



The Bull Sheet

Paul Bunyan Rifle and Sportsman's Club

Established 1945

Puyallup, WA

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FEBRUARY MEETING NOTES

The new trench at 100 yards is complete and ready for use. The contractor, [Mitchell Concrete](#), did most of the work on Thursdays during the range maintenance closures, so there was minimal impact to the members use of the range. Right after the concrete cured and the forms were removed, Doug back filled the area with rock. The trench is mainly used for the target frames during hunter sight-in. Our regular target frames with 2x2 uprights without feet can also be used in the trench.

We are in the process of clarifying the rules regarding the yellow and red lines on the rifle and pistol ranges. We will have a finalized copy of the updated rules after the March board meeting.

Director Jim Steward has stepped down from his position on the board. Jim spent several years serving on the board in addition to his other duties for the USPSA matches. The board would like to thank Jim for his many years of dedicated service to the club.

The club is looking for a new shotgun chairman. The chairman will be required to have the shotgun range open at 10am on the third Sunday of each month, operate the automated trap thrower, and assist members with their shotgun techniques. We will no longer have the shotgun range open on the first Wednesday evening of the month due to a lack of participation. Until we find a permanent shotgun chairman, Master-at Arms Cody Lovelace will fill the position. If you are interested in applying for the position, contact any board member or email us [here](#).

BLACK POWDER PISTOL TRAIL

Eric Burkhead

February has been a fine month for indoor shooting ranges. So, the Black Powder Pistol Trailers, absent an indoor range, were happy to have a Plan B to weather the rainy and frigid weather with extensive use of the rapidly improving Dismal Nitch clubhouse on the shotgun range. The clubhouse now sports a refurbished wood stove, stout worktables, bright lighting, a level gravel floor and even an expanding art gallery of outdoorsy and vintage paintings and prints. All PB members are welcome to join us for comradery, trail shooting and shotgunner events.

Not to be deterred by the weather, trail participants have held work parties to split and stack firewood for the shotgun shed filling up the newly built woodshed.



(L-R) Rich Pogue, Darrell Behounek, Mark Merwin and Darien Martin

All members are welcome to join us on the Black Powder Pistol Trail and at the Dismal Nitch, rain, shine or freeze, on the first and third Thursdays at 1:00pm and the second Sunday at 10:00am of the month.

Keep your powder dry (and warm)!

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

February 3, 2024

We put 24 entries across the line this month. It was clear and cold when I got to the range with temps around 35 and got up to about 50 by the end of the match. We had one new shooter this month. Allison Shaffer came with new shooter last month, Michael Cornwall, to give silhouette a try. We always welcome new shooters. On to the results of the match.

No 40's this month. I posted a U-Int, 38 followed by Jim Harris with a U-Int, 37. Steve Bishop posted a P-AAA, 19. Joe Stumpf posted a R-AA, 18. Michael Cornwall posted a S-AA, 16 shooting a S&W model 27. In Unlimited Standing, Nicholas Papagalos posted a US-AA 20 followed by Steve Parsons with a US-AA, 18. Steve Parsons posted a UAS-Int, 39 followed by Ron Craig with a UAS-Int, 35. Richard Nicol posted a Very nice UASHS-AA, 38 giving him a leg into AAA. Ron Craig posted a UASHS-AA 33 followed by Steve Bishop with a UASHS-AA, 31.

In Smallbore Steve Bishop posted a UAS-AA, 35 followed by Ron Craig with a UAS-AA, 28

In Field Pistol Joe Stumpf posted a P-A, 12. Nicholas Papagalos posted a PAS-AA, 20

Our new shooter posted a Practical Hunter PH22-Unc, 26. Pretty good for a first timer. Hopefully she will come back and shoot with us again.

