March



#### **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.

# Old West Centerfires

By Jerry Mayo

The Black River Buffalo Runners gathered for the first match of the Old West Centerfires 2022 season and it was a good one. There would be some familiar shooters, some target twists and a visit to an old west firearm we've not seen for a while.

This match began with our normal course of fire which is ten shots at 100 yards at a single-bullseye target, However, a new target was introduced at the 200-yard mark and it was a challenge. You may note the scores did not come in as high as recent matches. Ten more shots were sent to 200 yards at a smaller bullseye target which measured only 14" X 14" although the bullseye was just over 12" across. That big bullseye made it easy enough to see but if you missed the black, you generally missed the target. I'm happy to report the conditions for shooting this day were rather good considering the season. Our holidays were joyous but the weather was difficult at best. With a week or so of debilitating snow, up to eight inches in some places, was followed by a new year of flooding in our area. But on this day fair seeing and a slight breeze made for a pretty clean range, clean of both fog and black powder smoke.



Mike Moran aiming the .45/70 Sharps rifle

Our top shooter was Ken Kurfurst who scored a 188-3X. Ken also had the top score at 100 yards with a 95-2X. Ken went with his 1885 Winchester Highwall in .40/82 Crossno. Well done, Ken. Second place went to Allen Cunniff shooting a 184-3X with his 1874 C. Sharps Arms .45/70 and Allen was the high shooterat 200 yards with a 94-X. "Loco" Jeff Ritter shot his C. Sharps Arms 1874 Bridgeport in .45/90 and logged a score of 179-4X. In fourth place is Tom Witt with his Pedersoli 1874 .4570. Tom scored a 148. Rounding out the top five was Mike Nesbitt. Mike scored a 132 with his 1874 C. Sharps Arms in .50/70. In sixth place was Curt Lokovsek shooting his Remington Hepburn in .45/90 for a score of 129. Curt was using the sitting position this time while previously he always shot from the prone position. (We all generally use the sitting posi-

tion although shooting prone is allowed during

these OWC matches. On the otherhand, the

prone position is not allowed during the Little Quigley Match at our Buffalo Camp.) Jerry Mayo came in seventh place scoring 102-2X shooting a custom Remington Rolling Block in .50/70.

Obviously, some practice is needed at 200 yards. Bob DeLisle was in eighth place with an 89-X. bob used his .45/70 Pedersoli with paper patched bullets again. Mike Moran, who we will be seeing more regularly because he just joined the CCR&P club, posted an aggregate score of 88 using a borowed .45/70 1874 by C. Sharps Arms. Mark Davis shot 82 with his Shiloh Sharps in .45/70.

A big vote of thanks goes out to Allen Cunniff for his contribution of a scoring template. Because our shooting is not done at targets with backing, the hole in the target or even the impact ring tends to be somewhat smaller than the bullet diameter. Consequently, there can be some question as to whether the bullet struck the high scoring line or not. Our scoring method for this shoot is to break the line and you get the higher score. The line becomes somewhat important. Allen developed a caliber specific template which, when placed upon the bullet hole, gives an exact and consistent representation of the bullet's full caliber impact area. This small device has proved to be a tool that removes doubt for scorer and shooter alike.

For our after-match we went back to an item of the buffalo hunter's arsenal not often visited by this group of shooters. The centerfire black powder revolvers. We would shoot at 30 feet to a single bullseye target. Eight of our group participated in the after-match. This match takes place in what we call the "Side Bay." It is a 25-yard range with high berms on three sides and a shooting shed, backed by a wall, at the firing line. As the firing began and smoke filled the range, you instantly wondered how the gunfighters of the old west could see where they were shooting. This is a winner take all event and Allen Cunniff was the high scorerof the day with 99 points out of a possible 100. (Mike Nesbitt was one point behind.) Congratulations Allen.

Our next match will be a specialty match pitting our shooting skills with the mighty .50/70. Keep an eyeon the Capitol City Rifle and Pistol Club calendar (CCRPClub.org) for upcoming black powder events as well as other shooting opportunities.



Buffalo Runners from left standing; Tom Witt, Loco Jeff, Mike Moran, Allen Cunniff, Ken Kurfurst, Curt Lokovsek, and Jerry Mayo, kneeling, Mike Nesbitt, Bob DeLisle, and Mark Davis

## First Free Trappers' Shoot of the Year

By Tom Brown

The Puget Sound Free Trappers met for their first shoot of the year on February 5th. Our January shoot had been canceled due to the "Snowpocalypse" of 2021/22.

Twelve shooters came out for this match, including a new (to us) shooter by the name of Art Sporseen. Art is very interested in joining our little group and the club also. It's always a good thing for groups and the club in general to promote our activities and brin in new people. We also welcomed back DeWayne Pritchett and Cody Mehr, both of whom had been conspicuously absent from our fall matches. Mickey Hamilton also joined us, but without his daughter Ayla. That young lady is an up-and-coming shooter! I watched her sweep the Junior division AND the Ladies Division at Oregon Trail Days last summer.

