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The Plinker



MISSION STATEMENT

The object of this organization shall be the encouragement of organized rifle, shotgun and pistol shooting among residents of our community, with a view toward better knowledge on the part of citizens of our community of the safe handling and the proper care of firearms, and the development of those characteristics of honesty, good fellowship, self discipline and self reliance that are the essentials of good sportsmanship and the foundation of true patriotism.

WASHINGTON HISTORICAL GUNMAKERS GUILD DOIN'S-2015

By Mike Nesbitt

Once more the Washington Historical Gunmakers' Guild had their annual "gathering of gunmakers" for the year at the Capitol City Rifle & Pistol Club during this month. As I've said before, this organization's annual 4-day gathering is always so full and well scheduled that you simply can't do everything. Most of the time there are two or more classes or presentation taking place at once. What that really means is you should look over the schedule carefully to be sure you don't miss any of the things you really want to see or hear.

Each year a highly noted guest speaker is invited to share expertise in a particular area of gun building and this year that special guest was Jack Brooks from Englewood, Colorado. This was Jack's second time to join us and I find him very interesting to talk with because he is very well versed about the Leman rifles. (You might have seen pictures in the Track of the Wolf catalog of the Leman style rifles he has built.) Jack knows what he's doing, of course, and this year he led the group with a class in the construction of wooden covered patch boxes.

Dave Rase held another class, like the one he gave last year, about "Before You Make That First Cut." This, of course, is how to start making that first rifle. And, as I have done for the past few years, folks who wanted to learn how to make a traditional (looking) shooting pouch came to the class I was giving. This year I had two pouch makers join me, they were Larry Throe and Rich Littke. We all worked hard, hard enough to finish our pouches early and that gave us time to do other things. Last year Mike Moran joined me in the pouch making course and he made a rather fine pouch, for sure. But then he gave it up when he put it "on the blanket" during the gunmakers' shoot. After that shoot, Mike's pouch ended up in Jim Hayden's (the book peddler) collection of plunder, maybe Lorraine Hayden won it in last year's match. Anyway, Jim saw Mike at this doin's and gave it back to him, saying they had too many pouches as it was. That was a very fine and friendly move on Jim's part. (When I heard Jim had given Mike that pouch, I ran over and bought another book!)



And Mike was there to enjoy the Open Forum and do some good work on his Northwest Gun kit. By doing his work at the Gunmaker's Guild, he could quickly get some assistance or advice with any questions he might have. I snapped the picture at the right just as he was finishing the inletting of the lock plate.

Saturday is the big day of this event with time spent on special interest topics. Those subjects fill the morning. On Saturday afternoon the annual Gunmakers' Shoot is held on the black powder range. That's the match where each shooter uses a muzzleloading rifle or smoothbore they had built, usually a flintlock but not necessarily, and offer a "blanket prize" which they also made. Those blanket prizes are usually shooting pouches, powder horns, knives or powder measures, appropriate accessories to the muzzle-loading rifles. This year, however, participation was low for blanket prizes so those were omitted from the awards.

Steve Baima, front row in the yellow shirt, won the Gunmakers' Match with a score of 42 on the 6-Bullseye target.

Participation in the shooting match was still very good and one interesting part of that match is the Luck Shoot. This is where each shooter fires just one shot at a special target which has a hidden spot on the back. That spot is covered so not even the folks who set out the target know where the spot is. And the shooter who comes the closest to that hidden mark

wins the match. What he wins is the target, after all shooters have signed their bullet holes, and the task of putting on the luck shoot next year. This year that winner was Rich Downs and his shot was just a little bit closer to the unknown mark than my shot.

Then on Saturday evening there is the big dinner for the gathering and the presentation of awards, identifying and honoring outstanding Guild members. That is followed by the annual auction where donated items are auctioned off in order to raise money for next year's gathering.

