



The Bull Sheet

Paul Bunyan Rifle and Sportsman's Club

Established 1945

Puyallup, WA

DECEMBER 2024

NOVEMBER MEETING NOTES

The December general and board meetings will be moved up one week to Friday the 20th due to the Christmas holiday.

If you are a match director or chairperson who needs to submit a budget request for 2025, now is the time to send in the request. Send them to Treasurer Bob Wendt by clicking [here](#). We will be finalizing the budget at the December board meetings.

Bob Wendt announced that the 50' smallbore winter league starts in the pistol shed Monday January 6th 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 election for club officers and directors will be held during the December general meeting. We will have the final call for candidates at that time. You are encouraged to come to the meeting to get your name on the ballot or to vote.

The 2025 calendar was reviewed at the November board meeting. Mike has posted a draft copy of the calendar on our [website](#). If you have any additions or edits for the calendar, contact Mike Moran by clicking [here](#).

Club member Dennis Skanes volunteered an afternoon last week to trim up the bushes around the clubhouse. He brought out his fancy hedge trimmers and really spruced up the area, making the area around the clubhouse look nice and tidy. Thanks Dennis.

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 or with a range officer or committee chairman.

SOLDIER'S HOME "DAY AT THE RANGE" EVENT

Between scheduling conflicts and an outbreak of COVID at the Soldier's Home, available days were few this year. On the upside, the Veterans who were able to make the events had lots of fun. Besides shooting 22 rifles, event chairman Ted Straub brought out a couple of his handguns for the Veterans to try out. Ted used Shoot-n-See targets so the shooters could track their progress easier, and even built some platforms to make it more convenient for those confined to a wheelchair. Ted and the coordinator at the Soldier's Home will make plans soon for the 2025 events.



IHMSA PISTOL SILHOUETTE

Bret Stuntebeck
November 2, 2024

We put 18 entries across the line this month. It was overcast when I got to the range with temps in the lower 40's and rose to the low 50's by the end of the match. On to the results of the match.

We had one 40 this month. I posted a U-Int, 40 followed by Jim Harris with a U-Int, 34 and Joe Stumpf posting a U-AA 24. Ron Craig posted a UAS-Int, 36. Michael Averre posted a R-AAA, 28 followed by Steve Bishop with a R-AAA, 16. Steve Parsons posted a US-AA, 24 followed by Nicholas Papagalos with a US-AA, 22. Michael Averre posted a P-AAA 32. Steve Bishop posted a UASHS-AAA, 31 followed by Ron Craig with a UASHS-AA, 29

In Smallbore, Nicholas Papagalos posted a US-AA, 18. Ron Craig posted a UAS-AA, 28

In Field Pistol, I posted a PAS-AAA, 27 followed by Nicholas Papagalos with a PAS-AA, 21 and Joe Stumpf with a PAS-AA, 15 and Steve Parsons with a PAS-AA, 11.

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
BB			
P--AAA	Michael Averre	TC: 30-30	32
R--AAA	Michael Averre	DW: 44MAG	28
U--INT	Bret Stuntebeck	RAMPRO:6.5BR	40
--AAA	Joe Stumpf R	XP-100: 7TCU	24
UAS--INT	Ron Craig	XP-100: 7BR	36
US--AAA	Bret Stuntebeck	TC: 7TCU	21
--AA	Steve Parsons	TC: 7TCU	24
--AA	Nicholas Papagalos	TC: 223	22
FP			
PAS--AAA	Bret Stuntebeck	TC: 22H	27
-AA	Nicholas Papagalos	TC: 22H	21
--AA	Steve Parsons	BF: 32-20	11
HS			
UASHS--AAA	Steve Bishop	XP-100: 221FB	31
--AA	Ron Craig	TC: 6TCU	29
SB			
UAS--AA	Ron Craig	RUGER: 22 LR	28
US--AA	Nicholas Papagalos	TC: 22 LR	18

JUNIORS

Doug Shellenberger

We will be hosting the Junior ROTC air rifle regional qualifier match on December 7th. This is part of a qualifying match that is held at several venues nationwide. Those who score high enough get an invite to qualify for the Junior Olympics held in Colorado Springs next spring.

