



# ***The Bull Sheet***

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

**Puyallup, WA**

**Established 1945**

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## **AUGUST MEETING NOTES**

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.

The IDPA ruling body has prohibited the use of Sig 320 pistols at their matches. More information can be found on our website by clicking [here](#).

Our annual Hunter Sight-in begins September 4<sup>th</sup> and runs through October 9<sup>th</sup>, Thursday evenings (3:30pm to 7:30pm), and on the weekends (8am to 4:30pm). More information can be found on our website by clicking [here](#).

Our fire wagons were put to good use earlier this month. Seems like the high heat contributed to starting a fire on the back side of the 75-yard rifle berm. Darrell Behounck, Dave Farrow and a couple of club members were on the scene before the fire department arrived, applying water to keep the fire contained until help arrived.

Mike Moran reminds all match directors and chairpersons who want an event on the 2026 calendar need to submit their requests to him prior to the November board meeting.

Darrell Behounek is finding a LOT of brass of all calibers in the trash cans. This means extra work for him and the caretakers, plus we lose the money received from sales and recycling. All fired cases, brass, steel or aluminum, will be sold or recycled if they are put in the proper containers on the rifle and pistol firing line. The proceeds help support the junior club. Please help us by discarding your spent brass in the proper containers and not in the trash.

## **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](#).

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH HUNTER SIGHT-IN**

Our annual hunter sight-in starts September 4<sup>th</sup> and we could use your help. Besides competitions, this is the only event where the general public can pay a fee to use our range, and it is a big money maker for our club, which helps keep our dues low. You don't have to be an expert shot or fully knowledgeable on rifles. You just need to be willing to help out for a few hours. Making sure the shooters are being safe, patching targets, spotting shots and helping with scope adjustments are the main duties for those who can spare some time. Your help to make this a successful event once again would be greatly appreciated.

## **OPEN POSITION**

The club is looking for a new shotgun chairman. The chairman will be required to have the shotgun range open on the third Sunday of each month (days/dates are negotiable), operate the automated trap thrower, and assist members with their shotgun techniques. Contact a board member or email us [here](#) for details.

## PAUL BUNYAN AND THE GAME WARDEN

Lynn White

In the early 1900's America and Canada agreed upon the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation. They agreed upon seven principles to establish one of the foundations for conservation and preservation.

- Conservation is the wise use of wildlife.
- Preservation is the non-use of wildlife.

The principles established that fish and game are public property. Wildlife cannot be slaughtered for commercial purposes. Wildlife is managed by hunting / fishing seasons and bag limits. Wildlife can only be killed for food, fur, self-defense, and property protection. Wildlife is to be managed cooperatively. Government agencies will help sustain and manage wildlife populations by science. Wildlife harvesting shall be democratic, meaning every citizen in good standing shall be able to harvest game within legal limits and seasons. So, who is going to be the person managing wildlife in the field?

We now introduce our friendly WDFW Wildlife Officer. I hope you see the game warden in the same light as I do, because if it wasn't for the brave men and women who enforce firearm safety, hunting and fishing, we wouldn't be able to enjoy wildlife like we do today.

I know that cops make many people nervous. I too get a little nervous if a patrol car gets behind me while I'm driving, and I worked as a cop for 26 years. So, think through this experience before it happens. If you are contacted by an officer in the field, remember the officer is just doing his job. The game warden's job is to make sure that those who hunt and fish obey all hunting and fishing laws and regulations.

When an officer approaches, remain calm and keep the muzzle of your gun pointed in a safe direction. Follow the officer's instructions and be prepared to show your license, tags, and any harvested game. Most of all be cooperative and polite. Don't flunk the personality test or make the game warden nervous. Again, be calm and keep the muzzle of your gun pointed in a safe direction.

**REMEMBER – STAY SAFE**

## PAUL BUNYAN-NRA YOUTH DAY

Eric Burkhead

Beneath sunny skies and with a climbing thermometer, your club hosted the annual PB-NRA Youth Day on Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. 15 eager youthful shooters from the ages of 9 to 15 years, accompanied by 12 parents and grandparents, participated in this year's event.

The objective of the program is to introduce youngsters to the shooting disciplines of rimfire rifle, centerfire rifle, pistol, shotgun, muzzleloading, archery and even tomahawk throwing. Bill Montgomery of WDFW coordinated the program. These events were coached by a cadre of 15 volunteers from the WA Department of Fish & Wildlife, the Safari Club International-NW, the National Wildlife Turkey Federation, Hunter Education Instructors and our own Paul Bunyan members. PB Club volunteers included Darrell Behounek, Doug Shellenberger, Lynn White, Mike Moran, Tani Ishawata, Bill Stepp, Bill Montgomery and Eric Burkhead.

