



NEWSLETTER OF THE EVERGREEN MUZZLELOADERS



July 2021

Match Report by Mike Nesbitt For me this match got off to a roaring start but it didn't end that way. Our nine shooters began with the "Bear" target posted at just 25 yards for five shots. That's my target in the photo, with four very good hits and one complete miss. Even so, that was a pretty good start.

My rifle, the rather new one I call "Ol' Carson," had some troubles with a fouled breech. Yes, that was actually all my fault. I should have flushed the barrel and breech out after shooting it the last time.

When we finished with our targets, what we call "paperwork," we headed down the trail to shoot another 10 shots on gongs. At the first target my rifle misfired again, so I dropped out of the match. I was not going to pull the nipple and prime beneath it for every shot on the trail. That would slow everybody down...



Cody Mehr takes a shot with his .54
This match was good enough to do again!

My dropping out was hardly noticed because Cody Mehr filled in quite nicely and he won the match by hitting 9 out of the 10 gongs we selected to win with a score of 136. And Wes Davis took 2nd place with a 124.



Wes Davis with his percussion rifle

MATCH RESULTS:

| Name | Bear target | Trail Score | Total |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| 1 st Cody Mehr | 46 | 90 | 136 |
| 2 nd Wes Davis | 44 | 80 | 124 |
| 3 rd Steve Andrews | 37 | 80 | 117 |
| 4 th Will Ulry | 19 | 90 | 109 |
| 5 th Bob DeLisle | 44 | 60 | 104 |
| 6 th Dan Johnson | 23 | 50 | 73 |
| 7 th Ralph Birmingham | 21 | 50 | 71 |
| 8 th Mike Nesbitt | 36 | -- | 36 |
| 9 th Scott Isom | -- | -- | -- |

MEETING MINUTES: Meeting called to order at 11:07 10 members present

READING OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES: Mike Nesbitt read the minutes from the Mayl 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 still delayed.

Free Trapper's: Will says a new target shed is being built on the black powder range.

Prize Committee: Nothing new to add.

Old Business: Scotty mounted the new sign on Marksman Road and it looks great.

We pulled the shooting station pins from the trail-walk and they must be re-installed before Fall Harvest.

New Business: Bob DeLisle mentioned that we need to brush and repair targets before Fall Harvest.

For the Good of the Order: Bob DeLisle will run the match in August, a pistol match. Will reported that Jerry's wife (Misti) is recovering from her surgery quite well.

Meeting adjourned: 11:15

OUR NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY SHOOT: Our next monthly shoot is being held on **August 14 , 2021**. This will be a pistol match. Let's get signed in by 9:00 and the shooting can start at 9:30. Please bring a worthy blanket prize if you want to participate in the awards. Entry fee will be \$5.00. **But please note: The timber thinning has begun so presently our black powder range and trail-walk are un-usable. Things might be cleaned up before our match in two weeks, maybe not. A cancellation, if necessary, will be sent out prior to our date for the next monthly match.**

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 there next match on **August 7, 2021**. This will be a regular OWC match on the High Powder range at Capitol City R&P Club. Targets will be at 100 and 200 yards, ten shots at each distance. There will also be an after-aggregate match which is undecided at this time. Old or early style costume will be appreciated. Please contact Jerry Mayo (jmayo444@gmail.com) for details.

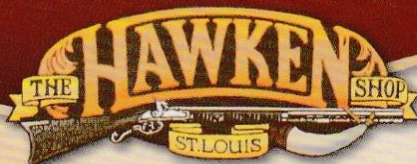
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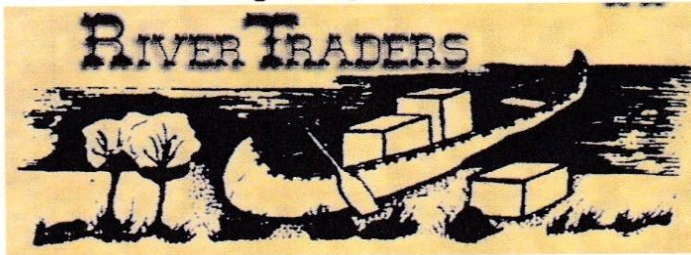
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OLD WEST CENTERFIRES