Throughout the 4-day event there are fine things to eat and all meals area provided with costs included in the registration fees. The excellent cook, once again, is Steve Skillman and the coffee is always on in the kitchen. This year I offered to give Steve some help in the kitchen but he turned me down saying he didn't want to hurt his fine reputation for putting on a good feed.

To get more information about the Washington Historical Gunmakers' Guild you should contact Mr. Steve Baima, at percman48@comcast.net. There are no membership dues and becoming a member is based entirely on participation. The schedule for 2016's annual gathering has not been fully completed but it will be held again in August and I'm already planning to be there, maybe to put on another class.



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Annual dues \$70.00 for the first member of each household and \$35.00 for each additional eligible member of the household.

Initiation fee (one time) \$80.00 for each household and a refundable gate card deposit fee of \$10.00 for each member.

In addition, each member is expected to devote 8 hours of volunteer service annually or recruit two new members or pay an assessment of \$80.00.

NRA membership (required)

Orientation class (required)

(GUESTS: Members may bring their spouses and children under the age of 18 years old **as guests** as often as they'd like. Non-immediate family member guests are limited to two visits annually. Members **MUST** accompany their guests at all times, including spouses and children, and are responsible for the conduct of their guests.)

NRA CLUB AFFILIATE BENEFITS

Free listing of events on NRA website; discount on range technician team & service; attorney referral service; non-legal advice for legal problems; NRA attorneys pro bono for national concern issues; eligible to apply for \$5,000 grant annually; \$10 reimburse for each new NRA member; \$5 reimburse for each returning member; "Club Connection" quarterly magazine; eligible for NRA firearms insurance.

THE DOIN'S AT TENINO, 2015

By Mike Nesbitt

The doin's at Tenino was again the site for the **WSMA Formal Rifle Championships**, like last two years. This was the 38th year for these matches, held at the Tenino City Park in conjunction with the town's Oregon Trail Days. Once again, the "formal" part about these matches is based on the fact that this competition is all on paper targets for score and the rifle shooting done here is what makes up the WSMA Rifle Championships. There are some other matches held along with the rifle competition, such as a

Trade Gun Match and a Pistol Match as well as some one-shot novelty rifle matches which are not part of the championships or the rifle aggregate but certainly a good part of these doin's at Tenino. There is also a Ladies' Match and special matches for the young ones which are not part of the main aggregate. Those other shoots make the Tenino shoots more of a doin's for the whole family and they certainly add to the fun. Something for everybody.

This report, maybe you've noticed, is basically a re-write of last year's report with updates to show the participants and winners for this year. There are some new names and new credits to be given.

One of those "new names" is actually someone who we should all be familiar with, Steve Skillman. Steve didn't shoot with us this year but he did step into Harold Moore's shoes somewhat by making and donating three buffalo horn powder horns to be awarded at the Trade Gun Match. Harold Moore has provided powder horns for the Trade Gun Match for a good number of years but he recently moved and his new shop is not up and running.

In the listing of the match winners, the top three in each of the categories, you'll see some names that have been mentioned before. That simply means those good shooters are still good shooters. It doesn't mean they have the matches "sewn up" before the shooting begins, just that they did so well again this year. There were a couple of first-time shooters on the firing line this year and there were a lot of shooters from past years who did not come to this doin's for whatever reasons. This does its part in bringing new names into the winners' circle and those new names are always good to see.



Of course, you'll recognize some of the old names too such as Tom Brown who returned to act as our Range Safety Officer again this year. And, once again, very big, sincere and multiple Notes of Thanks go to both Will Ulry and Bob Gietz for being the ramrods for running this shoot. Let's also mention Jan Sampson who ran the registration tent for these events. There are actually a lot more names who should be mentioned and thanked for their participation in helping with the set-up and operation of this event, in addition to those who have donated prizes for either the raffles or the shooting aggregate. Those aggregate prizes are the excellent and varied items that are "for grabs" by all shooters who shoot in the aggregate, are more than enough to be very good "bait" for bringing shooters back to these events in Tenino. Those prizes almost covered the "prize blanket" at the beginning of the awards ceremonies. Many of the names you'll read in the list of winners will be familiar to you if you have shot at Tenino or simply read a report on such doin's from a previous year.

