

## The Bull Sheet

Paul Bunyan Rifle and Sportsman's Club Established 1945

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#### **APRIL MEETING NOTES**

The general and board of directors' meetings for May will be postponed one week, to May 30, due to the annual muzzleloader rendezvous.

We will be hosting the Mt. Tahoma 80 shot 3-position high power rifle match on Saturday May 4th. See the match bulletin on our website by clicking <u>here</u>. Later in the month, we will be hosting the Washington State High Power Rifle Championships May 31<sup>st</sup>-June 1<sup>st</sup>. Click <u>here</u> for more information.

The annual muzzleloader rendezvous will be held over the Memorial Day weekend. This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the event. Due to range closures over that weekend, please check the club calendar for range availability before coming to the range.

Our Thursday range maintenance schedule has been modified. This summer, 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.

The Colorado Gun Collectors Association (CGCA) will be holding their 59<sup>th</sup> 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 two free passes left if you are interested in attending, contact me here.

The Women's Primitive Skills will be held on the shotgun range all day May 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> and on the rifle range May 17<sup>th</sup>, 7am to 10am.

## 2025 BULLSEYE SHOOTING AND ADVANCED PISTOL MARKSMANSHIP

Dennis Wilcox

Paul Bunyan will host a Bullseye Shooting & Advanced Pistol Marksmanship Clinic on Saturday June 14, 2025 from 9AM to 1PM. This class will provide pistol marksmanship training beyond that which is provided in an NRA Basic Pistol Course. It will introduce pistol shooters to the course of fire and rules for NRA precision pistol "Bullseye" competition. It will also prepare participants for the summer pistol league. Classroom instruction will be followed by live-fire practice.

Advance registration is required. E-mail your request to Dennis Wilcox (spindleblaster@msn.com). Please include following information: Name, phone number, shooting experience, and model & caliber of the pistol you plan to bring (a .22 caliber pistol is recommended but not required). This is a free training class. Class size is limited to 22 participants.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

The club would like to welcome the 24 new members for May. Allison Combs, Kevin Gaughan, Craig Hooper, Steven Cole, Daniel Lebert, David Perkins, Denise Baker-Pekins, Robert Johnston, Nathan Kleber, Paul Bobbitt, Don Johnson, Adam Loss, Angela Tice, Tad Greene, CathyRaye Hyland, Timothy Smith, Mickey Lane, Gerardo Cuevas, Jim Duffy, Martin Dickson, Corey Chantry, Michelle Chantry, Walter Kaemerer and Sam Lorenz were all voted into the club at the general meeting. Welcome to all. Club membership for 2025 now stands at 1292 members.

### PAUL BUNYAN and TAKING THE SHOT

Lynn White

This is the time of year that hunters are preparing to renew their hunting license and tags. The old year with all its game harvest successes and for those who, as my wife says, "Only take their gun for a walk in the woods," are geared up for new season possibilities, are you ready to take the shot?

Deciding to pull the trigger is the responsibility ultimately of one person. The trigger puller. It's okay for dad or grampa to stop you from pulling the trigger if the conditions are all wrong. However, you and you alone have total control over if or when you pull the trigger. Kids its important that you show respect for your parents or other people that may be taking you hunting, but if you feel that pulling the trigger could cause you to take an unsafe shot, say, "It's not safe, I can't shoot."

So let's get into some safety reminders for taking the shot:

Decide whether or not if you have a proper backstop behind the deer: Most hunters know that any high-powered rifle can shoot 3-5 miles. If you shoot a deer standing broadside, the bullet is going to pass through the animal and travel until a backstop keeps the projectile from going any further. A backstop is something that stops the bullet.

Do not take the shot if you cannot see what lies beyond the target: If your supposed backstop is a patch of woods that may be sufficient. However, if there's a cabin 50 yards inside the wood line, you could have a life altering problem if the bullet isn't stopped by what you thought was a proper backstop. It's better to be safe than sorry.

Never shoot at a skylined animal: Animals that run across a ridge on top of a hill presents a visible target but it is too dangerous to shoot. Shooting up at a 45-degree angle could send the bullet for miles, especially if you miss the animal. Where it stops nobody knows until it is too late. Don't shoot over hills.

Never shoot at an animal that is out of your maximum range: To take a long shot you have not practiced, runs the risk that you could wound the animal and cause it much suffering or a painful death. We try to be one shot one kill hunters.

Make certain you have positively identified your target: People have been mistaken for game animals because someone did not take the time or have sufficient field skills to identify the animal. Don't let that shooter be you.

