

WASHINGTON STATE MUZZLELOADER'S ASSOCIATION

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Meet the New Officers

Here's the new slate of WSMA officers that were voted in this spring.

President:	Steve Cole
Vice President:	Allen Tresch
Secretary/Treasurer:	Paul Nelson
Events Booshway:	Mike Moran
West Side Director:	Will Ulry
East Side Director:	Gary Wilson

Congratulations also go out to the Paul Bunyan Plainsmen, who won best Rendezvous. They were closely followed by Skagit Muzzleloaders and Interlake Muzzleloaders.

Please Note: WSMA now has a new mailing address:

WSMA, 18526 SE 416th St, Enumclaw, WA 98022

2024 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 michael.moran248@gmail.com for upload to the website calendar.

21 JUL	TRADE GUN FROLIC, PAUL BUNYAN R&SC, PUYALLUP, WA
25-28 JUL	OREGON TRAIL DAYS ENCAMPMENT, TENINO, WA
2-4 AUG	BREMERTON BRIGADE RENDEZVOUS, POULSBO, WA
16-18 AUG	WISHKAH RIVER RENDEZVOUS, ABERDEEN, WA
22-25 AUG	WA HISTORICAL GUNMAKER'S GUILD WORKSHOP, LITTLEROCK, WA
30 A-2 SEP	PUGET SOUND FREE TRAPPER'S FALL GATHERING, LITTLEROCK, WA

Skagit ML 4th Annual Trader's Fair

Greetings Fellow Muzzleloader's

Skagit Muzzleloaders just had their 4th Annual Traders Fair and Sale July 11, 12, and 13th, and we had a really good time. With several tent traders and many blanket traders in attendance, plenty of goods from the 1700's to the 1840's was available for purchase or trade. New and used rifles, smooth bores and handguns were in abundance as were all the needed foo frau one could want. Make a note to attend next year's event, you won't be sorry.



2024 Paul Bunyan Rendezvous

by Mike Moran

The weather could not have been better. Cloudy skies with a bit of rain every day kept things cool, and then warm sunshine on the last day. The only thing better than packing up dry canvas is spending the weekend with your friends at the Paul Bunyan Rendezvous. Boosway Jim Haeckel and Segundo Mike Moran kept things running throughout the event.

There were 70 shooters who participated in the aggregate shoots, which consist of the rifle trail, pistol trail, and knife and hawk trail. Squatting Hawk would take it again as the top man, with Barefoot Annie as the top woman and Alya Hamilton as top junior. Competition was fierce, and it was quite apparent that many folks had been practicing.



Heath Taylor splits the ball from 30 yards. Good shootin'!

After the trails shut down on Saturday, Bill Sick hosted the stake shoot. Three teams of three shooters and a safety observer each competed against each other to shoot a 4x4 in half (the lumber, not the vehicle). Congratulations to the father/son teams of Ken and Issac Hester and Doug and David Dickman breaking it in two. That was followed immediately by the Split the Ball shoot, where the ball is shot at the blade of an axe and must split and break a clay pigeon on each side. Heath Taylor won that, with a 30 yard shot using a borrowed gun. That's some shooting!



Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner. Allen Tresch and Tony Plante win the Chicken Shoot

The Chicken Shoot is always a favorite and happens after the trails close on Sunday afternoon. Teams of two compete against each other to knock down two large and one teeny tiny chicken silhouette set out at 40 yards. It is an elimination contest with the winners of the heats moving up to the next round. In between, Nicholas Schubert served as "Chicken Boy" and would run down range wearing a chicken hat to reset the silhouettes. This one always draws a big crowd. Not surprisingly, Allen Tresch and Tony Plante won it and took home a chicken dinner.

While all this shooting is going on, Karla Hillberg and Jack Knight kept the Lil' Buckskinners busy with crafts and games. The traders were also busy, displaying their wares and negotiating prices. Each day at noon, Will Ulry would gather the kids and set off the candy cannon. There was fun stuff going on everywhere you looked.

