunteered for the Field Day for the Oregon Hunters Association. We had six shooters and seven volunteers, so it worked out well. There were flintlocks, caplocks and in-lines. Keith Hershberger brought his cap and ball revolver.

We'll be having our chili pot again this month so bring a side dish and come join us after the fun. Until next time, keep yer powder dry and yer topknot safe! Walt 541-315-2030

Somehow I mistakenly stated in the last Smokepole we had a dozen volunteers for the Field Day when there were a half dozen at that time. I'm glad the turn-out was more even.

#### **APRIL SHOOT REPORT by Walt Evens**

This month's match was hosted by FUML VP David Walp. We had seven participants and three volunteers.

Our first target was a cross. The points were 5 and 10 depending on where you hit it. Next were two bulls-eyes, side by side. The center on the left one was bigger (10 points) than the one on the right (20 points). The black rings were 5 points. You had to shoot 3 shots on one and 2 on the other, your choice. The Buffalo had a big red sticker in the middle and was also 5 shots @ 25 yards.

Lastly, we shot at eggs made of chalk. We loaded and all started at the same time. The point was to break as many as you could. They were 10 points apiece shot at 15 yards. These are really cool in that they explode in a puff of colored dust when hit.

I want to thank the following people; David for a fun match, Bob Morrell for running targets, Melody Morrell for scoring and Jim Eikenberry for additional photos.

We had our first "after -the-shoot" meal together since the Pandemic.

Five of us enjoyed the potluck after the shoot. Walt made chili, I used the Christmas ham to make a pasta salad and Jim Wiota brought little cakes for dessert



## APRIL SHOOT RESULTS

Shooters - Walt Evens, Ken Putman, John Grimes, Dave Johnson, Jim Wiota, John Priest, and Jim Eikenberry.

CROSS: John P - 25, Jim E - 15, Jim W - 5

WASHERS: Ken - 35, Jim W - 25, John P - 20, Jim E - 20, Walt - 10, John G - 10, Dave - 10

BUFFALO: John G - 48, Walt - 42-X, Dave - 41, Jim E - 40, John P - 34-X, Ken - 31-X, Jim W - 26

CHALK EGG: Jim W - 7, John P - 6, Ken - 6, Dave - 4, John G - 3, Jim E - 3

AGGREG. John P - 85-X, Jim E - 78, Ken - 72-X, Jim W - 63, John G - 61, Dave - 55, Walt - 52-X

## SHOOTERS CORNER:

Shooting standing and unsupported can be a challenging experience. However, one thing that can help is to find your natural shooting position. Hold your firearm normally and aim at a target, then holding that position, close your eyes for 5 seconds. When you open them you should still be aiming at the target.

If not, then that means your body has sprung back to its natural position. Keeping the gun exactly where it's pointing, move your feet around to bring you back onto the target. When you can finally hold the gun on target for 5 seconds with your eyes closed that means your body is in the right position. Try this out every now and then and after awhile your body will naturally assume that stance for shooting. --WWW.blackpowder.co.nz

## CALENDAR

May 27-30 Forest Hills Black Powder Brigade Spring Rendezvous, Mill City, fhbpb.org 503-679-0373

June 17-25 30<sup>th</sup> Pacific Primitive Rendezvous, Seneca, OR www.PacificPrimitiveRendezvous.com

July 9 Living History event at Fort Umpqua in Elkton

July 14-17 35<sup>th</sup> Barlow Trail Long Rifles Rendezvous, Mt. Hood National Forest 503-348-7329

## CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

You have read mention of historic re-enactor Mark Hanus who once lived in Springfield and now lives in Ridgefield, Washington. Mark and his wife Midori portray both the Russian fur trade and Hudson's Bay Co. and will be part of the camp and activities at Fort Umpqua in July.

Mark has had a variety of pursuits in his life, one of which was studying forestry. As part of a class in timber cruising he was in southern Oregon where the students were dropped off along a forest road to practice what they had learned. Mark was standing with his arms and a tape measure around a tree when he looked up. About 30' away, at the edge of the road, watching him, was a tiger.

Now Mark is a very intelligent and logical-minded fellow. His logical brain said "Tigers do not live here so what you are seeing does not exist." While he was trying to sort the two contrary inputs, the sound of an approaching vehicle was heard. The tiger turned its head and looked in the direction of the sound; then turned, crossed the road and disappeared into the brush.

Mark walked up to the road to where the tiger had stood and looked at the ground. Clearly visible in the dust were giant paw prints. The tiger was real.

The vehicle was the van picking up students. Mark told them what he had seen and everyone piled out to look at the prints (then, I expect, piled right back in again).

When I first heard part of this story I remembered reading about a wildlife sanctuary nearby that had big cats. The neighbors didn't like it because the coughing and roaring unnerved their livestock. I figured it was one of those cats that got loose.

It was shortly after Mark's encounter that the local sheriff got a frantic call from a terrified nearby rural family reporting there was a tiger in their yard, eating a deer it had killed. It turned out the cat belonged to a person who had it illegally and did not report the escape for fear of getting in trouble.

You would think that was more than enough cat adventure for anyone. Well, no. One night Mark was in the high Cascades on a camping trip. He had bedded down in the back of his pickup with the tailgate up but the hatch open to the night air. He was just drifting off to sleep when he felt a slight movement similar to the cat jumping on the bed at home. While pondering that, he felt something press in his thigh. He moved to grab the flashlight and saw an animal jump out. Shining the light behind the truck, he saw an animal with an elevated rear end. Lynx! Note: never go into the woods with Mark.

Many thanks to all of you for renewing your membership!

Melody Morrell, Editor 541-689-4281



# The Trade Blanket



Last Year I bought Paul's tipi, so now I have my older one for sale or trade. This is a 16ft that I set up using Nomadics instructions . Not sure who made this. Come with Poles, pins and canvas. The door is as I bought it—wild naugahide....No liner. I would like \$400. I would consider a .40 flint pistol, a buffalo hide or other cool stuff in trade. Nick

If you have something to Buy, Sell or Trade, let Nick  
(Travler) know