



The Bull Sheet

Paul Bunyan Rifle and Sportsman's Club

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JANUARY MEETING NOTES

The swearing in of the 2025 club officers and directors and the presentation of the proposed 2025 budget was postponed until the February general meeting.

Dennis Wilcox has released the training schedule for 2025. He will be holding beginning pistol classes in March and April, and a beginning bullseye class in June. Go to our web page training tab [here](#) for more details. These classes fill up quickly, so send in your registration soon.

RANGE CLOSURE

We have hired a company to re-seal the rifle range roof joints. They are waiting for a few warm dry days so they can apply the sealant. The goal is to do the work on a Thursday during the range maintenance window so there will be no impact to members using the range. However, since warm dry days are hard to come by this time of year, we are at the mercy of the weather to get the project started. We will announce any necessary closures as we get them in the BullSheet and on our webpage, "latest club news" section.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Membership renewals are now overdue. Gate codes for those who have not renewed for 2025 have been disabled. To renew your club membership, get the form online 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](#).



PAUL BUNYAN BEGINNING PISTOL SHOOTING COURSE

The Paul Bunyan Rifle & Sportsman's Club will host a Beginning Pistol Shooting Course March 29 & 30. 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 spindleblaster@msn.com. 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.

CARETAKERS REPORT

Doug Shellenberger

A tree fell down on the west side of the property and of course, it fell right on the perimeter fence taking down two poles and about 40ft of fencing. We called in Rainier Fence to do the necessary repairs.

Darrell Behounek made temporary repairs to the fence in spots that have been cut by vandals on both the east and west side of the property. We are still trying to get a quote for the necessary repairs.

We have gathered the information requested by the American Tree Farm folks. We are in the process of arranging a meeting with them so we can reestablish our tree farm status.

ACTION SHOOTING INTERNATIONAL (ASI) UPDATES

Jackie Russo

Uncertain skies led to a mix of targets for our January match; a fun mix of standing steel and water resistive targets made for a quick 6 stage match ending just after the downpour commenced! Which brings a reminder –always be prepared for sudden, inclement weather.

Fifty-eight folks braved potential for fun in the damp or cold or both, competing in stages titled, “Protect Frosty”, “Break in the Snow Park” and a challenging, limited scoring (i.e., no make-up shots allowed), “An Abominable Stage” featuring 10 standing steel. Stages incorporated both table-top or low-ready starts, although drawing from the holster is allowed with prior approval from the squad’s Range Officer.



One perspective incorporated for our matches, are those shooters with limited abilities. Confined to a wheelchair, our stages are given a secondary review from our own ADA-“compliance officer”, Match Director Joey Russo. For an example of a recent match, click on the link [here](#) to view December’s “It’s a PCC Friendly Christmas Match”:

A tip o’ the hat to IDPA MD and Board Director Birney Oxford for advocating the upgraded Port-o-Potty at Bay 1 (IPSC range) for a roomier one. This will provide closer comfort for those needing the extra space without the arduous commute to the rifle bays.

Our next match is, Saturday, February 1st. Entering year six at Paul Bunyan, we believed it was high time we recognized those volunteers who sign-up to provide Range Officer coverage on their squad. Range Officers are more than

just scorers and arbitrators for the ASI Rulebook (recently updated☺), they oversee range safety and integrity. In appreciation, ASI Range Officers’ match fees are reduced to \$10 in observance of, “We Love Our Range Officers”, a Valentine Day – themed match.

Pre-registration is appreciated on www.practiscore.com –we do welcome walk-ons, too.



This month’s Dillon Precision’s catalog, The Blue Press, features a story about ASI’s Heavy Metal Match from last August. Take a read (find it on page 40) by clicking on the link [here](#).

