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**JANUARY 22 - 26, 2020**

WED - FRI: 12NOON - 8PM    WASHINGTON STATE FAIR  
SATURDAY: 10AM - 8PM    EVENTS CENTER  
SUNDAY: 10AM - 4PM    PUYALLUP, WA

## WA Sportsmen's Show

The booth sign up list is filling up fast but there are a few slots left, especially Thursday and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> shift. Thanks to all who volunteered already, but we still need a few more folks to help us spread the word.

If you've never been to the show, it is one of the largest outdoor shows around, well worth the price of admission.

## Game Management Advisory Council

The WSMA was contacted by the WA Dept of Fish and Wildlife to see if we had anyone who wanted to be on the WA Game Management Advisory Council, a group that meets to discuss hunting seasons, methods, and limits, among other things. Mark Curtis, a hunter, muzzleloader, and hunter's education instructor, applied for the position. Unfortunately, he was notified he was not selected. Thanks, Mark, for stepping up to represent us.

## Paul Bunyan Christmas Shoot 2019

Oh the weather outside was frightful delightful as we gathered for the annual Paul Bunyan Christmas shoot and fundraiser for Toys for Tots. Unlike most of the monthly shoots here, there was no need to pick up a target frame to hang your stockings paper targets on. This month, Chip Kormas provided a novel approach and had a combination of steel silhouettes, balloons, and holiday targets, but more of that in a moment. In lieu of a shooters fee, we ask for donations to Toys for Tots, and this year the muzzleloading community was very generous.

Chip had laid out the course to incorporate a variety of target sizes and distances. There were six steel targets ranging from a buffalo to a candle at distances



**Ryan Johnston from Toys for Tots takes a shot**

Chip gave everyone 45 minutes to shoot the targets, then there was a short break and a bonus round was conducted. You never know what Santa is going to bring you.

Ryan Johnston was the representative for the Toys for Tots program that came out to take the donations. A 7 year veteran of the Marine Corps, he was plenty familiar with shooting but had never shot a muzzleloader. Mike Moran let him borrow his .54 cal flintlock and after a few practice rounds, Ryan was knocking them down. He had fun and we may see him at some future events. After the shoot we got to see how many toys his pickup truck would hold (turns out that we can get that second bicycle in there).

Even though Chip did his best to challenge us, his efforts were in vain because the Plainsmen had wrapped all the



**Don Freelove shows his Christmas spirit**

from 25-50 yards (that candle looked pretty far away). Hanging from the target stands were candy canes, pine cones, and oranges at 15 yards. At each end of the range there was a bunch of balloons – small ones for your rifle, and larger ones for your trade gun, which in this case meant the gun you traded with a partner.

Each target counted for one point, for a total of 12. But wait, there's more.



**Booshway Chip Kormas**



Mike Holeman opens his present

prizes and had them sitting under the Christmas tree. We picked in order of high score to low score, but everyone got to enjoy the surprise in opening their gifts. Who says grown ups are too old for Santa?

In addition to taking donations, there was a raffle for several nice items to help raise additional funds. There was a shooting box by Frank Ponceroff, a small buffalo horn with applied tip by Steve Skillman, a horn with a copper covered butt by Dave Rase, a knife, and necklace. The raffle tickets were sold at \$5 each, and we were able to raise over \$300 just for the raffle items. The winners of the raffle items (in order listed) were Darrel Behounek, Dave Rase, Wes Parker, Mike Moran, and Mike Holeman.

At the end of the day, the 25 muzzleloaders provided \$1,510 in donations plus some toys. But this event is a big one for all the disciplines at Paul Bunyan and with a very

successful fundraising drive, we sent Ryan away with over \$23,000 and an entire truck load of toys which will provide a great Christmas to thousands of deserving kids.

## Upper Nisqually Muzzleloader Shoot

Scott Young and Tommy Hay hosted a shoot at the Upper Nisqually Sportsmen's Club on Dec 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019. This is the first muzzleloader event in a long time at this club, and they both worked hard to ensure it was a success. The course of fire consisted of twenty shots along a trail walk, with ten being on one side of the club and ten on the other. There were some pretty challenging targets, but they were well painted.



Who can ring the dinner bell?

Eleven shooters showed up that morning and Scott conducted the safety briefing. The match fee was \$5.00 and for those who wanted to participate, a blanket prize. The group broke up into several smaller groups, with some starting on one trail and some the other. The weather wasn't too bad for late December, a little drizzle but not too cold.



Boosway Scott Young

As the shoot went on we discovered that some of the targets

needed a bit more reinforcing to hold up against the bigger caliber round balls being lobbed at them. If a target broke it was deemed a hit for all shooters. Once all the shooting was done, we gathered back at the clubhouse to tally the scores and pick prizes.



Jerry Mayo makes smoke and fire

Scott and Tommy

are board members at Upper Nisqually and want to get this going as a monthly shoot, with the ultimate goal of hosting a rendezvous in 2021. They are still working with the club to find a recurring day for their monthly shoot. Stay tuned for more information, and lets help support a new group get started in muzzleloading!



The sun came out on the trail walk

## [Website Updates](#)

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It's time to build the 2020 Rendezvous calendar on the website. If you are responsible for an event, please contact Bob Geitz at [duckfreak@q.com](mailto:duckfreak@q.com) so he can update our event listings.



**WANTED**

**NEW TREASURER**

for

**WSMA**

Mike Nesbitt has been diligently keeping the books for almost a decade and it's time to "pass the buck" to someone new. It comes at a significant milestone - we're out of checks! Before ordering new ones we need to determine who the new treasurer will be.

**Any volunteers welcome**

# **2020 UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 22-26 JAN**      **WA SPORTSMEN'S SHOW, PUYALLUP FAIRGROUNDS**
- 26 JAN**        **WSMA SILHOUETTE SHOOT, PAUL BUNYAN, PUYALLUP**
- 14-16 FEB**    **RAIN-DEE-VOO, CAPITAL CITY RIFLE & PISTOL, LITTLEROCK**
- 7-8 MAR**      **CASCADE MT MEN GUN SHOW, MONROE**
- 28 MAR**      **WSMA FUNDRAISING BANQUET**

# WSMA Booth at Puyallup Sportsmen's Show 2020 Volunteer List

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

## **Wednesday, 22 January**

### **12:00 to 4:00 (4 hrs)**

1. Lee Johnson
2. John Abbott
3. Chuck Lacher

### **4:00 to 8:00 (4 hrs)**

1. Mark Curtis
2. Bill Sick
3. Rich Pogue
4. Jim Hillberg

## **Thursday, 23 January**

### **12:00 to 4:00 (4 hrs)**

1. Derek Sotelo
2. Paul Nelson
3. Bill Daly
4. Will Ulry
5. Deb Freelove

### **4:00 to 8:00 (4 hrs)**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

## **Friday, 24 January**

### **12:00 to 4:00 (4 hrs)**

1. Steve Baima
2. Jerry Jazbec
3. Maribeth Jazbec

### **4:00 to 8:00 (4 hrs)**

1. Steve Baima
- 2.
- 3.

## **Saturday, 25 January**

### **10:00 to 3:00 (5 hrs)**

1. Dwayne Anderson
2. Mike Moran
- 3.

### **3:00 to 8:00 (5 hrs)**

1. Jenn Kellum
2. Doug Nash
3. Gary Wilson

## **Sunday, 26 January**

### **10:00 to 1:00 (3 hrs)**

1. Mike Moran
2. Gary Wilson
- 3.

### **1:00 to 4:00 (3 hrs)**

1. Mike Moran
2. Steve Hohnstein
3. Gary Wilson



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