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
P-AAA	Steve Bishop	TC: 44MAG	19
R-AA	Joe Stumpf, R	FA: 357MAG	18
S-AA	Michael Cornwall	S&W: 357MAG	16
U-INT	Bret Stuntebeck	XP-100: 6TCU	38
-AA	Joe Stumpf, R	XP-100: 7BR	11
UAS-INT	Steve Parsons	XP-100: 7TCU	39
US-AA	Nicholas Papagalos	TC: 223	20
-	Steve Parsons	TC: 7TCU	18

HS

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

SB

P-A	Richard Nicol	TC: 22 LR	16
U-B	Michael Cornwall	HI STD: 22 LR	20
-UAS-AA	Steve Bishop	RUGER: 22 LR	35

FP

PAS-AAA	Bret Stuntebeck	TC: 22H	13
-AA	Nicholas Papagalos	TC: 22LR	20
P-B	Joe Stumpf, R	TC: 22H	12

PH22

PH22-AA	Allison Schaffer	Ruger: 22 LR	26
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PAUL BUNYAN BEGINNING SHOOTING COURSE

The Paul Bunyan Rifle & Sportsman's Club will host a Beginning Pistol Shooting Course March 23 & 24. The course will be taught by NRA Certified Instructors and will cover the basics of safe and proper gun handling and pistol shooting. Participants will learn about firearm safety, parts and operation, shooting fundamentals, care and cleaning, storage options, selection, and more. Course hours are 9 AM - 4 PM both days. To obtain a registration packet, send an email with your name, address and phone number to the point of contact listed below. Advance registration and deposit of course fee (\$40) is required. Seating is limited to the first 10 students to register. Membership in Paul Bunyan R&S Club and/or the NRA is not required in order to attend this course. Email the point of contact for additional information regarding kids age 12 to 17 years of age. Point of contact: Dennis Wilcox
spindleblaster@msn.com 253-841-9309

PAUL BUNYAN'S COMMITMENT TO HUNTER SAFETY

Lynn White

Many of the members of the Paul Bunyan Rifle and Sportsman's Club have attended the Washington State's Hunter Safety Classes at our club. Many confess it was eons ago they were certified, but they also informed me that their children and grandchildren took the same class at PBRSC to obtain a Washington hunting license. The truth is, PBRSC has a strong generational commitment to hunting and shooting safety.

Growing up in the 1950s, hunter education came from my dad and other relatives. Dad loved to hunt and fish; however, he and his family did not always practice safe, responsible, or law-abiding hunting.

In the early days of hunter safety classes, many saw the need for training that emphasizes safe shooting practices, law-abiding hunting, and ethical harvest of game. The first Hunter Safety Class was organized in New York State during 1948. It was sponsored by the National Rifle Association (NRA), primarily because of the many shooting and hunting accidents (incidents) at home and in the field.

No longer are unintentional discharges or unsafe shooting practices afield identified as "accidents." They are called "incidents." The reason behind that thinking is that someone is responsible for the incident even though it may have been an accident. Someone either pulled the trigger or pointed a loaded firearm in an unsafe position, or where children or other unauthorized individuals could access the gun. This leads us to another calculated conclusion. That **all** firearm incidents, with the proper firearm training, safety education, and responsible gun handling, are preventable.

Since 1903, according to the NRA, unintentional hunting deaths have decreased by 95%. Largely because people were determined to educate hunters about safe hunting. It took four decades for hunter education classes to take hold, but in 1948, the State of New York, behind the NRA's urging, sponsored the first official hunter education class.

In 1952, Paul Bunyan took an active interest in hunter safety classes. Sponsored by the NRA, PBRSC hosted the first Hunter Safety Training Program in Washington State. We can all be proud of PBRSC's strong tradition and heritage for hunting and shooting safety.

Over the years, many of our members have answered the call as a volunteer hunter safety instructor at the PBRSC site. WE COMMEND AND HONOR ALL OUR PBRSC HUNTER SAFETY INSTRUCTORS, BOTH PAST AND PRESENT. All of you have given precious time and energy to pass on the traditions and heritage of responsible hunting and safe shooting practices, so that succeeding generations can have the same opportunities we have experienced.

Today, PBRSC has eight active individuals serving as volunteer Hunter Safety Instructors for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). They are Tani Iwashita (Chief Instructor), Lynn White (Co-Chief Instructor), Mike Moran (PBRSC VP), Dave Norman, Ray Dotson, Kenneth Welsh, Dez D., Dale Varbel, and Cliff Iotta. Club member Bill Montgomery is the WDFW Coordinator who oversees all hunter safety classes and instructors in Region 6 of the state.

