

The Bull Sheet

Paul Bunyan Rifle and Sportsman's Club Established 1945

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NOVEMBER MEETING NOTES

The December general and board meetings will be moved up one week to the 15th to accommodate the Christmas holiday.

The Mt. Rainier bullseye league has wrapped up for the season. The winter bullseye league starts January 18th. This is a fun league, allowing shooters to shoot any gun, 22RF, center fire or 45ACP, with no results turned into the NRA.

Doug Shellenberger is gathering bids to have the 100-yard target line concrete trench replaced. The existing trench is uneven and broken in spots and has filled up with dirt over the years. The concrete trench is used for the hunter sight-in targets. The new trench will be more robust, allowing the trench to be used for the regular target stands as well, minus the feet, making the stands much lighter.

Bob Wendt reported that they had a very good turnout for the Little Gun/Big Gun match held last month. This informal match offered a chance for club members to shoot M1 Garands and M1 Carbines in 3 positions, with the club supplying the ammunition. Bob plans on holding the same type of match again next fall.

Bob also reported that the 50' smallbore winter league starts in the pistol shed Monday January 8th with a practice match. 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 at 6:30 PM.

The 2024 calendar was reviewed at the board meeting. If you have any additions or edits for the calendar, contact Mike Moran.

TOYS FOR TOTS

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. If you cannot make it out to participate in a fund-raising match, you can donate new unwrapped toys. Leave them in the box on the rifle range or with a range officer or committee chairman.

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 board members. We will call for nominations at the meeting. Are you ready to throw your name in the hat?

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN POSITION ON THE BALLOT

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.

PISTOL SILHOUETTE

Bret Stuntebeck November 4, 2023

We put 15 entries across the line this month. It was raining when I got to the range with temps in the mid 50's. It RAINED most of the morning, at times coming down like cats and dogs to the point it was hard to see the turkeys and rams. On to the results of the match.

Two 40's shot this month. Both were shot in UAS. The first was by Steve Bishop the second by Steve Parsons, both posting UAS-Int, 40's followed by Ron Craig with a UAS-Int, 39. Nice shooting guys. In Unlimited I posted a U-Int, 39 followed by Jim Harris with a U-Int, 37. In Revolver, Joe Stumpf posted a R-AA, 26. Jim Harris posted a UHS-Int, 25. Steve Parsons posted a US-AA, 26. Steve Bishop posted a UASHS-AA, 34 followed by Ron Craig with a UASHS-Unc, 31

In Smallbore Nicholas Papagalos posted a US-AA, 10

In Field pistol Alec Patajo posted a very nice PAS-AAA, 33. Nicholas Papagalos posted a PAS-AA, 22

Our target setter did a great job this month. Thanks to all who came out to shoot the match. A big thanks to Joe Stumpf for taking over the match after I had to leave early (it was my wife's birthday) and also to those who stayed to help pick up targets after the match.

Until next time shoot straight and be safe.

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Class	Name	Gun/Caliber	Score
R-AA	Joe Stumpf, R	FA: 357MAG	26
-A	Pete Colley	FA: 41MAG	2
U-INT	Bret Stuntebeck	XP-100: 6TCU	39
-AAA	Joe Stumpf, R	XP-100: 7BR	21
UAS-INT	Steve Bishop	XP-100: 7BR	40
	Steve Parsons	XP-100: 7TCU	40
US-AA	Steve Parsons	TC: 7TCU	26
HS UASHS-AA UHS-INT	Steve Bishop Jim Harris	XP-100: 221FB XP-100: 22PPC	34 25
FP PAS-AA	Alec Patajo Nicholas Papagalos	TC: 22H TC: 22LR	33 22
SB US-AA	Nicholas Papagalos	TC: 22 LR	10

MEMBERSHIP

The club would like to welcome the 14 new members for November. Andy Bolton, John Chapman, Maryann Gaines, Andrew Flanagan, Edward Hadley, Maria Hadley, Timothy Haverluk, Donald Janssen, Jacob Lee, James Millan, Mandeep Singh, Jacob Tedrick, Noah Tedrick and Marc Tillotson were all voted into the club at the general meeting. Welcome to all. Club membership stands at 931 members paid for 2024.

ACTION PISTOLS TOYS-4-TOTS TOY DRIVE AT PAUL BUNYAN

Jackie Russo

Paul Bunyan has supported this Pierce County Toy Drive for years. It's been one of those matches everyone looks forward to shooting. Both IDPA and ASI contribute toys and donations at their two matches.

