



NEWSLETTER OF THE EVERGREEN MUZZLELOADERS

February 2021



Monthly Report by Mike Nesbitt

We had no shooting match this month because we were snowed out with over a foot of new snow. That means we had no muzzleloaders' meeting either, so there is nothing new to report on. However, our club was well represented at the annual Quad-Club Match held on the Paul Bunyan range. That was good doin's and the Paul Bunyan Plainsmen do host a fine match.

The annual Quad-Club match features the best shots from the Bremerton Brigade, Evergreen Muzzleloaders, Paul Bunyan Plainsmen, and now the Lynch Creek Longhunters from Eatonville. As usual, the Quad-Club match was held on the last Sunday of February. (That's why this February's newsletter is going out during the 1st week of March.) One outstanding feature of the Quad-Club Match is the fine hot lunch with deserts that is always included with this doin's. Each of the four clubs brings something for that lunch and as usual our "ingredients" to the lunch were the deserts, chocolate cake and ice cream.

We enjoyed dry weather for this match but that was not without some brisk wind. That wind came from behind us, almost a perfect tailwind, so we can't claim any windage errors because of wind deflection.

The way the competition between the clubs is figured is that each club can use the scores of their five best or highest scoring shooters per target to get a total score. If the club has more than five shooters, the lower scoring shooters are not counted in the club's score although they still participate in the individual scores for the awards. If a club does not have five shooters there are usually volunteers who will shoot on their team.

With a course of fire which gives each shooter the possible change of 200 for a perfect score, that gives each club's team a possible of 1000 points. None of the teams really approached that "possible," of course, but some good shooting most certainly took place. Our team's hottest shooter of the day was Mike Holeman, who



regularly joins us for this annual match. Mike placed 2nd overall and received a pound of black powder for his good shooting. He's an official Evergreen Troublemaker for sure.

The winning team, after making their debut just last year, was made up of the shooters from the Lynch Creek Longhunters. That's good doin's! They get

to keep the Quad-Club trophy for another year and maybe longer if they keep their good shooting going.



Here's the Evergreen Muzzleloaders' team, the Evergreen Troublemakers, at the Quad-Club Match.

OUR NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY SHOOT: Our next monthly shoot is being held on **March 13, 2021**. The course of fire for that next match, run by Mike Nesbitt, 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 **March 6, 2021** down on the Black Powder range at Capitol City R&P club. This will be a Squirrel Rifle match, for rifles .40 caliber and under. (If you don't have a Squirrel Rifle, come and shoot your bigger rifles.) No pistols or Trade Guns. 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 **March 20, 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 gong match which will also be for "buffalo guns". 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.

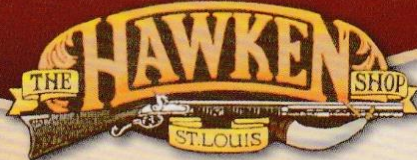
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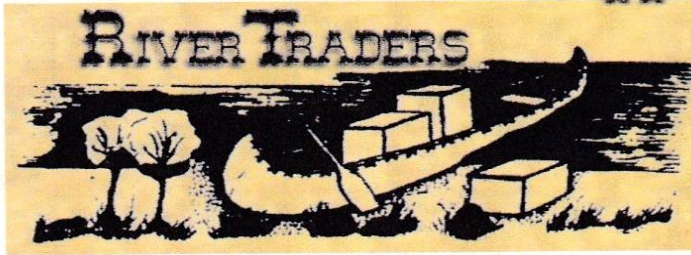
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THE ANNUAL .50/70 MATCH

By Allen Cunniff

Eleven shooters dusted off their big-bores and manned the shooting line of the Capitol City Rifle and Pistol Club High Power Range for the 3RD Annual .50/70 Match, sponsored by the Black River Buffalo Runners. As a departure from our Old West Centerfire competitions, this match required full participants to bring their various and sundry .50-caliber buffalo rifles to shoot the 20-shot course at 100 and 200 yards. The weather, which has been inclement of late, was downright clement for a change and, aside from the collection of wool coats needed to stave off the mind-numbing 40-degree temperature, no extraordinary measures were needed to ensure shooter survival. Dan Johnson ably supervised the crowd as Range Safety Officer. Not attending were regulars Tom Brown and Bob Gietz, but we hope to see them again soon. In addition to the shooters, we had a few welcome observers who we feel confident will join the line in future events. In any regard, visitors are always welcome.

