



NEWSLETTER
OF THE
EVERGREEN MUZZLELOADERS
January 2021



WE BEGIN THE NEW YEAR!



Our Monthly Report by Mike Nesbitt
passed away earlier this week.

A 16-gun salute is fired in the memory of Don Kerr who

MATCH RESULTS:

Name	25 yd. Bullseye	Gongs	Total
1 st Steve Andrews	44-X	90	134-X
2 nd Mike Holeman	44	90	134
3 rd Jerry Johnson	48	80	128
*4 th Tom Witt	46	80	126
*4 th Cody Mehr	46	80	126
5 th Phil Wiebe	48-X	70	118-X
6 th Mickey Hamilton	47	70	117
7 th Tom Brown	35-X	80	115-X
8 th Mike Nesbitt	44	70	114
9 th Will Ulry	43	60	103
10 th Ralph Birmingham	45-X	50	95-X
11 th Josh Brown	33	60	93
12 th Jerry Mayo	18	60	78

- Rather than break the tie, both names were called at once

MEETING MINUTES: Meeting called to order at 11:27 16 members present

READING OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES: Mike Nesbitt read the minutes from December which were accepted as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jerry Mayo gave us Bob DeLisle's monthly treasurer's report, and again we're in good standing. Accepted as read.

LIAISON OFFER'S REPORTS:

Gunmaker's Guild: Mike Nesbitt reported applications are in at Capitol City for both the Hornmakers' and the Gunmakers' doin's for this coming spring and summer.

Evergreen SC: Mike Nesbitt reported that our monthly shoots are on the calendar for the 2nd Saturday of each month.

Free Trapper's: Tom Brown reported that the Rain-de-voov for this year is cancelled.

Will Ulry reported that the CCRP club had voted to donate a truck load of firewood to us for use in our warming shed.

Prize Committee: Mike Nesbitt reported that our prize stash is still in good shape. We must make the decision on if we'll ask for prizes from the shooters for Fall Harvest.

Old Business: None

New Business: Club officer elections were held and present officers remain in office. They are; Jerry Mayo, President, Bob DeLilse, treasurer, & Mike Nesbitt, secretary.

For the Good of the Order: Tom Brown will run the match in February, bring your Trade Guns. Also, Tom suggested having a fun shoot on the Puget Sound Free Trappers' trail in place of the Rain-de-voov. We'll hear more about that on the Free Trappers' match. And Jerry Johnson commented, by email, that the Upper Nisqually club will have a fun shoot on January 17th, paper and trail. No fee and no prizes.

Meeting adjourned: 11:45

OUR NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY SHOOT: Our next monthly shoot is being held on **February 13, 2021**. The course of fire for that next match, run by Tom Brown, will be for Trade Guns, at targets yet to be determined. Let's get signed in by 9:00 and the shooting can start at 9:30. If we still need to keep "social distancing" in mind, like we did previously, we'll "spread out" by dividing the group again with half of us beginning on the paper range while the other half of us start building their scores on the trail-walk. Please bring a worthy blanket prize if you want to participate in the awards. We'll have an entry fee of \$5.00.

PUGET SOUND FREE TRAPPERS The Free Trappers will hold their next match on **February 6, 2021** down on the Black Powder range at Capitol City R&P club. Course of fire and the entry fee plus other details should be announced in the reminder. Contact Bob Gietz for details.

OLD WEST CENTERFIRES will hold their next match on **January 16, 2021** on the High Power Range at Capitol Rifle and Pistol Club. This match will require 20 shots on paper, fired while sitting behind X-sticks. Instead of having the added 10 shots at gongs with our "buffalo guns" we'll also have a 10-shot black powder after-aggregate match which will be for black powder revolvers. The range fee is \$14 plus \$1 if you participate in the after-aggregate match. For info, contact Bob Gietz for info at duckfreak@q.com. Please arrive early enough to sign in. Shooting begins at 9:30.

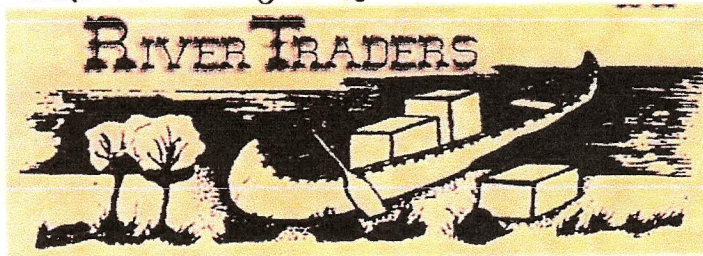
UPPER NISQUALLY SPORTSMAN'S CLUB Contact; Scott Young (253-278-5767) or Tommy Hay (253-222-8497) for shooting schedule and more details.