(from June)

By Jerry Mayo

It was the last Old West Centerfires match before a number of our coterie were off to shoot the resurgent Quigley match near Forsyth, Montana. Some of our group have shot that match since 2014 while others got their first taste in 2019. All suffered the disappointment brought on by COVID-19 that canceled the Quigley doin's for 2020. But our hometown Old West Centerfires match persevered and that's still where a lot of action is. There were some very impressive scores posted from this group of shooters. Even a bit of intermittent rain could not dampen the spirits of these buffalo rifle marksmen.

We appreciate Tom Brown for serving as our Range Master of Ceremonies as well as Range Safety Officer and keeper of the peace. The aggregate portion of the match consisted of ten shots at 100 yards at a single bullseye target and ten more shots at 200 yards on a larger single bullseye target. For this event our shooters generally fire from the sitting position while using cross-sticks. That was the preferred shooting position for the buffalo hunters of the past. The sticks and seats have changed in form and style over the years but a keen eye and a steady hand are still required for accurate hits.

Once again we had a "100" scored at 200 yards along with three more scores in the nineties at the same distance. All totaled we had twelve shooters show up for this event. The winning shooter for the day was Ken Kurfurst with his .45/90 rolling block. Ken's scores of 96-X at 100 yards and 100-4X at 200 yards resulted in a winning score of 196-5X. That is some outstanding shooting. Well done Ken.

Coming in second place we find Wes Davis. Wes has been putting his nose in the books and time at the loading bench, and it shows. This along with collaboration with some of our more experienced shooters resulted in whatever voodoo magic went into his .45/70 loads to score a 179. We can expect Wes's scores to continue to rise. In third place Curt Lokovsek was a single point behind Wes with a 178-4X. Maintaining his consistent performance of late, "Loco" Jeff Ritter, with his .45/90 Rolling Block totaled 178-4X. While this is the exact score as Curt, third place was awarded based on the tie breaker of higher score at the longer distance. Mike Nesbitt shot "Hefty Hannah," his .44/77 by C. Sharps Arms and posted a 173-3X to anchor his standing in fifth place. Sixth place was taken by Tom Witt who was still using a .50/70 on loan while awaiting his own C. Sharps Arms 1874 Hartford in .50/70. I suspect this arrangement will change in the very near future.



Ken Kurfurst with his rolling block



Standing; Wes Davis, Tom Witt, Tom Herman, Doc Ritter, Jerry Mayo, Ken Kurfurst, Curt Lokovsek, and Will Ulry, kneeling; Loco Jeff Ritter, Bob DeLisle, Mike Nesbitt and Phil Wiebe.

Bob DeLisle, using paper patch bullets which is his habit, scored a 161-X using his .45/70 caliber Pedersoli Sharps for a seventh place finish. Phil Wiebe, also shooting paper patch bullets, came in eighth with his 1874 Sharps .45/90 by C. Sharps Arms. I used my "Little Fifty" .50/70 Remington rolling block to score 147 for a ninth place finish. Rounding out the top ten is Will Ulry with a 120 using his 1874 Sharps in 45/70. "Doc" Ritter came in eleventh with his new Remington rolling block in .45/90. We should all be keeping an eye on Doc as he dials in that fine new rifle. Using his new 1874 Pedersoli Sharps Tom Herman posted a 15-X for twelfth place. Tom just needs some more shooting.

