



# ***The Bull Sheet***

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

**Puyallup, WA**

**Established 1945**

**DECEMBER 2025**

## **NOVEMBER MEETING NOTES**

The December general and board meetings have been moved up to the 19<sup>th</sup> to accommodate the Christmas holiday. Our club election will be held at the general meeting. This is a chance for the membership to cast a vote for those who will be running the club for 2026. Please join us to cast your ballot.

We have added the option to pay your club renewal fees online with a credit card. On the membership page on our website, you will find a PAY NOW button ([click here](#)). Those who elect to pay with a credit card will pay an extra \$5 (\$125 annual) to cover the cost of the credit card charges. Those who pay via check or cash will still pay \$120.

Since our office is not manned, all callers who leave a voice mail on the club's main line will receive a call back the following day. If you need a quicker response, get in touch with the appropriate match director or committee chairman. You can find their contact information on the back of the printed BullSheet or on our [website](#).

The 2026 calendar was reviewed at the November board meeting. Mike Moran has posted a draft copy of the calendar on our [website](#). If you have any additions or edits for the calendar, contact Mike by clicking [here](#).

If you are a chairperson or match director who needs to submit a budget request for 2026, now is the time to send in that request. Send them to Treasurer Bob Wendt by clicking [here](#). We will be finalizing the budget at the December board meetings.

Darrell Behounek and Joe Reno recently replaced the springs on the manual trap thrower. The thrower gets a lot of use so the springs don't last long.

## **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER**

The board at Paul Bunyan will be hosting an appreciation dinner Friday December 19<sup>th</sup> in the clubhouse. This dinner is the club's way of saying thanks to all volunteers who donate their time and expertise to keep the club running. If you volunteer in any capacity for the club, you are welcome to join us. The dinner will be catered by Casa Mia Italian Restaurant in Puyallup. Dinner will be served around 8:00pm (between the general and board meetings).

If you would like to join us, please RSVP me as soon as you can so I can get an approximate count before finalizing the order.

## **TOYS FOR TOTS EVENTS THIS MONTH**

It's the holiday season, and with that comes our many fund raisers for the Toys for Tots. We will be holding several matches this month, with all the proceeds going to support the annual campaign. Check the [club calendar](#) for exact dates. If you cannot make it out to participate in a fund-raising match, you can still donate new unwrapped toys. Leave them in the box on the rifle range, with a range officer or committee chairman.

## **FIREWOOD FOR SALE**

We have firewood for sale at \$50 for a pick-up truck load (standard pickup bed filled to the bedrails). This wood is in log form and is easily accessible to those who would like to purchase some. Contact Doug Shellenberger at 253-846-6767 you are interested.

## ACTION SHOOTING INTERNATIONAL (ASI) RECAP

Jackie Russo

It's Beginning to Look Like a PCC-Christmas at Action Shooting International. The December 6<sup>th</sup> match is something we look forward to supporting every December, the Pierce County's Chapter for Toys 4 Tots Toy Drive. In lieu of a range fee, we accept a new, unwrapped toy or a cash donation. Last year we collected boxes of toys and over \$1700 in cash; the generosity of our community to help make a Merry Christmas for the children is heartwarming. We Thank You!



Jackie Hallinan with an arm load of Toys for Tots donations

Additionally, the Toy Drive coincides with our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual ASI "It's a PCC-Christmas" match. This match, of course, welcomes handguns, but because this is a PCC match, participants may find more steel, targets at a distance (no more than 15 yds.) and more clever stages updated from the current ASI catalog. Enjoy 6 stages featuring "Reindeer Games" "Frosty Plates" "No Peeking" and "Mitten Mayhem" to name a few! Regardless of your choice in firearms – a good time is assured. Extra points if you arrive sporting a festive Christmas sweater!

As we approach 2026, let me introduce a few updates. In the past we have allowed walk-ons, due to us moving away from paper waivers for both the range and ASI, we are requiring all competitors to register on [www.practiscore.com](http://www.practiscore.com) and at [www.asi-usa.org](http://www.asi-usa.org). Please take the time to register to both. This helps us in the Stat Shack with squad management and planning for New Shooter Orientation attendance. Once you registered on PracticeScore, you will find us under *MATCHES* tab searching for *ASI at Paul Bunyan*.



Some happy ASI shooters

Questions? Send an email to: [paulbunyanasi@gmail.com](mailto:paulbunyanasi@gmail.com).

New to ASI? Consider joining us for 2026. We invite all safe shooters who are looking to advance from static to movement; experienced shooters who are looking for more trigger time or opportunities to try a new gun. Participants just need ear and eye protection, handgun (or PCC) and at least 2 boxes of ammo and 2 magazines. Most matches use around 100 rounds and a reload is typically required between 1st and last shots, hence suggesting 2 magazines. Don't have a holster? All stages are designed to be at low-ready or table starts. Transport your gun between stages in a case or gun rug.

