WASHINGTON STATE MUZZLELOADER'S ASSOCIATION



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President's Letter Spring 2023

The hunting season has ended and I hope that many of you were successful in "making meat", spending time in the woods, and generally just enjoying one aspect of our sport. The rendezvous season is upon us and we can once again share the camaraderie of the campfire after a day of burning powder and causing the targets to sound off with the extremely satisfying metallic hum when struck with a round ball.

With the start of a new year we need to look ahead to the events that are a staple of our continued growth as an organization. We recently had our display set up at the Washington State Sportsmen's Show at the State fairgrounds in Puyallup. The volunteers that manned the booth were enthusiastic in talking with hundreds of outdoors people throughout the event. There are quite a few people that we spoke with that had experience with rendezvous' when they were much younger. They were hardily invited to come back into the fold and include their families. There were a lot of military members at the show and we have to invite them to either continue in the muzzleloading sport that they were involved in back home or try something new that they had never done before being stationed in the Pacific Northwest.

The next event that we will have an opportunity to share our vision as a state wide organization is the Cascade Mountain Men Muzzle Loading Arms Show in Enumclaw Washington March 11th and 12th. Let's get the word out so that we can build our numbers and our voice with the Game Commission in Olympia. We also need to make more people aware of our commitment to the Youth programs of the various clubs which are members of the association by providing funding for their rendezvous' and Youth shoots.

Finally on March 25th, we have our annual fund raiser banquet held once again at the Tacoma Sportsmen's Clubhouse. It never fails to provide fun, great food, and the opportunity to further support the Association while bidding on items (many of which are handcrafted) in both the live and silent auction. We also have the door prize, dice game, and numerous other ways to win. Ultimately, the goal is to share in the excitement of the event.

I look forward to seeing you all during the upcoming rendezvous season and at the various events that support the sport of muzzleloading.

Youth Grant Applications

Booshways and Club Presidents – now is the time to get your applications in for Youth Grants for 2023. The application form can be found on the WSMA website. Helping our young up and coming shooters get started is the main reason we raise funds. We'd love to hear from the clubs on how their young folks are doing.

Membership Renewals

It's that time of year again to renew your individual, family, club, or trader membership with the WA State Muzzleloader Association. We've kept the prices low and you can either mail in your renewal form or bring it to an event. You can print the form off the website, and while you're at it, print two and get a new member to join.

Elections

It's Election time, and your organization needs YOU! Voting will be done during the CMM Gun Show in Enumclaw in early March. If you are interested in helping run our Association, please email your nomination to Mike Moran at <u>michael.moran248@gmail</u> or Steve Cole at <u>rondydoc@yahoo.com</u>.



The Skagit Muzzleloaders Youth Program

The SML Youth Program was started in 2007at that year's annual Rendezvous and developed to be inclusive of all ages of youth in our Club. Our Youth are divided into three categories, Mini's 3 to 7 years of age, Peewee's 8 to 10 years of age, and Junior age 11 to 18. These Categories are also included in our Mentorship program which

falls under the direction of the Club Booshway, where they are taught by a skilled and active qualified parent or Club Mentor. Minis are instructed not only in the early history of our Country but also in the early crafts of our Pioneers to include safety around They







2020 Peewee Rendezvous shoot with Mentors

firearms and sharp edged weapons and black powder. Peewees will be taught the same and also safe handling and all aspects of loading, firing, and cleaning muzzleloaders.

will be taught the skills of throwing knives and hawks and Archery with safety as the principle skill. Juniors and Adults who are being mentored are taught all of the above.

At Rendezvous other skills such as leather work, beading, finger weaving, flint and steel fire making and other Buckskinning skills. Period style games are available for the very young and young at heart and the very popular Candy Cannon is always present.

Below are some pictures of our current active youth and Mentors.



2021 Rendezvous Youth rifle winner and youth games



2022 Youth Junior shoot.



2022 Junior shoot and proud Grandparents.



2022 November Monthly meeting Junior shoot.

Washington Sportsmen's Show

This year's show certainly had a different "vibe" to it, and all for the better. The show was packed, and we had a lot of interest in the muzzleloading booth. More so, I would say, than in our normal years. Hopefully we'll see some new folks attending our events. Special thanks to the folks who helped set up and man the booth and promote our sport:

Steve Baima Dennis Dunleavy Randy Antonio Rich Bird George Kelly Rich Pogue Jim Haeckel Allen Tresch

Steve Cole Larry Ford Bill Sick Bill Daly Mike Moran Eric Burkhead Randy King

2023 Calendar Updates

Please check the schedule on the website to ensure your event dates and contact info are correct. Send your club rendezvous flyers to <u>michael.moran248@gmail.com</u> for upload to the website calendar.