As usual, the course of fire was 10 shots each at 100 and 200 yards shooting from crossed sticks. Additionally, our novelty event this time was using our “camp guns”, lever action rifles shooting black powder only. Calibers are generally (but not always) in .44-40 or .45 Colt, course of fire was 5 shots offhand at 50 yards at the “bucket” gong and 5 shots off crossed sticks at 100 yards using the round gong. The novelty match is voluntary, requiring only a dollar ante into the hat to participate and winner(s) take all. To add variety to our shoots, different novelty events are held (e.g., pistol, .22, camp gun) using varying targets (paper bullseye, gongs). Novelty events are announced ahead of time to give shooters a chance to practice and have the necessary equipment on hand. Shooters who don’t have the necessary equipment needn’t be deterred; someone is often willing to loan or share equipment to shoot, or, if nothing else, familiarize with something new.

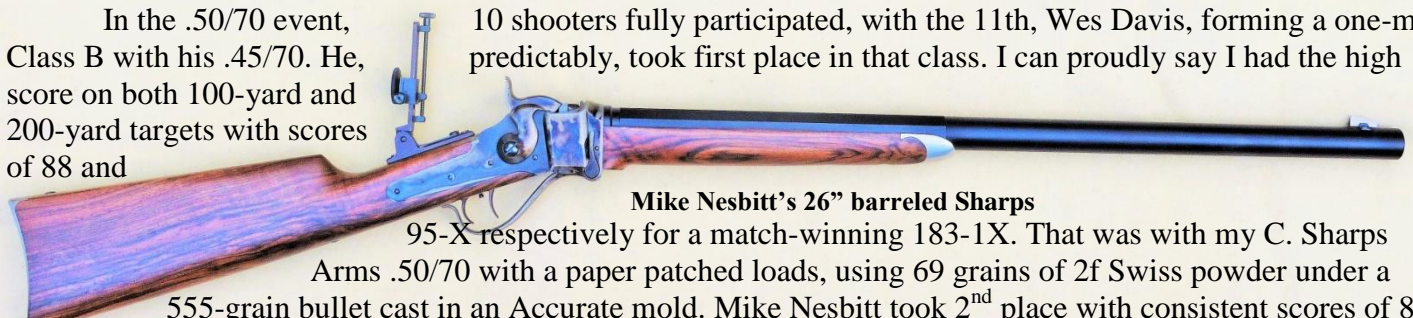
Curt Lokovsek and Ken Kurfurst are a couple of fine shooters who travelled far to participate in our events in the past, but on this day, they showed up just to observe. With a little arm twisting and threats involving compromising photos, Curt was convinced to share Loco Jeff Ritter’s Remington rolling block and become a last-minute participant, taking fourth place and shooting the 2nd high score at 100 yards. Loco Jeff, who took fifth, says Curt can no longer borrow his rifle. Ken deferred in borrowing equipment, but I anticipate that the ride home may have whetted his desire and we expect him to be back in his shooting role soon. Curt will go home a richer man after gaining possession of a set of shooting sticks donated by our good (and missed) friend Don Kerr. Tom Herman was also back, after an extended hiatus between shoots. Welcome back, Tom!

Scores in this match were, as expected, reflective of shooters setting aside their favorite target rifles and picking up the standby .50-caliber, some for the first time in a good while. It’s always a learning experience. Jerry Mayo was firing his newly rebuilt rolling block for its second match. Bob DeLisle began his 200-yard string with his first 3 shots off the paper high, his fourth shot clipping the paper, then followed with 5 of his next 6 shots in a tight cluster in the 10 and X rings. That was a nice recovery indeed. Bob is the resident shooter with the most paper patch experience and once again he used his paper patch load in this event. Practice days at the range were a beehive of sharing best practices and loads in preparation. The result has been a broader understanding of the calibers and equipment used and a greater appreciation of the .50/70 caliber buffalo rifle.

In the .50/70 event, 10 shooters fully participated, with the 11th, Wes Davis, forming a one-man Class B with his .45/70. He, predictably, took first place in that class. I can proudly say I had the high

score on both 100-yard and 200-yard targets with scores of 88 and

95-X respectively for a match-winning 183-1X. That was with my C. Sharps Arms .50/70 with a paper patched loads, using 69 grains of 2f Swiss powder under a 555-grain bullet cast in an Accurate mold. Mike Nesbitt took 2nd place with consistent scores of 82-3X at 100 yards and 86-X at 200. Mike also used his C. Sharps Model ’74, with the 26” barrel. In third place, close behind Mike, was Tom Witt shooting with a heavy Sharps rifle borrowed from Mike and getting a total score of 165 while shooting the second-highest score of the day at 200 yards.