Action Shooting International welcomes all levels of experienced safe shooters. Bring at least two boxes of ammo (most matches are 95-100 rds.), a .22 to .45 caliber handgun or PCC and ear—and eye protection. Guns maybe transported bay to bay in a holster or gun case. Two magazines and a mag pouch for facilitating mandatory mag changes is optimal. However, if you only have one mag just remove magazine and reinsert. Majority of stages are 12 rounds.

Questions about ASI? Go to the Paul Bunyan website [here](#) and find us under the tab **Pistol Shooting**.

JUNIORS

Doug Shellenberger

We received a request from the Spanaway High School ROTC coach to join our juniors on Tuesday evenings in the airgun range for some instruction and practice. They plan on bringing 6 shooters to practice with two of our juniors.

PAUL BUNYAN AND BASIC SHOOTING SKILLS

Lynn White

Each month I write about hunting and firearm safety. This time I would like to share some basic shooting skills right out of our Hunter Education Class. Good marksmanship and accuracy are essential skills that a hunter must know. Both require practice, thus increasing the odds of a clean humane one-shot kill of your game animal.

Marksmanship is the ability to consistently hit the target where you planned.

Accuracy is being consistently precise when making a shot.

Before you take that new gun to the range, be certain to read the manual to understand how the gun functions, how to safely load and unload the firearm, where the safety is located and how it operates. At Paul Bunyan, our safety range rules require that we always point the muzzle straight up when moving an uncased firearm. ALL FIREARM CASING AND UNCASING MUST BE DONE ON THE FIRING LINE, not the back bench. Once on the firing line, keep your muzzle pointed down range.

Taking That First Shot Requires Some Planning And Coordination:

Line the sights up on the target and focus.

Control your breathing. Taking a breath while pulling the trigger can throw the shot off. When you are ready to shoot, take a couple of clearing breaths and relax.

Just before you squeeze the trigger, take one last clearing breath and let it out slowly, then momentarily hold your breath. With your sights lined up, gently SQUEEZE the trigger. Don't slap or jerk the trigger. Say to yourself, "Squeeze, Squeeze, Squeeze as you put increasing pressure on the trigger. Let the shot surprise you.

Follow Through. After the gun fires, don't move for a few seconds.

Refreshing your understanding of the basic shooting skills should increase your accuracy. As Always - Stay Safe!!!

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.



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.

LEGISLATION

As expected with the new administration taking over in Olympia, gun owners are facing several anti-gun bills in the House and Senate. Restrictions on places where guns can be legally carried, permit requirements for firearm and ammunition purchases, additional firearm storage and insurance requirements, and additional waiting times for firearm and ammunition purchases are among the bills being circulated. More information on these bills can be found on the NRA-ILA website by clicking [here](#). There are also several YouTube links put out by gun-rights attorney William Kirk. He does a good job of explaining some of the proposed laws and, if they are passed, how us gun owners will be impacted. [Here](#) is a link to a video on HB1504 regarding gun owners' insurance. [Here](#) is another video on the proposed tax on guns and ammunition, HB1386.

IHMSA PISTOL SILHOUETTE

Bret Stuntebeck
January 4th, 2024

We put 18 entries across the line this month. It was raining when I got to the range with temps a balmy 41 degrees and rose to around 45 by the end of the match. The rain held off until about 12:30 and continued to around 3:00. At least it wasn't raining while we picked up the targets.

We had one new shooter this month. Gene Cullup came out to give our sport a try. I hope he enjoyed himself and returns to shoot with us. On to the results of the match.

No 40's this month. I posted U-Int, 39 followed by Steve Bishop with a U-AAA, 29 which included a twofer. He shot #4 turkey and hit it on the edge and the ricochet got number 5 too. Luckily #3 was standing so no need for an alibi shot. I figured out my last month's revolver sight setting error and managed a R-Int, 31. Pete Colley posted a R-A, 13. Nicholas Papagalos posted a US-AA, 11. Ron Craig posted a UAS, Int, 30.

