



# NEWSLETTER OF THE EVERGREEN MUZZLELOADERS

September 2021



The Evergreen Muzzleloaders match and meeting, as well as the Fall Harvest Rendezvous, were cancelled for this month due to unknown scheduling and condition of our black powder range and trail.



**OUR NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY SHOOT:** Our next monthly shoot is **CANCELLED** for **October 9th, 2021**. Please wait for further announcements about our matches because we must review the condition of the range before we can make further plans.

**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. This match, which begins the monthly matches for the coming season, will be a **Trade Gun Match** with both stationary and flying targets. 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 **November 20, 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](mailto:jmayo444@gmail.com)) for details.

**UPPER NISQUALLY SPORTSMAN'S CLUB** Contact; Scott Young (253-278-5767) or Tommy Hay (253-222-8497) for more details. They usually shoot on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month.

# **THE BALLAD OF WILLIAM SYCAMORE**

*by: Stephen Vincent Benét*

MY FATHER, he was a mountaineer,  
His fist was a knotty hammer;  
He was quick on his feet as a running deer,  
And he spoke with a Yankee stammer.

My mother, she was merry and brave,  
And so she came to her labor,  
With a tall green fir for her doctor grave  
And a stream for her comforting neighbor.

And some are wrapped in the linen fine,  
And some like a godling's scion;  
But I was cradled on twigs of pine  
In the skin of a mountain lion.

And some remember a white, starched lap  
And a ewer with silver handles;  
But I remember a coonskin cap  
And the smell of bayberry candles.

The cabin logs, with the bark still rough,  
And my mother who laughed at trifles,  
And the tall, lank visitors, brown as snuff,  
With their long, straight squirrel-rifles.

I can hear them dance, like a foggy song,  
Through the deepest one of my slumbers,  
The fiddle squeaking the boots along  
And my father calling the numbers.

The quick feet shaking the puncheon-floor,  
And the fiddle squealing and squealing,  
Till the dried herbs rattled above the door  
And the dust went up to the ceiling.

There are children lucky from dawn till dusk,  
But never a child so lucky!  
For I cut my teeth on "Money Musk"  
In the Bloody Ground of Kentucky!

When I grew as tall as the Indian corn,  
My father had little to lend me,  
But he gave me his great, old powder-horn  
And his woodsman's skill to befriend me.

With a leather shirt to cover my back,  
And a redskin nose to unravel  
Each forest sign, I carried my pack  
As far as a scout could travel.

Till I lost my boyhood and found my wife,  
A girl like a Salem clipper!  
A woman straight as a hunting-knife  
With eyes as bright as the Dipper!

We cleared our camp where the buffalo feed,  
Unheard-of streams were our flagons;  
And I sowed my sons like the apple-seed  
On the trail of the Western wagons.

They were right, tight boys, never sulky or slow,  
A fruitful, a goodly muster.  
The eldest died at the Alamo  
The youngest fell with Custer

The letter that told it burned my hand.  
Yet we smiled and said, "So be it!"  
But I could not live when they fenced the land,  
For it broke my heart to see it.

I saddled a red, unbroken colt  
And rode him into the day there;  
And he threw me down like a thunderbolt  
And rolled on me as I lay there.

The hunter's whistle hummed in my ear  
As the city-men tried to move me,  
And I died in my boots like a pioneer  
With the whole wide sky above me.

Now I lie in the heart of the fat, black soil,  
Like the seed of the prairie-thistle;  
It has washed my bones with honey and oil  
And picked them clean as a whistle.

And my youth returns, like the rains of Spring,  
And my sons, like the wild-geese flying;  
And I lie and hear the meadow-lark sing  
And have much content in my dying

Go play with the towns you have built of blocks,  
The towns where you would have bound me!  
I sleep in my earth like a tired fox,  
And my buffalo have found me.