Mike Nesbitt's 26" barreled Sharps

RESULTS

PLACE/NAME	RIFLE/CARTRIDGE	100YD	200YD	TOTAL
1 ST Allen Cunniff	1874 C Sharps .50/70	88	95-X	183-X
2 nd Mike Nesbitt	1874 C Sharps .50/70	82-2X	86-X	168-3X
3 rd Tom Witt	1874 C Sharps .50/70	75	90	165
4 th Curt Lokovsek	Remington Rolling Block .50/70	82-3X	77	159-3X
5 th Loco Jeff Ritter	Remington Rolling Block .50/70	74	77	151
6 th Jerry Mayo	Remington Rolling Block .50/70	69	73	142
7 th Bob DeLisle	1874 C Sharps .50/70	79	59-3X	138-3X
8 th Phil Wiebe	1874 Shiloh Sharps .50/70	50	77-X	127-X
9 th Jeff "Doc" Ritter	Springfield Trapdoor .50/70	37	68	105
10 th Tom Herman	Springfield Trapdoor .50/70	36	36	72

SPECIAL 'EVERYBODY GETS A TROPHY' CLASS

1 st Wes Davis	1874 C Sharps .45/70	77	86	163
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In the Camp Gun novelty event, 7 shooters participated. Scores were tight and offhand targets made the difference. Tied for first place were Mike Nesbitt and Bob DeLisle. Mike shot his '73 in .44-40 and Bob his '92 in .32-20. Both had perfect scores across the board. Dan Johnson set aside his RSO hat and joined in the fun.

RESULTS				
PLACE/NAME	CARTRIDGE	50YD	100YD	TOTAL
T1st Mike Nesbitt	.44-40	5 hits	5 hits	10
T1st Bob DeLisle	.32-20	5	5	10
T3 rd Tom Witt	.44-40	4	5	9
T3 rd Allen Cunniff	.44-40	4	5	9
5 th Phil Wiebe	.44-40	3	4	7
6 th Jerry Mayo	.44-40	3	3	6
7 th Dan Johnson	.44-40	1	3	4

Rolling block and trapdoor rifles have found a new following on the line, become more visible every event. Club members have been sharing a lot of tips and assistance in recent practice sessions. Perhaps soon we will have a rolling block event similar to the .50/70 event. In the meantime, members are experiencing more and more success and enjoyment in shooting these vintage designs, and that's what this sport is about.

Lots of lessons learned to take back to the drawing table in preparation for next time. Black River



Buffalo Runners always welcome visitors and we always have room for more shooters. These "change-up" matches are designed to generate interest and maintain a broad skill base in black powder cartridge shooting, and we fully expect interest and participation to increase in future events.

DOIN'S YET TO COME



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 (CANCELLED**) March 27, 2021**



APRIL MONTHLY MATCH

APRIL 10, 2021



Old West Centerfires (Paper Patch) April 17, 2021



TRADE GUN FROLIC

April 24, 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

WASHINGTON STATE MUZZLELOADERS ASSOCIATION



ANNUAL TRADE GUN FROLIC

APRIL 24, 2021

Hosted by the Evergreen Muzzleloaders



EVERGREEN SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

12736 Marksman Road SW, Olympia, WA 98512

A one-day event! Trade Gun Frolic includes shooting at paper, gongs on trailwalk, and the flying (or rolling) clays from the 5-Stand. Be prepared for round ball shooting and for shots with birdshot. We will also be shooting at paper targets on the black powder range. The gongs and metal targets on the trailwalk might include some new ones that have not been used before. And we might have “after aggregate matches” in addition to the shooting done for the Trade Gun Frolic events.

Bonus points for primitive attire. Ladies, bring your trade guns!

Again we're asking for primitive blanket prizes which will be awarded to all participating shooters based on aggregate scores, in addition to the WSMA medals (which go only to the top three shooters in each class). If you would like to participate and receive a blanket prize, please donate a handmade prize of your own to go on the blanket.

In addition, the black powder range will be available for trying new guns on paper targets if a shooter wants to see where the gun is hitting. Also shot loads can be patterned.

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

- **Registration begins at 9:00 on Saturday, April 24, 2021**
- **Registration Fees: Adult Shooter - \$15, Junior - \$6**
- **Camping Fee: \$5 per night (primitive)**
- **RV hook-up, inquire on line for reservation at <https://shootevergreen.com/>**

WSMA MEDALS AWARDED FOR ALL CLASSES IN AGGREGATE.

To find Evergreen Sportsman's Club (360-357-9080) take Exit 95 from I-5 and go west 4 miles to Littlerock. Go straight through Littlerock to Mima Road. Turn left and head south for 1.2 miles to Bordeaux Road. Turn to the west again and go 6/10s of a mile to turn right on Marksman Road, leading you straight into the sportsman's club. Sign-up and registration is done right on the range.

TRADERS WELCOME!!

Booshway: Bob DeLisle
rdelisle@fairpoint.net

Segundo: Mike Nesbitt
miken54@aol.com



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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 ccrclub.org.

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