The shooting events were followed with a massive banquet of pizza and BBQ ribs with all accompanying dishes imaginable. The youth and parents (and volunteers) reported that a good time was had by all, and everyone looks forward to next year's event!



Mike Moran instructs future Mountain Men in the art of the flintlock rifle.

# ACTION SHOOTING INTERNATIONAL (ASI) RECAP

Jackie Russo

## ***Heavy Metal Rocks August's ASI's Match***

What has become one of the most anticipated specialty matches at Paul Bunyan is Action Shooting International's *Heavy Metal – Celebrating Metal Guns and a few Plastick Fanasticks*. All guns were of course welcome, but there was a theme and we highly encouraged those with metal guns to join us. All told, heavy metal outnumbered the PF's 43 to 31.

For this match, eschewing the standard ASI stage library offerings, rock -themed infused stages rolled thru the action bays.

Reflected in all 6 stages were metal band music titles and appropriate props, such as "More Cowbell!" Shooter indicates 'Ready' with an assured drumstick strike on a cowbell (**Bonk!**), and the range officer commences with stage commands. "Def Leppard Drum Solo" required the start position of the shooter holding drum stick in dominate hand touching the drum. At signal, shooter drops stick, turns, picks up gun and engages all targets with 2 rounds each. Of course, we had to include gravity – defying – teased haired all-girl metal band VIXEN in a stage! All non-threat targets wore poofy wigs and the start position included clutching a can of AquaNet hairspray in the support hand.

We tied all of this together by encouraging shooters to wear their favorite Heavy Metal band shirt (many did) along with Stages festooned with appropriate rock band décor!

Yes, creating a fun atmosphere over a heavy emphasis on competition makes ASI an enjoyable practical pistol experience, with moving, shooting and comradery with like-minded people.

Upcoming ASI matches will be a regular match on September 6<sup>th</sup> and October 4<sup>th</sup> will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual ASI's: The Senior Classic. The Senior Classic welcomes all but special recognition is for those 50+ and one award will be bestowed on High Whippersnapper – best score for 49 and younger.

Interested in signing up? Register on Practiscore.com and search for us *under ASI at Paul Bunyan*. Look for posted flyers soon.



Vicki, Kathy, and Eri Rock on

Sadly, I missed the deadline for August's BullSheet due to involvement with our shooting sport's cousin IDPA, for their State Championship Match. A brief synopsis of the annual Washington State IDPA match is included below.

Our range hosted 165 IDPA competitors locally and out-of-state over a 3-day period. With 12 stages and no DQs, Match Director Shawn Hallinan's last sanctioned Bunyan match before taking a well – deserved break certainly establishes him as a premier MD for the region.

Once again, Brent Craven's River's Edge provided outstanding awards. Beautiful engraving and creative presentation for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row.

Additionally, IDPA welcomed three women-owned businesses as sponsors – a first for our State Match. For firearms training: [www.ladiesfirstfirearm.com](http://www.ladiesfirstfirearm.com) ; Women's gun advocacy: Women Gun Owners Association of America [www.wgoaa.org](http://www.wgoaa.org) (Founder and CEO is local. Use code IDPA20 for membership discount; Ladies 2A magazine encompassing outdoor shooting sports and much more [www.ladyoutdoorlifestyles.com](http://www.ladyoutdoorlifestyles.com) .

We were blessed with amazing weather and good-natured sportsmanship. We appreciated all the assistance in creating a welcoming atmosphere, from the manicured grounds, clean Port-a-Potties and fabulous lunches along with other hospitality necessities. Thank you to all our volunteers for making our state match the best.



## IHMSA PISTOL SILHOUETTE

August 2, 2025

Bret Stuntebeck

We put 21 entries across the line this month. It was warm when I got to the range with temps around 60 degrees but warmed into the mid 70's by the end of the match. On to the results of the match.

Only one 40 this month shot by Jim Harris in UAS-Int followed by Richard Nicol with a UAS-AAA, 38. Jim Harris posted a U-Int, 31. Steve Bishop Posted a UHSAS-AA, 22. Steve Parsons posted a R-AAA, 18 as did Joe Stumpf with a R-AA, 18 In Smallbore Ron Craig posted a UAS-AA, 38 giving him a leg into AAA. Leann Poussier posted a P-Unc, 12. Steve Parsons posted a R-AAA, 18. Nicholas Papogalas posted a US-AA, 13. In Field Pistol Nicholas Papogalas posted a PAS-AA, 22. Followed by Joe Stumpf with a PAS-AA, 16, Tom Talbert posted a very nice P-Unc, 26.

