

# OHIO VALLEY MUZZLE LOADING



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March, 2013

Well winter is almost over with spring on the way. On Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> we had our seminar at Neil's place of business. I lost my notes but we had around 16 people show. Joe Seaver started off the seminar with about an hour explaining the many different types of carving. He then proceeded to give us a sample of his carving abilities, by carving (my title) The old man of the wind. In 45 minutes he started with a blank canvas of cottonwood bark and turned it into a detailed carving. Excellent work, Joe. We finished up the seminar with Ken demonstrating making a rear pipe, pounding out a butt plate, pouring a nose cap and making the rounded portion of a trigger.

Several of us brought cookies for everyone to munch on and Larry brought a crock pot of bean soup. It appeared everyone had a good time. Thanks goes out to Neil, Joe, Ken, and all those who brought food.

On March 2<sup>nd</sup> we had our first shoot of the year, the blanket shoot. Thanks goes out to Ron for handling this every year. (After 15 years of running this Ron has decided it is time to step back and let someone else give it a whirl. So fellow shooters we would like someone to step up by the next annual meeting and take this over. Typically there is 10-12 shooters at this event. We have had as high as 19 in warmer weather. Thanks again Ron for all the hard work.) We had 9 shooters in attendance and gained two new members from the event. Ron set up nine or ten novelty targets, balloons, apples, cutting string, card splitting, rattle box w/ dropping ground hog, knock-down buffalo, small gong, blackbirds and the infamous hanging chain. I think that's everything but I could have missed one. Temperature was in the 20's and it snowed most of the day. Even though it was cold we all had fun.

Unfortunately, Sis was the first one to make the hall of shame this year. She fired her gun at one of the targets without loading, but at least it had a cap on it. Bob Hurlbert is the free shooter in April.

Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> is our next shoot. Shoot host is Tom Darfus. The shoot will start around 10:00. Those that can, come early, 9:00, to help rebuild the racks. Mike Hill and Mark Herman bring your ideas on a portable rack and Mark don't forget the plywood clips and screws. We will need a couple of battery screw guns to assemble things for the first time. I will bring one, if I remember.

If you haven't paid your dues, let's get caught up. You should have received a shoot date schedule with the last letter so everyone mark your calendars.

Your pres,

Rick