**Originally published by S. V. Benet in 1922**



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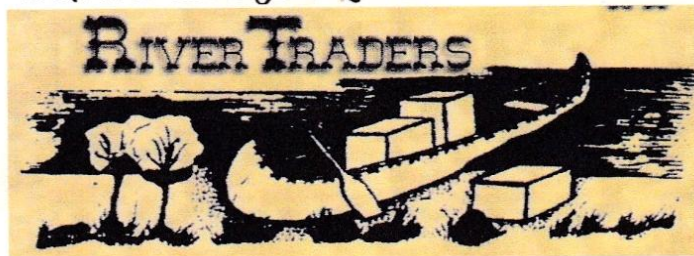
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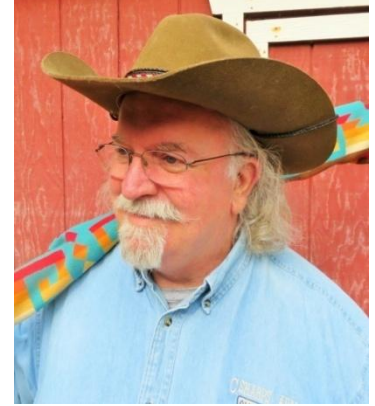
# OLD WEST CENTERFIRES

By Jerry Mayo

The September 2021 Old West Centerfires match was a smaller doin's with only eight shooters participating. We could guess that in some part the lack of attendance may be due to the holiday weekend. Labor Day is our annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers and we hope that those spending time with family and friends during this weekend are happy and safe.

This month the author was a recovering victim of oral surgery. Although the recoil of these black powder cartridge rifles may have been tolerable, the mix of guns and pain medications is never a good idea. Therefore, Jerry Mayo is the Range Safety Officer, Match Director, and basically stayed out of the way.

Our shooters faced the regular format for the aggregate portion of today's event. The aggregate consists of ten shots at 100 yards at a single bullseye target and ten more at 200 yards at a larger 200-yard single bull target. Our range can handle a dozen (not the baker's type) shooters in a single relay so with our eight shooters, today's match moved along at a nice pace. Our shooters fired from the seated position with cross-sticks. This position, at the exclusion of other and possibly more preferable positions, is just another one of those "equalizers" to keep this portion of the match unique and challenging.



The scores continue our recent string of high scoring shooters. And Bob DeLisle continues to perfect his mastery of the paper patch load as evidenced by his scoring a 99-3X at 200 yards. It took the use of a scoring template to determine the "errant" shot was indeed not a 10 which would have given him the full 100 possible points. This along with an 86-2X at 100 yards gave Bob a total of 185-5X for a first place finish. Very impressive shooting by Bob with his Pedersoli Sharps in .45/70. Coming in second was Allen Cuniff using a 1874 C. Sharps Arms in .45/70. Allen was the top scorer at 100 yards today posting a 91. With a combined score of 185-2X, Allen placed 2<sup>nd</sup> by only 3X's. Wow! Again, well done. Third place was Mike Nesbitt shooting his new 1874 C. Sharps Arms .50/70 with a score of 170-2X. It should be noted this was the first time shots were fired from this rifle at 200 yards. A good guess followed by a quick sight adjustment gave

Mike a 90-2X at 200 yards. In fourth was Phil Wiebe shooting a 142-2X. That makes for a nice day at the range; nice shooting Phil. Rounding out the top five was Will Ulry With his Shilo Sharps in .45/70. Will shot a 139 today.

In sixth place is Wes Davis with his .45/90 1874 C. Sharps Arms. Wes registered a 134. Loco Jeff Ritter's score with his .45/90 '74 with the #1 ½ Heavy barrel totaled 129-2X putting him in seventh place. Then bringing up the rear with his .45/90 Remington Rolling Block was Jeff "Doc" Ritter. Detailed scoring is shown below.

