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WSMA Election Results

The election went very smoothly, with no contested races and only a few humorous write in votes. There were 47 ballots cast (one by email and the rest at the CMM Gun Show), and the results are:

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** indicates midway thru their 2 year term, so they were not on the ballot this year.

Memorial Service For Glenn Sutt, Friday May 19th, 4:30 pm, Fort Nisqually

There is going to be a memorial service for Glenn **at Fort Nisqually** on Friday, **May 19th at 5:30 PM**. I am asking everyone that is planning to attend to **wear your primitives bring your flintlock or percussion rifles and/or pistols**. You will need to arrive early, as a safety check will be made to ensure that all weapons are truly unloaded. This will be a ramrod inserted to breech plug depth for verification. We will load with a black powder charge and a wad consisting of florets frog foam. The foam serves as a packing and will disintegrate on ignition, so nothing, other than hot gasses, are discharged from the barrel. I **recommend that those participating in the service arrive no later than 4:30 PM**.



Scouts Meet the Weather at Spring Hunt 2017 By Bob Gietz

The Boy Scouts and their leaders attending the 2017 Spring Hunt (Puget Sound Free Trappers' doin's) certainly had their share of April's varied weather. Alternating rainy skies with gusty winds and sun breaks. This doin's was held on Saturday, April 8th, at the Capital City Rifle and Pistol Club, near Littlerock, WA and it was blessed with local weather at its assorted best, even had a few sun-breaks thrown in.



The 36 Boy Scouts from Troops 93 (Morton), 300, 319, 9419 (Chehalis-Centralia) and 9310 (Rochester) of the Timberline District, Pacific Harbors Council of BSA were not only ready and prepared to participate for the event but one troop came a day early and camped overnight to be 'rarin' to go' at the day's start on Saturday morning. Spring Hunts during the Rocky Mountain Fur Trade saw the return of the mountain men to the beaver streams early in the year, just after ice break-up, to harvest the heavier prime pelts to be taken to the summer rendezvous. There were no prime beaver to be trapped at this doin's but the Boy Scouts did have the chance to compete in some of the traditional trappers' skills. The Puget Sound Free Trappers, combined with the Capitol



City Bowmen, hosted the competition of the skills involved with Archery, Tomahawk Throwing and Muzzle-Loading Rifle shooting. Attendance at Spring Hunt 2016 was comprised of five scouts from Troop 93, 15 scouts from Troop 300, four boys from Troop 319, four from Troop 9310, and eight more from Troop 9419.



Three groups of boys were organized into stages through the separate events, basically

the boys were split into thirds so each of the “events” were going on all at the same time. The Washington State Muzzleloaders Association provided medals for the top three in each category as well as a grant for shooting components and prizes. The cast round balls were donated by “Loco Jeff” Ritter and Sunbirds in Chehalis provided a generous donation of prizes.

Event winners were:

Aggregate 1st Walker Matson-T 9419, 2nd Tristan Snyder- T 9419, and 3rd Daniel Hoel- T 300

Archery: 1st Daniel Hoel - T 300, 2nd Tristan Snyder-T 9419, and 3rd Joel Johnson-T 300

‘Hawk Throwing: 1st Walker Matson- T 9419, 2nd Tristan Snyder- T 9419, and 3rd Brady Harris-T 319.

Rifle: 1st Walker Matson- T 9419, 2nd Joel Johnson- T 300, and 3rd Thomas Mullin-T 300

WSMA Pilgrim medals were awarded to the first-time shooters at a Black Powder event went to thirteen of the Boy Scouts. Each shooting group also received individual prizes “off of the blanket” and selected by each of the competitors

Support and conduct of the event would not have been possible without the work of the Puget Sound Free Trappers and Capitol City Bowmen. Early birds on Friday afternoon: Will Ulry, Tim Sampson, Dave Perry, Clarence Atchison, Frank Ponceroff, and Scott Isom ensured that targets and facilities were ready in ship shape.



Key people responsible for the activities were Tom Witt, Black Powder Range Director for CCRP who coordinated Scout signup and scheduling and served as Range Master, Tim Sampson, in charge of the Tomahawk Throw, and Sherrie headed up the Archery instruction and competition. Archery equipment came from the Washington State Archery Association National “Archery in Schools” program. Don Kerr, in full traditional attire, demonstrated flintlock rifle shooting for each shooting relay. Additional workers assisting for Tomahawk; Dave Perry and Clarence Atchison. The Free Trappers brigade manning the rifle range was: Loaders; John Vladeff, Don Freelove, BO

Brown, and Doug Simpson, and the Line Coaches were; Derek Sotelo, Rowland Zoller, Frank Ponceroff, Tom Brown, Ralph Birmingham, Will Ulry ,and Tony Woore . Rifles were provided as the personal equipment of the Free Trappers.