The PBRSC instructors teach 7 Traditional Classes a year (18 hours each), with 14 Online Completion Classes (4 hours each) hosted on Fridays. The Traditional Class schedule is Monday–Thursday 6:30–9:30pm, and Saturday 8:00am–2:00pm. Two Online Completion Classes are held on Friday the same week at 8:00am–noon and 1:00–5:00 pm.

For all the volunteer hours donated to the program by past and present instructors, and for the hard work and dedication to keep the PBRSC Hunter Safety Class active for the past 70 years, we salute you and your families for making such a meaningful sacrifice.

As room allows, I will offer a monthly article covering important facts about the Hunter Education Program. PBRSC members, we have come a long way. Keep up your enthusiasm for safe firearm handling and safe hunting practices. We are training next the generation to experience less hunting incidences. As always, **STAY SAFE!!!**

CAST BULLET RIFLE MATCHES

Starting Saturday March 9th, 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

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.

OPEN DIRECTOR POSITION

We have an opening for a club director to serve out the remainder of Jim Steward's term. The board will elect the director from the interested candidates at the March meeting. If you are considering running for the office, contact one of the board members or email V.P. Mike Moran [here](#) before March 20th.

MEMBERSHIP

The club would like to welcome the 22 new members for March. Phillip Kinson, Steve Thulin, Terrie Hayes, Jay Arbore, Susanne Arbore, Lawrence Hung, Jonathan Mahon, Alexa Mahon, Lawrence Cleveland, Kevin Chen, Mark Johnston, Alan Winterholler, Alex Sneddon, Joseph Bittman, Dean Osborne, Eli Weimer, Daniel Lochner, Vicente Esguerra, Kevin Lamar, Michael Wilcox, Duane Thomas and Kevin Frodsham were all voted into the club at the general meeting. Club membership now stands at 1095 paid members for 2024.

CARETAKERS REPORT

Doug Shellenberger

The State elevator inspector was out for the annual inspection of our clubhouse lift. We will now be required to have a Class 1 inspection so that we are in compliance. The lift door upstairs is giving us trouble, so we will be contacting someone to make repairs prior to the inspection.

We recently found a leak on the 300-yard firing line irrigation system. New Dimensions came out and found a valve leaking in the control box. To add to the issue, we have a very active mole who keeps filling the control box with dirt. We have done a couple of things to encourage him to move on, but he, or she, is not taking the hint. We have ordered a new backflow valve which should correct the leaking issue. We are not sure what we will do for the mole issue.

Club member Ken Doughty, who does a lot of the tree work around the range, drug out several large logs from the pistol range area. Most of the logs had been down for so long that they were rotten about half way through. We are trying to see what can be salvaged for firewood. The mill operator who occasionally buys logs from us found a bullet lodged in one of the logs, which damaged his saw.

We found that the shelter on one of our wood racks has been leaking, leaving us with a bunch of wet firewood. We have fixed the roof and are working to get the wood dried for use in the wood stoves.

ACTION SHOOTING INTERNATIONAL (ASI) UPDATE

Jackie Russo

February's match theme recognized 2 celebrations on Saturday, the 3rd. As both Valentine's Day and Lunar New Year occupy the month, it was decided to decorate the stages and Stat Shack in appropriate regalia! As such hearts and glittered decor abounded in 3 stages, while the other 3 was swathed in dragons and symbols of the Lunar New Year.



The stages, in keeping with the respective themes, were titled "Year of the Dragon", where the start position required holding a briefcase and car keys at the start, then proceeding thru the doorway where the shooter retrieves their gun and engages targets from points of cover.

"Wrong V-Day Delivery" required the shooter to engage targets with one hand while clutching a heart-shaped box of chocolates. "Restaurant Take-Out" required steel to fall and the shooter moving to 2 points of cover, engaging targets along the way.

Sixty-five shooters took advantage of the drier weather and enjoyed fortune cookies and chatted with fellow shooters. The best part of ASI is the fun and fellowship with each other. We welcome all safe shooters of all skill levels to our matches. Membership at the range is not required – but a reduced range fee of \$20 is if you are a member! The match is the 1st Saturday of the month with a few exceptions. Always confirm on-line with the range calendar.