Detailed scoring is shown below.

| <u>Scores for this Match</u> | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| <u>Name</u> | <u>Rifle/Cartridge</u> | <u>100 yd.</u> | <u>200 yds.</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Accum</u> |
| 1 st Ken Kurfurst | No.5 Rem Rolling Block .45/90 | 96-X | 100-4X | 196-5X | 572-11X |
| 2 nd Wes Davis | 1874 CSA Hartford Target .45-70 | 91 | 88 | 179 | 489-X |
| 3 rd Curt Lokovske | Remington Hepburn 45/90 | 85-2X | 93-2X | 178-4X | 545-9X |
| 4 th Loco Jeff Ritter | C. Sharps Arms '74 .45/90 | 88-X | 90-3X | 178-4X | 552-9X |
| 5 th Mike Nesbitt | 1874 CSA .44/77 "Hefty Hannah" | 82-X | 91-2X | 173-3X | 528-7X |
| 6 th Tom Witt | 1874 CSA Hartford .50/70 | 86 | 84 | 170 | 501 |
| 7 th Bob Delisle | 1874 Pedersoli .45-70 | 80-X | 81 | 161-X | 323-4X |
| 8 th Phil Wiebe | 1874 Sharps .45/90 | 76-X | 75 | 151-X | 455-4X |
| 9 th Jerry Mayo | Remington Rolling Block .50/70 | 62 | 85 | 147 | 402-X |
| 10 th Will Ulry | 1874 CSA Hartford Target .45-70 | 51 | 69 | 120 | 258-2X |
| 11 th Jeff (Doc) Ritter | Remington Rolling Block .45/90 | 53 | 59 | 112 | 375 |
| 12 th Tom Herman | Pedersoli '74 in .45/70 | 5 | 10-X | 15-X | 48-X |

Not shooting in this match

Allen Cunniff 365-8X

For the yearly aggregate today's score will be added to the total of the March 2021 match accumulative scores. At the end of the year a shooter may throw out one match's score and for the yearly aggregate.

This month our after-aggregate match was shot with our Old West revolvers, using black powder loads. The generous target with a 3 3/8" 10 ring out to a seven ring of 10 1/2" mean that scores were fairly bunched up at high end of the scoring chart but Will Ulry wins nicely with a score of 100.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM TENINO, 2021

By Mike Nesbitt

The fair weather for the doin's at Tenino was almost too good and it got warm out on the firing line in the City Park. That didn't stop at least 32 shooters from signing up and joining the festivities, actually a rather good turn-out considering all things, including that this match and the whole Oregon Trail Days event was cancelled last year. It was good doin's all the way around and those who didn't do their shooting at this year's WSMA match at Tenino simply missed in more ways than one.



Jerry Mayo touches off his Trade Gun Saturday morning place with his .40 caliber flintlock pistol. Our scores are shown below.

The pistol match was followed by the Ladies' Match and we did have some ladies who did some fine shooting. The finest was young Ayla Hamilton who has shot at some of our monthly matches. Ayla was also our top shooter in the Junior Class. Here's hopin' she keeps at it!

Then we took a break while those who wanted to could march in the Tenino parade. That was a good long break, almost too long because our shooting wouldn't get going again until 2:00 that afternoon. And when the shooting did get started again, it was for the novelty matches which are just one shot each at three different targets. Maybe that wasn't enough to bring most of the shooters back because we had only six competitors for the novelty matches.

And those novelty matches had a different turn of events. I had taken my .40 caliber Leman style percussion rifle just to use in the novelty matches. My first shot was at the Mike Fink target and I thought I could see my hit, in the cup and just above the hair on the head below the cup. That was good! (All of these novelty targets are printed on paper, we didn't shoot at actual cups or candles.) Next I shot at the candle and the idea is to shoot out the candle's flame without hitting the candle. After that shot, again I thought I could see a good hit. We did this shooting from 25 yards so seeing hits on the targets were not difficult. Then I finished my three shots at the novelty targets by taking my shot at the "V" which is simply a large "V" on the paper. The object was to get the bullet to hit as low inside the "V" as possible without touching the "V" itself. That shot I couldn't see and I'll admit, I wondered why...