Sunday night we had the big council fire and Mom's Apple Pie contest. There were only two entries this year, and one was disqualified as not being apple pie (but it was delicious). Since they were both submitted by the same contestant, the judging was easy. Patrick was the winner. While we sat by the fire as the judges made their decision, Mike Moran with his fiddle and Mickey Hamilton with his banjo provided some entertainment. They were later joined by Spooner and Victoria Bernhard with their guitars, and they played and sang into the night. Spooner had other musician friends come play on Saturday as well.



Heath Taylor, Doug Dickman, and Ken Hester win the Stake Shoot

Mark Curtis got the Trade Gun Shoot started on Monday morning, which consisted of gongs and paper targets. Mike Holeman won that with a score of 104, with Bugler and Running Bare in second and third. At the same time, the Smith Family was on hand to put on the Dan Smith Memorial Pee Wee Shoot.



Mike Moran thanks "Chicken Boy" Nicholas Schubert for his services

All good things must come to an end, as they say, but at least when we all gathered at the awards ceremony, we had homemade ice cream the lil' Buckskinners made for all of us. With a moment of silence for fallen service members in recognition of Memorial Day, Booshway Jim Haeckel got the prize out going, with help from Mark Curtis. Another rendezvous in the books, and something to look forward to as we celebrate our 50th anniversary rendezvous next year.

Snarlin' Badger Fort Shoot

by Rich Glynn

We had a fun, slightly damp weekend at the 2024 Snarlin' Badger Fort Shoot and Rendezvous.

There were 12 shooters this year and three four-person teams. The top team featured the shooting and hawk/knife talents of Doug "Bad Wind" Kitchens, who is also our Boosway, Bob Schmiett, Norm Thompson and Allen "Two Tails" Tresch. The aggregate score for defending the fort and hawk and knife throwing was 75. Nice job, guys.

For the Steak/Stake Shoot, Allen Tresch and Adam, took first and second place that earned them a T-bone each. On the Long-Range Blind Shoot, Don Borg took first place with a bullseye! And taking home some cash, Bob Schiemitt won the Long-Range Archery shoot at a 3-D target. Two Tails Tresch also took home a tin of percussion caps after winning a drawing. Team members were awarded Washington State Muzzleloading Association medals.

We couldn't have a successful event without the combined talents of Minne and Chuck Lumadue, who kept everyone caffeinated and hydrated. The Lumadues also put together the hefty grub bag prizes for all the Fort Shoot defenders. Thanks to Wally McKendry and Glenn Borg for running our registration, Archie Silcox and Glenn Borg for running the archery shoot, and Bill Daly for ensuring the the Fort Shoot went off without a hitch. Kudos go out to Wayne Noll who helped with the safety at the Fort Shoot and setting up the Long-Range Blind Shoot. And much thanks to our Boosway, Doug Kitchens, for making this all happen. Doug will be back at it again this August at the Brigade Rendezvous.

Many thanks to everyone who participated or watched our Snarlin' Badger Fort Shoot and Rendezvous. See you again next year! Take care.

Muzzleloader's Beware

I heard about this barrel burst and received the photograph of the damage today. This happened to an acquaintance of mine who lives in Montana. He thinks he got distracted in his loading sequence and failed to seat the ball with his ramrod after short starting his load. I thought the Brigade ought to see this very sobering reminder of what can happen when we lose our focus, even for just one second.

David Rase



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ANNUAL TRADE GUN FROLIC JULY 21, 2024

Hosted by the Paul Bunyan Plainsmen

PAUL BUNYAN RIFLE & SPORTSMAN'S CLUB
17902 Meridian E, Puyallup, WA 98375

Trade Gun Frolic includes shooting at paper, gongs and flying clays from the trap house. Be prepared for round ball shooting and for shots with birdshot. We will also be shooting at paper targets on the rifle range. **Bonus points for primitive attire.** Ladies, bring your trade guns!

