



The Bull Sheet

Paul Bunyan Rifle and Sportsman's Club

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MARCH MEETING NOTES

Bob Wendt announced that the high-power rifle season gets under way this month with the Blue Ox 80-shot NMC match followed in May with the Mt. Tahoma 80-shot NMC match. The match bulletin can be found on our website by clicking [here](#).

The Black Powder Pistol Trail winter maintenance and upgrades are about complete for the year. Several of the BPPT shooters have been busy during their "off" season spreading new chips on the trail, painting the shotgun shed, improving signage and repairing the props. The trail will return to the summer schedule in April, shooting on the first and third Thursday afternoons and second Sunday afternoon of the month. Check the online calendar for exact dates and times.

The winter smallbore league is done for the year. We will host a fun shoot on Monday evenings in April and May, shooting both 22RF and center-fire rifles. Our summer smallbore league starts June 1st. This league is a 3-position or all benchrest shot at 50 yards. If you have questions about fun shoots or the league, get in touch with match director Bob Wendt (253-848-6325) or via email [here](#).

We are still in the process of getting bids to install a French drain on the south side of the rifle range concrete pad. This area floods during heavy or extended winter rains. We hope to have the work completed within the next couple of months.

With spring upon us, the range will soon get a lot busier with matches and events that will impact member range use. To avoid wasted trips to the range, please check the [online club calendar](#) for range closures before coming to the range.

PAUL BUNYAN NRA BASIC PISTOL SHOOTING COURSE

The Paul Bunyan Rifle & Sportsman's Club will host an NRA Basic Pistol Shooting Course April 25 & 26. 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.

Advance registration and deposit of course fee (\$55) is required. This course consists of two mandatory sessions: Saturday April 25th and Sunday April 26th, 2026. Seating is limited to the first 12 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. Follow [this link](#) to begin registration for the course.

Contact Dennis Wilcox at spindleblaster@msn.com (preferred) or via phone at 253-841-9309

CARETAKERS REPORT

Doug Shellenberger

We had another large tree fall over, this time on the east perimeter fence, taking out a section of fence. Secoma Fence came out and replaced the damaged section.

While moving wood chips to the rifle range berms last week, our tractor died. Attempts to get it going again were futile. Graham towing hauled it off to Jennings Tractor for repair. We have rented a tractor so we can continue with the work around the range while ours is in the shop.

REMEMBERING JIM HILLBERG

Mike Moran

Jim Hillberg was a family man, a dental technician, a volunteer fireman, a sportsman, and a friend to all. His passing on February 26th left a big pair of moccasins to fill. Family members, muzzleloaders, and friends gathered at Paul Bunyan last Sunday to celebrate his life and share stories of our departed friend.

Jim was born in Tacoma in 1939 and grew up there, spending his free time hunting, fishing, and enjoying the outdoors. He was one of the founding members of the Paul Bunyan Plainsmen, attending all but the first of 50 annual rendezvous over the years. He also held many positions in the Paul Bunyan Rifle & Sportsmen's Club, and helped to make both organizations what they are today. Even well into his 80s he would attend monthly shoots and was always there to lend a hand at work parties.



Jim married Karla 41 years ago and the two of them were fixtures in the primitive camp. He got the mountain name "Iron Ball" from a special muzzleloading ball he cast using metal from their dental appliance business which during a split the ball contest split the axe head instead of the ball. He was quick with a story and was always interested in how you were doing.

The celebration was packed with family members and members of the rendezvous community. A number of folks got up to tell their favorite stories of Jim, and when they were done we all had a bigger appreciation for the man he was. To honor his memory, we all gave a toast with Yukon Jack, his favorite drink.

Jim's gone under, but we know he's sitting around the big council fire in the good company of those who have gone before him. We were all lucky to have known you.

ACTION SHOOTING INTERNATIONAL (ASI) HAPPENINGS

Jackie Russo

Our March 4th match was dedicated to our range Ladies League Leader, Christa Beasley's GoFundMe. Jana Naleway took point in organizing not only the GFM, but helped with making gift baskets and items available for the fundraising drawing. All items donated were courtesy of Team Russo, Vickie Jennings, Jana Naleway (CEO of *Empower Her Firearms Training*), *Evergreen Ammunitions* and Clint Ancker. In total, our ASI shooters donated over \$1100!

Christa joined us for a short visit and there were plenty of hugs and good wishes shared.

A BIG and heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who supported Christa as she continues her recovery and healing. As a side note; Christa was instrumental in bringing ASI to the range. She graciously welcomed our fledging shooting discipline back 2019. We are forever in her debt for supporting us.



Christa and Vickie

For March's match, we had nearly 70 shooters and nice weather. The six stages were a bit spicier than the standard ASI stage library fare, but judging from the many positive comments the change was enjoyed. So, expect more in the upcoming range calendar.

Some complimentary comments:

"I had a great time in the match yesterday at Paul Bunyan— already registered for the next one."

