



The Bull Sheet

Paul Bunyan Rifle and Sportsman's Club

Puyallup, WA

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SEPTEMBER MEETING NOTES

If you are a match director or chairperson who needs to put an entry on the calendar or submit a budget request for 2025, now is the time to send in the request. Requests are due by November 1st. Send the calendar information to Vice President Mike Moran by clicking [here](#), and the budget requests to Treasurer Bob Wendt by clicking [here](#). We will be finalizing these items at the November and December board meetings.

Those who plan on running for a club office are invited to submit a short (about 2-3 paragraphs) biography to be included in the December BullSheet. The biographies must be received by the November 22nd board meeting.

With the passing of Rich Pogue, Eric Burkhead has volunteered to be the match director for the Black Powder Pistol Trail. Eric has been instrumental on trail development and shotgun shack improvements.

Doug Nash announced that the high-power rifle season is almost over for 2024 with only the Toys-for-Tots match in December remaining on the schedule.

Bill Ellingson has volunteered to be the new orientation chairman. Bill has been a club member for many years and has lots of experience in many aspects of club operations.

The club would like to thank member Scott Fenimore for the generous donation of wood that we can use to build target frames. Scott operates [Creative Inventory](#) sawmill near Orting and often has wood that is not suitable for him to sell, but will work great for our target frames. With as many frame that we use every year, the wood will come in handy, saving us a lot of money.

WORK PARTY

We will be holding a work party (our first general work party in several years) to split firewood for use in our rifle range stoves Saturday October 19th, 9am to noon. At the present time, we don't have enough split wood to carry us thru the winter. If you can spare some time, please join us. We would appreciate your help.

NOMINATIONS FOR CLUB OFFICERS

Mike Moran

Elections for next year's club officers will be coming up in December, and we are always encouraging members to get involved in running the club. If you'd like to find out more about it, the position descriptions are listed in the Paul Bunyan Constitution (click [here](#)), or you can contact one of the current board members. We will call for nominations in November. Are you ready to throw your name in the hat?

JUNIOR REPORT

Doug Shellenberger

We have moved back to the pistol shed for our Tuesday evening practice sessions, freeing up the rifle range for member use.

The Fall Schutzenfest 3-position smallbore rifle match was held at Tacoma Rifle and Revolver Club on September 7th. PBRSC junior shooter Arkin Arranza came out as the top shooter in the sub-junior class. Former PBRSC junior club member Alec Patajo was the overall match winner. You can view the match results on the Orion website by clicking [here](#).

IN PASSING: RICH POGUE

Jan 7, 1946-Sept 17, 2024

Eric Burkhead

With sadness we must report that Paul Bunyan member Rich Pogue has passed on to that final Great Rendezvous.

For the past two years, Rich has spearheaded the development of the Black Powder Pistol Trail at Paul Bunyan, including a remodel of the Shotgun Shed.

Rich has been an active participant of black powder muzzle loading shooting since the late 1980's, and competed in many rendezvous with his son Scott. He was a founding member of the Washington Gunmakers Guild, built a number of classic long rifles, and patiently coached students to build their own.

Rich was a scientific shooter and was meticulous in developing loads and methods which won him many matches—and he graciously shared this knowledge with his fellow shooters. He was especially generous with new shooters, offering advice and gear to get them started on the right path.



Rich excelled in many diverse areas. He was a mechanical engineer with several university degrees, and provided this expertise with the building of nuclear plants in Kansas, Texas, Massachusetts and at Satsop. He also did aeronautical engineering for Boeing.

In addition to his technical achievements, Rich was an accomplished guitarist and singer. He took a break from shooting to ride the Seattle-to-Portland (the STP is 205 miles)

bicycle tour in his late 60's! Rich was an avid historian of the Colonial and fur trade eras. He enjoyed visiting many historical sites with his grandchildren.

Rich Pogue is survived by his two sons, Corey and Scott, five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

We will miss Rich.

A FULL LINE FOR PISTOL LEAGUE

On the second evening of the Mt. Rainier pistol league (Sept 26), we had 23 shooters show up to shoot the first relay. This is the first time, since at least 1995, that anyone can remember of us having more shooters than available bays for a league night.



Getting ready for the first slow fire match



Something we don't often see: every target position filled

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.

BLACK POWDER PISTOL TRAIL

Eric Burkhead

Here is hoping that October will provide as many fine days for shooting on the Paul Bunyan ranges as we have experienced this September!!!

Shooting has been limited on the Black Powder Pistol Trail while the stalwarts of the trail development team temporarily traded their pistols for hammers, saws and paint brushes. The faces of the Shotgun Shed and the trap house are now covered with a fresh coat of forest green paint—perhaps the first facelift in 50 years.



Before painting



After painting

A break was taken to try out the newly-installed barbeque grill- thanks to donor Dave Farrow and Chef Darien Martin.

All PB members are welcome to try out the Trail on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 1pm and the 2nd Sunday from 10am to 2pm. Regulars will gladly provide pistols, powder and ball to first-time shooters (and even clean the firesticks afterwards!).

UPCOMING BULLSEYE MATCH

The last bullseye pistol match of the year will be Saturday October 19th. This is a 2-gun match: 90 shots with a .22 and 90 shots centerfire. This is a "short course" match with all firing at 25 yards. There is typically enough space available on the firing line to accommodate anyone that wants to fire only the .22 or CF portion of the match. Click [here](#) for the match bulletin. E-mail advanced entries to Dennis Wilcox at spindleblaster@msn.com.