In Smallbore, Ron Craig posted a UAS-AA, 36. Nicholas Papagalos posted a US-AA, 17. Joe Stumpf posted a P-AA, 13.

There was more activity in Field Pistol than we have had in a while. I posted a PAS-AAA, 22 followed by Nicholas Papagalos with a PAS-AA, 19 and Steve Parsons with a PAS-AA, 16 and a P-AA, 15. Our new shooter Gene Cullup posted a P-Unc, 4 using a Glock 9mm.

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-INT	Bret Stuntebeck	FA: 41MAG	31
R-B	Peter Colley	FA: 41MAG	13
U-INT	Bret Stuntebeck	XP-100 6TCU	39
U-AAA	Steve Bishop	ENCORE 7BR	29
U-AAA	Joe Stumpf	XP-100 7BR	21
U-B	Peter Colley	TC 7TCU	15
UAS-INT	Ron Craig	XP-100: 7BR	30
US-AA	Nicholas Papagalos (NRA)	TC: 223	11
SB	SHOOTER	FIREARM	SCORE
P-AA	Joe Stumpf	TC 22LR	13
UAS-AA	Ron Craig	CHGR 22LR	36
UAS-AA	Steve Bishop	RUGER 22LR	27
US-AA	Nicholas Papagalos (NRA)	TC 22LR	17

FP	SHOOTER	FIREARM	SCORE
P-AA	Steve Parsons	TC: 22H	15
P-B	Gene Cullup	Glock 9MM	4
PAS-AAA	Bret Stuntebeck	TC 270REN	22
PAS-AA	Nicholas Papagalos (NRA)	TC 22H	19
PAS-AA	Steve Parsons	TC 270REN	16
HS	SHOOTER	FIREARM	SCORE
UASHS-AA	Ron Craig	TC: 6TCU	5

LOST AND FOUND

A coat has been found - left in the pistol range (has been hanging there for quite some time). If this might be yours, contact Dennis at spindleblaster@msn.com or 253-841-9309.

MEMBERSHIP

The club would like to welcome the 18 new members for February. Jeffrey Speegle, Dustin Greiwe, Jared Harman, Aaron Conant, Joshua Knighten, Cobi Damerow, Boo Park, Shawn Crochet, Cory Gross, Tim Jahner, Doug Long, Deanna Long, Derek Hoffman, Glenn Stratton, Arthur Levy, Dharendra (Tony) Prasad, Salman Shahzac and Reuben Egloria were all voted into the club at the general meeting. Club membership for 2025 now stands at 1180.

INCORRECT EMAIL ADDRESSES

If you elected to read the BullSheet on line and you are not getting a monthly notification email, then the email address we have for you on file is incorrect. Please contact us [here](#) so we can update your email address.

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR BRASS

We are getting a lot of complaints from the range officers and some club regulars that a lot of members are not picking up their brass when they are finished shooting for the day. The brass, mostly 22LR, 9MM and 223, is too often left behind for someone else to deal with. All shooters, when they are finished shooting for the day, are required to pick up all of their spent cases and either take them home or place them in the appropriate containers on the firing line. Please do not sweep brass into the sand in front of the firing line, causing more work for our caretakers.

Please do your part to help keep our range clean.

BLACK POWDER PISTOL TRAIL

Eric Burkhead

The Climate Gods smiled on the Pistol Trail in the month of January, and the trail shooters were able to “keep their powder dry!” And also, the shotgun shed, aka ‘The Dismal Nitch’ has a well-stocked wood stove for the cozy gatherings.

All three sessions were rain-free, with even some sightings of the sun. For our final event of the month, Rollie Storbakken cooked up a big pot of Irish Stew (very international cuisine, for a Norwegian-American Chef). The Pistol Trail crew was also honored to host Scott Pogue, son of Rich Pogue. And in his father’s footsteps, Scott outshot all of us regulars!

