



The Bull Sheet

Paul Bunyan Rifle and Sportsman's Club

Puyallup, WA

Established 1945

JANUARY 2024

DECEMBER MEETING NOTES

The club election was held during the general meeting. All 2023 incumbent candidates were voted back into office for 2024. Birney Oxford is a new director, replacing Kevin Olson. Cindy Thomas will be our new membership chairperson, replacing the retiring Ben LoCicero. Mark Voight received the most votes for a director, so he will be serving a two-year term. The 2024 officers and directors will be sworn into office during the January meeting.

Brad Davis, a regular at the Thursday afternoon work parties, has volunteered to build and repair target frames while Darrell is on light duty. If you have some free time, please stop by on a Thursday afternoon and give Brad a hand. The club goes through a lot of frames every year, making it a constant job keeping up with it.

Dave Farrow reported that he, along with Cindy Thomas and Rob Thomas have completed the NRA range safety officer instructor's class. They will now be able to teach the NRA range safety officer class for new or returning range officers at our club.

We have a couple of loads 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.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Dennis Wilcox

New Years present from the WA Legislature

New restrictions affecting the purchase of firearms within Washington State will take effect on January 1st 2024 (House Bill 1143) – courtesy of the WA Legislature (controlled by Democrats).

In a nutshell, as of Jan 1:

The background check for transfer of **any type of firearm (shotgun, rifle, pistol, frame/receiver)** will be conducted by the Washington State Patrol. There will be an \$18 fee per transaction (WSP is allowed to increase the fee in future). There is no statutory limit as to how long the WSP has to complete the background check (whether that be 5 minutes or 5 years). The FFL can NOT give you possession of the firearm unless & until the WSP gives its ok.

There is a mandatory 10-business-day waiting period. Regardless of how long the background check takes to complete, your firearm must remain in purgatory for at least 10 “business” days before you are allowed to retrieve it.

You must show proof of having completed statutorily defined firearms training within the previous 5 years.

Some of the above is similar to the restrictions first enacted on so-called assault weapons, the transfers of which were subsequently banned altogether.

You can complete the required training (free) on-line courtesy of Sporting Systems Vancouver: <https://sporting-systems.com/free-hb1143-training>

You can read House Bill 1143 as passed by the legislature here: <https://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2023-24/Pdf/Bills/Session%20Laws/House/1143-S2.SL.pdf#page=1>

A video describing the above courtesy of WA Gun Law can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iEhOAOyvik&t=398s>

PISTOL SILHOUETTE

Bret Stuntebeck
December 2, 2023

We put 12 entries across the line this month. It wasn't raining when I got to the range with temps in the mid 40's. Not bad for this time of the year. On to the results of the match.

Only one 40 shot this month. Ron Craig posted a UAS-Int, 40. In Unlimited Joe Stumpf posted a U-AA, 17 shooting cast bullets. In Revolver, Joe Stumpf and Ron Craig both posted a R-AA, 21. Jim Harris posted a UHS-Int, 24. In Unlimited Standing I posted a US-AAA, 25 followed by Steve Parsons with a US-AA, 23 and Nicholas Papagalos with a US-A, 20. Joe Stumpf posted a UASHS-AA, 32.

In Smallbore I posted a U-AAA, 32

In Field pistol I posted a P-AAA, 14, Nicholas Papagalos Posted a PAS-AA, 24.

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	Ron Craig	FA: 41MAG	21
U-AA	Joe Stumpf, R	XP-100: 7BR	17
UAS-INT	Ron Craig	XP-100: 7BR	40
US-AAA	Bret Stuntebeck	TC: 7TCU	25
-AA	Steve Parsons	TC: 7TCU	23
-A	Nicholas Papagalos	XP-100: 260REM	20

HS

UASHS-AA	Joe Stumpf, R	XP-100: 7INT	32
UHS-INT	Jim Harris	XP-100: 22PPC	24

FP

P-AAA	Bret Stuntebeck	TC: 30-20	14
PAS-AA	Nicholas Papagalos	TC: 22LR	24

SB

U-AAA	Bret Stuntebeck	ANS: 22 LR	32
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MEMBERSHIP

We do not hold a new member orientation in December. Club membership stands at 971 members paid for 2024.

