



# NEWSLETTER OF THE EVERGREEN MUZZLELOADERS

## May 2021



### Monthly Report by Mike Nesbitt



Very good weather greeted us for this match and we had a pretty good turnout in spite of it. This match was just for rifles and I believe all of our shooters used one. That is all except “Loco Jeff” Ritter. He was on the firing line and even on the trail too but he didn’t do any shooting of his own. Instead he was showing the ropes of good muzzle-loading to Ryan Ritter, his grandson. And Ryan even turned in a score after getting a couple of hits on the paper target and then five good hits on the trail-walk. Bravo!! Here’s hopin’ he comes back and keeps that family shooting.

The match scores, as usual, are below.

And our new sign is up at the entrance of Marksman Street. We get to share a “board” with the Mima Marauders but there’s nothing wrong with that. This new sign will make giving directions to our doin’s just a little easier. Let’s give a big hand and thank Scotty for his good work.



### MATCH RESULTS:

Name	6-bull target	Trail Score	Total
1 <sup>st</sup> Tim Sampson	32	90	122
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mike Nesbitt	31	80	111
3 <sup>rd</sup> Clarence Atchison	36	70	106
4 <sup>th</sup> Bob DeLisle	34	70	104
5 <sup>th</sup> Jerry Mayo	36	60	96
6 <sup>th</sup> Doc Ritter	35	60	95
7 <sup>th</sup> Will Ulry	24	60	84
8 <sup>th</sup> DeWayne Pritchett	37	40	77
9 <sup>th</sup> Ralph Birmingham	37	30	67
10 <sup>th</sup> Ryan Ritter	14	50	64
11 <sup>th</sup> Scott Isam	0	30	30
12 <sup>th</sup> Loco Jeff Ritter (coaching)	0	0	0

**MEETING MINUTES:** Meeting called to order at 11:06      12 members present

**READING OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Jerry Mayo read the minutes from the April meeting which were accepted as read.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Bob DeLisle's gave his monthly treasurer's report. Accepted as read.

**LIAISON OFFICER REPORTS:**

**Gunmaker's Guild:** No report

**Evergreen SC:** Timber thinning is delayed.

**Free Trapper's:** Tenino's Oregon Trail Days are still "on" for July.

**Prize Committee:** Nothing new to add.

**Old Business:** Letter of understanding to ESC is postponed until we see the condition of the range and trail after the timber thinning.

**New Business:** Scotty will mount the new sign when he is able.

We should pull the shooting station pins from the trail-walk so we'll have them for use later.  
(The pins were pulled right after this meeting.)

**For the Good of the Order:** Jerry Mayo will run the match in June, if a match will be held. Announcements will be made.

**Meeting adjourned:** 11:21

**OUR NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY SHOOT:** Our next monthly shoot is being held on **July 10, 2021**. We're cancelling our June match because too many of us will be elsewhere. The course of fire for the July match is yet to be determined. Even so, 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. Entry fee will be \$5.00.

**PUGET SOUND FREE TRAPPERS** The Free Trappers will hold their next monthly match on **Oct. 2, 2021** down on the Black Powder range at Capitol City R&P club. No monthly muzzleloading matches are held during the summer months. Entry fee plus other details should be announced in a reminder. Contact Bob Gietz for details.

**OLD WEST CENTERFIRES** will enjoy their next match on **June 5, 2021**. This will be a standard OWC match at 100 and 200 yards, on the High Power Range at Capitol City R&P Club. There has been some talk about holding a black powder revolver match as an after-aggregate match, with 10 revolver shots at 30 yards.

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

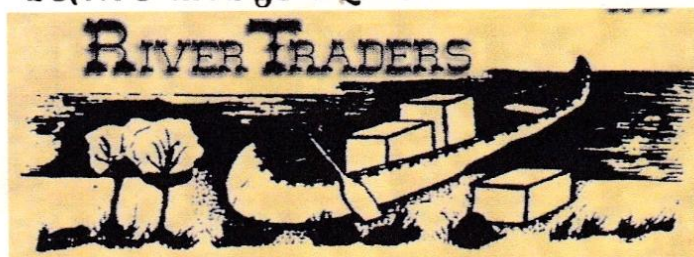


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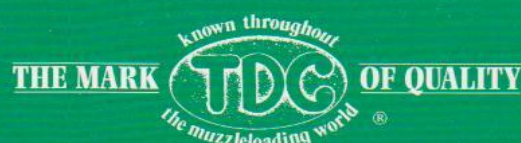
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# OUR FOURTH BUFFALO CAMP