Match results for our junior competitions, both smallbore and air rifle, can be found on the Orion website by clicking [here](#).

We are still getting a good turnout on Tuesday evenings for smallbore practice. The smallbore season will start with the annual, approximately named, Icicle Match on Saturday January 4th.

CLUB OFFICER CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Darrell Behounek- candidate for **Executive 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.

CARETAKERS REPORT

Doug Shellenberger

Darrell Behounek built a couple of wood racks for the rifle line along with two kindling boxes. We are still cutting dead or diseased trees for firewood. We should have enough firewood and kindling to last us thru the winter.

We recently had a mishap with our tractor. While loading wood chips from behind the action bays, we go too close to the edge of the pit and managed to put the tractor on its side. Fortunately, there were no injuries. We had the tractor hauled off to Jennings for repairs.

PAUL BUNYAN AND BLACK POWDER

Lynn White

Black powder can be a dangerous powder to use, especially if you're not trained and experienced with its capabilities. If you ignite a small pile of **modern smokeless powder**, it will light and burn. However, if you ignite **black powder** it will **explode**. **Smokeless powder is a propellant**, but **black powder is an explosive**. Muzzleloaders can only shoot black powder or black powder synthetic substitutes. You cannot use modern smokeless powder in a gun designed to use black powder, because the pressure from the modern smokeless powder is dangerously greater than black powder or black powder substitute.

Paul Bunyan has a rule, as do most ranges, when loading a black powder gun, loading **cannot** be done with a powder horn, powder flask, powder can, or anything other than a **powder measure**. A powder measure holds the amount of powder for one load. Muzzleloaders, when fired, can retain hot embers from the last shot burning in the breech and when new powder is introduced into the gun, it explodes. The rule about not pouring powder directly from a powder horn, flask, or can, becomes self-explanatory if one asks the question, "*Would you rather have 70 grains of black powder discharging in your face or a whole pound (7000 grains) of black powder blowing up next to your head?*" The obvious answer is, "*Neither.*" When shooting with and handling black powder, it is paramount that the utmost care be given to its use.

At all times while shooting any firearm, we must pay attention to the report of the shot or the lack thereof. That's in the realm of a misfire, hang-fire, squib-load, or cook-off:

Misfire 1 – This is when you pull the trigger and there's a click and no boom.

Misfire 2 – This is when the primer goes pop, but the powder does not go boom.

Hang-Fire – This is when you pull the trigger and there's a delay in the boom.

Squib-Load – This is when you pull the trigger and the boom is only a poof. That means either

the primer was defective, the load was under charged, or the powder was bad.

Cook-Off – This is when your gun is so hot, the next round discharges on its own.

In all cases whether shooting a muzzleloader or modern firearm, follow these steps:

- Maintain control of the gun, keeping it pointed down range in a safe direction.
- For a **modern firearm**, point down range for 30 seconds to 1 minute, then unload.
- For a **muzzleloader**, point the gun down range for 1-2 minutes, then recap and try to re-fire. If the second attempt to fire is not successful, wait 1 minute and unload.

Shooting is fun when we follow all the safety rules. However, if someone mishandles black powder or a firearm, the consequences can affect all of us. **As Always – Stay Safe.**

2025 WINTER PISTOL LEAGUE

The Paul Bunyan 2025 Winter Pistol League begins January 23 and continues on Thursday evenings through March 27. 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. 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 (preferred) or by phone at 253-841-9309.

BLACK POWDER PISTOL TRAIL

Eric Burkhead

Our Fall weather brings a mix of climate conditions to the gatherings for the Black Powder Pistol Trail..... Alternately sunny and rainy. Activities continued nevertheless. Maintenance on the Trail and for the 20 gong targets is ongoing.

Two seminars were held focusing on the casting of round ball lead projectiles and the use of the equipment and safety procedures to cast the balls.



Darrell Behounek casts up some round balls

Our offer stands for any member who wishes to try out this enjoyable new discipline at your Paul Bunyan Club. Just show up and we will gladly furnish you a pistol, powder, ball and instructions. We will even load for you, and the best part — we will clean the rascal when you are finished!

We hope to see you on your choice of the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 1:00-4:00 and the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10:00-2:00!

