



# ***The Bull Sheet***

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

**Puyallup, WA**

**Established 1945**

**JULY 2025**

## **JUNE MEETING NOTES**

We have finally added the option to pay your club renewal fees online with a credit card. On the bottom of 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.

Bob Wendt announced that there is still time to join the smallbore league. This is a three position or off the bench only league starting at 6pm Monday evenings. Get in touch with Bob if you have any questions.

Membership chairman Cindy Thomas will be accepting renewals prior to the orientations Sunday July 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm to 4pm. Stop by the clubhouse during those times if you would like to pay your renewal in person (still cash or check).

## **BLACK POWDER PISTOL TRAIL**

Eric Burkhead

June has been a super month on the Black Powder Pistol Trail and July looks even better with the onset of Summer! The recent Rendezvous introduced many competitors to the Trail and provided us with some new monthly shooters. We also have an assortment of new steel gong targets, generously provided by Ron & Leo's Welding Service of Enumclaw.

The upcoming July weather will be excellent for 'keeping your powder dry,' so come on out and join us on the Pistol Trail, first and third Thursdays and second Sunday of the month, July 3, 13 & 17! As always, we will furnish newcomers a pistol, powder & ball and even clean the dang thing for you! For more information, phone Eric at (253) 686-5438.

## **PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

A proposal was made at the Board of Director's meeting to amend the Constitution. The amendments, below in underlined bold, will be voted on by the general membership at the July 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. All club members are encouraged to attend the meeting to cast their vote. The Constitution can be found on our website by clicking [here](#).

### **ARTICLE II**

Object

The object of this organization shall be the encouragement of organized shooting activities amongst citizens **or legal residents** of the United States, with a view toward a better knowledge on the part of such citizens of the safe handling.....

### **ARTICLE III**

Oath of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands. I certify that I am a citizen **or legal resident** of the United States and that I am not a member of any organization or group.....

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME**

Membership renewals are due by August 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 July and August BullSheet.

If you have any questions about your membership, please contact membership secretary Cindy Thomas at 253-229-0106 or via email [here](#).

# PAUL BUNYAN AND HUNTING INCIDENTS

Lynn White

A hunting incident is when a person is injured while hunting or is injured by a hunter. This usually occurs when someone disregards a **BASIC RULE** of firearm safety. The situation that seems to get us in the most trouble in life is when we VIOLATE THE BASICS. By that I mean there are basic rules and ethics that have been long ago established by those who have gone before us. These generational principles help us learn from other's mistakes.

There are **basics** in marriage. There are **basics** in business. There are **basics** in handling firearms. Each year many thousands of hunters go into the field to hunt and handful of hunters are involved in hunting incidents. Just because a hunter has been hunting for a long time does not guarantee that he or she is a safe hunter. Statics tell us that most hunting incidents are caused by a member of the victim's hunting party.

The WDFW tracks hunting incidents and they have concluded that all hunting incidents are preventable. Reason? Someone violated one of the four **basic firearm safety rules (below)**:

1. All guns are loaded, until you determine otherwise.
2. Never touch the trigger until you are on target and ready to fire.
3. Never point the muzzle at anything you are not willing to kill or destroy.
4. Consider your backstop because bullets go through things.

Know and teach these rules to your children and others to prevent future firearm incidents.

## **FOUR TYPES OF HUNTING INCIDENTS**

### **1. Safety Rule Violations (aka – Careless Handling):**

- Pointing the muzzle in an unsafe direction.
- Ignoring proper procedure for crossing a fence, creek, or obstacle.

### **2. Hunter Judgement Mistakes:**

- Mistaking another person for a game animal.
- Not checking in front and behind your target before firing.

### **3. Lack of Control or patience:**

- Causing accidental discharges and stray shots.
- Carelessly shooting before positively identifying your target.

### **4. Mechanical Failures:**

- Having a barrel with an obstruction.
- Using improper ammunition.
- Having the safety on a firearm to fail.

**ALL INCIDENTS ARE PREVENTABLE. 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 airguns must be shot on the pistol or rifle range. We do have a chronograph on site to check velocities. Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup>, Saturday July 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday August 24<sup>th</sup>, 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](#).



## **ACTION SHOOTING INTERNATIONAL (ASI) RECAP**

Jackie Russo

Welcome summer! Over sixty ASI shooters ushered in the sunny skies at Paul Bunyan for our June match. This match offered 6 stages of ASI fun – running the gamut of static to movement stages – stages with steel (Ping!) and stages with simple movement and all requiring accuracy with 12 or less rounds.

