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Message from the President

It's been a busy summer. In fact, I don't know how it's been slipping away so fast. With all that has been happening, my writing has been lost in the wind. Now that I have a chance to dip a quill in the inkwell, I'll see what I can do to catch up on the news.

One thing I'd like to do is introduce our new East Side Director, Gary Wilson. He and I had a chance to spend some time together at the Bremerton Brigade Rendezvous, and after chatting a while, he agreed to help fill a vacancy we have on the board. Gary is a member of the Yakima Valley Muzzleloaders but gets around to a wide range of events and clubs, and will be a great asset. He can be reached at sharkchumm@msn.com.

Another item to bring up is "Rondy Bucks". This is a youth program that has been dormant for a while, but thanks to our West Side Director Steve Hohnstein has been resurrected. Booshways can request Rondy Bucks for their events, which work like money or gift certificates. Kids can spend them at the traders tents, and traders can redeem them for cash from WSMA. If you would like to try them, contact Steve at mpd14retir@gmail.com.

Until next time, keep your powder dry and try to stay cool in the heat.

Mike Moran
President, WSMA

Wayne Brown's Passing by Will Ulry

More bad news. Wayne Brown passed away recently at the beginning of July. Wayne retired from Weyerhaeuser several years ago. He was an Aberdeen area resident. Shot regular till a few years ago. He won a Rich Pogue rifle at Paul Bunyan . That was a great shoot.. He was a 7 Rivers member. He loved the Old Timers Fair at Matlock too. He was an avid fisherman and did make a final trip to Alaska. He has made several of those trips. His grandson Jake is handling the services. The grave side services were in Montesano on July 11th. Wayne was being buried in Buckskins. The service then moved to the log building just into Aberdeen on the water side of the highway.

Paul Bunyan Rendezvous by Mike Moran

It was hot. The kind of hot that makes grown men contemplate wearing breechclouts. Luckily, most men stuck to their buckskin pants (literally and figuratively) and there were no fashion faux pas among the participants. Other than the afternoon heat, there was very little to complain about at the Paul Bunyan 42nd Annual Rendezvous held in Puyallup over Memorial Day weekend.

After the opening ceremony and flag raising, the competition got started. For those who had been here numerous times, there were a few new surprises thrown in. The first change on the rifle trail was having to shoot one of the targets from a rocking chair, which everyone seemed to enjoy. Next change up was the 150 yard elk, which was shot offhand from a moving bridge. Then the powder horn silhouette was shot before a lead ball dropped in a six foot tall spiraling piece of flexible conduit had a chance to drop out the bottom into a coffee can. For the last target on the rifle trail, a string with two half pound weights was hung over the end of the rifle barrel. For the most part, the feedback on these new targets were that they were challenging and



Doug Kitchens fires from the moving bridge

fun. We can't publish some of the other comments.



Frank Ponceroff ready for the hawk & knife trail

The pistol trail had a new target as well, where you had to sit in one outhouse and shoot through the crescent cut out of the other outhouse door, without hitting the door itself. To make sure, there was a steel plate behind the opening with a flag that would waive if it was hit correctly. Thank Mark Curtis for that one. The Hawk and Knife trail were pretty straight forward, with most targets allowing you to choose your preferred weapon. With the changes to the rifle, pistol, and hawk & knife events, it made the outcome of the aggregate scores difficult to predict.

Our traders were set up on trader's row having made the 1,000 mile trek up the Missouri River from St. Louis, or in some cases all the way from Bremerton. So much of the rendezvous history is based on the accomplishments of these diehard suppliers, and it is great to see the tradition lives on.

The archers showed their hunting skills on the course that Jim Haeckel set up. For the juniors, the top three arrow slingers were Josiah Goode, Jarod Barth, and Leila Smith. The top archer for the adults was Tony Woore, followed by Bad Wind, Squatting Hawk, and Glenn Borg.