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 would like to purchase some. Contact Doug Shellenberger at 253-846-6767 you are interested.

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.

STORAGE BINS AVAILABLE

A load of stackable heavy-duty plastic storage containers (approx. 11"x11"x30") has been donated to the club. These containers are available to club members for a suggested \$2 donation, with the proceeds going to Toys for Tots. Contact Birney Oxford at 253-905-5134 if you would like to purchase some.



MEMBERSHIP

The club would like to welcome the nine new members for December. Matt Dillon, Jessica Major, Scott Proctor, Scott Miller, John Parker, Kyle Bobbit, Michael Besol, Kevin Klonoff, and Paul Harvey were voted into the club at the general meeting. Welcome to all. Club membership for 2025 now stands at 1089.

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.

ACTION SHOOTING INTERNATIONAL (ASI) ACTIVITIES

Jackie Russo

We're wrapping up the 5th Anniversary at Paul Bunyan with a gratefulness for our dedicated staff and competitors. Rain or shine these folks put the fun in functioning. Recognizing a core group who can be counted on for target fabricating, range set-up, New Shooter Orientation or Range Officer for squads: Joey Russo, Birney Oxford, Marshall Reed, Clint Ancker, Jim Skedd, Vickie Jennings, Steve Neal, Johnnie Morgan, Shawn & Jackie Hallinan, Carrie Parker, Brian Buller, Scott Needham, John Cambroto, Rob & Marcie Bartlett, and Ben Sumaoang. We also thank Dave Farrow, for keeping targets, sticks and other necessary supplies for running a match stocked in the connexes.

December 1st, is the final match for 2024. Keeping with tradition, it is Toys 4 Tots toy drive. In lieu of range fees, bring a new, unwrapped toy or cash donation for "It's a PCC-Friendly Christmas". Pre-registration is open on www.practiscore.com – or last-minute walk-ons are okay.

The 2025 Calendar has been set. You will find us on the Paul Bunyan website calendar, occurring on the 1st Saturdays each month. Sometimes there's a revision due to schedule conflicts – so always check the calendar prior to travel.

Action Shooting International is a great introduction to "Move & Shoot" sport. Its low-key and a fun way to get familiar with your firearm. Most matches are less than 2 boxes of ammo and 4 hrs. We welcome .22 - .45 handguns and Pistol Caliber Carbines. Safe gun handling skills, and attendance at New Shooter Orientation for new ASI shooters, is mandatory. All stages are at low-ready or table start. Just have a gun case or a holster to transport the firearm in from stage to stage. Range officers are coaches and mentors, and squad mates, too. At the November match, 4 gals from the Ladies Shooting League attended their first match and had a blast. We paired them up with other League members who regularly shoot ASI

to guide them through. Guess what? Yes, they are returning for another match.

Make ASI at Paul Bunyan one of those New Year's Resolutions in 2025.

Hope to see you on the range.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Membership renewals are now overdue. Gate codes for those who have not renewed for 2025 are now disabled. To renew your club membership, get the form online 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](#).

LADIES SHOOTING LEAGUE WELCOMES

Jackie Russo

Sunday's T-Time at the Pistol Bays was packed with ladies taking time off to warm their pistols up in rather inclement weather. Participants brought a variety of handguns in varied calibers and enjoyed a little bit of socializing between reset periods.

The Ladies League meets regardless of the weather. In the snug covered and heated bays, members use all 2 hours allotted to hone marksmanship skills.

What to expect at a typical meet-up? After introductions and range safety review, attendees make the range safe and staple targets to range provided frames. Then T-Time commences with some free-style warm-up target practice. Attendees can select from array of choices from the Target Bar. After a short reset time, a special fun and challenging target is provided. Next, targets are reviewed and a lively discussion leads to what to select from the Target Bar.

In November, four of our members took the next step and attended Paul Bunyan's *Action Shooting International Chapter*. Members were paired up in a squad with several other Ladies League members for mentoring. The six-stage match, was the perfect introduction to *Move and Shoot* sports. Post-match interview indicates strongly they'll be back. (continued)

All ladies are welcome to join us on the 1st Wednesday at 6 pm, or 3rd Sunday's at 10 am, for a few hours. Plan on bringing your firearm, a box of ammo (more boxes = more fun), ear and eye protection and safe gun handling skills. Membership at the range is not required. A small fee is charged for covering range supplies. Bring a friend and share in celebrating 2A rights.

