



The Bull Sheet

Paul Bunyan Rifle and Sportsman's Club

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DECEMBER MEETING NOTES

Bob Wendt announced that the 50' smallbore winter league starts in the pistol shed Monday January 5th with a practice match. We shoot NRA 4-position (prone, sitting, kneeling, standing) or benchrest only, 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.

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.

Since our office is not manned, all callers who leave a voice mail on the club's main line will receive a call back the following day. If you need a quicker response, get in touch with the appropriate match director or committee chairman. You can find their contact information on the back of the printed BullSheet or on our [website](#).

Dennis Wilcox has released the training schedule for 2026. He will be holding metallic cartridge reloading course January 17-18, beginning pistol shooting classes March 28-29 and April 25-26, and a beginning bullseye shooting class in June 13th. Go to our web page training tab [here](#) for more details. These classes fill up quickly, so send in your registration soon.

The rifle range rules have been reviewed and updated. Range rules can be found on our website under the rules tab by clicking [here](#).

Joe Lewis from [Black Diamond Gun Club](#) sent us information on the upcoming 2026 legislative session regarding our gun rights. There are several bills that will be impacting gun owners, so we need to stay informed. Visit our website [here](#) for more information.

ELECTION RESULTS

We held our annual election at the general meeting. All incumbents were reelected for 2026. Director Ken Swasey received the most votes for a director, so he will serve a two-year term. The officers and directors will be sworn into office at the January general meeting.

CARETAKERS REPORT

Doug Shellenberger

The past wind storm resulted in loss of power for two days and lots of branches down on the range. We lost the tops off a few trees near the 600 yard-line but we haven't seen any downed trees.

We have changed out the overhead lights in the pistol shed, upgrading from 8ft fluorescent fixtures to 4ft LED fixtures. We will upgrade the shotgun shed lights next.

Someone cut a hole in the west perimeter fence and proceeded to graffiti one of the Black Powder Pistol Trail props. We have patched the hole and will have it permanently fixed soon.

We are working on replacing the plywood face on the pistol range baffles. A lot of the plywood has disintegrated from being shot so many times. This project will take a few weeks to complete with most of the work being done during the Thursday range maintenance window.

ACTION SHOOTING INTERNATIONAL (ASI) RECAP

Jackie Russo

Action Shooting International's Toys for Tots Toy Drive is a Success!

"Do you see what I see? Do you see what I see?...A box – a box filled with many toys, waiting to bring lots of joy...waiting to bring lots of joy!"

For December 6th, it's a PCC-Friendly Christmas brought out over a dozen PCC players, joining 60 pistol shooters for this specialty match. Competitors were treated to 6 stages titled: *Reindeer Games, Mitten Mayhem, Evil Snowman Blizzard, Slippery Ski Slope and No Peeking* where each shooter was challenged to do their best in accurately defending innocent non-threat targets from looming threats. Were menacing snowman lurking nearby? Perhaps only a 'Frosty' one, but these veteran characters of several years of ASI and IDPA matches made it thru with nary a flake disturbed. As the match progressed, the Bays rang out with peals similar to clanging bells, ping*ping*ping*, as shooters engaged "*Frosty Plates*" stage with the plate rack, and several other stages with hanging steel and poppers.



DEC Frosty features Mike, Frosty, and Ben

Additionally, this match coincided with Paul Bunyan's annual Toys for Tots Toy Drive where, in lieu of match fees, participants could bring a new toy or make a cash donation. Both IDPA and ASI participated with collecting and spreading Christmas joy to Pierce County's children. To quote IDPA Chair Birney Oxford, "Every child deserves a gift under the Christmas tree." And indeed they will. Between both disciplines, IDPA and ASI collected boxes of wonderfully thoughtful items and nearly \$3000! A wonderful display of our shooting community generosity.



As ASI closes out 2025 and entering our 7th year at Paul Bunyan, we are making a few changes. We have moved away from paper waivers and are requiring all participants to register on www.practiscore.com and www.asi-usa.org to shoot our matches. Also, we will no longer allow walk-ons due to the constraints in the Stat Shack. Registering on-line allows more planning and adequate staffing and completion of liability waivers for each match. Most matches will be limited to 72 on-line registrants, but will employ a waitlist. Questions? Email me at paulbunyanasi@gmail.com.