The staff of Free Trappers and the Bowmen deserve a tremendous thank you for the generosity of their time required to put on this day-long event. Also, the WSMA receives our thank you for the medals and the youth grant which provided prizes and awards and grateful appreciation to Sunbirds for prize donation. We look forward to putting this Spring Hunt on again next year.

Spring Thaw Rendezvous, 2017 by Mike Nesbitt

If you just wanted to complain about the weather, you would have had several opportunities at our Spring Thaw doin's this year. Rain fell hard enough that there was no shortage of running water and a lot of it was running right down our trails. The rains didn't stop everyone though, while our turnout wasn't as good as last year, we still had 25 shooters and they still did some good shooting. We can actually say that the rains didn't stop anything at all...

This doin's was staffed by several of the usual suspects. Don Kerr was the booshway and he kept a rather tight watch on things even though he didn't shoot in the aggregate. Joker Joe Pesek handled the entries and registrations throughout the ordeal and he also accepted the blanket prizes. In addition to those duties, Joe also was in charge of selling our new Evergreen Muzzleloaders' hat pins. Handling the registrations is not an easy job and Joker Joe did it with



Knives from Montana

year without assistance. (Joe is probably just as pleased that we had a rather light turnout.) Pete Strobl handled the novelty shoots on Sunday and also arranged the shotgun match. And all through the rendezvous, Scott Isom was there helping whoever needed his helping hands the most. One good deed that Scott should be thanked for along with the nice fire in the stove was the hot coffee in our rustic warming shed, there were times in this weekend's weather when that was especially nice.

For traders this year we had only two, a knife maker from Montana plus our own Ralph and Maggie Birmingham with their tent full of fine period clothing. Both of those traders were set up outside in the weather and we can all hope that they found their trip to our doin's was worth it because we'd like to see them come back again.

Again this year we did not offer an award for the most primitive camp. Scott Isom did have his Baker tent set up but I think he'd admit how that was some mighty wet doin's. (I do believe that Scott unrolled his bed in the warming shed where he had the comfort of the wood stove for the night.) Mike Moran



Jerry Mayo on the Archery Trail

decided not to put up his canvas lean-to and made his bed under the campfire awning at Mike Holeman's tin-tepee camp. So, we actually had no primitive camps to give an award to and none of us are terribly surprised. Maybe next year we can have the pleasure of increased temperatures and more good sunshine along with greater participation.

Even though the rains continued to fall on Friday and Saturday, the good shooting at this doin's did go on. That was more or less expected and there was certainly no real slow-down noticed. For one thing, all of the usual events at our Spring Thaw doin's went on as scheduled. The only reduction at all can be noticed in the listing of awards; because of the lower turnout of shooters, Booshway Don decided to reduce the aggregate listings to just two shooters each instead of the usual three. That change, we can expect, is a 'this time only' thing and in the future our aggregates should again feature places for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd with certificates as awards.

We had at least one new shooter with us and he shot the rifle trail with a group made up with Mike Moran, Jerry Mayo, and myself. That shooter was Mickey Hamilton from Arizona. Mickey was somewhat outstanding, by wearing his straw hat in the rain. And he was shooting flintlocks, doing rather well with them. But his name is not mentioned in the list of shooters and he was not present at the awards. So, I don't know what might have happened to him and it can only be guessed that he did not turn in his scorecard. Let's hope he comes back.

After shooting the rifle trail, Mike Moran and Mickey Hamilton also shot the pistol trail. Jerry Mayo and I were not quite ready to do that and needed a breather. And it was soon after that when Jerry felt like trying his luck on the Archery trail, so I grabbed a punch and became his trail guide. That was good duty and the rain had lightened up just a bit.

On Saturday there was some emergency target repair needed on our Knife & 'Hawk trail. It seems that a couple of the "power throwers" had split two of our targets and new knife & 'hawk targets had to be put up in their place. Now it isn't all the fault of those powerful 'hawk throwers, those targets were certainly seasoned and experienced. And I do want to thank Mike Holeman, Wayne Noll, and Mike Moran for lending their skills and strength in helping to get those targets back up in time for more competition.