Our match focus was on rifles and pistols this time. The rifle course consisted of two paper targets, 25 and 50 yards, 5 shots each, and 5 gongs reaching out to 100 yards for a total of 150 points. The pistol course was a paper target and 5 gongs at 25 yards for a total of 100 points.

In 1st place was Bob DeLisle with 193-X, 2nd was Will Ulry with 163. Will misread the email and didn't bring his rifle so he shot the whole course with his pistol. Taking 3rd was Mike Nesbit with 147, 4th Derik Sotelo, 5th Mickey Hamilton, 6th Cody Mehr, 7th Jerry May, 8th tom Witt, 9th DeWayne Pritchett, 10th Kerry Sotelo, 11th -"new guy" Art Sporseen and completing the list for 12 place was Ralph Birmingham.

Mark your calendars for March 5th when we meet again. So blow the dust of those smokepoles that are simply languishing in the corner and join us. Just remember, we don't' cotton to in-liners, rifles in our matches must have a traditional side-lock, cap or flint.



Jerry Mayo taking a shot.

### **RAIN-DE-VOO 2022**

#### By Mike Nesbitt

"Rain-de-voo" got its name because we usually shoot it in the rain. This year the weather actually smiled on us our nearly 40 shooters basically did their shooting in dry clothing.

Our "Booshway" was Tom Brown and it takes a good crew to put on a muzzleloading match with such variety. We had rifle shooting, a pistol match, and another match for Trade Guns. All of those events were shot on our black powder trail-walk, shooting at hanging steel silhouette targets which move or "clang" with the hits. Additionally, there was a tomahawk and knife trail for 'hawk and knife throwing which was part of the aggregate. Our shooters have the option of doing primitive archery in place of throwing their 'hawk and knife. A not-too-easy archery trail is provided by the Capitol City Bowmen, primarily with the efforts of Dale Soost.

There were non-shooting competitions too and one of the awards is for the best primitive camp. A "primitive camp" must follow what would have been available during the pre-1840 period, from the time of the rendezvous era of the mountain men. Other non-shooting events include the Dutch oven cooking competition for both main course and desert.

My shooting partners were Mike Moran, Bob DeLisle, and Jerry Mayo. The four of us had decided we'd try to accomplish two events per day in addition to some other duties which we all had. So, after shooting our rifles, and after my turn at being a trail guide, we "hit the trail" again with our pistols.

The next day we teamed-up again, right after Mike Moran was relieved as a trail guide. That was when we shot our archery targets and Mike Moran shot a remarkable score. My own score, shot with my Modoc style bow, was lower than I like but still in the running. That afternoon the four of us hit the trail again but with our Trade Guns, shooting the smoothbores at selected targets. On the Trade Gun trail, we had 12 targets and I hit 8 of them, which tied me with Bob DeLisle for 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Bob's tiebreaker, again, was better than mine so I placed third.

Here's a rundown of the events and the winners. Archery was won by Mike Moran, with Ayden Guiberson taking 2<sup>nd</sup> and Allen Tresch beating me out of third place with his tiebreaker. 'Hawk & Knife was won by Dan Moore, Allen Tresch took second and Mickey Hamilton placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pistol was won by me with Allen Tresch taking 2<sup>nd</sup> and Will Ulry in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Trade gun was won by Allen



Ayla Hamilton with her rifle

Tresch with Bob DeLisle in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and me in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Percussion rifle was won by me, with Dan Moore taking 2<sup>nd</sup> and Derek Sotelo in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Flintlock rifle was won by Allen Tresch with Mickey Hamilton in 2<sup>nd</sup> and Bob DeLisle taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

The best primitive camp award was taken (again) by Mike Moran. Junior shooters (under 16) were Nicholas Schubert in 1<sup>st</sup> place, Ayla Hamilton taking 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Natalie Schubert taking 3<sup>rd</sup>. We also have an aggregate score which combines the rifle scores with either the archery or the 'hawk and knife scores for the following awards; Top Mountain Man went to Mike Moran, I placed 2<sup>nd</sup> (about six points behind Mike) and Dan Moore placed 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Top Mountain Woman was awarded to Leslie Crow, with Marly Sotelo in 2<sup>nd</sup> and Kerry Sotelo taking 3<sup>rd</sup>. We had a separate award which is intended to increase the interest in shooting rather than to increase humility and that is the Lowest Rifle Score award, which was won by Dave Benson.

And shooters who were not mentioned above were awarded prizes from the "prize blanket" in order of their aggregate scores, all shooters received a prize for their shooting. The prize I picked was a pound of powder.

There is one more little non-shooting award and that's the "ugly stick." This is a "coup stick" that was first awarded several years ago by one or more of the ladies participating in the Rain-de-voo. The shooter who is given the stick as the 'ugliest mountain man' keeps the stick for a year, adds a trinket or item to it, and then turns it in to be awarded to someone else for the following year. (I must admit that I was the second to be given the ugly stick many years ago.) This year Booshway Tom Brown ask Ayla Hamilton to pick the ugliest mountain man and after some serious deliberation, she awarded it to Tom Brown....