We appreciate the continued support for ASI at Paul Bunyan. Action Shooting International is perfect for those looking to advance from static shooting to move and shoot. At a typical match, you can find folks shooting their carry guns, competition guns or PCCs. However, stages have table or low-ready starts (holster draw with the squad's Range Officer approval). Expect 10-18 round stages and bring at least 2 boxes of

ammo. New Shooter Orientation (NSO) is at 0845hrs in Bay 1. NSO is required if you are new to ASI.

Check out these YouTube video channels to get an idea of what an ASI match is typically like: [Joey Russo - Disabled Competitive Pistol Shooter - YouTube](#) and [ASI Match at Paul Bunyan 9-6-25 with the Springfield Armory Hellcat](#).

Our next match is January 3rd. Registration is open on Practiscore.

Our calendar is set for 2026 for the first Saturday of the month. There are a few where range scheduling conflicts and ASI will be rescheduled or cancelled. Please check the range on-line calendar or [www.PRACTISCORE.com](#) (find us by searching under *ASI at Paul Bunyan* under Matches or Club) prior to making a travel commitment to Paul Bunyan. Registration opens for matches 30-days prior.

IHMSA PISTOL SILHOUETTE

November 1, 2025

Bret Stuntebeck

We put 19 entries across the line this month. It was raining lightly when I got to the range with temps around 40 degrees but warmed into the mid 50's by the end of the match. On to the results of the match.

Only one 40 this month shot by Myself in UAS-Int. Steve Parsons posted a UASHS-AAA, 36. Steve Bishop posted a R-AAA, 16.

In Smallbore Nicholas Papagalos posted a US-AA, 10, Steve Bishop posted a UAS-AA, 36.

In Field Pistol Ron Craig posted a PAS-AA, 22 followed by Joe Stumpf with a PAS-AA, 16 and Nicholas Papagalos with a PAS-AA, 15. Joe Stumpf posted a P-AA, 8

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	RUGER: 357MAG	16
UAS-INT	Bret Stuntebeck	XP-100: 7BR	40
-AAA	Richard Nicol	TC: 30-30	36
US -AAA	Bret Stuntebeck	TC: 7TCU	20
-AA	Nicholas Papagalos (NRA)	TC: 223	14

HS	SHOOTER	FIREARM	SCORE
UASHS-INT	Jim Harris	XP-100:6.5TKS	23
-AAA	Steve Parsons	XP-100:7TCU	36
SB	SHOOTER	FIREARM	SCORE
P-AAA	Steve Bishop	RUGER: 22 LR	36
US-AA	Nicholas Papagalos (NRA)	TC: 22 LR	10
FP	SHOOTER	FIREARM	SCORE
P-AA	Joe Stumpf, R	TC: 22H	8
PAS-AAA	Bret Stuntebeck	TC: 270REN	22
-AA	Ron Craig)	TC: 22H	22
-	Nicholas Papagalos (NRA)	TC: 22H	15
FP AGG	Joe Stumpf, R	TC: 22H	10

2026 WINTER PISTOL LEAGUE

The Paul Bunyan 2026 Winter Pistol League begins January 22 and continues on Thursday evenings through March 26. This is a .22 rimfire pistol league, however an “any gun” class will be provided for those wishing to use a centerfire pistol instead. A “carry gun” class will also be provided with slow fire at 50 feet and timed / rapid at 7 yards. 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, revolver and/or iron sight categories may 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.

MEMBERSHIP

Cindy Thomas

The club does not hold a new member orientation in December. The 2026 membership now stands at 1137 paid members.

PAUL BUNYAN AND ELEVATED STANDS (part 2)

Lynn White

Last month we covered the essentials of the **Elevated Stand** and the **Fall Arrest System (FAS)**, which if properly set up, will prevent a person from falling. This issue will discuss the **guidelines** to safely use an elevated stand.

Now if I were a betting man, I would venture to guess that at least one of our Paul Bunyan members received an elevated tree stand for Christmas. If so, be sure you set up the tree stand according to the manufacturer's instructions. To use the stand before you understand how it properly functions could result in serious injury or death.

Always use a properly fitted FAS, which is designed for **your weight**, plus the weight of your gear. Now I know that some people are sensitive about their weight, and I want to be respectful of your feelings, but if you step on the bathroom scales and a little sign pops up which reads, "One Person at a Time Please," you know that you no longer fit in a medium FAS.