Once again I'll mention how it is a tradition at Tenino for the overall match winner to take the wooden chair that Will Ulry donates as a shooting prize. This year Bob DeLisle followed that great tradition by winning the chair. With luck, Bob will add even more chairs to his camp furniture like other shooters have.

Let's hope there are a lot of shooters next year who want to win that chair for themselves because that will simply mean more shooters. We can all get in practice to see if such a win comes our way. Along with the chair comes the gold WSMA medal for taking 1st place in the aggregate. 2nd and 3rd place winners also receive medals in addition to their picks of the prizes.

The annual shooting matches at Tenino are, in my opinion, too good to pass up. Even so, our turnout this year was quite low, only 29 shooters. That really isn't enough and maybe you will join with me in reaching out for more support of this shoot that has been going on for almost 40 years. It's really too good to lose.

August High Power Shooters

The August "Deer Herding Match", oops... I mean the August M1 Garand Match had 8 shooters on the line, and one persistent young buck at the 100 yard line, on a pleasant Sunday morning. We had 2 shooters drop out part way through the match. Bill Englund's M1 suffered a mysterious sight readjustment when something came loose. And Gentry Taylor's daughter Kenzi had a minor M1 related injury to a finger. We're all familiar with "M1 Thumb", but how she managed a finger remains another mystery to us. But she impressed us as a tough young lady, so I'm sure she will be fine.

We had a tight race to the finish between Tony Miner and Gary Thorson. Gary posted a 99-2X in prone slow fire, and a 99-7X in prone rapid fire. Then the M1 recoil got the best of Gary in sitting rapid fire, and Tony took the lead to beat Gary by one point with a 376-3X to Gary's 375-11X. All those X's gone to waste! Gary Baldwin picked up 3rd place with a 336-2X, while Fran Huntington and Tom Schuettke tied for 4th place at 331-2X.

We had 3 shooters participate in the Sniper Challenge. With a shortage of \$1.00 bills between us, we just shot for "bragging' rights". Gary Thorson won with 3 hits (and also managed to break the chain on the gong), Gentry Taylor and Tom Schuettke tied for second with 2 hits each.

In the 4-Position Centerfire Handgun Match shot at 50 yards, Gary Baldwin took the win shooting a Smith & Wesson .41 Magnum.

July High Power Rifle Shooters

We had 9 high power rifle shooters turn out for the July NRA/CMP format Service Rifle Match. If you haven't shot a high power rifle match yet, come on out and give it a try. The schedule is in the calendar in the Plinker. We also have the schedule posted on the bulletin board at the high power range, as well as descriptions of what all the different high power matches are. Stop by the high power range and take a look. We have a variety of different matches to keep you entertained. The guys are friendly, and the matches are "very low pressure" - we're here to have fun.

We had good weather in the 70's and a couple of showers. We only experienced one minor delay as a deer wandered out to eat right in front of target #1. First time match shooter Kevin Neubert "volunteered" to go down range and run the deer off.

Fran Huntington took the match win shooting an AR-15 for a score of 474-9X (out of 500 possible). Fran actually beat Tony Miner by 1 point. That's not easy to do considering Tony was shooting his Eliseo R5 match rifle, chambered in 6 mm BR, and weighing in at a whopping 17 lbs. Also, congratulations to Fran Huntington for earning enough points in today's match to qualify as a CCR&P Distinguished Rifleman for the 2015 season.

Tony had the highest score in Slow Prone with 196-11X (out of 200 possible). Fran had high score in Rapid Prone and Rapid Sitting with 97-1X and 98-2X, respectively (out of 100 possible). And Bruce Fockler shot an IMPRESSIVE 97-3X in Slow Fire Standing (out of 100 possible).