M1-M1A-M1 CARBINE MATCH

On Saturday November 16th, Paul Bunyan will host a "Little Gun / Big Gun" match on the rifle range. M1 Carbines are the Little Guns while M1Garands, M1A's and 1903 Springfields are the Big Guns. The Big Guns will be shot at 200 yards using the electronic scoring targets, and the carbines will be shot at 100 yards. The cost of the match will be \$15 for club members and \$20 for non-members. M80 or 7.62x51 ball ammunition for the Garands/M1As/Springfields will be provided by the club. Shooters need to bring their own factory (no reloads) Carbine ammo. Course of Fire: Up to 5 sighter shots and 10 record shots from the bench, 10 rounds standing and 10 rounds sling supported (Prone/Sitting or Kneeling) with each gun. 60 shots total + sighters.

For those members who do not have a Big Gun we have a few M1Garands to loan out for the match (arrange with Bob Wendt or Doug Nash prior to the match). If you do not have a carbine you may share with another shooter.

Sign-in starts at 9am with first shots downrange at 10am. Positions 1-15 on the rifle range will remain open for general member use during the match.

OPEN POSITIONS

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 [here](#) for details.

PISTOL SILHOUETTE IS STILL LOOKING FOR A TARGET SETTER

The pistol silhouette shooters are looking for a target setter. The matches are held on the first Saturday of most months (see club calendar). Would prefer 15 to 16 age-wise but a year or so either way will work. On average they will make around \$110.00 for the day. Get in touch with match director Bret Stuntebeck at 253-863-7315.

AIRGUN RANGE SEASON

Al Richardson

We will have the airgun range open for casual shooting starting October 23rd at 6pm, shooting on alternating Wednesday evenings thru April (check the club calendar). This is a chance for those who like to shoot airgun, or are curious about it, to get some trigger time in our warm upstairs airgun range. This is just casual shooting from the bench, standing or prone positions. The range is open to air rifle and pistols with a velocity of less than 650fps for a .177 pellet. If you would like to give airgun shooting a try but don't have a gun, no problem. The club has a few guns for members to use. Please bring eye protection. If you would like more information, call me or send an email [here](#).

CARETAKERS REPORT

Doug Shellenberger

We have been busy splitting wood for use in our stoves this winter. We are behind schedule and don't have enough split to carry us thru the winter, so we will be holding a work party on October 19 (see article). Darrell Behounek has been working to set up suitable shelter for the wood to keep it dry.

We have two dead trees that will need to be cut down, one of which will be difficult due to its location. We are in contact with a logger to have them cut down.

We have moved back to the winter range maintenance schedule. All ranges are now closed for maintenance Thursday afternoons from 1pm to 4pm. Along with the other maintenance chores we tackle on Thursdays, we also build and repair target

frames. With as much use as the range gets, the frames don't last very long. If you can spare a couple of hours on a Thursday afternoon to help out, we could put you to work. Just show up around 1pm on Thursday and ask for Darrell or Brad.

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.



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.

RANGE OFFICERS NEEDED

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.

ACTION SHOOTING INTERNATIONAL (ASI) ACTIVITIES

Jackie Russo

As we wrap up 2024, our thoughts turn toward promoting the remaining ASI matches for the year. If you are considering advancing from static to moving and shooting, or getting some extra trigger time as a more advanced competitor, please join us for one or all of these matches.

October 5th is our annual Senior Classic, where those over 50 are celebrated with AARP themed stages with awards presented in 3 age related categories, including Most Accurate, High Military/Veteran, High Lady, High Law Enforcement, and Active & Retired. All ages are welcomed – but no PCC for this one.

Happy note: for those over 50, we will award High Whippersnapper with a beautiful and classic trophy.

Pre-registration is appreciated on www.practiscore.com. Find us under Matches at: *ASI at Paul Bunyan*. Walk-ons are welcome. First ASI match at Paul Bunyan? New Shooter Orientation at 8:30 in Bay 1 on the day of the match.

For those interested in learning more of ASI's The Senior Classic, checkout the on-line February issue of The Blue Press catalogue on page 22 for a review of 2023's match by clicking [here](#).

November 2nd is our regularly scheduled ASI match, with 6 stages pulled from the vast ASI library. Pre-registration opens Sept. 29th. December at Paul Bunyan features Pierce County's *Toys 4 Tots Toy Drive*. Many of our Shooting Sport Cousins promote this long-time charity here at the range. In our 5th year, we are doing something special and hosting, "*It's a PCC Christmas*" for our *Toys 4 Tots* toy drive on Sunday, December 1st, Thanksgiving weekend. This match embraces the PCC and stages will reflect, not only a winter-themes, but offer a variety of steel and some modestly distanced paper targets. Of course, pistols are always welcome and pre-registration is always appreciated. For the Toy Drive, in lieu of a range fee, bring a new and unwrapped toy or a cash

donation. All donations are given to Pierce County's Toys 4 Tots chapter and stays in the community.

As a side note, International Defensive Pistol Association's (IDPA) Toy Drive match is Saturday, November 23rd. Match Director and PBRSC Board Member Birney Oxford asks for participants to bring a new, unwrapped toy or cash donations in lieu of range fees for this match.

And finally, ASI's September match over 60 participants enjoyed 6 stages of ASI shooting fun. Here's a few images capturing it!



Could they put any more obstacles in front of the targets??



That's more like it!!