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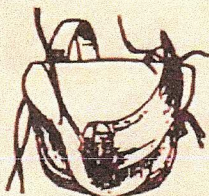
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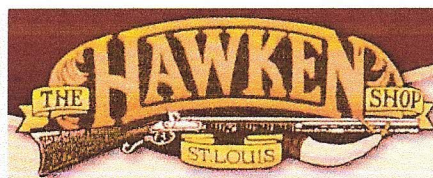
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OLD WEST CENTERFIRES

By Jerry Mayo

Happy New Year! And with the New Year comes the first match of the 2021 Old West Centerfires season. We were fortunate to get this match in the books. Just three days before a severe storm wrecked havoc on the roads leading to the range and the surrounding area. Luckily the range was not affected but traffic flow was defiantly stalled. Thanks to our local crews for their efforts in clearing and rebuilding our roads as well as our dedicated shooters who were able to safely attend the day's match.

Eleven shooters were present, in addition to Tom Brown who handled the paperwork and Dan Johnson our RSO, and as always we continue to take the necessary precautions to prevent the spread of Covid-19 virus. Social distancing and appropriate face covering were utilized as dictated by our elected officials. Our match consisted of the usual ten shots at 100 yards at a single bullseye target and ten more at 200 yards to a 200 yard military bulleye target.



I must say I was very excited to see this month's match finally arrive. After shooting my 1874 Sharps Hartford .45/70 for the entirety of my black powder cartridge life, I have recently completed a Remington rolling block project. This new rifle and I are still getting to know each other but I'll tell ya, it is a big old .50 caliber buffalo rifle and that was the plan. But the Sharps will never be out of the rotation.

It was a comfortable and clear day for shooting so it's no surprise there were some very good scores posted. Allen Cunniff was our top shooter today scoring a total of 189-3X out of a possible 200 points. He also shot the highest 200-yard score of 98-3X. Allen was shooting his newly acquired .45/70 Rolling Block. Good shooting Allen! Next was Curt Lokovsek with his Remington Hepburn in .45/90 posting a 188-2X. Curt had the highest 100-yard score of 94-X. Ken Kurfurst is third shooting 187-3X. Ken was using a .45/90 Rolling Block. In fourth place is "Loco" Jeff Ritter only one X behind Ken. Jeff's score was 187-2X. Rounding out the top five is Mike Nesbitt

shooting his C. Sharps Arms Model 1874 chambered in .44/70. Mike's score was 172-2X.

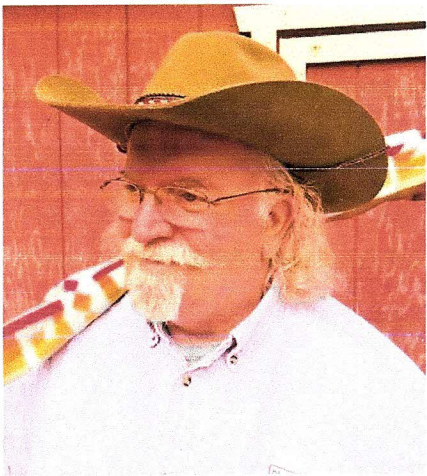
Next came Tom Witt shooting in his second Old West Centerfires match. Only his second try but Tom is hooked! (After the match he did some shooting with his .44/40 "camp gun" which we'll see more of at Buffalo Camp.) Then Wes Davis shot his .45/70 well enough to get one point more than me with my .50/70. I'll do my best to get even for that...

Will Ulry and Phil Wiebe tied at 138-2X and the tie was in Will's favor because he had the higher score at 200 yards. Doc Ritter's score finishes our list and he was shooting his "still new" Semi Custom Classic Hartford by C. Sharps Arms in .45/70 caliber. We'll be seeing Doc's scores improve, maybe with his new rolling block in .45/90.