With a responsible adult present, (*who can pick up your body weight*), practice using your SAF and suspension relief strap on the ground before you hang it in a tree or other structure, determine that it is properly functioning. To protect yourself, always wear your FAS attached to the tree throughout your hunt.

In case of a fall, do the following:

- Do Not Panic. Your equipment will hold you if properly installed.
- Signal for help by blowing a whistle or shouting, especially if you are injured. A partner nearby with a two-way radio will bring help faster.
- Collect your wits and climb back on the platform as quickly as possible.
- Continue to use your signaling device to call for help, if you cannot make it back onto the platform.

Take actions to avoid suspension trauma if you have to wait for rescue. Suspension Trauma is when a hunter has fallen from the stand and can't get back on the platform, the straps around the legs begin to shut off the blood flow from the legs. The lack of blood flow can keep blood and

oxygen from going to the brain and other vital organs. Suspension Trauma can lead quickly to unconsciousness followed by death.

Next month, we'll cover what to do after a fall. **As Always – Be Safe !**

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. Please note that the Black Powder Pistol Trail will begin winter hours, starting November 1st. Standard hours and days will be reduced to the **second Sunday** of each month from 11:00am to 2:00pm. In addition, the 1st and 3rd Thursdays will be made available to PBRS members and their guests from 11:00am to 2:00pm—**by appointment**. Simply phone me at (253) 686-5438 for arrangements. Note that the Nitch has a cozy woodstove and the Trail is sheltered by the forest canopy. Come join us, beginning November 9th!

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

STORAGE BINS AVAILABLE

Our club continues to sell heavy duty storage bins for the benefit of Toys for Tots. We are asking \$2.00 apiece [or more if you want to contribute:). These bins are large (approximately 11"x11"x30") and stout, and sell commercially/industrially for over \$50.00 apiece. A few are usually stacked by the RSO shack on the rifle range, and as many as you might want are available. Just speak to Darrell if on duty, or phone Eric at (253) 686-5438 for pick up arrangements. Remember --- it's for the kids!



IHMSA PISTOL SILHOUETTE

December 6, 2025

Bret Stuntebeck

We put 17 entries across the line this month. It was overcast when I got to the range with temps around 45 degrees but warmed into the mid 50's by the end of the match. We got a few sun breaks as well as a few light showers.

We had one new to us returning shooter this month, Daniel Frazee. Daniel shot down at LASC but has been out of silhouette for approximately 20 years and is now living in Olympia and wanted to get back into it. We are always glad to get new shooters. On to the results of the match.

No 40's this month. Jim Harris had the high score of the match with a UAS-Int, 39. Jim also posted a UASHS-Int, 34. Steve Parsons posted a UAS-Int, 36 and a R-AAA, 24. Steve Bishop posted a U-AAA, 29 and a P-AAA, 27. Daniel Frazee posted a UAS-Unc, 36

In Smallbore Daniel Frazee posted a U-Unc, 23. I posted a US-AA, 22 followed by Ron Craig with a US-AA, 16 and Nicholas Papagalos with a US-AA, 15.

In Field Pistol, I posted a PAS-AAA 21 followed by Nicholas Papagalos with a PAS-AA 20, Ron Craig with a PAS-AA 16 and Joe Stumpf with a PAS-AA 13.

BB	SHOOTER	FIREARM	SCORE
P-AAA	Steve Bishop	ENCORE: 44MAG	27
R-AAA	Steve Parsons	FA: 41MAG	24
U-AAA	Steve Bishop	XP-100: 7TCU	29
UAS-INT	Jim Harris	XP-100: 6.5TKS	39
-	Steve Parsons	XP-100: 7TCU	36
-AA	Daniel Frazee (NRA)	TC: 308 Bellm	36
US-AAA	Bret Stuntebeck	TC: 7TCU	26
-AA	Nicholas Papagalos (NRA)	XP-100: 35REM	11
HS	SHOOTER	FIREARM	SCORE
UASHS-INT	Jim Harris	XP-100:6.5TKS	34
SB	SHOOTER	FIREARM	SCORE
U-B	Daniel Frazee (NRA)	Colt 22: 22 LR	23
US-AA	Bret Stuntebeck	RC: 22 LR	22
-	Nicholas Papagalos (NRA)	TC: 22 LR	15
-A	Ron Craig	TC: 22 LR	16
FP	SHOOTER	FIREARM	SCORE
PAS-AAA	Bret Stuntebeck	TC: 270REN	21
-AA	Nicholas Papagalos (NRA)	TC: 22H	20
-	Ron Craig	TC: 22H	16
-	Joe Stumpf, R	TC: 22H	13

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Until next time shoot straight and be safe.