The novelty shoots are always fun. Bill Sick ran the stake shoot and candle shoot on Saturday evening. The team of Derek and Kyle Sotelo, Tony Woore, and Tony Plante shot their 4"x4" stake in half first. Mike Holeman, Tom Litts, and Bob Tresch were the finalists in the candle shoot. On Sunday, the team of Wally McKendry and Doug Kitchens took top honors in the Chicken Shoot. The Trade Gun shoot on Monday morning had Allen Tresch, Will Ulry, and Joe Nevius in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. And although technically not a shooting event (depending on your definition of shooting), Tony Plante won the apple pie contest at the council fire. He also received his new mountain name, "Running Bare".



Karla Hillberg shows off her new chicken

It was a great event, no one got hurt, and the weather didn't get the better of us. Once again the Paul Bunyan Plainsmen put on a helluva rendezvous. Here's looking forward to next year's event.

Aggregate Scores:

Top Mountain Man

1. Allen Tresch
2. Gene Trobaugh
2. Clark Sherwood
3. Caleb Smith

Top Mountain Woman

1. Maureen Reily
2. Dana Atchison
3. Barbara Sherwood

Top Mountain Junior

1. Jarod Barth
2. Jack Knight
3. Aiden Sachman

THE DOIN'S AT TENINO, 2017

By Mike Nesbitt

Once more the doin's at Tenino was the site for the **WSMA Formal Rifle Championships** where paper targets are shot for score. Adam Sampson was the booshtway again and he did a terrific job. On top of that, the weather was actually too good with things getting hot on the firing line, especially on Saturday afternoon. That meant everything for this annual shoot at Tenino was just the way it should be except for the number of shooters. We have

noticed a decline in the number of shooters over the passing years but this time it hit an all-time low with just 21 shooters competing on Saturday and only one more joining on Sunday. Just speaking frankly, 22 shooters isn't enough... This was the 40th year at Tenino.

But the low number of shooters didn't spoil the fun at all. And Tom Brown was our Range Safety Officer again so we made sure that the low number of shooters

didn't give Tom any kind of break. We kept him busy!

In that low number of shooters, we did have one newcomer who had never shot the doin's at Tenino before. That was Charlie Pearson from Lake Stevens, Washington. And I'm not sure if Charlie knew that Tenino is a two-day match because he didn't come back on Sunday. Anyway, here's hopin' we see him again. And we hope he sees a copy of this report.

Among our shooters this year there was only one lady, Jenelle Sampson. She was doing rather well, shooting a new left-handed rifle. That's Adam's wife and it's about time he got her to the firing line. And because she was the only lady, it was her agreement that the ladies' match be cancelled this year.

Once again, we did not include the stake shoot or the knife & tomahawk throwing. We did, however, include a tomahawk target with a "coach" for visitors to try their hand

with a 'hawk. That coach was Scott Isom and he ran the whole thing, for two days straight, and said he had a ball doing it.

Every time I saw Scott, he was very busy.

One very lacking area, we had no juniors in any event.

There are other matches held along with the rifle competition, such as a Trade Gun Match and a Pistol Match as well as some one-shot novelty rifle matches which are not part of the

championships or the rifle aggregate. Those "other matches" are certainly a good part of these doin's at Tenino.

Mike Moran, the WSMA president, joined us on Sunday morning and became our 22nd shooter. He came for the trade gun match and the pistol match, the two matches that do offer a lot of fun. And it is the trade gun match that has been rather famous for the last several years because the prizes are genuine buffalo powder horns, made by Steve Skillman.

This year Adam won the trade gun match, in addition to almost everything else, and second place went to Will Ulry. Grabbing 3rd match was Bob DeLisle.

In addition to those three buffalo powder horns, Steve Skillman put two more powder horns on the prize blanket and one of them was rather special. We recently lost a good



Mike Moran fires his pistol



Bob DeLisle, Will Ulry, and Adam Sampson show off their prizes

friend and powder horn maker, Glenn Sutt. Steve Skillman found an unfinished powder horn in Glenn's possibles, finished it, and gave it to the Tenino doin's as a shooting prize. That horn could be a treasure and it was the very first prize taken from the blanket by our #1 shooter, Adam Sampson.