As was mentioned previously, we use a template for scoring. For those of you unfamiliar with this process, let me explain. You'll find a variety of scoring processes from shoot to shoot and we choose to go with the version of, a bullet hole that touches the line gets the higher score. Since our target stands are not hard backed, the full diameter of the bullet is not accurately represented on the target. To ensure each participant is awarded the full measure of his/her efforts, we use a template. It's simply a representation on a piece of clear plastic showing one circle inside another circle. The inner circle allows the template to be centered on the point of impact while the outer circle indicates the full circumference of the strike based on the caliber of the bullet being shot. While only slightly larger than a credit card, the template shows the most common caliber's for our rifle type. This is a simple and effective means to elevating the fairness of competition. This particular template was created and shared by Allen Cuniff and I must say it has been a fantastic addition to our Old West Centerfires program.





Standing, L-R; Mark Davis, Loco Jeff Ritter, Allen Cunniff, Doc Ritter, and Wes Davis, Kneeling; Will Ulry, "C," Will's dog, Mike Nesbitt, Bob DeLisle, and Phil Wiebe

**Scores for this Match**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Rifle/Cartridge</b>	<b>100 yd.</b>	<b>200 yds.</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Accum</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Bob Delisle</b>	<b>1874 Pedersoli .45-70</b>	<b>86-2X</b>	<b>99-3X</b>	<b>185-5X</b>	<b>682-14X</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Allen Cunniff</b>	<b>'74 C. Sharps Arms .45/70</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>94-2X</b>	<b>185-2X</b>	<b>734-15X</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Mike Nesbitt</b>	<b>'74 C. Sharps Arms .50/70</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>90-2X</b>	<b>170-2X</b>	<b>877-11X</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Phil Wiebe</b>	<b>1874 Shiloh Sharps .50/70</b>	<b>75X</b>	<b>67X</b>	<b>142-2X</b>	<b>764-7X</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Will Ulry</b>	<b>1874 Shiloh Sharps .45/70</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>397-2X</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Wes Davis</b>	<b>1874 CSA Hartford Target .45-90</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>795-2X</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Loco Jeff Ritter</b>	<b>C. Sharps Arms '74 .45/90</b>	<b>82-X</b>	<b>47-X</b>	<b>129-2X</b>	<b>853-14X</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Jeff (Doc) Ritter</b>	<b>Remington Rolling Block .45/90</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>462</b>

**Not shooting in this match**

<b>Ken Kurfurst</b>	<b>750-17X</b>
<b>Curt Lokovske</b>	<b>736-12X</b>
<b>Tom Witt</b>	<b>662</b>
<b>Jerry Mayo</b>	<b>553-3X</b>
<b>Ashley Ritter</b>	<b>172-3X</b>
<b>Tom Herman</b>	<b>48-X</b>

For the yearly aggregate these scores are added to the total of the previous 2021 matches and those new totals appear in the "Accum" (for "accumulative") column. At the end of the year a shooter's lowest score, if they have shot every match, is tossed out and the result is the score posted for the aggregate.

Our after-match (which isn't scored in the aggregate) was shot with our Black Powder Cartridge (Buffalo) rifles. Unlike previous matches of this type, today's was made more challenging by both the "sticks" and offhand shots made at 200 yards. Bob DeLisle was our winner of the day. Bob was also the only shooter to hit all five shots at the 200 yard gong off sticks. This gong was approximately the size of the 10 ring of our 200 yard paper target. Congratulations Bob!

Check the calendar on the Capitol City Rifle and Pistol Club web site, [ccrpclub.org](http://ccrpclub.org), for our next Old West Centerfires match as well as other upcoming shooting opportunities.

# DOIN'S YET TO COME



***PSFT MONTHLY SHOOT    OCTOBER 2, 2021***



**OCTOBER MONTHLY MATCH**

**cancelled    OCT 9, 2021**



***PSFT MONTHLY SHOOT***

***NOVEMBER 6, 2021***



**NOVEMBER MONTHLY MATCH**

**NOV 13, 2021**



**Old West Centerfires**

**November 20, 2021**



***PSFT MONTHLY SHOOT***

***DECEMER 4, 2021***



**DECEMBER MONTHLY MATCH**

**DEC 11, 2021**

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