New Shooter Orientation is at 8:45 am day of match in Bay 1 of the Action Shooting Bays. Participation is mandatory if this is your first ASI match. Been a bit since the last match? A refresher isn't a bad idea. Rules of the range or ASI do occur, feel free to pop in. Paul Bunyan members pay only a \$20 range fee.

# PAUL BUNYAN AND ELEVATED STANDS (part 1)

Lynn White

Elevated stands can be tree stands placed in or against a tree. They can also be free standing structures. Hunters in stands have many advantages. For example, they are positioned above the game animal, and thus out of sight for a prey animal, which looks mainly at the ground surrounding it. However, there are also many risks associated with the use of stands. For instance, hunters can fall when the stand equipment is not used correctly.

Most elevated stand falls happen when the hunter is climbing up or down a stand. Whenever your feet are off the ground, always use a **FALL ARREST SYSTEM (FAS)**. A FAS is a device used to stop a person in a fall. Before your hunt, be sure to familiarize yourself with the manufacturer's instructions. Make certain that all parts of the FAS meet or exceed industry standards. Reading and following all manufacturer's guidelines will give you a better chance of having a fun filled hunt without yelling out to your fellow hunters, "Hey y'all, watch this."

Your FAS should include all essential parts: **Full Body Harness (FBH)** is a harness that distributes the force of a fall over a large area of the body, making sure the hunter remains suspended in an upright position.

**Tether** is a strap the attaches to the tree strap / belt, or the tree safety line system and that has a shock absorbing feature.

**Suspension Relief Strap** is the part that provides a loop to stand in case of a fall. Never use single strap belts and chest harnesses with your FAS. **They can be deadly.**

Additional FAS Parts that are used to attach yourself to the tree:

**Lineman's Style Belt or Climbing Belt** is the strap that goes around the tree when you are climbing up or descending down the tree.

**Tree Strap or Belts** is the strap / belt that goes around the tree when you reach the tree stand. You might call it your life line.

**Tree Stand Safety Line System** is the alternative to using the lineman's style belt and a tree strap; a system that allows a hunter to

remain attached to the tree with the FAS and tether whenever the hunter is off the ground.

**Safety Rope / Line with Prusik Knot** is a part that goes around the tree and extends to the base of the tree to a point at or above head level when standing on a tree stand platform.

**Carabiner** is a strong metal ring that clips / connects the tether from the FBH to the prusik knot on the safety rope / line.

Part 2 of this article will post in the January 2026 BullSheet. Here's wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Maybe you will find a new tree stand under the tree this year. However, considering our club's average age, it might be best to error on the side of caution and .... **ALWAYS REMEMBER - BE SAFE.**

## 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.

## CLUB OFFICER CANDIDATE INFORMATION

**Darrell Behounek**- candidate for director position:

I joined the Paul Bunyan R&S Club in 1967 while stationed at McChord AFB where I also joined their rifle team. My duties at McChord were radar operations, aircraft crash rescue and fire fighter. I have participated in bullseye, smallbore, high power and black powder competitions. I have served the club in officer and board positions numerous times through the years. I am an NRA life benefactor member. I am an NRA Certified Range officer. I have worked on numerous work parties for the club and currently serve as the chairman for the hunter sight-in program. I served as a volunteer fire fighter for Pierce County for 15 years, am an active member of the Spanaway Lions Club, a member of the National Arbor Foundation, and a member of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. I am running for a director position and would appreciate your vote.



## 2026 WINTER PISTOL LEAGUE

The Paul Bunyan 2026 Winter Pistol League begins January 22 and continues on Thursday evenings through March 26. 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, revolver, carry gun and/or iron sight categories may 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. You may fire up to 10 record scores, and the best 8 will be used for aggregate score, standings and awards. 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 contact: Dennis Wilcox, via email at [spindleblaster@msn.com](mailto:spindleblaster@msn.com) (preferred) or by phone at 253-841-9309.

## BLACK POWDER PISTOL TRAIL

Eric Burkhead

Our newest Paul Bunyan shooting range, the Black Powder Pistol Trail, is open to all club members and their guests. Please note that the Black Powder Pistol Trail will begin winter hours, starting November 1<sup>st</sup>. Standard hours and days will be reduced to the **second Sunday** of each month from 11:00am to 2:00pm. In addition, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays will be made available to PBRs members and their guests from 11:00am to 2:00pm—**by appointment**. Simply phone me at (253) 686-5438 for arrangements. Note that the Nitch has a cozy woodstove and the Trail is sheltered by the forest canopy. Come join us, beginning November 9<sup>th</sup>!

As always, we will gladly furnish newcomers a pistol, powder & ball, coaching and even clean the dang thing for you! For more information, phone me at (253)686-5438.

