



# ***The Bull Sheet***

**Paul Bunyan Rifle and Sportsman's Club**

**Puyallup, WA**

**Established 1945**

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## **JANUARY MEETING NOTES**

Club member Mathew Doornbos read the officer and director's responsibilities as the board for 2024 was sworn into office at the general meeting. Cindy Thomas is our new membership chairman, and Birney Oxford is a new director for the upcoming year, with all other positions remaining the same as last year. Mark Voigt gathered the most votes for a director, so he will be serving a 2-year term (2024-25).

Bob Wendt reported that the Monday evening smallbore league is underway, but they still have room for new shooters. Get in touch with Bob if you have questions.

The high-power rifle season starts with a 200-yard 60-shot standing practice session on February 17<sup>th</sup>. Contact Bob Wendt or Doug Nash if you have questions.

The board voted to accept a bid for the replacement of the 100-yard rifle range trench, used for the hunter sight-in target frames. Once the new concrete trench has been installed, we will also use it for standard target frames without the feet installed. We are expecting temporary rifle range closures while the work is being done. We should have more details next month.

The Washington Sportsmen's Show starts January 31<sup>st</sup> at the Puyallup fairgrounds. Click [here](#) for details.

The 2024 operating budget for the club was presented to and accepted by the members at the general meeting.

Hunter education starts up again this month. The February class is filled, but there will be other classes each month, March thru June and again in September and October. Get in touch with Tani Iwashita for details.

## **DELIBERATE RANGE DAMAGE**



Isn't that a lovely picture?? One of our fellow club members, a real knucklehead, thought it would be fun to see if he could hit the protective target-frame pipe on the pistol range, firing cross range while doing so. A few years ago, someone shot the target frame itself, used for the turning target system for bullseye shooting, destroying the custom-made frame. So, we had the frame replaced, a costly endeavor, and placed this pipe over the upright, keeping the frame in storage so no further damage would be done. Now we have this person using the pipe as a target. We're still not sure what, or even if, they were thinking. We are currently reviewing the camera logs to see if we can identify this person, who will quickly be removed from the club.

# BLACK POWDER PISTOL TRAIL WALK

Eric Burkhead

January 14<sup>th</sup> saw the initial new year's Sunday opening of the club's Black Powder Pistol Trail Walk. This event will occur every **SECOND SUNDAY** of the month at 10 am, in addition to 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> **THURSDAYS** at 1PM, starting near the Shotgun Range.

The weather was frigid, so use was made of the remodeled shotgun shack, renamed the "Dismal Nitch" in honor of the Lewis and Clark "Voyage of Discovery." The wood stove, bright lighting and seating made for a comfy, cozy gathering of ten folks.

In lieu of shooting the trail with frostbitten extremities, several programs were offered inside the warm 'Nitch.'

Rollie Storbakken provided excellent guitar music and songs, accompanied by Mike Moran reciting humorous anecdotes. Rollie also delivered a dynamic homily to round-out this Sunday session. Tim Klima generously cooked up a delicious feast of chicken and dumplings. Coffee and cookies completed the repast.



Partial crew: l to r: Dwayne Anderson, Rollie Storbakken, Bill Sick and Chef Tim Klima relax in the remodeled shack.



The ever-so-photogenic Rich Pogue in a failed attempt to avoid the paparazzi.

Rich Pogue led technical discussions on bp pistol adjustments and cleaning, gunflint selection, patch and ball accuracy development, target sighting and other useful hints.



Eric Burkhead shoots his Kentucky style flintlock pistol

## 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.

## PISTOL SILHOUETTE

Bret Stuntebeck  
January 6, 2024

We put 23 entries across the line this month. It was overcast when I got to the range with temps around 40 and got up to about 45 by the end of the match. Typical for this time of year. We had one new shooter this month. Michael Cornwall came to bust some steel with us. Hopefully he will continue to shoot with us. He posted some pretty good scores for not having shot a silhouette match in almost 20 years. On to the results of the match.

Only one 40 this month. Jim Harris posted a UAS-Int, 40, followed by Ron Craig with a UAS-Int, 38 and Mike Cornwall with a UAS-Unc, 37 shooting a 10" 44 Mag. I posted a U-Int, 39 followed by Jim Harris with a U-Int, 38. Joe Stumpf posted a R-AA, 18. In Standing, Mike Cornwall posted a S-Unc, 20 using a S&W model 57 and not adjusting sights only using hold over. Very impressive. Pete Colley posted a posted a S-A, 15 with his FA 41 Mag. I posted a US-AAA, 24. Steve Parsons posted a US-AA, 24 and Nicholas Papagalos posted a US-AA, 15. Steve Bishop posted a UASHS-AA, 39 giving him a leg into AAA followed by Joe Stumpf with a UASHS-33, Ron Craig with a UASHS-AA, 30 and Richard Nicol with a UASHS-AA, 23.

