



The Bull Sheet

Paul Bunyan Rifle and Sportsman's Club

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MARCH MEETING NOTES

Our Thursday range maintenance schedule has been modified. Going forward, we will alternate range closures for routine maintenance instead of closures every Thursday. One week, the rifle, pistol and shotgun ranges will be closed on Thursday from 10am to 4pm. The following week, those ranges will be open and the action bay area will be closed during the same time frame. This will allow members more use of the ranges on Thursdays. Mike Moran has updated the club calendar with these changes.

We are finding that some members are using slugs and buckshot on the shotgun patterning board, tearing up the board. Only bird shot loads are to be used on the patterning board at a distance of no closer than 15 yards. Slugs and buckshot can be used only on the rifle range and are not allowed on the shotgun range.

Bob Wendt reports that the winter smallbore league has wrapped up. Again this year, Alec Patajo is the league winner. The summer smallbore league starts Monday June 2nd.

We will be holding two high power rifle matches this month. On Sunday April 6th, we will hold the Blue Ox 80-shot short course match. On Saturday April 19th, we will hold a CMP practice match. These matches will be shot at 200-300 and 600 yards ([flier](#)) and will close all ranges each morning. Please double check the club calendar before coming to the range.

The Colorado Gun Collectors Association ([CGCA](#)) will be holding their 59th annual show May 17-18 in Greeley, Colorado. There will be over 800 tables of guns and memorabilia from Medieval to Revolutionary War, Civil War, Wild West, WWI, and WWII. We will have a few free passes if you are interested in attending, contact me [here](#).

Mike Moran reported that they had 18 shooters at their last muzzleloader match, several of which were new shooters. Their next match will be held Sunday April 27th.

BLACK POWDER PISTOL TRAIL

Eric Burkhead

Spring may be just around the corner, but March has still been wet and chilly! The BPPT pistoleros offset the inclement weather conditions with several informative seminars inside the cozy shotgun shed, aka "The Dismal Nitch" (not so dismal, compared to the rainy and cold pistol trail!)

Bill Sick treated us to a historical review of the legend of Saint Hubertus (the Germanic Patron Saint of Hunters and shooters). Also, the patron saint of mathematicians, opticians and metalworkers—a many-skilled fellow. (Just like most of the folks we meet on the firing lines at Paul Bunyan) :) Hubertus: 656-727 AD.

Hubertus' aura was said to protect the hunter from wild beast attacks, weapons accidents and ravages caused by rabies (a common concern with wild animals of those times). He is also credited with being the originator of ethical hunting behavior and practices. (The original Hunter Safety instructor?!?). Thanks to Bill Sick for this informative narrative, giving us an excuse to avoid the rainy trail. :)

Anticipating sunnier and warmer days ahead, we again invite all Paul Bunyan members and guests to join us on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 1-4pm and the 2nd Sunday at 10am-2pm each month. Our offer stands that we will furnish pistols, powder and ball and pistol cleaning services to anyone wishing to try out the PB Black Powder Pistol Trail! For additional info, contact me at (253) 686-5438.

ACTION SHOOTING INTERNATIONAL (ASI)

Jackie Russo

March Madness

The March 1st ASI Match had a few shenanigans in store for shooters. In addition to stages selected from the ASI library, there were a few modified ones. Installed in Bay 4 was a test stage planned for the upcoming Washington State IDPA Championship in July. This stage included a seated position on the infamous "Galloping Gertie Wobbly Bridge" and engaging targets from it with a very lethargic swinger double target. It was a rare opportunity to experience a more advance stage for newer shooters. And judging by joyous feedback received, it was a success!



Kurt Lindstrom rides off into the sunset on his trusty steed Babe

Other ASI favorites featured were *Grocery Store* – transporting a malted beverage 6 -pack from start to the grocery cart, while engaging targets down range; *A Little Light Reading* – start position on "The John" while enjoying a periodical – then moving to retrieve pistol and engaging a target array and *Gosh Darn Demand*, holding a flip phone to your ear, facing up range – at start signal, turning and engaging targets. The Gen Zs in our squad pointed out

that no one talks on the phone – they would text. Duly noted!

As participation increases, the need for ASI credentialed Range Officers does also. On Sunday March 23, the range hosted new officer training. The course curriculum included both classroom and practical application in Bay 1. Nearly a dozen attended and enjoyed the practical range time in a cloudburst, of course!

Welcome to our new range officers! We look forward to your leadership skills enhancing our matches.

Action Shooting International is promoted as a move and shoot sport. We welcome all level of safe pistol shooters. Two boxes of ammunition, handgun calibers .22 - .45, ear and eye protection, are all you need to join us. No holster? All ASI starts are either at low-ready or table. Transporting your pistol between bays in a holster is common –or you can use a case or gun rug.

Matches are scheduled on the 1st Saturday of each month. New Shooter Orientation is in Bay 1 at 8:45 am. Stat Shack check-in opens at 8 am and closes at 9:45 am. Paul Bunyan member range fee is always \$20.