Scores for this Match

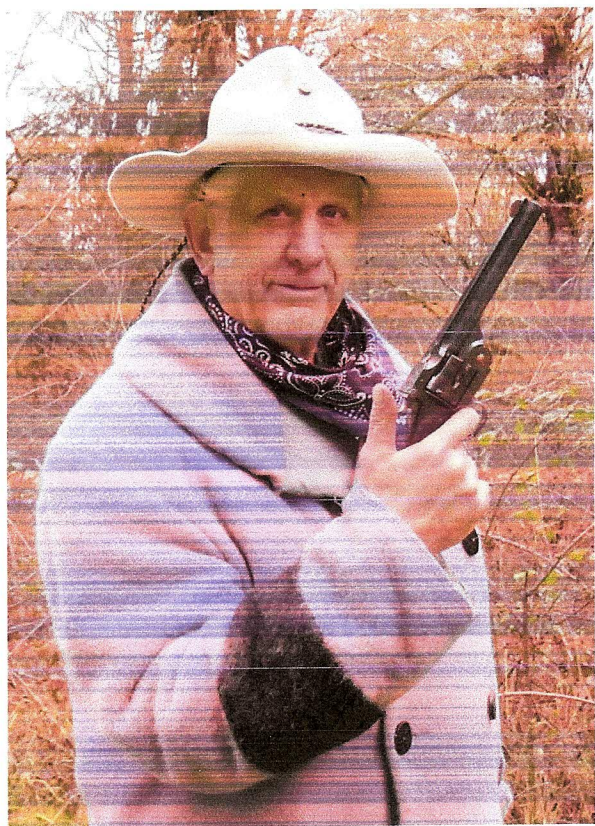
Name	Rifle/Cartridge	100 yd.	200 yds.	Total
1st Allen Cunniff	Rem Rolling Block .45/70	91	98-3X	189-3X
2nd Curt Lokovsek	Remington Hepburn .45/90	94-X	94-X	188-2X
3rd Ken Kurfurst	Rem Rolling Block .45/90	90	97-3X	187-3X
4th Loco Jeff Ritter	Rem Rolling Block .45/90	90-X	97-X	187-2X
5th Mike Nesbitt	1874 C. Sharps Arms .44/70	81	91-2X	172-2X
6th Tom Witt	1874 CSA Hartford .50/70	79	83	162
7th Wes Davis	1874 C. Sharps Arms .45/70	78	75-X	153-X
8th Jerry Mayo	Rem Rolling Block .50/70	77	75-X	152-X
9th Will Ulry	1874 Shiloh Sharps .45/70	51-X	87-X	138-2X
10th Phil Wiebe	1874 C. Sharps Arms .45/90	57	81-2X	138-2X
11th "Doc" Jeff Ritter	1874 C. Sharps Arms .45-70	45	72	117

Note: Tie breaker is highest score at longest distance.





These "Buffalo Runners" are, left to right standing, Loco Jeff Ritter, Doc Ritter, Tom Witt, Jerry Mayo, Curt Lokosvek, Ken Kurfurst (almost hidden) and Phil Wiebe, kneeling, Allen Cunniff, Mike Nesbitt, Will Ulry, and Wes Davis.



Mike Nesbitt with his .44 Russian

Our after-aggregate match was Old West black powder revolvers shoot at 30 feet. The order of fire was simply 10 shots at a single 5 ½- inch bullseye on a 10 ½-inch target. Thirty feet, or 10 yards, may not sound very far but you pistoleros out there are fully aware of the opportunity that distance presents to do one little thing wrong which will send your bullet anywhere but to the X.

Mike Nesbitt was today's after-aggregate match winner with a score of 99-5X. Mike was shooting a beautiful copy of a Smith & Wesson New Model #3 chambered in .44 Special but using .44 Russian cases with, of course, black powder loads. Congratulations Mike! All of the pistol calibers and scores appear below.

Scores and calibers for the Pistol Match

1 st Mike Nesbitt, .44 Russian	99-5X
2 nd Allen Cunniff, .44/40	99-4X
3 rd Jerry Mayo, .44 Colt	98-3X
4 th Will Ulry, .44/40	95-3X
5 th Tom Witt, .44 Colt	95-2X
6 th Phil Wiebe, .44 Special	86-2X
7 th Doc Ritter, .45 Colt	82
8 th Loco Jeff Ritter, 45 Colt	35

Next month we'll have a special "cousin" to our Old West Centerfires matches, the annual .50/70 match on February 20th. All buffalo rifle calibers are invited, of course, but the .50/70s will have priority. See you then.

REMEMBERING DON KERR



We're all saddened to know that a long time member of our shooting family is no longer with us. Don Kerr passed away early this month. Don's family is in the Northeast and that is where his remains will be laid to rest. Don was retired from the United States Army and was a combat veteran of the Vietnam War. He has been involved in black powder activities in the Pacific Northwest for many years and he was an active member of the Washington State Muzzleloaders Association as well as the Evergreen Sportsman's Club and the Capital City Rifle and Pistol Club. He served many terms as the President of the Evergreen Muzzleloaders and held a variety of leadership positions at many of the rendezvous in this area. While not carrying that load he would be there to shoot and to help. He was a member of the Gunmakers Guild for approximately 15 years and served as one of the steering committee members. Don was also a talented and accomplished powder horn maker and was regularly called upon to make all manner of mountain man accouterments. Club gifts, prizes, rendezvous registration fobs, and the list goes on. He was also active in the Black River Buffalo Runners organization participating in black powder cartridge activities. Don's passing leaves a real void in our black powder community. He will be remembered and he will be truly missed. --- Jerry Mayo