FIREWOOD FOR SALE

We have firewood for sale at \$50 for a pick-up truck load (standard pickup bed filled to the bedrails). 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 if you are interested.

NRA BASIC METALLIC CARTRIDGE RELOADING COURSE

Dennis Wilcox

The Paul Bunyan Rifle & Sportsman's Club will host an NRA Basic Metallic Cartridge Reloading Course Saturday & Sunday January 17th & 18th, 2026. The two-day course will be taught by NRA Certified Instructors and will cover the fundamental safety rules for reloading, proper handling and storage of cartridge components, use of reloading manuals, set up and use of reloading equipment, proper techniques used to reload metallic cartridges, and more. This course consists of two mandatory sessions 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM each day.

Advance registration and deposit of course fee (\$35) are required. Class size is limited to 12 students. Membership in Paul Bunyan R&S Club and/or the NRA is not required in order to attend this course. Follow [this](#) link to begin registration for the course.

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.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

SHOOT

Mike Moran

"I'll go over the safety briefing, then our Booshway Chip will give us the course of fire. He really knows how to put the FUN in FUNdraising." Chip Kormas did not disappoint. It was a lot of fun, and **we muzzleloaders raised \$1,890.00** to add to the Paul Bunyan collective donation for Toys for Tots. That's about \$82 per shooter, plus toys. When Ryan Johnston from the Marine Corps League left the range, he had a **pickup truck full of toys and a check from Paul Bunyan for \$13,136.08**. What a gift we were able to give to the deserving families in the area, and especially this year with additional families in need due to our severe flooding.



Frank Gangle looks on while Frank Gangle shoots

How much fun? Chip had balloons out at 50 yards, and both large and small candy canes at 25 yards. The course of fire? Shoot as much as you could in 45 minutes. You could select whichever target you wanted, although the balloons were worth 5 points, the large candy canes 5 points and the small candy canes were 10 points. Not fun enough? Chip also had the "candy cane pistol", a hand-cannon with a wraparound handle that fired with the help of a small length of burning cannon fuse. Each person could try that one time, and if you hit the standing bear gong at 35 yards, it was 20 points. We also had points for primitive dress.

We had a couple of new shooters with us, namely James McDonald, Frank Gangle, and Frank Gangle. No, that's not a typo, it's a father/son team. It was Frank the Younger's first time shooting a muzzleloader and he was one of the few who hit the bear with the candy cane pistol.

In fact, we had 23 shooters in total, and it sure is nice to see our match attendance growing with new (and younger) faces. The top shooter this fine morning was Doug Dickman with a score of 143, whose strategy was hitting the small candy canes. Following him was Paul Evans at 135, also targeting the small candy canes. Lawrence Saltarelli split his shots between small candy canes and balloons and took third place with a score of 118. It's interesting to note that none of the top three hit the bear with the pistol for 20 points. The prizes for this shoot were wrapped at our Christmas party, so it was a blind luck choice picking one from under the tree.

To raise funds for this match, we ask for donations in lieu of a shooter's fee. We also had some very nice items to raffle off, at \$5 per raffle ticket. Dan Gaede won a western print donated by Frank Haggard and two S hooks made by Dwayne Anderson. Lilly Evans won one of Dwayne's hand forged trammels. Jim Haeckel won two powder measures, one he kept made by Dave Rase, the other he gave to Frank the Younger. Frank also ended up with a Steve Skillman powder horn, donated by Bob DeLisle and won by Mike Moran. Mike also won a Green River butcher knife with a sheath made by Jim Haeckel. To top it off, we had a mystery item, which was one of the wrapped prizes from last year. It was a small tent broom and Frank won that, too.

Paul Bunyan has been raising money for Toys for Tots for at least 20 years, and every year it seems the need gets greater. This year they are serving 1,575 families across the south sound. We are lucky we have so many generous folks in the Muzzleloading community to help this fine charity. It is great to be able to give back. Our next shoot will be Sunday, January 25th and will be the WSMA Silhouette Shoot. Please come join us.

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 support the junior program. You can reach Darrell at 253-267-5087.