By Allen Cuniff



**"Buffalo Camp" chair made by Will Ulry**

(generally) annual sojourn to Forsyth, MT, to participate in the Matthew Quigley Buffalo Rifle Match in June. In preparation for that trip, the Buffalo Camp showcases Quigley-esque skills as well as provides several days of social opportunities to compare notes and talk over trip plans. This year, six representatives from the Black River Buffalo Runners will travel to Forsyth to participate in Quigley, an example of the interest the group is generating. The lessons learned there will be shared with those who stay behind.

As in previous years, Buffalo Camp revolves around three primary blackpowder-only events. The first event, Little Quigley, is a 20-shot match using 4 steel silhouettes, all made by Young's Point Manufacturing in Billings, MT, similar to those used at Quigley but downsized to relate to our local 100- 200-yard range. The silhouettes appear range proportionate to their actual sizes at Forsyth. Three silhouettes (buffalo, octagon, and diamond) are placed at 200-yards and each competitor takes five shots at each from a sitting position and firing off cross-sticks. Spotters are allowed to provide feedback. The fourth silhouette, the bucket, is placed at 100-yards and each competitor shoots 5 shots offhand. The second event, the Meat Hunt, uses cartridge or muzzleloading rifles fired offhand to engage 15 steel silhouettes along a trail walk. Most competitors use lever action rifles in traditional calibers, but muzzleloaders have done very well over the last couple of years. The third event is the Pistol Shoot, engaging 10 steel silhouettes along the same trail walk. The Little Quigley and Meat Hunt Rifle scores are tallied for the cumulative total, the Pistol event is not. While the Little Quigley event is a more traditional range relay with an RSO calling the shooters' names and scoring their hits, the Meat Hunt rifle and pistol events tend to be more social and informal.

The shooters in the Little Quigley fired in 2 relays, with the shooting line run by Tom Brown. As at Forsyth, shooters fired individually as their name is called, giving opportunity to rehearse firing, wiping/blowtube, and loading under realistic time constraints. Top score at the Little Quigley was fired by myself, using my Old Reliable C. Sharps 1874 in .45/70 and firing a 525 grain Ballard paper patched bullet over 73 grains of Olde Eynsford 2F. I have been recently using the same load in my Danish rolling block but has returned to my favorite Sharps due to its superior trigger. That load was effective enough to score 17 hits.

Close behind me in second place was "Loco Jeff" Ritter, whose 15 hits tied with Bob Delisle, but Jeff's higher score on the bucket at 100-yards was the tiebreaker. Jeff used his C. Sharps 1874 Bridgeport in .45/90 firing a 500 grain grease groove bullet over 75 grains of GOEX 1Fg. Bob sported his C. Sharps 1874 in .50/70, firing a 512 grain Ballard paper patch bullet over 60 grains of GOEX 1Fg. It should also be noted that Bob sights his .50/70 using a Buffalo Hunter's Sporting Tang sight and open post front, possibly the most authentic setup on the line. No one can question his results.



**Target #1, the buffalo at 200- yards**



In fourth place was Mike Nesbitt. Mike scored 14 hits using his “Hefty Hannah,” a favored C. Sharps Hartford in .44/77 caliber, who earned that title by weighing 15+ pounds. Mike’s load was an Accurate Molds’ round nose grease groove bullet of 480 grains over 75 grains of GOEX Cartridge powder.

Fifth place was taken by recent addition to the group Tom Witt, with 12 hits. Tom used a borrowed C. Sharps 1874 Hartford in .50/70, and earned further distinction with a high score of 4 hits on the bucket.

I was unable to shoot the Meat Hunt on Saturday due to personal reasons, but teamed up with Wes Davis and newcomer Cody Mehr on Sunday morning to fire both Meat Hunt and pistol targets. We had a great time walking, talking, shooting, and teasing each other throughout the course. I can’t say when I’ve had a more relaxing and enjoyable day of shooting. When the literal smoke had cleared, the Meat Hunt was won by Cody



**Jerry Mayo with his .44/40 on the trail**

per hit) of the Little Quigley and the Meat Hunt rifle score. This year’s Aggregate champion was Bob Delisle with a combined score of 290 points. I took second place, likewise with 290 points but was bested by Bob’s superior tiebreaker target. Third place went to Mike Nesbitt with his score of 260. Tom Witt and Jerry Mayo closed out the top 5 with scores of 230, Tom having the superior tiebreaker.