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 Parsons	FA: 41MAG	18
-	Steve Bishop	FA: 44MAG	15
-AA	Joe Stumpf, R	FA: 357MAG	18
U-INT	Jim Harris	RAMPRO: 6.5BR	31
-AAA	Joe Stumpf, R	XP-100: 7TCU	23
UAS-INT	Jim Harris	XP-100: 6.5TKS	40
-	Ron Craig	TC: 7TCU	37
-	Steve Parsons	TC: 6TCU	31
-AAA	Richard Nicol	TC: 7-30	38
HS	SHOOTER	FIREARM	SCORE
UASHS-AA	Steve Bishop	XP-100: 7-08	22
SB	SHOOTER	FIREARM	SCORE
P-B	Leann Poussier (NRA)	RUGER: 22 LR	12
R-AAA	Steve Parsons	FA: 22 LR	18
S-AAA	Bret Stuntebeck	TC: 22 LR	11
U-AAA	Bret Stuntebeck	ANS: 22 LR	34
UAS-AA	Ron Craig	CHGR: 22 LR	38
US-AA	Nicholas Papagalos (NRA)	TC: 22 LR	13
FP	SHOOTER	FIREARM	SCORE
P-AAA	Tom Talburt (NRA)	FA: 22LR	26
-	Bret Stuntebeck	TC: 30-20	14
PAS-AA	Nicholas Papagalos (NRA)	TC: 22H	22
-	Joe Stumpf, R	TC: 22H	16
P-AAA	Tom Talburt (NRA)	FA: 22LR	26

## MT. RAINIER PISTOL LEAGUE

Dennis Wilcox

On Thursday evenings, beginning September 18th, Paul Bunyan Rifle and Sportsman's Club will host a .22 rim-fire 10-week pistol league. There will be two relays; relay 1 begins at 5:00 pm and relay 2 begins at 6:15 pm. You may shoot ahead or make up by shooting both relays. The course of fire will be 20 shots Slow Fire, 20 shots Timed Fire and 20 shots Rapid Fire, all fired at 25 yards.

This will be an NRA Approved league conducted in accordance with NRA precision pistol rules, except that "open" class shooters will be accommodated (firing using a 2-hand grip).

There will be cash awards and a prize drawing at the end of the league. The entry fee is \$25. Advanced reservations are appreciated although not required. Click [here](#) for the league flier.

For more information, contact: Dennis Wilcox via email at [spindleblaster@msn.com](mailto:spindleblaster@msn.com) (preferred) or by phone at 253-841-9309.

## CAST BULLET ASSOCIATION MILITARY MATCH RESULTS

John Schauf

August 9, 2025

We had a good turnout today. Ten shooters in all. A very pleasant day with little wind and mild temperatures. Everyone pitched in and it made for an enjoyable match. Thanks to all.

To make everything more exciting, Matt Hymer has set an unofficial (until it is verified) national CBA record with his 1903-A3 rifle shooting issue sites with an impressive 100-8X at 200 yards. Congratulations Matt.

Our next match will be Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup>.

NAME	CLASS	100yd	200yd	Grand Agg
John Schauf	ms	191-6x	197-7x	388-13x
Matt Hyner	iss	188-1x	196-11x	384-12x
Ron Yatso	mi	191-5x	190-4x	381-9x
Joe Reno	unc	189-6x	186-6x	375-12x
Steve Conner	ms	185-2x	189-8x	374-10x
Bill Ellingson	unc	181-5x	187-3x	368-8x
Alice Gardner	ms	167-0x	186-4x	353-4x
Ron Heilman	ms	95-1x	181-2x	276-3x
Doug Shellenberger	ms	dnf	177-2x	177-2x

ISS=issue-as issued military rifle, no modifications

MI=modified iron-modifications allowed to sights, trigger and stock

MS= modified scope- modifications plus scopes allowed

## 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. Our fine summer weather presents a perfect opportunity to come out and give this new discipline a try. Join us on the first and third Thursdays 1-4pm and the second Sunday 10am-2pm of every month.

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

## MEMBERSHIP

The club would like to welcome the 14 new members for September. Travis Caulk, Marv Smith-LeBleu, John DeHaan, Mark Tunnell, Alvin Ware, Steven Vasquez, Robert Walker, Candi Smith, Jason Smith, Patrick Riecke, Mike Sterling, Loren Cochran, Johathan Fisette and Steven Coprnett (plus Viktor Kostiuin for August) were all voted into the club at the general meeting. Welcome to all. Club membership for 2026 now stands at 350 members.