"Shooters are always looking for something new and different. You guys do a great job keeping it interesting..."

The April 4th match "It's a Crappy Match" features some fun 🐞 themes. From sitting on a classic porcelain throne, flinging a 'poo', to hauling a 16-roll jumbo pack of TP. Sound like poop load of fun? Registration is open right now on www.practicsscore.com. At check-in shooters will be gifted a small theme-related item.

For the May 2nd match, it's a revolver centric match. Geared toward those 'Antique Road Show' stars! If you have a favorite revolver this is the one match to bring it... And Yes! We welcome semi-autos, of course, but special recognition is reserved for the wheel guns.

In June (Sunday the 21st) we will host a long-time ASI favorite "Hand-sized Handgun Local and International Championship Match!" Small guns are fun is the motto. For many long time ASI members, this annual ASI match was always popular. Here too, big guns are okay –

but special recognition will be for those diminutive ones.

There are specific dimensions that qualifies a 'hand sized' gun – so if it fits in the IDPA BUG box – you'll be in compliance. If it doesn't? You're still able to compete with the full-size cousins. As always – more details to follow in the monthly **Bull Sheet** and found on our www.practicsscore.com registration page. You will find us by clicking on *Matches* and searching under *ASI at Paul Bunyan*. Being registered with Practiscore is required to come to our matches. No walk-ons allowed.

With spring approaching the range calendar gets busy and at times dates are shuffled. Please double check on-line to confirm. Utilize www.practicsscore.com as a resource, too. In general, I post upcoming ASI matches a month or so out. Searching under Clubs, find ASI at Paul Bunyan for our matches.

Interested in ASI? This intro to move and shoot sports, needs only what you have at home. Your regular carry gun. At least 2 mags. Holster and mag pouches, if you have them. ASI's stages are designed to be table starts or low ready. Transport your firearm from stage to stage with a case or gun rug. Holster draws are okay with squad range officer approval. Bring at least 2 boxes of ammo as most stages are 100 rds. 3 boxes are best in case of reshoots and make-up shots. New Shooter Orientation (NSO) is in Bay at 8:45 in the morning of the match.

Handgun calibers are .22 -.45 and PCCs are okay, too. Don't forget your eye and protection. Questions? Email us at:

paulbunyanasi@gmail.com

As an aside: Our own Match Director Joey Russo made it on to the cover of The Tactical Journal – the official publication of the International Defensive Pistol Association. Take a moment to enjoy his review of the Beretta 92X Performance Defensive Classic by clicking [here](#).

JUNIORS

Doug Shellenberger

The Juniors will move from the pistol range to the rifle range starting April 7th for our Tuesday evening smallbore practice.

PAUL BUNYAN AND BOAT SAFETY

Lynn White

To use a boat while hunting or fishing is a great advantage, but there are legal and safety issues that need to be addressed prior to taking the first adventure on the water. Before piloting a boat, you must take the **Washington State Boating Course**, getting the **boating education card** which you are required to carry on your person while piloting a boat. More information at boating@parks.wa.gov (Phone - 360-902-8555).

You are required to carry the boating education card if you:

- Operate a boating vessel with a 15–horsepower (or greater) motor.
- Were born after January 1, 1955.
- Are 12 years old or older.

You are required to have these safety devices on board:

- Boat Registration on board.
- Registration numbers displayed on the front port and starboard sides.
- Ignition safety switch (15 or more horsepower motor).
- A type 1, 2 or 3 PFD (personal floatation device) for each person.
- Sound producing devices (horn, whistle or bell).
- A b-1 type fire extinguisher.
- Day time and night time visual distress signals (flags or floating devices).
- Navigational lights.
- CO warning sticker.
- Throwable device such as a ring buoy, in case someone goes overboard.

After checking the list of safety devices and registration requirements, check the **weight limits**. On my small 14' boat, the weight limit is 500 lbs. That means since I weigh a **Deuce 25**, I can't take my neighbor because he weighs in at **300 plus lbs**. Check the equipment weight also.

Next month, we'll cover safety issues such as shooting from a boat, which is permitted in Washington with certain restrictions, and what to do if someone falls overboard.

AS ALWAYS – STAY SAFE

IHMSA PISTOL SILHOUETTE

March 7, 2026

We put 13 entries across the line this month. It was overcast when I got to the range with temps around 45 degrees but warmed into the mid 50's by the end of the match. We had a smaller turnout this month as a few of our regulars had other commitments. On to the results of the match.

No 40's this month. Ron Craig posted a UAS-Int, 17. I managed a U-Int, 39. I posted a US-AAA, 23 followed by Steve Parsons with a US-AA, 18 and Nicholas Papagalos with a US-AA, 12.

In Smallbore, Ron Craig posted a UAS-AA, 34 followed by Dan Frazee with a UAS-AA, 33 and a re-entry UAS-AA, 36. Nicholas Papagalos posted a US-AA, 14. Dan Frazee posted a P-UNC, 33 placing him in AAA.