This year IDPA's toy drive is November 25 – the Saturday after Thanksgiving. An excellent time to purchase an extra toy during the Black Friday sales! ASI will have their drive on December 2nd. Both matches welcome donations in lieu of a range fee or a new, unwrapped toy.

We welcome new folks to either matches, – offering New Shooter Orientation at 8:30 for IDPA and 9:00 for ASI. We shoot regardless of the weather! Bring your hand warmers, rain gear and your favorite pistol!

Lastly, IDPA for December is rescheduled for Sunday, December 3, following ASI's Saturday match. Double the Pistol Packing Fun for this weekend.



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.

CLUB OFFICER CANDIDATE INFORMATION

<u>Darrell Behounek</u>-candidate for <u>Executive</u> Officer-

I joined the club in 1967, and while stationed at McChord AFB, I joined the rifle team. I have participated in bullseye, smallbore, high power and black powder competitions. I have served the club in officer and board positions numerous times. I am an NRA life benefactor member. I am an NRA Certified Range officer. I have worked numerous work parties for the club. I 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.

<u>Cindy Thomas</u>-candidate for membership secretary

Currently working for the United States Air Force as a Systems Administrator, which requires all of the systems for the Finance Squadron to have connectivity 24/7. I am retired Air Force Reserves where I was Superintendent of the Computer Technicians section. I served 27 years in the Air Force reserves as a straight reservist and also fulltime. I am married to Erick Thomas and we have been married since 2002. We have one child and she is 16 years old. We currently homeschool her and she is also involved in guitar. Erick is very active at Paul Bunyan and will come to the club at least once a week. I come to the club at least two times a month with him whenever I can. I am an avid horse rider and ride other owner's horses for them.

Jay Cowan- candidate for director

Good day Fellow Members ... My name is Jay Cowan, I am running for the open position of Club Director for 2024.

My Membership, since 2015, has given me the opportunity to expand my rifle and pistol shooting and meet new people. I have also enjoyed volunteering on work parties for Hunter Sight-In and the building of target frames. I have enjoyed learning about other shooting disciplines and have tried my hand at Bullseye and am currently shooting Air Gun. I helped during CBA benchrest, MR matches and have taken pictures for the BullSheet.

If elected I would work to make our club a better place for our members.

Thank You for your consideration and your

vote.

CARETAKERS REPORT

Doug Shellenberger

A few of our members have taken it upon themselves recently to clean up the shotgun shed. Darrell Behounek, Rich Pogue, Darien Martin, Mark Merwin, Steve Skipper and Eric Burkhead have put in a lot of time cleaning up, repairing and improving the shed. They have lined out a new firewood box, put down new gravel and are working with an electrician to upgrade the electrical system. The shed comes in handy, especially during the winter, for those coming out to shoot a little trap or for the muzzleloaders using the new pistol trail.

We have recently received several loads of wood chips which we used on the rifle and pistol range berms. We should now be in good shape for next year.

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.

MT. RAINIER LEAGUE RESULTS

Dennis Wilcox

The 2023 Mt Rainier Pistol League wrapped up on a cold but thankfully dry November evening. There were 22 shooters who fired the 10 weeklong league, so the firing line was pretty full. John Baczuk was crowned as league winner with an average score of 95.9%. Place winners for each classification are listed below. That wraps up Precision Pistol for the year. We'll resume with a winter league beginning Thursday January 18, 2024.

John Baczuk	4601 -176x	League Winner
Bryan Deatherage	4574 -128x	1st Master
John Lawless	4524 -114x	1st Expert
John Zwosta	4420 -98x	2nd Expert
Bob Gamble	4407 -94x	3rd Expert
Shane Burkhart	4042 -46x	1st Sharpshooter
Al Richardson	4017 -30x	2nd Sharpshooter
Bill Hazlett	3992 -35x	3rd Sharpshooter
Allen Tresch	4190 -63x	1st Marksman
Bob Funk	4015 -50x	2nd Marksman
Gary Edwards	3999-48X	3rd Marksman

JUNIORS

Doug Shellenberger

We hosted the All-Army Washington State Cup Airgun match on October 28th. This match is held at Vancouver, Spokane and our club. We had a very nice turn out, which included a team that came down from Port Angeles to compete. Complete match results can be found on the Orion website here.

The Rogers High School ROTC cadets are using our airgun range to get some practice time Monday mornings. All are shooting in the prone position while they work on their rifle skills.

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.

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.



Just something nice to look at

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.