**AS ALWAYS – STAY SAFE** 

### AIRGUN RANGE OPEN HOUSE

We will have our 10-meter airgun range open a few weekend days this summer for airgun shooters and those who are curious about the sport. Olympic-style precision airgun shooting, either rifle or pistol, is one of the most demanding of the shooting sports, with the X ring on the rifle target being about the size of the period at the end of this sentence. Low "ammunition" cost, virtually no noise or recoil, no reloading or extensive gun cleaning, and the ability to shoot both rifles and pistols at the same distance in our climate-controlled range make it a very attractive shooting option. Our range has a .177 pellet velocity limit of 600fps, so many of the less expensive, more commonly available guns must be shot on the pistol or rifle range. We do have a chronograph on site to check velocities. Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup>, Saturday July 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday August 24th, all dates 9am to 2pm. If you are curious about the sport but don't have a gun, we have some to loan while shooting on the range. We invite all members to come and check out air rifle and pistol shooting. If you have questions, contact us here.

### **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)

Jackie Russo

### April's Foolish Match

When the weather warms with trees and shrubbery of Paul Bunyan's Action Bays blossom, there's no doubt spring has arrived along with fun times with a little pistol shooting for ASI.

With 72 shooters and 6 Stages of Foolish Fun this match was deemed a success. Fan favorites included "In a Pickle" with the start position holding a badminton racket (Ok – it was the closest we could get for a representation pickle ball racket from the vast closet of ASI/IDPA's prop inventory) and at signal, drop it, turning and retrieving firearm from atop a table and engaging targets with 2 rounds each. "Just Trying to Get Home" was a low-ready start with an array of targets available in the open and behind cover. The other 4 stages featuring 8 – 12 round stages with fun stage designs.

At our matches, we strive to keep target arrays interesting and challenging for both new and experienced shooters. ASI start positions are noted to be designed for either table top, meaning the firearm is placed on surface such as an upright barrel or an actual table, or held at the low-ready. Holster draws are allowed with permission from the squad Range Officer. Recently, ASI Match Director Joey Russo has prohibited P320s / M18s and M17s from drawing from the holster at Paul Bunyan.

Early warning! Our May match will have 6 police - themed stages, recognizing National Police Week, May 15-21. Shooters will have the opportunity to be 'badged' as a deputy or an officer at check-in. Stages will include 'clearing' a bay while holding a flashlight; delivering a box of donuts (no stereotyping, right?) start position shooting while handcuffed (don't how this happened) or seated at an MDT-a simulation of working on reports in the patrol car, plus several intriguing scenarios. Spots are still available pre-register on www.practiscore.com Search for us under ASI at Paul Bunyan. Remember, match fees are always \$20 for Paul Bunyan members.



In March, ASI, IDPA and USPSA joined together to spruce up, organize and repair items in the Action Bays. Many hands made light work and we left the area much tidier than before. Another opportunity is available to put the finishing touches on the Bays. June 29<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) we welcome those who want to assist. Bring your work gloves, hat and sunscreen (yes, we are optimistic for a cloudless day) for a few hours or the day. Meet around 9-ish.

# CAST BULLET ASSOCIATION (CBA) MILITARY MATCH RESULTS

Al Richardson April 12, 2025

Here are the results of April's CBA military match. Cool but pleasant weather for a nice change. Ron Heilman returns to his winning ways with a very nice 392-11X. Nice shootin Ron. Our next match will be Saturday May 10th.

NAME	CLASS	100yd	200yd	Grand Agg
Ron Heilman	ms	197-4X	195-7x	392=11x
John Schauf	ms	197-11x	184-2x	381-13x
Steve Conner	ms	186-4x	194-5x	380-9x
Doug Shellenberger	ms	192-5x	182-3x	374-8x
Bill Ellingson	ms	186-5x	175-0x	361-5x
Ron Yatso	ms	93-2x	195-5x	288-7x
Matt Hyner	iss	179-1x	186-0x	365-1x
Joe Reno	iss	184-4x	175-3x	359-7x
Al Richardson	iss	192-2x	dnf	192-2x

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

### CAST BULLET BENCHREST RIFLE RESULTS

John Schauf April 24

results Here the today's are from match. We had a decent turn out with 11 shooters, but 2 dropped out with equipment issues. Alice Gardner was the Pro winner with a score of 326- 0X. Nice shooting Alice. Yours truly was the plain base winner with a score of 387-9X besting Ron Yatso's score of 387-3X. Better luck next time Ron. You will notice we only used one record target at each distance. This saves time and target changes. Our next match will be Thursday May 15th.

