



The Bull Sheet

Paul Bunyan Rifle and Sportsman's Club

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SEPTEMBER MEETING NOTES

If you are a match director or chairperson who needs to put an entry on the calendar or submit a budget request for 2024, now is the time to send in those requests. Requests are due by November 1st. Send the calendar information to Vice President Mike Moran by clicking [here](#), and the budget requests to Treasurer Bob Wendt by clicking [here](#). We will be finalizing these items at the November and December meetings.

We have been finding a lot of spent brass and dud ammo in the trash recently. All spent brass or dud rounds should be placed in the red metal BRASS boxes on the rifle and pistol ranges. Dud rounds in the trash create a potential hazard for those who empty the cans and to those who haul away our trash. We sort spent brass from the BRASS containers by caliber and sell it, with the proceeds going to the junior club. Aluminum and steel cases should be placed in the 5-gallon buckets on each range. We also recycle spent primers, another thing we find in the trash a lot. If you have spent primers that you want to get rid of, leave them in a zip-lock bag or a container on top of the red **BRASS** containers or by the CONEX door.

We have moved back to the winter range maintenance schedule. All ranges are now closed for maintenance Thursday afternoons from 1 to 4. Along with the other maintenance chores we tackle on Thursdays, we also build target frames. With as much use as the range gets, the frames don't last very long. If you can spare a couple of hours on a Thursday afternoon to help out, we could put you to work. Just show up around 1pm on Thursday afternoon and ask for Darrell.

The Thursday evening Mt. Rainier bullseye pistol league is underway, but it is not too late to join in. See the match bulletin on the website [here](#).

The summer smallbore rifle league has wrapped up. Alec Patajo was the overall league winner, with Doug Shellenberger coming in first in the prone-only category. The winter 50' smallbore league starts in January on the pistol range.

NOMINATIONS FOR CLUB OFFICERS

Mike Moran

Elections for next year's club officers will be coming up in December, and we are always encouraging members to get involved in running the club. If you'd like to find out more about it, the position descriptions are listed in the Paul Bunyan Constitution, or you can contact one of the current officers. We will call for nominations in November. Are you ready to throw your name in the hat?

CLUB SWAP MEET

The swap meet was held September 9th and was a success. We had 21 sellers show up to sell off some of their gun and reloading related items. There were a lot of good buys to be had, and the sellers did a lot of trading back and forth with most of us going home with more than we left home with! We are mulling over holding another swap meet next year and would like to get input on ways we can make it more successful. If you attended the swap meet, either as a buyer or seller, we would like to hear from you regarding your thoughts and ideas. We can be contacted via email by clicking [here](#).

WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH HUNTER SIGHT-IN

Our annual hunter sight-in is underway and we could use your help. This is the only event where the general public can pay a fee to use our range, and it is a big money maker for our club, which helps to keep our dues low. You don't have to be an expert shot or fully knowledgeable on rifles. You just need to be willing to help out for a few hours. Making sure the shooters are being safe, patching targets, spotting shots and helping with scope adjustments are the main duties for those who can spare some time. Your help to make this a successful event once again would be greatly appreciated.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

It's that time of year again. Membership renewals are now due. To renew your club membership, use the renewal form in the printed BullSheet or get the form online [here](#). Dues are not prorated, and club access will be cut off soon for those who have not renewed for 2024.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN OPENING

Ben LoCicero, who has been the club membership chairman for many years, announced at the August board meeting that he is going to retire at the end of this year. We need interested candidates to run for the position in December. Candidates must be club members in good standing for at least one year, and must have good computer skills. Get in touch with a board member or email us [here](#) for more details.

MEMBERSHIP

The club would like to welcome the 14 new members for October. Anthony Clarke, Kathleen Edman, Jeff Klemann, Cody Klemann, Jason Miller, Crystal Pasic, Theresa Reeves, Joshua Rodero, Scott Stevens, Jasen Swanson, Steven Vanstone, Josh Wagner, Caleb Wilson and Blake Zimmerman were all voted into the club at the general meeting. Welcome to all.

BLACK POWDER PISTOL TRAIL WALK

Eric Burkhead

Fall is here and our new Black Powder Pistol Trail Walk is in fine form and welcoming! Each recent session has gradually seen the addition of new shooters, and there is plenty of room for YOU on a squad!

Rich Pogue and his crew have been upgrading and fine-tuning the creative metal targets posted along a well-maintained path through the trees, making for a pleasant saunter through the Fall woods!

The Trail is open on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month from 2pm-5pm — upcoming October dates are 10/5 and 10/19. Dust off that caplock, flintlock pistol or cap & ball revolver and come on out!!!



New shooter Brian Wissner tried out the pistol trail

USED BRASS FOR SALE

Darrell Behounek has lots of used brass for sale. He has most handgun calibers available as well as a lot of rifle calibers. Rifle brass is ten cents each and pistol brass is six cents each. The proceeds go to help the junior program. You can reach Darrell at 253-267-5087.

JUNIORS

Doug Shellenberger

One of our junior shooters, Arkin Arranza took second place out of 16 shooters in the Fall Schutzenfest smallbore match at Tacoma Rifle and Revolver club last month. Complete match results can be found [here](#).

Since the Army has a scheduling conflict and will not be hosting the annual All-Army airgun match in this month, we will hold a prone-only match on the 28th.

RANGE OFFICERS NEEDED

The club is looking for a few range safety officers to fill both paid and volunteer positions. The volunteer positions are for weekday/evening schedules, while the paid positions are for weekend coverage, usually from noon to closing. Presently, we have an opening for a Saturday position. Schedules can vary and are somewhat flexible. If you are interested in serving as a range safety officer, contact Chief Range Safety Officer Dave Farrow via email [here](#) or at 253-886-1069.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Fox news reported that a federal district judge has stuck down the California 'high capacity' magazine ban. As expected, the State quickly filed an appeal, so the ban will stand until that case is worked through the court system. For the full story, click [here](#).

CARETAKERS REPORT

Doug Shellenberger

We recently rented a back-hoe for a day to help move the new CONEX to its final placement behind the pistol range berm. The tractor we have was found to be too small to move the CONEX. We did a bit of leveling while we were at it and built a couple of ramps. The CONEX will be used to store some of the maintenance tools and RTVs.

Long time club member Ed Cole stopped by with his hedge trimmer last week to do some trimming on the bushes around the clubhouse patio. These bushes, while beautiful, don't do so well with our winter snows. Ed trimmed them

down to a point where they can withstand the weight of the upcoming winter snow without breaking branches.

GET TO KNOW THE RANGE OFFICERS

This month, we introduce you to RSO Lynn White.

Lynn was born and raised in Oklahoma, moving to the PNW at 15. He graduated from high school in 1968 and earned a BA and then a MA afterwards. His calling in life was that of a parish pastor. For 45 years, he served in the ministry and became a Reserve Deputy and a Department Chaplain with King County Sheriff Office, serving in that capacity for 28 years, patrolling in the Burien and White Center communities.

He joined Paul Bunyan in 2017, and once again, looked for opportunities to serve. The chance to help Marty Kotzke as Hunter Safety Instructor came up. He is on his sixth year of that endeavor.

Lynn enjoys hunting, shooting, reloading, fishing, shooting pool and spending time with his wife of almost 55 years. He serves as head of security at the church they attend and also teaches a men's Bible study each week.

Lynn serves as our RSO on Monday afternoons and has enjoyed meeting many of the wonderful members we have in the Paul Bunyan Rifle & Sportsman Club. As Lynn says: "Come out and shoot. It's fun."