This year’s Buffalo Camp was blessed with beautiful weather, ideal conditions both for shooting as well as camping. Another blessing was the prizes, and the generous sponsors who donated those prizes including C. Sharps Arms, Wolfe Publishing Company, The Single Shot Exchange, John Walters, Accurate Molds, Tommymaker, Ironhorse Industries, Bear River Powder, Bob Delisle, Will Ulry, Wes Davis, and the estate of our good friend Don Kerr, whose absence was keenly noted by us all. Also, particular thanks to Tom Brown for his selfless dedication to ensuring a smooth-running competition and camp.



***L to R, back row; Jerry Mayo, Wes Davis, Tom Witt, Phil Weibe, Ralph Birmingham, Tim Sampson, Dewayne Pritchett Front row; Allen Cuniff, Bob Delisle, Loco Jeff Ritter, Mike Nesbitt, Will Ulry, “Sea” Not pictured; Cody Mehr, Tom Brown***

# DOIN'S YET TO COME



Old West Centerfires

June 5, 2021



**JUNE MONTHLY MATCH**

**Cancelled**



Old West Centerfires (Old Style .22s)

July 3, 2021

**JULY MONTHLY MATCH**

**JULY 10, 2021**



Old West Centerfires

August 7, 2021

**AUGUST MONTHLY MATCH**

**AUGUST 14, 2021**



Old West Centerfires

September 4, 2021



**SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MATCH**

**SEPT 11, 2021**



**FALL HARVEST RENDEZVOUS**

**SEPT 17-19, 2021**



*PSFT MONTHLY SHOOT*

*OCTOBER 2, 2021*



**OCTOBER MONTHLY MATCH**

**OCT 9, 2021**



*PSFT MONTHLY SHOOT*

*NOVEMBER 6, 2021*



**NOVEMBER MONTHLY MATCH**

**NOV 13, 2021**



Old West Centerfires

November 20, 2021



*PSFT MONTHLY SHOOT*

*DECEMBER 4, 2021*



**DECEMBER MONTHLY MATCH**

**DEC 11, 2021**

# QUIGLEY 2021

TWENTY-NINETH ANNUAL

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**SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JUNE 19-20, 8:30 AM start on Saturday**

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[www.quigleymatch.com](http://www.quigleymatch.com)



### Information:

- Any traditional single-shot or lever action rifle, .375 caliber or larger (lever actions must be single loaded).

- Cast bullets only (gas checks okay). NO COATED BULLETS

- Any safe powder charge (black, black substitute, smokeless or duplex). **No over-powder wads of any kind allowed with double-based smokeless powder. Trapdoor**

**loads cannot exceed published Level 1 load data.** Black powder loads are strongly recommended for all antique rifles.

- Any metallic sight (separate scope class available).
- No hooked butt plates or palm rests. No shooting jackets.
- Same rifle (with same barrel) must be shot at all targets.
- Standard gun safety procedures dictate that antique rifles be inspected by a knowledgeable person to ensure their reliable and safe operation. Please comply.
- **THE QUIGLEY RANGE FOR PRACTICE.** **The cost to register is just \$35.** The squading process (match shooting order) will be conducted on Friday from 1-6 PM by scorekeepers. Sighting in and practice is permitted 8AM to 8PM Monday thru Friday of match week once you are registered. Sighting in is allowed from 6:30-8AM on match mornings. No sighter shots during the match.

### More Information:

- Eight shots taken at each of 6 metal targets over the two-day event. 48 shots for score.
- Three and 1/2 targets will be shot on Saturday and two and 1/2 on Sunday. This procedure will be explained at the shooter's meeting Saturday AM. The group that is shooting the off-hand target (#6) last will complete the target on Saturday. This is intended to make maximum use of Saturday daylight and allow for an earlier conclusion of the match on Sunday.
- Targets are from 350 to 805 yards.
- All shooting from sitting cross-sticks except off-hand at 350-yard target. No backrests unless physically required by the shooter to be able to participate in the match.
- Registration will be conducted Monday thru Friday, 8-5 PM at the match headquarters. Registration will include assignment to a shooting group. **YOU MUST BE REGISTERED BEFORE YOU SHOOT ON**
- The target area is off limits **always!** All lead becomes the property of the Forsyth Rifle & Pistol Club Lead Mine. Shooters are encouraged to miss targets as often as they desire to increase lead pickings.