NAME	CLASS	100yd	200yd	Grand Agg
Schauf, John	PBB	193-3x	194-6x	387-9x
Yatso, Ron	PBB	195-2x	192-1x	387-3x
Hewitt, Jack	PBB	184-2x	188-0x	372-2x
Richardson, Al	PBB	182-0x	185-2x	367-2x
Bill Ellingson	PBB	190-6x	175-1x	365-7x
Hyett, Bud	PBB	186-1x	164-2x	350-3x
Gardiner, Alice	PRO	179-0	147-0	326-0
Shellenberger, Doug	PRO	177-9	132-0x	309-0x
Reno, Joe	PRO	152-0x	120-0x	272-0x

PBB=plain base (no gas check) cast bullets fired in breech seater rifles

PRO=commercial factory production rifles

Heavy=modified rifles weighing up to 14lbs

### **IHMSA PISTOL SILHOUETTE**

April 5, 2025 Bret Stuntebeck

We put 23 entries across the line this month. It was cold when I got to the range with temps around 37 degrees but warmed into the mid 60's by the end of the match. We had 2 new shooters this month. Bobby Brown Sr and his son Bobby Brown Jr. Hopefully they will catch the bug and come back and shoot with us. On to the results of the match.

One 40 this month shot by Steve Parsons with a UAS-Int, 40. I posted a U-Int, 38 followed by Bobby Brown Sr posting a U-Unc, 17 and Bobby Brown Jr with a U-Unc, 12. Joe Stumpf posted a R-AA, 20. Joe also Posted a UASHS-AAA, 28. Again, Steve Parsons took top honors in UAS-Int followed by Joe Stumpf, Jim Harris, Ron Craig and Steve Bishop. Richard Nicol posted a UAS-AAA, 37

In Smallbore, I posted a U-AAA, 37. Ron Craig posted a UAS-AA, 30. Steve Bishop posted a P-AAA, 29. Nicholas Papagalos posted a US-AA, 13.

In Field Pistol, Nicholas Papagolas posted a PAS-AA, 20. I posted a PAS-AAA, 19. Steve Parsons with a PAS-AA, 16 and a P-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.

ВВ	SHOOTER	FIREARM	SCORE
R-AA	Joe Stumpf, R	FA: 357MAG	20
S-AAA	Michael Averre	MER: 357MAG	12
U-INT	Bret Stuntebeck	XP-100: 6TCU	38
-AAA	Michael Averre	XP-100: 7X47	34
-C	Bobby Brown, Sr	XP-100: 7BR	17
-	Bobby Brown, Jr)	XP-100: 7BR	12
UAS-INT	Steve Parsons	XP-100: 7BR	40
-	Joe Stumpf, R	XP-100: 7TCU	38
-	Jim Harris	RAMPRO:6.5BR	37
-AAA	Richard Nicol	TC: 357MAG	37
SB	SHOOTER	FIREARM	SCORE
P-AAA	Steve Bishop	RUGER: 22 LR	29
U-AAA	Bret Stuntebeck	ANS: 22 LR	37
UAS-AA	Ron Craig	CHARGER:22LR	30
US-AA	Nicholas Papagalos	TC: 22 LR	13
FP	SHOOTER	FIREARM	SCORE
P-AA	Steve Parsons	TC: 22H	13
PAS-AAA	Bret Stuntebeck	TC: 270REN	19
-AA	Nicholas Papagalos	CHARGER:22	30
-AA	Nicholas Papagalos	TC: 22H	20
-	Steve Parsons	TC: 270REN	16
HS	SHOOTER	FIREARM	SCORE
UASHS-AAA	Joe Stumpf, R	XP-100: 7INT	28

### **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 negotiable), operate the automated trap thrower, and assist members with their shotgun techniques. Contact a board member or email us <a href="https://example.com/here-for-details">here-for-details</a>.

### **JUNIORS**

Cody Lovelace

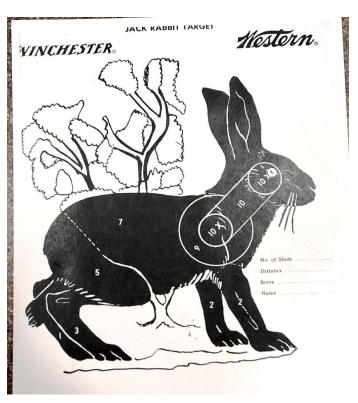
We hosted our annual Phyllis Cline smallbore match this weekend. We had 14 shooters show up for the match. This event is actually two matches, a 3-position match and a prone only match. Arkin Arranza took first place honors with a very nice 1111-26X in the three-position match and 574-18X in the prone only match. In the three-position match, any score over 1100 is considered to be some very good shooting. Congratulations to Arkin.

In an unfortunate turn of events, Arkin Arranza, who had earned an invite to compete in the Junior Nationals airgun match in Talladega, Alabama was unable to participate due to a death in his family.

### **BUNNIES AND EGGS**

Mike Moran

Oh, what a wonderful day for a shoot. I didn't even have to wear my coat as the sun was shining and there was only a slight breeze as we took our places on the firing line. The sun made it easy to see the targets, which would be important after Dwayne Anderson explained the course of fire to us. It was a challenging match, and a good practice for our rendezvous coming up at the end of May.