In the Sniper Challenge, Fran and Gary Thorson tied at 3 hits each and went into a shoot-off. After another 3 shots each, they were still tied at 4 hits each. So they called it "good enough" and split the pot.

Gary Thorson & Fran Huntington - 4 hits each

Ken Horton & Kevin Neubert - 2 hits each

Gary Baldwin & Rod McDonald - 1 hit each

David Rockett - 0 hits

For the Carbine match, Gary Baldwin came up with a good idea to re-use our 300 yard reduced targets from the Rapid Fire Prone stage, since they only had 10 holes in them. So we pasted them up and used them at 50 yards for the Carbine match. That proved to be a challenge for some of us with older eyes that use a 6 o'clock hold, since the "black" is a lot bigger on the 300 yard reduced target than the "5V" targets we have been using. Rod McDonald took the win in the Carbine Match shooting 398-16X. Rod also had the high score in both stages, with 192-6X and 197-10X respectively. First time match shooter Kevin Neubert gave Rod a run for his money posting a 192-4X in his first string - only 2 X's behind Rod. But in the second string, Rod put the pressure on and took the win.

Indoor Rifle League

This coming winter, several smallbore shooters from CCR&P will again be participating in the Vermont Winter Postal League. This league is a .22 Long Rifle indoor rifle league, and we will be shooting on the 50 foot indoor range at the clubhouse. Each week, the scores are emailed in to the league director. Last year, we competed against 19 other teams, mostly from the east coast. The course of fire is 4 Positions, in 4 stages - prone, sitting, kneeling, and standing. Each stage is 10 rounds in 10 minutes, except for standing which is 10 rounds in 15 minutes. All shooting is done single load - load 1 round at a time. You can use any .22 LR rifle, open sights or scope - but it is easier with a bolt action rifle. The league will start in January and will run for approximately 12 weeks. You need 10 scores for the league, but we add in a couple of weeks for people who may miss a night or two. We will be registering the shooters in November. The league costs \$6.00, and you only need 40 rounds of .22 LR ammo for each week. That's Six Dollars for the whole 12 week league! If you are interested in joining us in the league, come out to the Indoor Range any Wednesday night at 7:00 PM and we'll show you what it's all about. We shoot on the Indoor Range every Wednesday night, so you have plenty of time to practice. The Range Safety Officers running the Wednesday night shooting are Jeff Young and Gary Thorson.

August 2015 Old West Centerfires

Our fifth match of the 2015 Centerfire season welcomed just six participants at the CCRP Black Powder Range. Weather was balmy and calm but anticipating warm weather to come only bottled water was at hand, which simply translates to "no coffee." Two relative newcomers (Sam Snelson and Jim Dickerman, the second time for both of them) joined the few regulars for this contest. The course of fire included a total of 20 rounds, 10 rounds at each range of 50 and 100 yards. The 50 yard target was the double bullseye buffalo (5 rounds at each bullseye) and at 100 yards we used the "200 yard Muzzle-loading" rifle target. These are the same targets we have previously used at these distances. Dave Dolliver assisted by scoring targets. Participants, equipment and scores, in order are:

Sam Snelson	1874 C. Sharps Arms 45/100	97 4x	100 x	197 5x	
Bob DeLisle	1875 Pedersoli Sharps 45/70		95	95	190
Jim Dickerman	1874 Shiloh Sharps 45/70	98x		89 2x	187 3x
Allen Cunniff	1874 C. Sharps Arms 45/70		85x	95 3x	180 4x
Mike Nesbitt	1885 C Sharps Arms low-wall 44/40		90 x	89 x	179 2x
Jeff Ritter	1874 Shiloh Sharps 45/70	87		92	179