Mike Moran at his primitive camp



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# MEMBERSHIP DUES RATES Dues and Renewal policies

Members will receive a statement 45 days before their membership expires. (Your renewal month is found on your mailing label.) The dues renewal date is the last day of the month in which members' "annual date" falls. Members' gate card will automatically "lock out" on their renewal date if they have not renewed, and their membership will be considered "inactive" for 30-days, during which time they may still pay their dues. After 30-days on "inactive" status the membership will be terminated. Should they wish to rejoin CCR&P past the 30-days "inactive" status, they must reapply as a new member and attend the Orientation class. Membership fees (taxes are additional), collected at the time of the orientation classes are:

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)

(<u>GUESTS:</u> Members may bring their spouses and children under the age of 18 years old <u>as quests</u> 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.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		THS Rifle Season Practice (I,C) THS Rifle Season Practice (I,C) 14:00 -17:00 Capitol City Junior Rifle Club Practice (I,C)	Black Hills HS Rifle Team (I,C)  4 Position Smallbore Instruction & Prac- tice (I)	THS Rifle Season Practice (I,C)  Capitol City Junior Rifle Club Practice (I,C)	4	Air Rifle Indoor Field Target ( I )  Air Rifle Indoor Field Target ( I ) 09:00 -15:00  Black Powder Monthly Shoots (BP)
6	7 Monday Night Pistol League (I)	THS Rifle Season Practice (I,C) THS Rifle Season Practice (I,C) 14:00 -17:00  Capitol City Junior Rifle Club Practice (I,C)	9 4 Position Smallbore Instruction & Practice (I) New Member Orientation ©	THS Rifle Season Practice (I,C)  Capitol City Junior Rifle Club Practice (I,C)	11	MA State Jr. Indoor Rifle Championship (IR,C,K)
Black Sheep 4H Club (M) Black Sheep 4H Club (M) 08:30 -11:30 Multi Purpose Range Orientation (M)	Monday Night Pistol League (I)	THS Rifle Season Practice (I,C) Capitol City Junior Rifle Club Practice (I,C) Capitol City Junior Rifle Club Practice (I,C) Capitol City Junior Rifle Club Practice (I,C) 17:00 -20:00  Board of Directors Meeting ©	4 Position Smallbore Instruction & Practice (I)	17 THS Rifle Season Practice (I,C) THS Rifle Season Practice (I,C) 14:00 -17:00  Capitol City Junior Rifle Club Practice (I,C)	18	Hunter Education (IR,CH,BP,MP,fiel d) Hunter 08:00 - 15:00 Old West Center- fires (HP)
20 Small Bore Silhou- ette (M)	Monday Night Pistol League (I)	THS Rifle Season Practice (I,C) THS Rifle Season Practice (I,C) 14:00 -17:00  Capitol City Junior Rifle Club Practice (I,C)	23 4 Position Smallbore Instruction & Practice (I)	THS Rifle Season Practice (I,C) Capitol City Junior Rifle Club Practice (I,C)	25	26 Air Rifle Bench Rest (I)
27  CMP/NRA Service Rifle Match (H) CMP/NRA Service Rifle Match (H) 08:00 -15:00  Black Sheep 4H Club (M)	28	THS Rifle Season Practice (I,C) Capitol City Junior Rifle Club Practice (I,C)	Open Trail (BP) 4 Position Smallbore Instruction & Prac- tice (I)	THS Rifle Season Practice (I,C) THS Rifle Season Practice (I,C) 14:00 -17:00 Capitol City Junior Rifle Club Practice (I,C)		

### **Volunteers**

John Wicklund and I have a way you can get help for projects. Also, you may enlist to be available for work and assessment hours. John takes your name and contact info. You are then on the list. When someone wants assistance they contact John and he sends the request to the list. If you wish to do the work, you contact the project leader. He will lay out the work. You may contact me or 3701 or 475.

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### Indoor Air Rifle Field Target Matches at CCR&P

The Air Rifle Field Target match is shot indoors at 50 feet. The targets are similar to silhouette shooting but have a hole varying in size in which the shooter has to shoot through to trigger a lever/disk the causes the silhouette to fall down. The match is 40 shots for score. The shooters shoot twice at 20 targets. There are two classes; Open Field Target which is shot from a sitting position and Hunter Field Target where the shooter can use support sticks/cross sticks or a tripod (using only two legs) and sit on a stool.

This event is designed to give air rifle shooters the opportunity to test both the accuracy of their equipment and their individual skills in a friendly, competitive atmosphere away from the outside weather conditions. This event is generally held once a month on Saturdays from October through March. Check the Club's calendar and come on out and give it a try. For information about the Field Target match contact John Mickel at 360-491-0714 or email at johnmickel@q.com

By Harvey Gertson

### Gongs

I just had several members expressed interest in purchasing Gongs. I talked to Mark Finkle and the price has gone up considerable. So I got 8" gongs instead of 10". Now the price is actually cheaper. They are now \$40. So give me a call.

360-701-8105

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