In July, we are taking a break from the range calendar to support our IDPA chapter's Washington State Championship. We will return for ASI's August (2<sup>nd</sup>) Heavy Metal Match – our regular match but with a Twist(ed) Sister vibe! This Match celebrates all metal guns with a Heavy Metal Band theme! Have a Berretta or revolver needing a spin at the range? Bring it! Loyal to your Glock? Bring it! Plastik-Fantastik always welcomed!

What to expect at a Heavy Metal Match? Boomboxes! Def Leppard Drum Solo starts! MORE COWBELL!! Like steel? There's steel. Like one-handed shooting challenges? We have that, too! Have a favorite metal band T-shirt in the closet? Wear it!



Pre-registration opens on [www.Practiscore.com](http://www.Practiscore.com) July 1<sup>st</sup>. Search for us under: ASI at Paul Bunyan. Walk-ons are always welcome day of match. Paul Bunyan members shoot for \$20.

As a side note, last Sunday, the Ladies League joined us at Tacoma Sportsman's Club for their ASI match. Match Directors Igor Strupinskiy and Sara Scott (also Paul Bunyan members) kindly offered a single squad for Ladies League for their match. Without

hesitation, 10 gals from Paul Bunyan signed up and celebrated the first, inaugural Ladies Only Squad!

Care to join us at the Action Pistol Bays for an ASI match? We meet the first Saturday of the month always check the calendar, however, because of the occasional schedule conflict. Pre-registration always appreciated and because the waiver is on-line. Walk-ons must sign a paper waiver.

Hope to see you, Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> with you wearing your best Twisted Sister band T-shirt and a favorite metal gun.

## **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!



## **MEMBERSHIP**

The club would like to welcome the 15 new members for July. Heidi Elliott, Yelena Argirov, Brienna Dyberg, Frank McCarthy, Tristan Hardy, Robert Boettcher, Tony Tang, Jenny Franklin, Joel Neese, Gerald Olden, Jr, Larry McCulloch, Kevin Moskvinn, Daisha Klein and Kim Williamson were all voted into the club at the general meeting. Welcome to all. Club membership for 2025 now stands at 1319 members.



## PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA TRAP SHOOT

The Weather Gods granted us a perfect Saturday for the First Annual Paralyzed Veterans of America Trap Shoot hosted by the Paul Bunyan Rifle & Sportsmen's Club.

Ten veterans participated, accompanied by three caregivers. The event saw six squads of five shooters each—for a total of 750 shots at the clay birds.

The top competitors and scores were:

Brent King	59
Dave Zurfluh	57
Scott Smith	53
Levi Alexander	51`
(possible score of 75)	

The shoot was followed by a bountiful BBQ buffet.



Thanks go to Paul Bunyan volunteer hosts: Cody Lovelace, Mark Merwin, Steven Cole, Gene Callup, Kim Williamson, Ted Straub and Eric Burkhead.

## CARETAKERS REPORT

Doug Shellenberger

We have been busy trying to keep the grass and weeds cut down. The recent rains have the weeds growing like crazy.

The split Thursday maintenance schedule seems to be working out fine. This schedule, alternating north and south Thursday range maintenance closures, gives the membership more opportunities to shoot on Thursday while allowing the maintenance folks time to get their work done.

## CAST BULLET BENCHREST RIFLE RESULTS

John Schauf

June 26, 2025

Here are the results from today's traditional bench rest match. We had 5 shooters show up, but unfortunately one dropped out with equipment problems. It was a perfect day for this match with light to no winds. Thanks to the 4 that showed up and pitched in setting up and taking down target frames.

NAME	CLASS	100yd	200yd	Grand Agg
Schauf, John	PBB	100-1x	197-1x	396-6x
Hyett, Bud	PBB	194-2x	171-0x	365-2x
Reno, Joe	HVY	184-3x	165-2x	349-5x
Gardner, Alice	PRO	169-0x	146-0x	315-0x
Yatso, Ron	PBB	dnf	dnf	xxxxx

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

## 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 [here](#) for details.

## JUNIORS

Doug Shellenberger

The Junior conservation camp on Orcas Island is starting up again. The Washington Sports Council hosted this camp every summer before COVID put a stop to it. A few of the camp counselors are working to get it started up again. We hope to have a few of our shooters interested in attending.

Tacoma Rifle and Revolver Club hosted a smallbore Schutzenfest for the juniors last month. Two of our shooters attended the match. Arkin Arranza took first place in the expert class and Evelyn Jackson took the first marksman.

## 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.

# June 2025 Newsletter

## **PAUL BUNYAN PLAINSMEN**

*Monthly shoots held on the fourth Sunday of each month at 9:30 am. Monthly meetings held after the monthly shoots. Rendezvous is Memorial Day weekend. Black Powder Pistol Trail open 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs 1-4 pm and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun 10-2 pm.*

*Paul Bunyan Rifle and Sportsmen's Club, 17902 Meridian East,  
Puyallup, WA 98375  
(253) 847-7893 [www.pbrsc.org](http://www.pbrsc.org)*



**Monthly Match.** The next monthly match will be **Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**. This will be the **Trade Gun Frolic**, with paper targets, gongs, and flying clay pigeons for trade guns and fowlers. Mike Moran will run it. See the attached flyer for details. Please note this is one week earlier than our normal shoot.