Extra recognition for consistency goes to Bob De Lisle for exactly the same score at both ranges. Allen Cunniff admitted that he neglected to adjust his sight elevation after shooting the 100 yard range and had a dandy 8 shot group about 3 inches above the center of the bull

Before this match got going, several shooters engaged in very positive discussion about how we might improve these cartridge matches. One idea, with credit going to Allen Cunniff, was to have teams of shooters and spotters, so sight adjustments could be made during the shooting relay. This is in line with how other BPCR matches are done, generally, of course, at much farther ranges. No, Allen didn't intentionally neglect to change his sight setting just as an example but his error would have been caught early if a spotter was on the job. (Others have fallen victim to similar circumstances during this season's matches.) Having spotters during the matches would help us "fit in" more with other shoots and might possibly encourage more shooters to join us. Everyone agreed that these matches should continue into the coming year and suggestions for the continuing season's OWCF matches for added features or target modifications are welcomed and encouraged.

Prizes, in the form of C. Sharps Arms merchandise plus additional "meat" prizes from our club provided all shooters with a prize. The next OWCF at CCRP will be September 5th, 2015 on the Black Powder range again and reminders will be sent. Targets will again, be double bullseye buffalo at 50 yards and the 200 yard ML Bullseye at 100 yards. Please notice that this will be the concluding match for this year's season and aggregate scores will be tallied with recognition provided for aggregate winners as well as daily match scores.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 (C,I)1900-2100 4Position Small-bore Rifle League	2	3	4 (C)1900-2100 BOD mtg	5 (B) 0900-1200 BP Centerfire of the Old West (T)1000-1400 Beginner Pistol Training	
6 LABOR DAY	7	8 (C,I)1900-2100 4Position Small-bore Rifle League (C) 1900-2100 New MBR Orient	9	10	11 (T) 1300-1500 Beginner/Intermediate Pistol League Setup	12 (T)0800-1400 Beginner/Intermediate Pistol League (M) 0700-1600 Rim-fire Benchrest USRA IR 50/50 unlimited
13 (H) 0800-1300 M1 Garand Match &Center Fire Hand-gu	14	15	16 (C,I)1900-2100 4Position Small-bore Rifle League	17	18	19 (B) 0800-1200 Trail Clean-up (H) 0900-1500 Hunter Sight-in (T) 1300-2000 Action Pistol Setup
20 (H) 0900-1500 Hunter Sight-in (T)0800-1500Action Pist	21	22	23 (C,I)1900-2100 4Position Small-bore Rifle League	24 C) 1900-2100 Rain-dee-voo Planning Meeting	25 (T)1400-2000 CAS setup	26 (T)0800-1700 CAS Match
27 (H)0800-1300 Cmp Match (H)1300-1500 Carbine Match (T)0800-1300 CAS Orient. Bay 2	28	29	30 (C,I)1900-2100 4Position Small-bore Rifle League			

RANGE KEY: A=Archery; B=Black Powder; C=Clubhouse; H=Hi-Power; I=Indoor; M=Multipurpose; P=Pistol Sidebay T=Action Pistol
 CCB=Capital City Bowmen Clubhouse

Volunteers Needed

Match Directors, Board members, and those in charge of each range are invited to list in the Plinker their upcoming volunteer needs by calling John Wicklund, 360-438-5971. He will compile and update the list each month.

Hunters Sight In

This year's schedule is a little different. The first weekend is 19 & 20 September. The 2nd weekend is 3 & 4 October. Times will be from 9:00 to 3:00. All are welcome. Right now we have a full compliment of members assisting "Sight In" people. Spread the word. We are ready for all shooters.

Club members need to expect a couple things during Hunter Sight In Days. The public shooters have priority. We will have one bench dedicated for club shooters. If no one is shooting we may open up another bench. Club members may pay and jump in line with the public to sight in. Our shooting hours are 9:00 to 3:00. This gives members 3 plus hour to shoot after the public.
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