1-5 ГЕВ	WASHINGTON SPORTSMEN'S SHOW, PUYALLUP, WA
17-19 Гев	RAIN-DEE-VOO, CAPITOL CITY RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB, LITTLEROCK, WA
11-12 Mar	CASCADE MOUNTAIN MEN GUN SHOW, ENUMCLAW, WA
25 Mar	WSMA FUNDRAISING DINNER, PUYALLUP, WA
5-7 May	SNARLIN' BADGER GRUB SHOOT, BREMERTON, WA
5-6 May	Horn and Accoutrements Fair, Littlerock, WA
19-21 MAY	WOMEN'S PRIMITIVE SKILLS, PAUL BUNYAN R&S CLUB, PUYALLUP, WA
26-29 May	PAUL BUNYAN PLAINSMEN RENDEZVOUS, PUYALLUP, WA
2-4 Jun	INTERLAKE MOUNTAIN MEN RENDEZVOUS, SEDRO WOOLEY, WA
23-25 Jun	PALOUSE HILLS RENDEZVOUS, COLFAX, WA
14-16 JUL	TIOGA MOUNTAIN MEN RENDEZVOUS, COQUILLE, WA
30 Jul	TRADE GUN FROLIC, PAUL BUNYAN R&S CLUB, PUYALLUP, WA
24-27 Aug	HISTORICAL GUNMAKER'S WORKSHOP, LITTLEROCK, WA

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Rifle Trail (Clothing bonus) Pistol Trail, Trade Gun Trail, Knife & 'Hawk Trail, Primitive Archery Trail Prize for Top Mountain Man/Top Mountain Woman competing in all five (5) events

- Heated Indoor Trading Post (Traders may setup Thursday evening after 8PM)
- Above ground fires required. Be prepared.
- Aggregate: Rifle, plus Archery or Knife & 'Hawk combined
- Aggregate Prize Blanket
- Dutch Oven Cook-off (Outdoor Preparation), Main Dish and Dessert Categories

Fees and such

Shooters: Men/Women Aggregate Junior Shooters (under age 16) Short Hunters & Young Scouts (under age 12) Single Event Participation Camping (Each Camp, for the event)

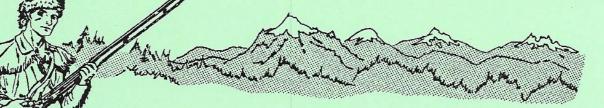
\$27.00 plus Blanket prize (\$15 value) \$6.00 FREE \$ 6.00 \$11.00 Prize for best primitive camp

Friday (2/17)	All Trails open at 1:00 PM
Saturday (2/18)	All Trails open at 9:00 AM, Last start 3:00 PM
	Short Hunters Trail One-shot Buffalo Hunt TBA
	Dutch Oven Cook-off, Potluck Dinner follows at 6:00 PM,
Sunday (2/19)	Trails open 9:00 AM, Last start at 10:00 AM, All Scores in by Noon Awards Ceremony at 2:00 PM

Directions: Exit 95 from I-5, Go west 3.5 miles to Littlerock, South (left) 1.5 miles on Littlerock Road, turn left and uphill into Capitol City Rifle and Pistol Club (14318 Littlerock Rd SW, 98512)

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Cascade Mountain Men Muzzle Loading Arms Show

Commemorating The Fur Trade & Colonial America March 11 & 12, 2023

Saturday 9 am to 5 pm / Sunday 9 am to 3 pm

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Admission: \$10 per day Under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Ages 12 and under are admitted FREE.

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Enumclaw Expo Center 45224 284th Ave S.E., Enumclaw, WA 98022 You are invited to the Washington State Muzzleloaders Association

FUNDRAISING BANQUET Saturday, March 25th, 2023

5:00 Bar is open 6:00 Dinner is served 7:00 The fun begins!!!

Great Menu......Great Door Prizes Buy your tickets ahead of time (for a chance at the special door prize) or at the door for a \$25 donation per person

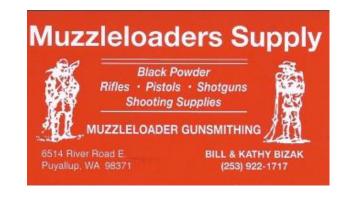
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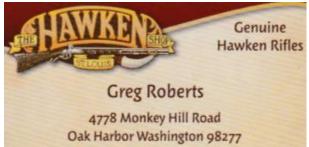


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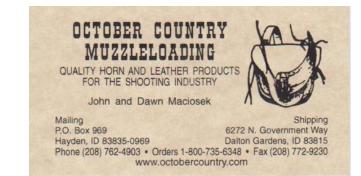
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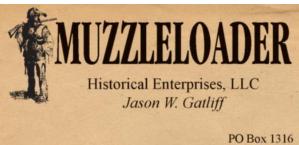




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