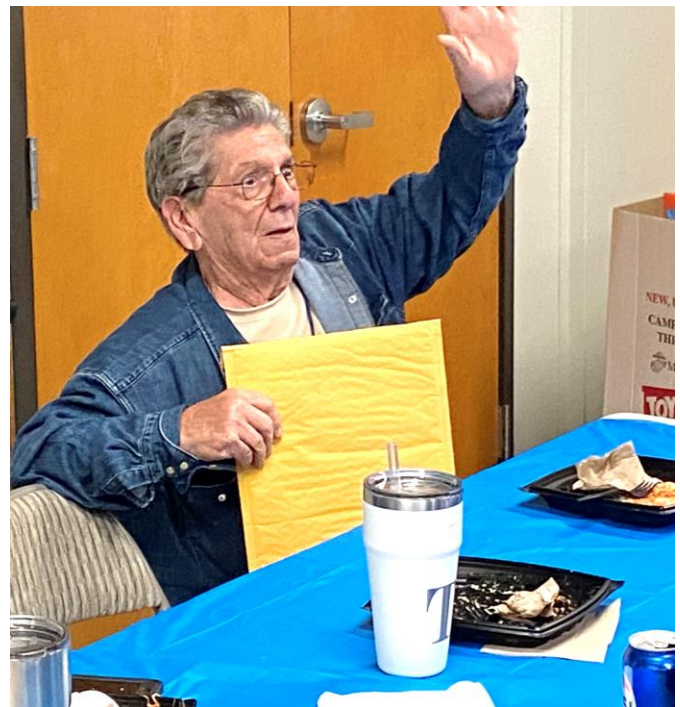
TO THE MEMBERS AT PAUL BUNYAN

Ben LoCicero

As I part ways with my Membership Chairman position, I wanted to thank all of you for putting up with me over the years, and keeping your dues up to date. HA!

It is bittersweet saying goodbye to my position on the board, but I am leaving on a good note and will still be around at the club. I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year. Thanks for all of the great memories.

Happy New Year



SMALLBORE LEAGUE

Bob Wendt

The smallbore rifle league for 2024 starts Monday, January 8th for practice with the competition starting on Monday, January 15th. We shoot NRA 4-position (prone, sitting, kneeling, standing) with some accommodations for disabilities. We compete 9 weeks with a 10th week for tie breakers and makeups. This is a handicap league, so shooters of all abilities are welcome. We gather around 6:00 PM with shooting starting at 6:30 PM.

ACTION SHOOTING INTERNATIONAL (ASI) ACTIVITIES

Jackie Russo

ACTION SHOOTING INTERNATIONAL END O' YEAR!

In keeping with a long beloved tradition, ASI's Toys for Tots Toy Drive was held on December 2nd. We welcomed 51 shooters who graciously shared Christmas Magic with the children of Pierce County at our 2023 Winter Wonderland themed match. Featuring 6 stages with Frosty and his Snow Minions, *Reckless Rudolphs* with jingle belled antlered non-threats, *Mistletoe Mayhem* (who got kissed under the mistletoe?), and a frightful chore with a snow shovel, *Take this Snow and Shove-I it* and several additional stages, allowed for everyone a chuckle and a good time.



Our generous participants donated 4 boxes of toys and nearly \$1500, all of it going to Toys for Tots', Pierce County Chapter. Action Shooting International's Board of Directors offered to match their fee and donate it, as has been their custom, increasing the donation by an additional \$300.

We remain humble and grateful for our members who give their time, talents and support to, not only ASI at Paul Bunyan, but this very important community charity, Toys for Tots.

For 2024, which is our 5th year at the range, you can anticipate several specialty matches, from Heavy Metal – a metal gun match in August; The Senior Classic – a match celebrating those 50 + year olds in October; a cancer awareness and fundraiser in May and possibly a PCC friendly match (gasp!).



Speaking of 2024 – the activity calendar is available on-line. ASI occupies the first Saturday of each month – except June and December. Always, double check the calendar and pre-registration is appreciated on Practiscore.com. Find us under **Matches as ASI at Paul Bunyan**.

And lastly, please note we will be raising the range fee beginning in January. Targets, to include the wonderful rain repellent ones, tapes, pasters and their shipping has increased since 2019. ASI members will be \$25, Paul Bunyan members remain \$20, Working ROs \$15 and Jr shooters \$15.

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.

2024 WINTER PISTOL LEAGUE

Dennis Wilcox

The 2024 Winter Pistol League will begin January 18 and continue on Thursday evenings through March 21. This is a .22 rimfire pistol league, however an "any gun" class will be provided for those wishing to use a centerfire pistol instead. New shooters are welcome, and there will be an "open" class where firing using a 2-hand grip is allowed. If there is enough interest, a revolver and/or iron sight category can be added. This league will not be NRA registered.

There will be 10 weeks to fire 8 record scores and you may shoot ahead or make up by shooting both relays. The course of fire will be 20 rounds Slow Fire, 20 rounds Timed Fire and 20 rounds Rapid Fire all fired at 25 yards. The first relay will begin at 5:00 PM and the second relay at 6:15 PM (arrive not less than 15 minutes early to get set up).