Each shooter will be awarded a prize based on aggregate scores, in addition to the WSMA medals which will go to the top three shooters.

Guns must be smoothbore, flintlocks, simple trigger, with no rear sights.

- Registration begins at 8:00 am, and shooters meeting at 9:00 am
- Registration Fees: Adult Shooter - \$15, Junior - \$6

**WSMA MEDALS AWARDED FOR
AGGREGATE.**

TRADERS WELCOME!!

Booshway: Mike Moran
253-232-3087

Segundo: Jim Haeckel
253-255-2006



Bremerton Brigade

48th Rendezvous

Aug. 2, 3, 4, 2024

Poulsbo Sportsman Club Black Powder Range
NW Clear Creek Road and NW Innovative Way, Poulsbo, WA 98370
(For map go to: www.pscnet.net)

Events include:

Aggregate: Rifle, Pistol, Hawk & Knife
Trade Gun Shoot, Primitive Archery, Candle Shoot, Specialties Shoots.
Junior, Freshman and Pee Wee Shoots.
Drawings for Adult basket and Child's Backpack

Camping/Traders

Primitive Camping, Tin Teepee & Trader Sites open Thursday Aug. 1 at 9 a.m. One tent/tin teepee per camp site. No parking in primitive area after load in.
Boosway: Doug Kitchens, 360-440-2356; Segundo: Rich Glynn, 360-377-2788

Fees

\$25 per Adult Shooter
\$10 per Junior 12-15
\$10 per Freshman 8-11
\$0 per Pee Wee 7 & under
\$25 Camping Fee
Prize Out 12:30 p.m. Sunday

Pot Luck Dinner

Saturday at 5 p.m. Bring a dish, share a dish

**All dogs must be on a
leash at all times.
Please pick up after
your pets.**

Cook Shack (closed)

The Bremerton Brigade's Cook Shack will be closed. Please be ready to cook your own meals this rendezvous.

Please Note:

Open fires are subject to weather and fire marshals.

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Invite you to

Fall Gathering

AUG 30th, 31st, SEPT 1st & 2nd 2024



**Rifle Trail (Clothing bonus) Pistol Trail, Trade Gun Trail, Knife & 'Hawk Trail
Prize for Top Mountain Man/Top Mountain Woman competing in all four (4) events**

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

Fees and such

Shooters: Men/Women Aggregate	\$30.00
Junior Shooters (under age 16)	\$10.00
Single Event Participation	\$15.00
Camping (Each Camp, for the event)	\$11.00 (Prize for best primitive camp)

Registration opens Noon Fri & 8AM Sat

Friday (8/30)	All Trails open at 1:00 PM
Saturday (8/31)	All Trails open at 9:00 AM, Last start 3:00 PM Dutch Oven Cook-off, all entries must be in by 5:45 PM Potluck Dinner follows at 6:00 PM,
Sunday (9/01)	Trails open 9:00 AM, Last start 3:00 PM, All Scores in by 5PM
Monday (9/02)	Awards Ceremony at NOON

**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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TradeChief Julie Wright	powderpaws@comcast.net

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APPLICATION TO JOIN WSMA

New Renew

____ ____ Individual Annual Dues (\$10.00)

____ ____ Family Annual Dues (\$15.00) (Head of house, spouse, children under 18, still living at home)

____ ____ Club Annual Dues (\$10.00)

____ ____ Trader Annual Dues (\$20.00). Business Name: _____

Make check payable to WSMA, mail to 18526 SE 416th St, Enumclaw, WA 98022

Name: _____ Club: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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Newsletters will be sent by email unless requested otherwise.

AREAS OF INTEREST AND PREFERENCES

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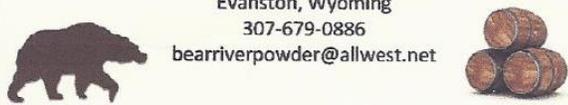
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