Interested in more information? The range website has it under the *More Tab*, click on *Pistol Shooting* and find more at Action Shooting International.

Our March match will also carry a theme! Pre-registration is open on www.practiscore.com. Search for ASI at Paul Bunyan under Matches.

ASI at Paul Bunyan welcomed our new assistant match director Vickie Jennings. She's competed in both ASI and IDPA, is a range and safety officer with both. She is active in the Ladies League, as well. Vickie brings an excellent understanding of ASI rules, organization and details on running a successful match.

JUNIORS

Doug Shellenberger

We cancelled our February airgun match due to a lack of participants. We had a scheduling conflict with a JROTC match held in Seattle which impacted the number of shooters at our match. Our next air rifle match is Saturday March 9th.

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.

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.



Quad Club Muzzleloader Shoot

Mike Moran

As I noticed the bald eagle making circles above the parking lot, I knew it would be a good shoot. This would be our annual Quad Club shoot, where the Paul Bunyan Plainsmen would host the Bremerton Brigade, the Black River Troublemakers, and Seven Rivers. This match up was started in 1994 as the Tri-Club shoot, and has grown and changed a bit over the years. The prize is a three-headed trophy that the winning club gets to take home for the year. All for the glory....

Seven Rivers, from the Aberdeen area, had bowed out the contest several years ago, as they were becoming more inactive. Well, they came back with a vengeance, bringing nine members with them, a full third of the contestants. It was good to see some new faces in the group. We also had a visit again from our Toys for Tots representative, Dakota Tew, who shot Mike Moran's .54 caliber flintlock under Bill Sick's watchful eye.



Lawrence Salterelli prepares to ram one home.

Each of the four clubs brings a target, so each shooter will have four targets to shoot at. They are placed at 25 yards, and five shots taken at each one. Even though we had 27 people shooting, we were able to post all the targets at once and shoot in one big relay. We did have a short intermission when we had to close the range so some of the targets could get another staple or two to hold them in place. After nearly two hours, the shooting was done. The targets are taken back to their respective club scorekeepers, so that the scoring can be kept as consistent as possible. So, Doug Kitchens from Bremerton scored all the targets that Bremerton brought, etc. Mike Nesbitt, Mike Moran, and Jerry Charlton scored for each of their clubs. Once each scorekeeper evaluates the targets, the individual scores are recorded to determine the individual winners. For the team score, each scorekeeper records the top five scores from each club on a sheet, then those sheets get combined into a total club score. This year, the trophy went to the Black River Troublemakers, with a score of 837-11X (out of a possible score of 1,000). That's some good shooting! The scores were pretty tight, with Paul Bunyan at 791-10X, Seven Rivers at 770-12X, and Bremerton trailing with 695.



The Quad Club Trophy



Rich Glynn at the reloading table

While the scores were being tallied, the shooter's sat down to a nice pot luck lunch, with Tim Klima making some homemade chili for the main course. Luckily the scorekeepers got a chance to grab some before they got started. Tim also took top individual shooter, followed by Bob DeLisle and Gary Emberly for second and third. One by one they shooters came up to pick a prize off the table as their score was announced.



The Black River Troublemakers, winners of this year's match

Thanks to everyone who participated and who helped behind the scenes. The next Paul Bunyan monthly shoot will be Sunday, March 24th.



Dwayne Anderson shows us why they're called "firelocks"

Individual Results

181-5X	Tim Klima	160	Mark Merwin	130-1X	Kyle Martin
172-1X	Bob DeLisle	157-3X	Dwayne Anderson	122-1X	Bill Clanin
170-3X	Gary Emberley	154-3X	Don Watkins	116-4X	Colin Scott
169-1X	Lawrence Salterelli	151-1X	Boyd Phillips	98	Jerry Mayo
166-2X	Jim Hillberg	148-1X	Jerry Charlton	84-1X	Shawn Martin
166-1X	Doug Kitchens	148-1X	Mike Nesbitt	91	Hatchet Jack
161-4X	Jerry Johnson	145	Dave Rase	91	Rich Glynn
161	Mike Holeman	143	Will Ulry	77-1X	Justin Scott
160-4X	Cody Mehr	142-2X	Tommy Hay	71	Dakota Tew