Bob DeLisle had done his shooting just to my right, also shooting a .40 caliber rifle. When all shooting was done, and our RSO (and boosway for the matches) Tom Brown called the range safe, we went forward to check our results. To my complete surprise, all of my targets were bare, not a single hit on the paper. Bob DeLisle, on the other hand, had made very good hits on all three targets. Bob won all three of those matches and that's the first time that I recall all three novelty matches being won by one shooter. Good doin's, Bob!!

We'll look at the shooting with a brief rundown of the events. On Saturday morning at 9:00 the shooting started with the Trade Gun match. That took 10 shots, fired from 40 yards for 5 shots, then at 25 yards for the next five shots at our Moonshine Jug target. I shot next to Jerry Mayo in this match and we both made some good hits, just not enough of them to place...

After that came the pistol match where my good old "Hawken" style percussion .50 caliber pistol proved its worth by helping me come in 2nd. Beating me sounding but just by an X was Allen Tresh and Bob DeLisle took 3rd



Bob DeLisle with his .40 flinter

On Sunday morning, again at 9:00, the shooting started for the rifle aggregate which is actually the WSMA Formal Rifle Match, the only “paper” rifle match the WSMA supports. And it is an interesting match, beginning at 90 yards for five offhand shots, then to 75 yards for five shots either offhand or sitting with cross-sticks, followed by five more shots at 50 yards, and ending with 10 shots (on two different targets) at 25 yards. After firing at the longest distance target, the firing line moved closer to the next firing line because the targets were always in front of the natural berm to collect the bullets. And round balls were the only bullets acceptable for this match.

That’s actually an interesting match because of the variety of targets, the changing of the distances, and the chance to use cross-sticks at least once. My performance was on the poor side, especially while using the cross-sticks, so I have nothing to brag about.

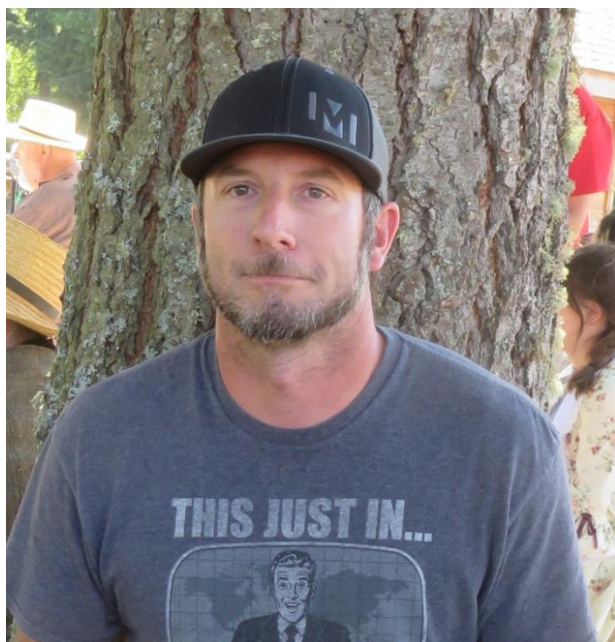
But Lawrence Saltarelli has plenty to brag about. He won with the top aggregate score of 179-X. Lawrence did his shooting with a percussion Lyman Great Plains Rifle and he really did a good job of it.



Mike Nesbitt firing over cross-sticks

And Lawrence followed in the good old Tenino tradition of taking the chair made by Will Ulry as his prize for winning 1st place.

Other traditional prizes were awarded as well. For the Trade Gun Match, all three places were awarded with new powder horns made and donated by Steve Skillman. The Mike Fink novelty match was awarded with a new 5th of whiskey (which Bob DeLisle says he might share). Both the Candle Snuff and the Vee match were awarded with pitchers of beer donated by the Landmark Tavern. There were other prizes for certain events in addition to the WSMA medals and certificates for placement in the Pistol Match and all of the Rifle Matches that made up the aggregate. In addition to those prizes, all shooters were awarded with a worthy prize “off of the blanket” in order of their rifle aggregate score. (I got a pound of powder.) Below is a rather abbreviated listing of the outstanding shooters participating in this year’s doin’s at Tenino.