NEW HAWK BLOCKS DEDICATED

Mike Moran

On November 9th members of the Paul Bunyan Plainsmen and Scout Troop 174 met to dedicate the newly restored Knife & Hawk Practice Blocks near the rifle range.



The new Knife & Hawk practice blocks, courtesy of Dylan Johnson's Eagle Scout project

Dylan Johnson picked this as his Eagle Scout project, planning, resourcing, and leading a crew of Scouts in the construction of the project. The old enclosure was made from scrap materials and had deteriorated over the years. The new structure is a work of art, and will figure prominently into the 50th anniversary Rendezvous in 2025. After the brief ceremony, the Scouts gave it a workout. Thanks Dylan!



Mike Moran thanks Dylan Johnson for the work he did for Paul Bunyan restoring the Knife & Hawk practice blocks

WE NEED A FEW RANGE OFFICERS

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.

ROUND BALLS AND LONG SHOTS

Mike Moran

What better way to challenge yourself than to shoot round balls for long distances. That was the theme of the match this month for the Paul Bunyan Plainsmen. Bil Sick thought this one up, but we can be thankful he had us shooting from the bench. We also had the benefit of a good day with good light.

After Helen Sick got everyone registered, Bill explained the course of fire. The first target was a bullseye buffalo at 75 yards, with each of the 5 shots scoring as the scoring rings showed. After this volley, we reset the target frames with the Squirrel, with another 5 shots, five points each for a body shot and 10 points if you hit the bullseye. Next up was five shots at a 15" gong at 100 yards, with each hit counting for 5 points. And finally he had some playing cards stapled to the new hawk blocks and you had five chances to cut a card with your tomahawk, earning five points per cut. For this devilry we were shooting supported from the bench, with spotting scopes for assistance.

If you do the math, that means that there is a total possible score of 150 (50 each for the paper targets and 25 each for the gongs and hawks).



Terry Pratt, one of our new shooters, gets ready to take a shot at the 100 yard gong.

There are also up to 5 additional points awarded for period attire. The variety of targets and difficulty made this a very competitive shoot. For prizes, Karla Hillberg had 13 frozen turkeys in addition to the usual prize table. Well worth the \$10 shooter's fee for sure.

It was good to see some new faces, or at least some that hadn't been here in a while. The shoot went smoothly, with the usual hiccups of gun cleaning and maintenance. And it certainly was a challenge. One shooter said that the highest number on his scorecard was his shooter number. We can all be thankful that Chip Kormas and not Bill will be running the December shoot, which will be our Toys for Tots fundraiser on December 22nd.



Chip Kormas aims for a playing card at the new hawk blocks. One card had a sticker on the back to win a turkey.



Jim Hillberg poses with the Hoglund crew, another group of shooters new to the Plainsmen but sure to be back.

Place	Name	Squirrel	Buffalo	Hawk	Gong	Prim	Total
1	Bob DeLisle	30	34	10	25	0	99
2	Jerry Mayo	30-X	34	0	25	3	92-X
3	Mark Merwin	30	28	0	20	3	81
4	Mike Holeman	45	23	0	10	3	81
5	Allen Tresch	20	34	5	15	3	77
6	Dwayne Anderson	30X	38	0	15	0	73
7	Eric Burkhead	30	30	0	10	0	70
8	Dan Albro	25	19	0	25	0	69
9	Mike Moran	25	21	5	10	5	66
10	Dylan Johnson	20	7	5	25	3	60
11	Jim Hillberg	25	19	0	15	0	59
12	Darrell Behounek	30	7	0	15	0	52
13	Andrew Johnson	25	7	0	5	5	42
14	Mike Nesbitt	10	11	10	0	3	34
15	Terry Pratt	5	11	0	10	0	26
16	Frank Haggard	0	13	0	0	3	16
17	Misty Fitzsimmons	2	1	0	0	0	3
18	Kasondra Hoglund	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Lenon Fiddler	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Josh Hoglund	0	0	0	0	0	0