## 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 (click [here](#)), or you can contact one of the current board members. We will call for nominations in November. Are you ready to throw your name in the hat?

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Membership renewals for 2026 are now due. To renew your club membership, download a renewal form [here](#). We will also have a few forms on the bulletin board by the range officer shack and in the print copy of the BullSheet. Dues can now also be paid through our website by clicking [here](#).

If you have any questions about your membership, please contact membership secretary Cindy Thomas at 253-229-0106 or via email [here](#).

## STORAGE BINS AVAILABLE

Our club continues to sell heavy duty storage bins for the benefit of Toys for Tots. We are asking \$2.00 apiece [or more if you want to contribute:). These bins are large (approximately 11"x11"x30") and stout, and sell commercially/industrially for over \$50.00 apiece. A few are usually stacked by the RSO shack on the rifle range, and as many as you might want are available. Just speak to Darrell if on duty, or phone Eric at (253) 686-5438 for pick up arrangements. Remember --- it's for the kids!

## 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 and \$20 (\$25 for the XXL) for the sweatshirts. We have solid back caps as well for \$17. 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.

## COST OF THE BULLSHEET

Like everything else in life, the cost to produce the BullSheet has gone up dramatically. The postage alone has taken a huge jump over what it was just a few years ago, plus the printing costs have gone up. If you get the BullSheet in print form and would consider reading it on line instead, please email me at [bullsheeteditor@gmail.com](mailto:bullsheeteditor@gmail.com) so we can update your delivery preference.

## CARETAKERS REPORT

Doug Shellenberger

Our tractor started making strange noises just before the clutch decided to disassemble itself, so off to Jennings it went for repairs.

We have replaced the overhead lights in the target loft. We had been using the 8' fluorescent lamp fixtures but replaced all of those with 4' LED fixtures making it much brighter. We are planning on replacing the lights in the pistol shed and the shotgun shed.

We bought some 3/4" plywood to replace one of the worn panels on the pistol range baffles. When we removed the plywood, we found it was totally shot up. Several of the other panels are also shot up, so we will soon be replacing all of the plywood on the baffles.

## MEMBERSHIP

Cindy Thomas

The club would like to welcome the 17 new members for December. Gerald Sheridan, Michael Cochran, Jason Pearson, Garry Burris, Brian Mulderig, Jahmar Isabelle, Wayne Norbeck, Jamie Stevens, Frank Gangle, Michael Decker, Angela Shockey-Hilton, Vernon Shockey-Hilton, Duane Urban, Jack Farrar, James Bradwell, Stacy Cash and Nicholas Yu were all voted into the club at the general meeting. Welcome to all. Club membership for 2026 now stands at 1115 members.

## FREE ONLINE TRAINING

Dennis Wilcox

There is free online training available which meets the WA requirement (which must be repeated every 5 years), courtesy of Sporting

Systems in Vancouver WA. Point your browser here: [Firearms](#) [Safety](#) [Training](#)  
[Program Vancouver WA | Sporting Systems](#)  
You can breeze through this fairly quickly - print a hard copy of the certificate and also save on your phone. Then you're good to buy a gun in WA - at least until May 2027 when the new permit to purchase law takes effect.



## CASING AND UNCASING OF GUNS ON THE BACK BENCHES

Dennis Wilcox

All firearms are to be cased / uncased only on the firing line with the muzzle pointed downrange in a safe manner. NO exceptions. Quite a number of folks are engaging in the UNSAFE practice of casing / uncasing on one of the back benches, where who knows where the muzzle was pointed – or whom it was pointed at. This needs to stop. Kindly (& politely) educate anyone you witness employing such unsafe practice. The life you save may be your own.

## IT'S AIRGUN SEASON

Al Richardson

We will have the airgun range open for casual shooting on alternating Wednesday evenings thru April (check the club calendar). This is a chance for those who like to shoot airgun, or are curious about it, to get some trigger time in our warm upstairs airgun range. This is just casual shooting from the bench, standing, kneeling or prone positions. The range is open to air rifle and pistols with a velocity of under 650fps for a .177 pellet. If you would like to give airgun shooting a try but don't have a gun, no problem. The club has a few guns for members to use. Please bring eye protection. If you would like more information, call me or send an email [here](#).



# Paul Bunyan Plainsmen Turkey Shoot

by Mike Moran

What do you get when you have a bunch of frozen turkeys for prizes at your shoot? A bunch of crazy mountain men and ladies trying to win them. In fact, it was one of the most attended shoots in the last five years. Twenty-four shooters came out, with representation from the Plainsmen, the Bremerton Brigade, The Black Rock Troublemakers, Green River Mountain Men, Cascade MM, Puget Sound Free Trappers, Interlake MM, and what's left of the Lynch Creek Longhunters. We even had two new shooters, Dan Gaede who came down with the Brigade and Jannu Lorentson who just escaped from California. It's great to see the crowd growing as we continue our monthly shoots.