At the end of the league there will be cash awards to class winners, and a prize drawing for all participants. Entry fee will be \$25.

For more information or to obtain a league program, contact: Dennis Wilcox, via email at spindleblaster@msn.com (preferred) or by phone at 253-841-9309.

Click [here](#) to view the match bulletin.

CARETAKERS REPORT

Doug Shellenberger

We recently replaced the bulbs in the fixtures over both the airgun range door and outside bathroom door, only to find both fixtures had defective circuit boards inside. We exchanged the lamps for new fixtures and installed them last week.

We have gone through two racks of firewood on the rifle range so far this season. Some cold mornings, both stoves will be going, keeping us warm, or at least warmer. We have a lot more wood on hand that needs to be split.

The work being done on the shotgun shed by some of the muzzleloaders continues. Most of the work on the inside has been completed. Their next project will be a firewood storage area extension.

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 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.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

It's that time of year again. Membership renewals are now due. To renew your club membership, download the renewal form online [here](#). Club gate access has been cut off for those who have yet not renewed for 2024. If you have any membership issues, contact membership secretary Ben LoCicero.

JUNIORS

Doug Shellenberger

We had 7 shooters come out last Tuesday, with a couple of new shooters trying the sporter rifles off the bench.

The Rogers High School ROTC air rifle shooters, who have been practicing at our range weekly, travelled to Oregon to compete in a match with seven other schools. The team from Rogers placed 4th in the competition.

The higher scoring Junior ROTC shooters in the local competitions will get invitations to compete in the JROTC matches at the [Olympic Training Center at Colorado Springs](#) in April.

MUZZLELOADERS REPORT

2023 PLAINSMEN CHRISTMAS SHOOT

Mike Moran

It was a little hard to tell how much smoke our muzzleloaders were making with the fog on the range, but for sure we made a pile of money for Toys for Tots. It was our annual Christmas Toys for Tots fundraising shoot and Dakota Tew, our Marine Reserve representative for the program took away \$1,540 and a table full of toys for families in need.

The shoot itself was put on by Bill Sick and consisted of two paper bullseye targets with five shots on each, then a variety of novelty targets for the remaining ten shots. These included tongue



Those tongue depressors, dixie cups, lollipops and candy canes sure look small out at 25 yards.

depressors, dixie cups, lollipops, candy canes. and a steel gong in the shape of a Christmas stocking. All were hung at 25 yards, with the stocking gong just a bit further. After the safety meeting and setting up the targets the shooting commenced. Those first few shots were through cold barrels as the temperature was just below freezing, but the sun worked its way over the trees and eventually things warmed up.



Dave Rase and Doug "Bad Wind" Kitchens on the firing line.

The scoring was straight forward. Bill provided a card for each shooter to keep track of his hits and what each was worth. The paper targets were scored according to the printed rings, and as we usually do there were bonus points for period attire. While the scores were being tallied, Chip Kormas brought out his candy cane pistol for an after match for those interested.

Since this was a fund raiser, in lieu of a shooter's fee we collected donations, either cash or toys. Then, to help boost the pot, a raffle was held. Dave Rase donated a belt axe with curly maple handle he made, and Steve Skillman made a North Carolina style banded powder horn. There was also a woven sash and some more powder horns for the prizes.

The scores were announced, and the shooters came up in turn to pick their prizes. The Plainsmen had wrapped all the prizes at their Christmas party a few days before, so all prizes were picked "blind" from under the Christmas tree. Bob Wendt, the Paul Bunyan Treasurer, came out to collect the money and write a check on behalf of the club and



Dakota Tew measures out his powder for the next shot.

when Dakota left, he took \$20,000 and a truck full of toys, compliments of all the shooting disciplines at Paul Bunyan. A very Merry Christmas indeed.

The new muzzleloading pistol trail will be open Thursday afternoons and on Sunday, January 14th from 10-2 and the next monthly shoot will be WSMA Silhouette shoot on January 28th.



These fine items were made and donated to help raise money for Toys for Tots.

Results:

123	Steve Richard	95-X	Brian Wissner	77	Jerry Mayo
103	Mike Nesbitt	95	Dave Rase	72	Ray Ramirez
102-X	Bob DeLisle	95	Wayne Noll	70	Mike Holeman
99	Tim Klima	92	Dwayne Anderson	53	Dakota Tew
98-X	Cody Mehr	84	Jim Haeckel	29	Chip Kormas
96-X	Paul Nelson	79	Jim Hillberg	5	Mike Moran
96	Lawrence Saltarelli	78-X	Doug Kitchens		



Plainsmen President Mike Moran hands the check to Toys-for-Tots representative Dakota Tew