### Yet More Information:

**Shiloh Rifle Manufacturing Co. will donate a \$2000.00 gift certificate. C Sharps, Treebone Carving, and Kenn Womack will donate a Rifle. Italian Firearms Group-Justin Dodd will donate a \$2000.00 gift certificate, good for any of their products. Forsyth Rifle & Pistol Club will donate a .22 Henry rifle to a Junior shooter. The Jim Wilcox Memorial will donate a pellet rifle to be given to a Small Fry shooter. You must compete in the match and be present at the drawing to win.**



## **AWARDS**

- Tom Selleck autographed Quigley plaques will be presented. Shooters will compete as either iron sight or scope class. Scoped rifles (period scopes only) compete in their own category for **Top Scoped Rifle** and not for any other awards other than sign-up matches (See below).
- All iron sight shooters compete for **Quigley Match Champion & Middle of the Pack awards** (3 places). **Crazy Cora Award** will go to the top woman shooter regardless of age category. All international shooters (no scopes) also compete for **International Champion**. All First-Time Quigley shooters (no scopes) compete for **Top First Time Quigley Shooter Award** (2 places).
- Iron sight shooters will sign up for only one category in an age group or special rifle. Age categories are **Men** (17-61):8 places; **Senior Men** (62-71):6 places; **White Buffalo** (72+):2 places; **Ladies** (17-61): 3 places; **Granny Cora** (62-71); **Great Granny Cora** (72+); **Small Fry** (12&under): 3 places; **Juniors** (13-16): 3 places.
- **Sign-up matches** include the top scoring **Husband & Wife** and in recognition of Father's Day to the high **Father-Son** team, high **Father-Daughter** team and highest scoring **Three Generation** team. **Mother-Son & Mother-Daughter added for 2021.**  
**Special rifle categories – Lever Action, All Original Trapdoor and 1875 Action Ballard.**
- Eight Straight hat pins awarded to shooters hitting all 8 shots on a specific target during the match.

### **Even More Information:**

- Bring enough ammo, lawn chairs, cross-sticks, sunscreen, spotting scopes, binoculars, water, etc.
- Due to the crowd of participants and fragile grass cover please leave your ATV or UTV at home unless it is for medical reasons. If you have a valid reason to bring one, please contact me to get yours "Quigley approved." Your convenience creates dusty conditions and inconvenience for others. This restriction specifically limits use on the firing line during the match and during practice.
- Scorekeepers only call hits and misses, no advice. Only one spotter/coach per shooter is allowed. **No beer or booze allowed on the property.**
- Vendors welcome at no charge. 10' and 20' spaces will be available. **Call starting Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, after 10AM Mountain Time (406) 201-0317 to reserve space.** No emails or phone messages. See website for more info. Most spaces are long time permanent vendors. The call-in system is to fill remaining spaces.
- Vendor page on website lists vendors attending, products and contact info. Pre-orders are helpful to make sure items you need are brought. They are required for black powder orders from Bear River Powder.
- Camping allowed on range at no charge. Portable toilets and drinking water will be available. No open ground fires. Further fire restrictions may apply. This is dry camping in a ranch pasture.
- Knights of Columbus will serve a Cream Can Dinner at 5PM on Friday evening.
- Food Concessions will be by Roadrunner Catering beginning Monday. Saturday night BBQ brisket or chicken dinner will be served, tickets available starting Monday at the Roadrunner trailer. Menu is posted on the Quigley website for your consideration.
- Beware of rattlesnakes! No kidding!
- Quigley weather is unpredictable. Be prepared for heat, cold, rain, drought, mud, DUST, low wind, high wind, very high wind, snow, hail, floods and tornados. Don't forget about the dormant Yellowstone volcano. Hurricanes are highly unlikely this time of year.
- All pets must **always** be on a leash on the range and in Quigleyville. Voice control is not sufficient.

### **\*\*\* If you want an application for the 40-shot Montana 1,000 Yard Buffalo Rifle Championship**

**to be held on July 11, 2021, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: F.R. & P.C. Inc.,  
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Quigley Questions? Call Claudia Kajin, (406) 201-0316, Al Kajin (406) 201-0317 or  
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or visit the website at [www.quigleymatch.com](http://www.quigleymatch.com)

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