Lawrence Saltarelli, the big winner

MATCH RESULTS

Trade Gun

| | |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Allen Tresch | 59 |
| Bob Delisle | 45 |
| Adam Sampson | 43 |

Pistol

| | |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Allen Tresch | 85-X |
| Mike Nesbitt | 85 |
| Bob Delisle | 83x |

Ladies

| | |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Ayla Hamilton | 25 |
| Kerry Sotelo | 22 |
| Shawn Plante | 3 |

Novelty Matches:

| | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Vee Match | Bob DeLisle |
| Candle Snuff | Bob DeLisle |
| Mike Fink Match | Bob DeLisle |

The top three shooters for the Main Rifle Aggregate

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|----------------------------|-------------|
| Lawrence Saltarelli | 179x |
| Bob Delisle | 167 |
| Tim Sampson | 147x |

DOIN'S YET TO COME

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|---|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
|  |  | 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 |
|  | | <i>PSFT MONTHLY SHOOT</i> | <i>OCTOBER 2, 2021</i> |
|  | | OCTOBER MONTHLY MATCH | OCT 9, 2021 |
|  | | <i>PSFT MONTHLY SHOOT</i> | <i>NOVEMBER 6, 2021</i> |
|  | | NOVEMBER MONTHLY MATCH | NOV 13, 2021 |
|  | | Old West Centerfires | November 20, 2021 |
|  | | <i>PSFT MONTHLY SHOOT</i> | <i>DECEMBER 4, 2021</i> |
|  | | DECEMBER MONTHLY MATCH | DEC 11, 2021 |



OREGON TERRITORIAL SHOOT

BPCR BUFFALO GONG MATCH

AUGUST 28 & 29 2021

LOCATION: Central Oregon Shooting Sports Association range (COSSA)

WHERE: the range is located approximately 25 miles east of Bend, Oregon

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Mid-range (300 to 600 yards) and Long-range (700 to 1000 yards)

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Long-range match: Saturday (22th). Buffalo silhouette targets at 700 – 800 – 900 and 1000 yds.

Mid-range match: – Sunday (23th). Buffalo silhouette targets at 300 – 400 – 500 and 600 yds.

Course of fire for each match: 1 fouler; 2 sighters; 10 for score at each target.

Highest total hits wins each match. Ties broken by most hits on farthest targets.

Shoot just one match or both.

Cartridges must be loaded with safe propellants – no duplexing.

No over the powder wads of any kind with any smokeless powder loads.

Only plain cast lead bullets are allowed - No gas checks and no coated bullets

Allowed shooting positions: using cross sticks, sitting (using backless stool is ok) or prone.

No bench rest positions are allowed

Different rifles may be used in mid and/or long-range.

Same rifle with the same barrel must be used each day.

Long-range is limited to traditional style BPCR single shot rifles of 375 caliber or larger.

Mid-range is limited to traditional style BPCR single shot rifles, and
traditional lever rifles with magazine tubes (single loaded only at all times).

No bolt action rifles are allowed in either match.

Only metallic tang or barrel sights are allowed (scopes and/or shooting jackets are not allowed)

You must sign in before any shots are fired.

Sighting in and/or practice is allowed Thursday and Friday prior to match.

Shooters meeting will begin at 9:00 am each day. All shooters must attend the meeting.

Only match officials are allowed down range.

SAFETY: all gun actions must be open at all times unless shooting at the firing line. Any unsafe gun handling will result in a warning; second offence and the shooter will be asked to leave the match. All COSSA regulations and safety rules will be followed.

CAMPING is allowed at no charge. Absolutely no camp fires. All camping sites are on a first come basis. There is no water or electricity at the range. One pit toilet is located near the firing line. All pets must be on a leash at all times.

The range elevation is slightly above 4300 ft, plan accordingly.

Match directors will resolve issues not addressed by the flyer as they arise.

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AUGUST 28 & 29 2021

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