Our next match is April 5th. Spots are available – registration is appreciated on Practiscore.

PAUL BUNYAN 2025 SPRING PISTOL LEAGUE

Paul Bunyan shooters may participate in the 2025 Chambers Bay Pistol League "postal" style. The league runs Thursdays from April 17th thru June 12th – 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. *The league program can be viewed on the "upcoming events" page at pbrsc.org*

New shooters are welcome to attend.

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

PAUL BUNYAN AND SAFE HUNTING

Lynn White

Almost every hunter has a horror story about hunting gone wrong, including me. When I was 18 years old, I joined a deer hunt with a fellow worker. Over the period of one day, he almost shot me two times. Now, you might think I was a fool for staying after the first near miss, **and you'd be right**. Especially after shooting at a doe running between me and him. Later we were at camp after hunting opening day. For some unknown reason, he got his Winchester Model 94 30-30 out of his tent and began to work the action.

As many of us know, the firearm has a small tip-out on the inside of the firearm action lever, which activates the trigger every time the action is closed. Thus, firing the gun if loaded. As luck would have it, I was sitting next to the campfire and his muzzle was pointed at the fire. As he closed the action and before I could move, the gun fired right into the campfire, 5 feet away, spraying coals of fire all over me. Needless to say, this fool went home and never hunted with him again. Just because someone has hunted a long time, doesn't mean that they are a safe hunter.

A hunting incident happens when a person is injured when hunting or is injured by another hunter. Washington has over 100,000 people who hunt each year. A small number of hunters are injured due to safety rule violations, hunter judgement errors, lack of control and patience, and even mechanical failure.

Most hunting incidents are caused by a member of your own hunting party. However, **I believe that all hunting incidents can be prevented.** There is one safety rule that, if practiced 100% of the time, will eliminate most all incidents. The **MOST IMPORTANT principle of firearm safety is**, when you pick up a gun, the **VERY FIRST** thing you do, even **BEFORE** checking to see if it is loaded, is to **POINT THE MUZZLE IN A SAFE DIRECTION** ! Even if the gun fires, the muzzle aimed in a safe direction, will at least initially guarantee the bullet will not hit anyone near you. However, bullets go through things. A 7mm Mag can shoot 4.5 miles.

For what goes up, must come down. A companion safety rule is to **keep your finger off the trigger until you are on target and ready to fire**. To prevent hunting / firearm incidents, always practice safe handling and only hunt with those who are just as safe as you are.

AS ALWAYS – STAY SAFE

PAUL BUNYAN BEGINNING PISTOL SHOOTING COURSE

The Paul Bunyan Rifle & Sportsman's Club will host a Beginning Pistol Shooting Course April 26 & 27. 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

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CARETAKERS REPORT

Doug Shellenberger

We have Rainier Fence scheduled to come out to do necessary repairs on the west perimeter fence where a large tree broke off in a recent wind storm, damaging one post, some fencing and the large double gate.

We are changing the Thursday maintenance schedule which will mean more range availability for the members. Check the club calendar for upcoming Thursday range closures.

We have been repainting some of the "RIFLE RANGE" warning signs that hang on the perimeter fence. After a year or two in the weather, they fade and get moldy, making them hard to read.

IHMSA PISTOL SILHOUETTE

March 1, 2025

Bret Stuntebeck

We put 16 entries across the line this month. It was cold when I got to the range with temps around 34 degrees but warmed into the low 60's by the end of the match which is really nice weather for this time of year. On to the results of the match.

No 40's this month. I posted a U-Int, 39. Pete Colley posted a U-B, 15. Ron Craig posted UAS-Int, 39. Nicholas Papagalos posted a US-AA, 12. Steve Bishop posted a R-AAA, 34 followed by Pete Colley with R-A, 18.

In Smallbore I posted a dismal U-AAA, 24. I was clean through pigs when I got to the turkeys and rams were in the shadows making the sight picture poor to say the least. Note to self, do not shoot smallbore this time of day at this time of year. Steve Bishop posted a UAS-AA, 30 followed closely by Ron Craig posting UAS-AA, 28.

In Field Pistol, I posted a PAS-AAA, 23. Steve Parsons with a PAS-AA, 17 and a P-AA, 15. Nicholas Papagolas posted a PAS-AA, 15.

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.