The rains actually let up nicely on Sunday and that allowed the shotgun match plus the Grub Shoot and Fort Shoot to be held, being run by Pete Strobl as usual. Tony Woore won the shotgun match, as you can see in the awards listing, but I didn't see or hear who won the most grub at the Grub Shoot or which team won the Fort Shoot. Those shoots certainly were held.

Only one Junior was signed in for this doin's and that was Landon Severy. We should be seeing Landon coming back to do more shooting because he was the winner of the .50 caliber percussion rifle, which was made possible through the WSMA Youth Grant. Mike Moran, the president of the WSMA was on hand to help with the presentation of that rifle.

The best thing about this year's Spring Thaw doin's is that everyone who came, was glad they were there. Spirits weren't dampened at all. And if we all start working on good weather now, next year's doin's will be better.



Mike Moran with Landon Severy

AWARDS

Rifle
1st Derek Sotelo
2nd Allen Tresch
3rd Jerry Mayo

Pistol
1st Allen Tresch
2nd Mike Holeman
3rd Bill Iliff

Knife & 'Hawk
1st Derek Sotelo
2nd Mike Holeman
3rd Bob Tresch

Trade Gun
1st Mark Davis
2nd Allen Tresch
3rd Mike Holeman

Top Mountain Man
1st Allen Tresch
2nd Pete Strobl
3rd Bob Tresch

Men's Aggregate
1st Allen Tresch
2nd Derek Sotelo

Senior Aggregate
1st Pete Strobl
2nd Bob Tresch

Women's Aggregate
1st Renita Foust
2nd Kerry Sotelo

Shotgun
1st Tony Woore
2nd Pete Strobl
3rd Allen Tresch

Hunter's Class
1st Bob Gietz
2nd Mark Davis
3rd Dave Martin

Junior
1st Landon Severy

Archery
1st Mike Nesbitt
2nd Tony Woore
3rd Derek Sotelo

WSMA Fundraising Dinner

by Mike Moran

We had another great turnout this year for the Fundraising Banquet. Over 100 people attended this year's event, held at the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club in Puyallup on Saturday, March 25th. Mark Curtis kept things lively as our auctioneer, making his first public appearance with his new hip. Steve Cole and his son ran the registration table, Bill Daly ran the rifle raffle, and Don Freelove manned the giant dice throw. And we couldn't have made it out of there without the extraordinary efforts of Kirsten and Andy Ward who kept all the money straight. There were many others who helped as well, and the success of the event is directly due to their efforts. Thanks to Jerry Jazbec for the pictures.



Linda Curtis checks out the auction items

Cindy Riggs, Renita Foust, and the other Women of the Primitive Skills provided the meal, with smoked brisket, chicken, several different side dishes, and a dessert table to die for. Thank you ladies for the wonderful meal and all the leftovers. And a special thanks to all the traders and craftsmen who provided items for the auction. It is amazing the talented pool of people we have who are so willing to donate to our organization.



Annie and Karla serve it up

Each year the WSMA provides close to \$5,000 in Youth Grants to support local clubs so that kids can get involved in muzzleloading and buckskinning. I'm happy to report that this year the auction brought in that much and more, allowing the WSMA help support the future of our sport.

We have reserved Tacoma Sportsmen's Club again for next year on the 4th Saturday of March, and hope to see everyone back again. Until then, happy trails.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

5-7 MAY	RIM ROCK FREE TRAPPERS SPECIALTY SHOOT/ RENDEZVOUS, POULSBO SPORTSMEN'S CLUB
19-21 MAY	SKAGIT ML RENDEZVOUS, SEDRO WOOLEY, WA
19-21 MAY	WOMEN'S PRIMITIVE SKILLS, PUYALLUP, WA
20-21 MAY	SAGEBRUSH PRIMITIVE SKILLS, BENTON CITY, WA
26-29 MAY	PAUL BUNYAN RENDEZVOUS, PUYALLUP, WA
2-4 JUNE	SPOKANE FALLS RENDEZVOUS, SPOKANE, WA
2-4 JUNE	INTERLAKE MM RENDEZVOUS, SEDRO WOOLEY, WA
3 JUNE	BREMERTON BRIGADE YOUTH SHOOT, BREMERTON, WA
10-11 JUNE	FORT WALLA WALLA DAYS AND ART SHOW
15-17 JUNE	PINE CREEK RENDEZVOUS, CLIFFDELL, WA
23-25 JUNE	PALOUSE HILLS RENDEZVOUS, COLFAX, WA
23-30 JUNE	PACIFIC PRIMITIVE RENDEZVOUS, WINCHESTER, ID



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