In Small Bore, Richard Nicol posted a U-Unc, 14. Nicholas Papagalos posted a US-AA, 18. In Field Pistol, I posted a PAS-AAA, 21. Steve Parsons posted a PAS-AA, 19, followed by Nicholas Papagalos with a PAS-AA, 17 and Joe Stumpf with a PAS-AA, 14

Our target setter did a great job this month. Thanks to all who came out to shoot the match and also to those who stayed to help pick up targets after the match.

Until next time shoot straight and be safe.

## BB

Class	Name	Gun/Caliber	Score
R-AA	Joe Stumpf, R	FA: 357M	18
S-AA	Michael Cornwall	SW: 41MAG	20
-A	Peter Colley	FA: 41MAG	15
U-INT	Bret Stuntebeck	XP-100: 6TCU	39
-AAA	Steve Bishop	TC: 7BR	22
UAS-INT	Jim Harris	XP-100: 6.5TKS	40
-AAA	Michael Cornwall	TC: 44MAG	37
US-AAA	Bret Stuntebeck	TC: 7TCU	24
-AA	Steve Parsons	TC: 7TCU	24
-	Nicholas Papagalos	TC: 7TCU	13

## HS

UASHS-AA	Steve Bishop	XP-100: 221FB	39
-	Michael Cornwall	TC: 308	30

## SB

PAS-AAA	Bret Stuntebeck	TC: 22H	21
-AA	Steve Parsons	BF: 32-20	19
-	Nicholas Papagalos	TC: 22LR	17

## CAST BULLET RIFLE MATCHES

Starting Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup>, our club will host a monthly Cast Bullet Association ([CBA](#)) military rifle match (see club calendar for future dates). These cast bullet matches are open to shooters using any rifle that was issued to the troops by any country. Classifications are: as issued (no modifications), modified sights (upgraded iron sights) and scope class. Registration starts at 8am followed by a course of fire review, then first shots at 9am. We start with a sighter target at 200 yards, followed by 2 strings of 10 shots in 15 minutes each for score, then repeat the course of fire at 100 yards. The cost of the match is \$10, \$5 for octogenarians or juniors. Membership in the CBA is required for ranking, but those who are not CBA members may still shoot the match as long as they use cast bullets, either purchased or cast at home. If you are interested or have questions, contact us at 206-909-5499

## CORRECTION

Last month we reported that three of our members, Dave Farrow, Erick Thomas and Cindy Thomas, had completed the NRA range safety officer class. Unfortunately, I used the wrong name for Erick. Sorry Erick!

# ACTION SHOOTING INTERNATIONAL (ASI) UPDATE

Jackie Russo

Over 60 dedicated, hardcore ASI shooters arrived at the range to welcome the first match of 2024 with 5 stages of fun and 1 a bit more challenging. Several stages employed steel such as, *Caught in the Headlights* where small poppers substituted for headlights and one mighty popper used for *Irwin's Snowbank*. Most stages required 10 – 12 rounds, in keeping with the spirit of ASI.



There was intermittent rain throughout most of the match, as such, the wonder of water resistive targets and pasters saved the day! As several bays filled with generous puddles, a jovial shooter deployed several rubber duckies to float about (see photo).

Pre-registration is now open on [www.practiscore.com](http://www.practiscore.com) for our February match. This match theme is celebrating both Valentine's Day (care to present a box of candy to a beloved?) and Chinese New Year's Year of the Dragon (enjoy reading fortunes nestled in a fortune cookie?). Both of these and other fun stages will occupy the Action Bays. Find all our ASI matches by searching for ASI at Paul Bunyan under "Matches", register and squad on-line. Range fee is \$25 and is \$20 for Paul Bunyan members.

ASI welcomes all safe shooters of all skill levels. First time at ASI? New Shooter Orientation (NSO) is at 9 am in Bay 1. Bring your gear, abilities and questions for MD Joey Russo. No holster necessary. All stages are low-ready or table starts. Transport your gun in a gun bag; draw from holster is allowed with approval by squad Range Officer.

For those who don't know our MD – he's recently returned to the range after an absence of a year since undergoing surgery and chemo for osteo-sarcoma. Joey's ability to navigate the range again is result of his purpose-built GRIT wheelchair ([www.gogrit.us](http://www.gogrit.us)). Adapting to his new abilities is chronicled in his YouTube Channel: *Joey Russo- Disabled Competitive Pistol Shooter* [Click here](#) It's also an opportunity to see ASI matches in action.

Still plenty of spots open. Questions? Email me at: [paulbunyanasi@gmail.com](mailto:paulbunyanasi@gmail.com). See you on the range!

## JUNIORS

Doug Shellenberger

The Rogers High School JROTC shooting team has a new coach, club member Mathew Doornbos. He will be accompanying their shooters when they use our range for their weekly practice sessions.

Capitol City used our range Jan 27<sup>th</sup> to host the [CMP](#) Washington State air rifle match. Zach Duncan hosted the match for 8 shooters in the precision class and one in the sporter class. Elias Holton from Capitol City was the high precision class scorer with a very nice 580-33. Click [here](#) for the match results.