DOIN'S YET TO COME



PSFT MONTHLY SHOOT

FEBRUARY 6, 2021



FEBRUARY MONTHLY MATCH

FEBRUARY 13, 2021 PSFT



RAIN-DE-VOO (CANCELLED) FEB. 12, 13, 14, 2021



Old West Centerfires (.50/70 match) February 20, 2021



PSFT MONTHLY SHOOT

MARCH 6, 2021



MARCH MONTHLY MATCH

MARCH 13, 2021

CMM Gun Show (CANCELLED) Mar. 13 & 14, 2021



Old West Centerfires

March 20, 2021



WSMA Fundraising Dinner

March 27, 2021



PSFT (SPRING HUNT)

APRIL 3, 2021



APRIL MONTHLY MATCH

APRIL 10, 2021



Old West Centerfires (Paper Patch) April 17, 2021



PSFT MONTHLY SHOOT

MAY 1, 2021



MAY MONTHLY MATCH

MAY 8, 2021



BUFFALO CAMP

MAY 15 & 16, 2021



Old West Centerfires

June 5, 2021



JUNE MONTHLY MATCH

JUNE 12, 2021



Old West Centerfires (Old Style .22s) July 3, 2021



Old West Centerfires

August 7, 2021



Old West Centerfires

September 4, 2021



Old West Centerfires

November 20, 2021



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For black powder cartridge shooting, 1870s style. Shooting events include buffalo rifles such as the Sharps, the Springfields, and the Remington rolling blocks plus other large bore (.375" bore or larger) single shots with black powder loads and lead bullets. We also have an event for the "camp guns" such as the Winchester Model 1866s and 1873s. Later repeaters will also be acceptable in black powder calibers, with black powder loads. A black powder revolver match on the trail will be for both percussion and black powder cartridge sixguns. (If you want to participate in the revolver match, please bring a holster for your sixgun.) Prizes will be awarded to the top three shooters in each event, plus aggregate prizes to all shooters who enter the aggregate based rifle scores.

The Buffalo Rifles will be used in a Little Quigley Match at 200 yards, sitting position while shooting over X-sticks and at 100 yards offhand "at the bucket" on Saturday. No sighter shots or fouling shots. (If sighting-in is necessary that can be done on Friday, May 14th.) Following the Little Quigley Match we'll use our "camp guns" or the buffalo rifles for a "Meat Hunt" at selected targets on the muzzleloading trail-walk, all shots taken offhand. (Muzzleloading rifles can be used on the "meat hunt.") The "meat hunt" must be completed by noon on Sunday. Twenty shots are needed for the "Little Quigley Match" and sixteen more for the "Meat Hunt." Also, at least ten cartridges for the revolvers will be need. But bring more ammo than that just for the fun of it.

This year we're holding a "Paper Patch Workshop" on Saturday afternoon where bullets can be cast, patched, and loaded in camp, then possibly shot on the High Power range. If you have any questions on how to make, load and shoot paper patched bullets, bring them to this Buffalo Camp. We'll try to hold the paper patch workshop at 3:00 Saturday afternoon, right in camp.

We also plan to show a movie Saturday evening in the clubhouse, maybe "Quigley."

There are two camping areas, one for "canvas" and the other for campers, trailers and RVs. In the "canvas area" we want the camp to look as much like the 1870s as possible, so please, no aluminum lawn chairs or portable TV sets. We will try to have a dinner on Saturday evening, hopefully with a cook out in the canvas area. (If the weather does not cooperate, we can move the dinner to inside the clubhouse.)

Entry Fee: **\$18 (or \$12 for single event)**

Camping Fee: **\$11 per camp for the event**

Registrations can begin on May 14, 2021. Traders are welcome.

Camp Boss **Tom Brown** (buksknr1@comcast.net) Top Skinner **Mike Nesbitt** (miken54@aol.com)

Finding the Buffalo Camp is easy. The Capitol City Rifle & Pistol Club is located at: 14318 Littlerock Rd. SW Littlerock, Washington. From Interstate 5, take Exit 95 "Littlerock/Maytown" and go west 2.8 miles to Littlerock, take the sharp left bend in town to head south, go 1.5 miles further and the Capitol City Rifle and Pistol Club is on the left. For maps or other information see the CCR&P web site at ccrpclub.org.

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NOTE: DUE TO SCHEDULED EVENTS AT UNSC, RENDEZVOUS EVENTS AND WITH RESPECT TO OTHER GUN CLUB EVENTS, WE HAVE CURRENTLY DECIDED TO RESERVE THE RIGHT TO SCHEDULE LCL SHOOTS ON A MONTH TO MONTH BASIS.