## JUNIORS

Doug Shellenberger

We will be moving from the rifle range to the pistol range for our Tuesday evening practice sessions starting September 2<sup>nd</sup>. The airgun season will also start soon, so we will have the airgun range open for junior practice starting next Tuesday. Summer is about over, so we are expecting the return of our junior shooters for Tuesday evenings. We haven't seen some of our regular shooters all summer!

## 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.

## CARETAKERS REPORT

Doug Shellenberger

We have our repaired mower back from Jennings, just in time to mow what is left of the weeds. We had to do some in-house repairs on our other mower. The deck had rusted thru next to one of the support bolts. After a little fiddling with it, it is back in service.

Looks like we have some squatters just outside the east perimeter fence and whoever it is, they are generating a ton of trash. They are on State land, but as in the past, it will be our responsibility to clean up after them when they leave. The trash is really piling up along our fence bordering 176<sup>th</sup> as well. We will be going up there soon to clean up the area.

## 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.

## PISTOL TRAIL FROLIC

Eric Burkhead

Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am will see a unique monthly shoot by the Paul Bunyan Plainsmen! The Plainsmen typically shoot flintlock and caplock rifles, which they will leave hanging above the fireplace this month in favor of their single shot pistols.

The complete match will be dedicated to the Black Powder Pistol Trail, which starts on the far side of the shotgun range and meanders through the woods. The Trail will be in tip-top condition for fall and will sport a number of new and interesting metal gong targets.

We encourage club members and their guests to join us for this special shoot. You can come as an observer, a shooter or just to try your hand with a pistol and supplies provided by trail regulars. All are welcome! Hope to see you there!!!



## Those Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer

by Mike Moran

The “heat advisory” by the weather app might have been a little much, but it was a bright, warm, sunny day when we gathered for the monthly Paul Bunyan Plainsmen shoot. The grass was dry as we set up the targets and got the match started. Since it was such a nice day, we held the shooter’s meeting on the firing line.

The course of fire was rather simple, with three gongs and a paper target. The title of this story was picked specifically, and the lazy refers to the fact that we used the same gongs and frames from the Youth Day shoot the previous day. The rabbit, circle, and steer head gong were placed out at 50 yards, and each shooter would take two shots at each, with 10 points awarded for each hit. Then there were 10 shots taken at the double bullseye buffalo target which was placed out at 30 yards (just in front of the first berm). The usual



Ten shots on the buffalo. All these counted for score.

he could only shoot the gongs. To make up for it, he also dry-balled. Eric shot his paper target after all the others had finished and we cleared the range. Darrell Behounek encountered some percussion cap problems, which is quite common and he got a lot of help to diagnose what went wrong, but he couldn’t get it fixed so he turned in his score card. He still did well with the ones he did shoot.



primitive attire bonus points were awarded if applicable.

Paul Evans and Mike Barr load 'em up. Hazy refers to a couple of incidents which are not too unusual when muzzleloaders gather to have fun. Jerry Mayo started setting up and realized he brought .45 cal round ball for his .40 cal rifle, so he opted not to shoot. Eric Burkhead had the right ammunition, but in all the BS-ing right before the shooters meeting, he forgot to post his target downrange so when we called the range hot,



Those gongs are out at 50 yards



Chip Kormas hits one of the gongs



Mark Merwin hits the other

We all thought we were crazy when we saw Chip Kormas show up at the range. He's been pulling a lot of extra hours at the VA since they are short staffed, and has had to miss quite a few events, but he's down to just four months before retirement and then will get a chance to participate more. Chip obviously didn't forget how to shoot as he took the top spot in the match with a 153-X. He was followed by Lawrence Saltarelli at 143-3X and Bob DeLisle rounding out the top three positions with a score of 140. Congratulations gentlemen!

Our next match will be September 28<sup>th</sup> and will be a pistol shoot on the pistol trail. Hope to see everyone there.

153-X Chip Kormas  
 143-3X Lawrence Saltarelli  
 140 Bob DeLisle  
 138 Mike Moran  
 132-X Mark Merwin  
 77-X Darrell Behounek  
 40 Mat Clark

121 Mike Holeman  
 114-X Mike Nesbitt  
 111 Cody Mehr  
 97 Paul Evans  
 96 Mike Barr  
 77 Eric Burkhead