The match consisted of a combination of targets. There was a bunny paper target, with scoring rings that would allow for a score of 50, and an easter egg paper target, also with a possible 50 points (hit the flowers on the egg and score 10 points, anywhere else on the egg was 5 points). These were shot at 35 yards, a little farther than we normally do, and 5 shots at each target.

In the middle of the range were Peeps hanging from strings at 15 yards. You had 5 shots to hit one. If you hit on the first shot, you scored 25 points, but for each shot after the point value decreased by 5 points. Last, there was a gopher and a rabbit gong set up at 25 yards. Picking either one, you got five shots at five points apiece, for a possible 25 points, or a grand total of 150 points. Just to make things interesting, Dwayne said the animal gongs were to simulate a hunting situation, so instead of bright white, they were painted in muted browns and tans, which blended in well with the berms behind them. This was also good practice for the rendezvous, as you might see more of this kind of target on the rifle line.

Shooting with us today were two new shooters, Megan Evans and Katie Harmon. Megan's husband Paul is one of the videographers who have been making and posting our event videos on their YouTube channel. Today he was pressed into service loading and coaching, and he got a good workout. The ladies had fun and will be coming back to shoot next month. Paul went home and had a well-deserved beer.

Bob DeLisle was our top shooter this month (again) with a score of 133-X out of 150. Good shooting Bob! Following him was Mike Holeman with 125 and Mark Merwin at 119 to round out the top three positions. We won't need to worry about competing against Mike Holeman at the Rendezvous, as he and Debbie will be road tripping up to Alaska.

Our next events are Women's Primitive Skills May 14-16 and the Rendezvous May 23-26. We won't have a regular club shoot or the Black Powder Pistol trail this month. We start setting up for both events the Wednesday prior so if you are available, please come out and help. Keep your powder dry!



133-X Bob DeLisle 125 Mike Holeman 119 Mark Merwin 116-2X Mike Nesbitt 112-X Mike Moran 111-X Cody Mehr 106 Doug Dickman 89 Frank Haggard

84 Allen Tresch 82 Terry Pratt 71 Dan Albro 42 Darrell Behounek 37 Matt Clark 15 Megan Evans

10 Katie Harmon

## THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY RENDEZVOUS

What is a rendezvous? The fur trade spanned the width of the continent and Europeans were trading with the local tribes and sending furs back from the colonies almost as soon as they arrived here. In 1825 William Ashley hit upon a new strategy, he would send American trappers to trap in the Rocky Mountains and meet them in the summer at a designated spot with supplies and trade goods. This would become a three-week event with American trappers, Hudson's Bay Company trappers, and local Indians meeting for fun and frolic. The rendezvous period lasted for 15 years before other economic factors changed the market for furs, but it is celebrated to this day with our Paul Bunyan Rendezvous.

The Plainsmen, the muzzleloading group at Paul Bunyan, began in 1975, 150 years after the original rendezvous. This will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the Plainsmen, and it is fitting that

it lines up on the bicentennial of the original event. Making this extra special is the fact that Jim Hillberg, one of our shooters, has participated in 49 of the 50 rendezvous we've had.

The Rendezvous happens over Memorial Day weekend from 23-26 May. In addition to muzzleloading rifle and pistol shooting, we have primitive archery, knife and tomahawk throwing, and firemaking contests. Traders, or vendors, are on site to set you up with supplies, and most people camp on site, either in our primitive camp on the Shotgun Range or at the south end for RVs and trailers. Visitors are welcome, and we encourage the other Paul Bunyan club members to come take a look at what we do. There is a schedule of events on the "Upcoming Events" page of PBRSC website.

#### **BUFFALO CAMP**

Buffalo hunters, grab your guns and load your wagons and meet us at Buffalo Camp in Capitol City. It's coming up on the third weekend of May and will be another great event. Here are a few things to be aware of before you head out. Thursday, the club will be available for camp set up. Friday morning will be a work party from 9 am-noon to paint targets and brush out trails. Bring your favorite implements of destruction and your work gloves. After lunch, the Black Powder Range and the High-Power Range will be available for practice. Friday afternoon will start registration in camp. At registration you'll be assigned a starting relay and firing point for the Little Quigley match, which should ease the commotion at the start. There will be three relays, and you'll be able to select which point and which relay you'd like, based on a first-come, firstserved basis. So, if you want to partner up with a spotter you can do that Friday during registration. Saturday at 0900, registration will move to the High-Power Range to get any last-minute entrants then the Little Quigley match will start at 0930. In the afternoon, the Black Powder Trail will be open for the Meat Hunt and the Pistol Trail until 5 pm. Dinner that night is the burger feed in camp, followed by "The Last Hunt" with Stewart Granger as the movie. Sunday morning you'll have another chance at the trails, but all scorecards must be in by 11am. The awards will start at noon. See you there!