Bill Sick volunteered to host this one and came up with a course of fire that gave no one an advantage. We started with the single bullseye buffalo target at 60 yards, and five shots were taken at that from the bench (with spotting scopes allowed). The target frames were then moved up to 25 yards and two new targets hung, each



Dave Rase sends one downrange

for 5 shots taken offhand. There was a standard bullseye target and a turkey target. That made a total of 15 shots. The remaining five shots were taken with a tomahawk at the practice blocks, where Bill had stapled some of his old Desert Storm playing cards on the face of the blocks. Each shooter (thrower?) got five throws to cut a card, and the numerical value of the cards became part of his score. In addition, a couple of the cards were marked with "P" or "T" and came with either a pie or turkey in addition to the points.

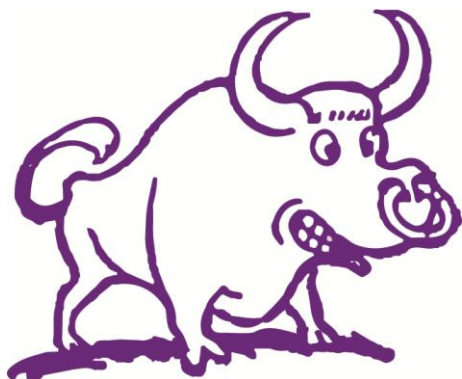






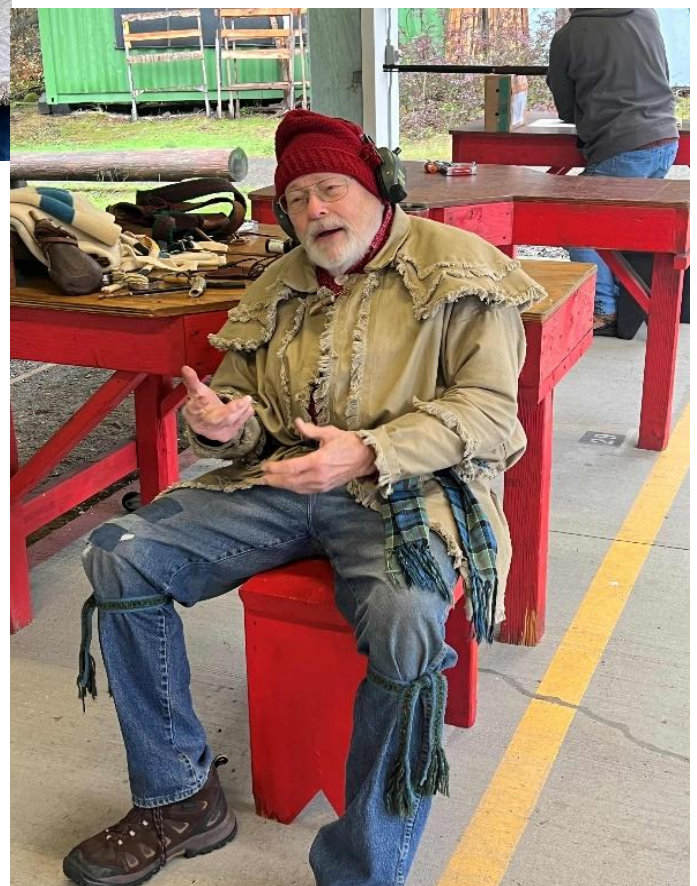
Mike Holeman lets his tomahawk fly

Join us next month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, when we have our Toys for Tots Fundraiser Muzzleloader shoot. In lieu of a shooter's fee we ask for a donation in either cash or new, unwrapped toy, and bring extra money for some really nice raffle prizes.



I was using my very familiar .54 Lemah I've had now for over 10 years, and it didn't fail me. Or at least it didn't after I changed the flint part way through the buffalo target. My score with the rifle was pretty competitive, and I was confident as I stepped up with my tomahawk to throw. Here comes the great equalizer. I stuck 4 of my 5 throws, but only cut one card for a score of 4 points. Dennis Daigger did much better, getting 20 points with his hawk, and he'd never thrown one before. You can see by the scores that the competition was pretty tight. Afterwards we all agreed that incorporating the tomahawk into more shoots should be done.

Allen "Two Tails" Tresch took top honors with a score of 156-2X, followed by Mark Merwin with 147 and Mike Holeman bringing up third place with 138-X. Ties were decided by the best bullseye target. The pies for the hawk throw were won by Darrell Behounek and Mark Merwin, and the turkey went unclaimed, so it was added to the other 12 turkeys on the prize table. A fun time was had by all.



Doug "Bad Wind" Kitchens is one reason we wear ear protection on the range.