BB	SHOOTER	FIREARM	SCORE
R-AAA	Steve Bishop	FA: 44MAG	34
-A	Peter Colley	FA: 41 MAG	18
U-INT	Bret Stuntebeck	XP-100: 6TCU	39
-B	Peter Colley	TC: 7TCU	15
UAS-INT	Ron Craig	TC: 7TCU	39
US-AA	Nicholas Papagalos (NRA)	TC: 223	12

SB	SHOOTER	FIREARM	SCORE
U-AAA	Bret Stuntebeck	ANS: 22LR	24
UAS-AA	Steve Bishop	RUGER 22LR	30

FP	SHOOTER	FIREARM	SCORE
P-AA	Steve Parsons	TC: 22H	15
PAS -AAA	Bret Stuntebeck	TC 22H	23
PAS-AA	Steve Parsons	TC 270REN	17
PAS-AA	Nicholas Papagalos (NRA)	TC 22H	15

HS	SHOOTER	FIREARM	SCORE
UASHS-AA	Steve Bishop	XP-100: 221FB	6

MEMBERSHIP

The club would like to welcome the 19 new members for April. Christopher James, Theodore Hunter, Kevin Wong, Lucas Arthur, Even Slater, Allan Evans, Richard West, Patrick Morehart, Bill Pedroni, Valerie Blevins, Brian Hoback, Jacquelyn Hallinan, Shawn Hallinan, Klye Snyder, John Foote, Phillip Schmidtke, Richard Mackey, Wendi Hollenbeck and Jim Hollenbeck were all voted into the club at the general meeting. Welcome to all. Club membership for 2025 now stands at 1261 members.

JUNIORS

Doug Shellenberger

One of our junior shooters, Arkin Arranza, has shot well enough in recent competitions to earn an invite to participate in the National Junior Olympics held in Talladega, Alabama April 13-18. This is also a selection match for Junior Pan American games to be held in Paraguay August 9-13. Click [here](#) for the USA Shooting website for more information.

The airgun season is coming to a close for the year. We will keep the airgun range available for a few more weeks so Arkin can get more practice.

The ROTC shooters from both Rogers High School and Spanaway High School seem to be done with airgun for the year. We haven't seen them on Tuesdays for a few weeks.

Starting April 1, we will move from the pistol range to the rifle range for our Tuesday evening practices.

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.

MUZZLELOADERS

Mike Moran

Leprechauns and Four Leaf Clovers

"May the luck of the Irish be with you today" was a sentiment everyone was hoping for when they gathered for the Paul Bunyan Plainsmen monthly shoot. One of the targets did have a little Irish flair, but that didn't make it any easier for the 18 shooters who came out to try their luck. And the rain didn't help either.



Helen Sick goes elk hunting while Jim Hillberg spots for her

Jim Haeckel ran the shoot this month and selected a range of targets. For long distance targets he had the standing bear at 100 yards and the elk at 75 yards, with five shots taken at each and the shooting being done supported from the bench. Many thanks to Jim Hillberg and Eric Burkhead for jumping in as spotters for those targets. It was a good selection as it gave one very horizontal target and one vertical target to help determine where your bullets were hitting. In my case, the bear taught me my rear sight is off a little, but my elevation is good.

For short distance he had two paper targets, both set at 25 yards and both shot with 5 shots each, offhand. The crow target was scored based on the scoring rings. The final target was a leprechaun and a four-leaf clover, with points added if you hit the clover but subtracted for any hits on the leprechaun. Many of us fell prey to this dastardly scoring conundrum, but it sure kept it interesting.

Helen Sick, who handles our registration for the rendezvous, decided she wanted to shoot this month, and did so with the assistance of her trusty manservant Gunga Bill. We've had a

growing number of new faces showing up at our shoot, and it's great to see. The shoot proceeded well for all, except Eric who had some gun issues which is why he was able to man the spotting scope.



Mike Nesbitt shows us why they're called "fire locks"

Andrew Johnson took top honors with a score of 162 of a possible 205 (50 for each target and 5 for period dress), followed by Mark Merwin and Dwayne Anderson in second and third place. Our next shoot will be on April 27th, and the pistol trail will be open on April 3, 13, and 17; and don't forget that Rendezvous is right around the corner at the end of May.

162 Andrew Johnson	119 Mike Holeman	79 Mike Barr
161 Mark Merwin	110 Mike Nesbitt	73 Jim Haeckel
143 Dwayne Anderson	101 Dylan Johnson	68 Adam Sheehan
141 Doug Kitchens	97 Mike Moran	65 Paul Evans
131 Cody Mehr	93 Helen Sick	40 Darrell Behounek
124 Lawrence Saltarelli	82 Terry Pratt	30 Eric Burkhead

FIREARM RELATED BILLS IN OLYMPIA

For those who would like to keep track of the firearm related bills working their way through the legislature in Olympia, here are a few websites that can shed some light on these bills. The NRA-ILA website ([here](#)) has information on prospective gun laws nationwide. The Second Amendment Foundation ([here](#)) and the Washington State Rifle and Pistol Association ([here](#)) are two other groups fighting for gun rights in our state. [Jane Milhans](#) from [Tacoma Rifle and Revolver Club](#) is the NRA-ILA Frontlines Leader in Washington. She is a leading advocate for gun rights in our state, and she sends out very informative fliers on firearm law issues in Olympia. She can be reached via email by clicking [here](#).