And again, very big, sincere and multiple Notes of Thanks go to Adam Sampson with the help of Will Ulry and Bob Gietz for being "ramrods" for this shoot. We must also mention Jan Sampson who ran the registration tent for these events. There are really a lot more names who should be

mentioned and thanked for their participation in helping with the set-up and operation of this event, in addition to those who have donated prizes for either the raffles or the shooting aggregate. Those aggregate prizes are the excellent and varied items that are "for grabs" by all shooters who shoot in the aggregate are more than enough to be very good "bait" for bringing shooters back to these events in Tenino. Watch for announcements because at this time the future of more annual shoots at Tenino is simply unknown.

TENINO MATCH RESULTS

MAIN AGGREGATE

- 1. ADAM SAMPSON**
- 2. TIM SAMPSON**
- 3. BOB DELISLE**

MATCH #1 90 YD SINGLE BULL ANY POSITION

- 1. ADAM SAMPSON**
- 2. MIKE NESBITT**
- 3. WILL ULRY**

MATCH #2 75 YD SINGLE BULLSEYE

- 1. BOB DELISLE**
- 2. TIM SAMPSON**
- 3. ADAM SAMPSON**

MATCH #3 50 YD SINGLE BULL BUFFALO

- 1. ADAM SAMPSON**
- 2. WILL ULRY**
- 3. TIM SAMPSON**

MATCH #4 25 YD NIGHTMARE TARGET

- 1. TIM SAMSON**
- 2. JOJO MCWHINNEY**
- 3. BOB DELISLE**

MATCH #5 25 YARD CROW

- 1. ADAM SAMPSON**
- 2. WILL ULRY**
- 3. BOB DELISLE**

TRADE GUN MATCH

- 1. ADAM SAMPSON**
- 2. WILL ULRY**
- 3. BOB DELISLE**

LADIES MATCH - CANCELLED

JUNIOR AGGREGATE—CANCELLED PISTOL MATCH

- 1. ADAM SAMPSON**
- 2. MIKE NESBITT**
- 3. TIM SAMPSON**

CANDLE MATCH

- 1. DON FREELOVE**
- 2. BOB DELISLE**
- 3. JOJO MCWHINNEY**

VEE NOTCH

- 1. BOB DELISLE**
- 2. DAVE PERRY**
- 3. MIKE NESBITT**

MIKE FINK MATCH

- 1. JOJO MCWHINNEY**
- 2. ADAM SAMPSON**
- 3. DAVE PERRY**

Rifle for Sale: Don Landstra has a Lyman Great Plains .50 cal caplock rifle for sale in Port Townsend. He can be reached at djlandstar@yahoo.com.

2017 Calendar Website Updates

Have an event you want to get posted to the calendar? Need to post your new flyer or registration form? You can send the info and flyers to Bob Geitz at duckfreak@q.com or Mike Moran at michael.moran248@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 12-13 AUG | MANY RIVERS RIFLE FROLIC, PSFT, LITTLE ROCK, WA |
| 18-20 AUG | WHIDBEY ISLAND RENDEZVOUS, WHIDBEY ISLAND, WA |
| 24-27 AUG | WA HISTORICAL GUNMAKER'S GUILD WORKSHOP,
LITTLEROCK, WA |
| 1-4 SEP | GREEN RIVER MOUNTAIN MEN RENDEZVOUS, SEQUIM, WA |
| 8-10 SEP | FALL HARVEST RENDEZVOUS, EM, LITTLEROCK, WA |
| 22-23 SEP | SACAJAWEA HERITAGE DAYS, PASCO, WA |
| 21 OCT | S. HAWKIN BIRTHDAY SHOOT, OAK HARBOR, WA |



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