## MEMBERSHIP

The club would like to welcome the 21 new members for February. Chris Poulsen, Rabara Jhudiell, Mike Rodriguez, William Coggins, Kindra Schuller, Price Matteson, Debi Brigham, Linda Roth, William Doucett, Kristen Lewis, Tonia Morris, Jon Molotte, Leo Koenig, Joshua Potter, Nathan Hill, Lawrence Shultz, Bailey Lopp, Jason Fox, Ulises Fabre, Jacob Sneddon, Joshua Stone were all voted into the club at the general meeting. Club membership now stands at 1056 paid members for 2024.

## CARETAKERS REPORT

Doug Shellenberger

We recently received another two loads of woodchips, so we spread some on the 175-yard berm, something we haven't had enough chips to do for a long time. Most of the berms now have new chips in places where it was almost down to dirt. We are hoping this will help keep the weeds in check this coming summer.

We started off the winter season with 4 racks of firewood. (Doug guesstimates just under a cord per rack) So far, we have used over two racks, and will now be burning wood that is a bit greener than usual.

Our older RTV and our lawn mower were hauled off to [Jennings Equipment](#) for their annual service last week. Since most of our equipment is not being used much right now, it is a good time to take care of the service. Both the RTV and the mower get a lot of use around the range in the warmer months.

## CLUB CAPS AND SHIRTS

We have club logo tee shirts and sweatshirts in all sizes available for sale. We are asking \$15 for the tee shirts (we have a few special ordered white tee shirts) and \$20 (\$25 for the XXL) for the sweatshirts. We have solid back caps as well for \$12. The proceeds on these items go to support the junior program. If you are interested, get in touch with Doug Shellenberger at 253-846-6767 or see him at the range.

## 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 and an evening 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.

## FIREWOOD FOR SALE

We have lots of firewood for sale at \$50 for a pick-up truck load. This wood is in log form and is easily accessible to those who want to purchase some. Contact Doug Shellenberger at 253-846-6767 you are interested.

## PLEASE PICK UP YOUR BRASS

Ken Swasey

We are getting a lot of complaints from the range officers and some club regulars that a lot of members are not picking up their brass when they are finished shooting for the day. The brass, mostly 22LR, 9MM and 223, is too often left behind for someone else to deal with. All shooters, when they are finished shooting for the day, are required to pick up all of their spent cases and either take them home or place them in the appropriate containers on the firing line. Do not sweep brass into the sand in front of the firing line, causing more work for our caretakers.

Please do your part to help keep our range clean.

If the government had a sandwich making program:



# The Annual WA State Muzzleloader Silhouette Shoot

Mike Moran

Only 12 of the heartiest souls braved the nearly 60-degree weather and bright sunshine for the January monthly shoot of the Paul Bunyan Plainsmen. Departing from the usual format, the Plainsmen hosted the Washington State Muzzleloader's Association Silhouette Shoot, with WSMA providing medals for first, second, and third place.

Shooters gathered at the registration table and were paired up and assigned a starting point. With 12 shooters and 8 firing points, the group was divided into two relays, and the relay number and start point noted on their score cards. The course of fire would be simple – 16 shots, four at each of four different animal silhouettes, each animal at a different range. Each hit would count as one point, and unlike our traditional practice, no extra points were awarded for period attire.

The silhouettes were placed in the following manner. Chickens were placed at 35 yards, piglets at 50 yards, turkeys at 100 yards, and rams at 150 yards. For reference, these silhouettes are roughly life sized, but looking out at the small white specs down range one might think they were miniatures. All shots were taken with patched round ball and shot offhand. A verified hit on a target that didn't fall over was still counted as a hit. Spotting scopes were available, and hits were verified between relays when the targets were reset and repainted.

Other than a few of the usual mechanical issues the shoot went well, and many new and interesting excuses created for easy targets missed. When the last relay was finished, the crew helped get all the steel put away and the group retired to the clubhouse for prize out. Cody Mehr was the big winner with a score of 14, missing only one turkey and one ram. Doug Dickman and Allen Tresch would take second and third place, both scoring 11 points, with the number of hits on the rams used as the tie breaker.

The Plainsmen will have the next open pistol trail on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 2 pm, and the next monthly match will be the annual Quad Club Shoot on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Come see if the Plainsmen can retain the trophy again this year against the Bremerton Brigade, the Black River Troublemakers, and returning this year the Seven Rivers club.

Name	C	P	T	R	Tot	Name	C	P	T	R	Tot
Cody Mehr	4	4	3	3	14	Dwayne Anderson	3	3	2	1	9
Doug Dickman	4	3	1	3	11	Mike Moran	2	4	1	1	8
Allen Tresch	4	4	2	1	11	David Dickman	4	3	0	1	8
Lawrence Saltarelli	4	4	1	1	10	Mark Merwin	4	4	0	0	8
Tim Klima	0	4	3	2	9	Jim Haeckel	3	4	0	0	7
Ty Scott	4	1	3	1	9	Doug Kitchens	1	4	0	0	5



Cody Mehr checks out the competition as Doug Dickman lines up his shot