In Field Pistol, I posted a PAS-AAA, 21 followed by Steve Parsons with a PAS-AA, 13.

Our target setter did a great job. 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.

Class	Name	Gun/Caliber	Score
<u>BB</u>			
U-INT	Bret Stuntebeck	XP-100: 6TCU	39
UAS-INT	Ron Craig	BF: 32-20	13
-AA	Ron Craig	XP-100: 7INT	17
-AAA	Michael Craig (NRA)	TC: 7TCU	6
US-AAA	Bret Stuntebeck	TC: 7TCU	23
-AA	Steve Parsons	TC: 7TCU	18
-	Nicholas Papagalos (NRA)	XP-100: 35REM	12
<u>PH</u>			
PH-A	Michael Craig	TC: 7TCU	6
<u>SB</u>			
P-AAA	Daniel Frazee (NRA)	TC: 22 LR	33
UAS-AA	Ron Craig	CHARGER: 22	34
	Daniel Frazee (NRA)	TC: 22 LR	33
US-AA	Nicholas Papagalos (NRA)	TC: 22 LR	14
<u>FP</u>			
PAS-AAA	Bret Stuntebeck	TC: 22H	21
-AA	BF: 32-20	BF: 32-20	13
-A	Daniel Frazee (NRA)	TC: 22LR	16

MEMBERSHIP

Cindy Thomas

The club would like to welcome the 25 new members for March.

Paul Baker, Ken Wilson, Charity Johnson, Tanya Terrill-Jones, Michael Litalien, Ashlee Litalien, Alfredo Perez, Donald Threadgill Jr., Blake Elgas, Scott Kuether, Ogden Robert, Joseph Hawks, Luis Guzman, Bradley Owen, Paddy Worthington, Samuel Piner, Hunter Thurn, Judah Copeland, Jeff Mickelsen, Timothy Gardner, David Dickman, Stephanie Grazzini, Andrew Grazzini, Michael Banks and Brandon Howard were all voted into the club at the general meeting. Welcome to all.

Club membership for 2026 now stands at 1285.

PAUL BUNYAN RIFLE AND SPORTSMAN'S CLUB 2026 SPRING PISTOL LEAGUE

Paul Bunyan shooters may participate in the 2026 Chambers Bay Pistol League "postal" style. The league runs Thursdays from April 16th thru June 11th – that's 9 weeks to fire 8 record scores. Cost for the entire league is \$25. We will follow the Chambers Bay league program except that:

- Firing will be at Paul Bunyan
- Relay times are 5:00 and 6:15 pm

The course of fire will be 60 shots (20 Slow Fire, 20 Timed Fire, 20 Rapid Fire). Scores will be combined into one league bulletin, updated weekly. New shooters are welcome to attend.

For more information contact: Dennis Wilcox at 253-841-9309 or via email (preferred) at spindleblaster@msn.com.

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.

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 spring/summer hours, starting April 2nd. The new schedule is the first and third Thursday afternoons and the second Sunday afternoon, noon to 3pm. Come join us, beginning April 2nd!

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.

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 if you are interested.

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!

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 support the junior program. You can reach Darrell at 253-267-5087.



THE LUCK OF THE IRISH

Mike Moran

You would have to be pretty lucky to place well in the last Plainsmen muzzleloader shoot, or you'd just have to be a really good shot. I think we had a little of both in this case, but for the 15 of us we all had a great time. Jim Haeckel crafted this month's match, hand painting St. Patrick's Day themed targets and getting us primed up for bear and elk hunting. One bit o' luck we had was with the weather, after weeks of rain we had a wonderful, sunny, spring day.



Paul Evans tries for the high card

The distances were a bit longer than we normally shoot, so everything was done from the bench. The standing bear gong was placed out at 150 yards and the elk was at 100 yards, and each was shot 5 times with a 10-point value for each hit. To make things easier, Jim had placed some spotting scopes out for our use. The first



Will Ulry making smoke

paper target was a shamrock shot at 30 yards. All five shots had to be completely in the green of the leaves or stem. After the shamrock, bear, and elk were shot we took a break and moved the target frames out to 50 yards for the bottle target. The body of the bottle earned you five points and the neck got you 10 points for the five shots taken.

And if your luck hadn't run out at this point, Jim had playing cards stapled to the hawk blocks and each shooter took five throws and could add the point value of the card he hit to his total score. There were also points awarded for primitive dress.



Jim Haeckel spots the elk while Paul Evans readies his shot.

Jerry Charlton was the big winner with a score of 183, followed by Bob DeLisle with a 171 and Paul Evans at 167. In addition to our regular prizes, Jim had three corned beefs on the table. Congratulations gents, some damn fine shooting.

Our next Black Powder Pistol Trail shoot will be Sunday, April 12th and the next Plainsmen Shoot will be Sunday, April 26th. These will be the last events before our Rendezvous at the end of May.