Just a reminder: All Paul Bunyan members and guests are welcome to join us on the Black Powder Pistol Trail. Monthly sessions are on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 1pm-4pm and the 2nd Sunday from 10am-2pm. Our regular shooters will gladly furnish pistols, ammo and cleaning for first-timers. Come on out!!!



L-to-R: Dennis Daigger, Eric Burkhead, Scott Pogue, Justin Burn, Rollie Storbakken and Darrell Behounek. (Photo courtesy of Mark Merwin).

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER RANGE OFFICERS

The club is looking for a few volunteer range safety officers to fill weekday/evening positions. Schedules can vary and are somewhat flexible. Training is provided. 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.

MUZZLELOADERS

Mike Moran

2025 WSMA Silhouette Shoot

It was 23 degrees. Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey, as the old sailors would say about their cannon ball retainers, and certainly appropriate here. It was time to break out the fur hats and mittens for the annual WA State Muzzleloader’s Association Silhouette Match, held at Paul Bunyan Rifle & Sportsmen’s Club.

The match consists of 16 shots, shooting four animal targets at four different distances with four shots each. There were ram targets at 150 (or so) yards, turkeys at 100 yards, piglets at 50 yards and chickens at 35 yards. The pigs and chickens would be shot offhand, the rams and turkeys could be shot from the bench. Each silhouette hit counted for 1 point, even if it didn’t fall over.



Mike Barr and Justin Runyan reset the piglets

It was up to the higher 20s when registration and the shooter's meeting began. Mike Moran explained the course of fire and got everyone assigned to their initial firing points. There were 19 shooters, so there would need to be three relays. Those who were not in the shooting relay would spot targets, usually while huddled around the wood stove.



Doug Dickman and Isaac Hester are “makin’ bacon”

It doesn’t take long to shoot four shots, even with a muzzleloader, but the firing commenced at a leisurely pace, with the requisite number of gun problems to make things interesting. After each relay, the range would go cold and the targets reset and repainted. Once all three relays finished at their initial firing point, everyone shifted to the right to the next animal, and it began again.

It was 1:30 when we finally finished, and the temperature was up in the 40s. In addition to our regular prize table, WSMA provided medals for the top three scorers. Ties would be determined by who had the most targets at the furthest distance. When it was tallied, the top position was tied between Cody Mehr and Lawrence Salterelli scoring 14 each. They had exactly the same breakdown so it was suggested that Indian Leg Wrestling be used to break the tie. They decided between the two to allow Cody to take top honors. Mark Merwin would finish third with a score of 13.



Dave Rase fires a round at the 150-yard ram target.

The next muzzleloader match at Paul Bunyan will be February 23rd, which will be the annual Quad Club match between Paul Bunyan, the Bremerton Brigade, 7 Rivers, and the Black River Troublemakers.

Name	Chickens	Piglets	Turkeys	Rams	Total
Cody Mehr	4	4	3	3	14
Lawrence S.	4	4	3	3	14
Mark Merwin	3	4	3	3	13
Doug Kitchens	3	3	3	3	12
Jim Haeckel	3	4	3	1	11
Dwayne A.	4	3	3	1	11
Mike Barr	4	4	2	1	11
Doug Dickman	3	4	0	2	9
Dennis Daigger	4	2	3	0	9
Mike Moran	3	2	1	1	7
Dave Rase	2	3	0	1	6
Paul Evans	2	1	3	0	6
Darrell Behounek	3	1	2	0	6
Matt Clark	2	3	0	0	5
Justin Runyan	1	1	1	1	4
Isaac Hester	1	2	1	0	4
Jacob Meachum	0	2	0	0	2
Frank Haggard	0	0	0	1	1

CALLING ALL NEWSPAPER READERS

If you read the daily newspaper and recycle it when you are done, how about donating some of that newspaper for the rifle range stoves. These chilly mornings on the rifle range are a lot more pleasant with a fire in the stoves to warm us up. Please put the donated newspaper in the small steel cans on the rifle range. Thank you!