**Work Party.** There is no work party in July

**Pistol Trail.** The pistol trail will be open the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of July

**Paralyzed Veteran's of America Trap Shoot.** On **Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>** the Paralyzed Vets will be out again at Paul Bunyan for trap shoot. This is not a muzzleloader event, but we could use some volunteers to help support the match. This would also be a good opportunity to show off what a ML fowler can do!

**Paul Bunyan Youth Day.** Coming up **Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>** is the Paul Bunyan Youth Day, where the range gets opened up to kids to come out and try all different types of shooting. We need some muzzleloaders to come out and support them shooting and throwing the knives and hawks. For this we use the Hunter Ed in-line guns and club provided ammo. It's a fun time and a great opportunity to give these kids a chance to enjoy what we do.

**August Monthly Shoot and Picnic.** Our annual Picnic and Planning meeting will follow the August monthly shoot on Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. This is where we hold elections for the next year's slate of officers. The picnic will be a pot luck style with the use of the bbq grills.

**New Facebook Page.** The Plainsmen are on Facebook again! Thanks to Mike Barr who created a new group page called "**Paul Bunyan Plainsmen**". If you search for it you'll find the old page still out there with the same name. Look for the one with current info on it. We will use Facebook in addition to email for shoot reminders and current information.

### Long Range Buffaloes.

As usual, Bill Sick had a fun time in store for us when he designed the shoot for June. He likes targets that help us focus on marksmanship fundamentals and for this match, there would be two buffalo targets. We'd start with a single bullseye buffalo at 100 yard for five shots, then relocate the target frame to 75 yards and shoot the double bullseye buffalo with 10 shots. The placement of those shots was up to the shooter, whether to place them all in one bullseye or spread them out over the two. To make it easier to tell how your shot placement was going, spotting scopes were used to sight in the hits.



"Overload" Litten came down from up north to shoot with us this weekend



Mark Merwin sticks another card

I decided to shoot my .54 caliber full stock Hawken made by Ted Fellows that I picked up from Larry "Overload" Litten over the winter. To make sure I was using it correctly, Larry came down from Woodinville to keep an eye on me in the next firing position. This rifle has a buckhorn rear sight and for the longer ranges I found I could use the top of the horns to align my front sight with to give me a consistent bit of extra elevation for my 60 grains of 3F powder. I'm not sure if that was the best method to use, so I'll need to try it again on another shoot.

To round out the score it was over to the practice hawk block where Bill had placed a bunch of playing cards face up. Each shooter got five throws, and if you cut a card, you added that card's face value to your score. As a bonus, he marked several cards on the backside which earned you a small bag of candy in addition to the point value.

We had thirteen shooters competing and the match went very well. Afterwards we gathered inside for the reading of the scores and prizes. Thanks to Bill and Helen Sick for running the match, and everyone who

came out to make it a success. The next shoot will be the Trade Gun Frolic on Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at Paul Bunyan. Hope to see you all there.

133 Mark Merwin	119 Cody Mehr	104 Lawrence Saltarelli	93 Dennis Daigger
83 Overload Litten	67 Mike Moran	67 Jim Haeckel	60 Eric Burkhead
47 Dan Albro	43 Doug Kitchens	18 Darrell Behounek	15 Mike Barr
0 Frank Haggard			



# WASHINGTON STATE MUZZLELOADERS ASSOCIATION



## ANNUAL TRADE GUN FROLIC JULY 20, 2025

Hosted by the Paul Bunyan Plainsmen

**PAUL BUNYAN RIFLE & SPORTSMAN'S CLUB**  
**17902 Meridian E, Puyallup, WA 98375**

Trade Gun Frolic includes shooting at paper, gongs and flying clays from the trap house. Be prepared for round ball shooting and for shots with birdshot. We will also be shooting at paper targets on the rifle range. **Bonus points for primitive attire.** Ladies, bring your trade guns!

**Each shooter will be awarded a prize based on aggregate scores, in addition to the WSMA medals which will go to the top three shooters.**

Guns must be smoothbore, flintlocks, simple trigger, with no rear sights.

- Registration begins at 8:00 am, and shooters meeting at 9:30 am
- Registration Fees: Adult Shooter - \$15, Junior - \$6

**WSMA MEDALS AWARDED FOR  
AGGREGATE.**

## TRADERS WELCOME!!

Booshway: Mike Moran  
253-232-3087

Segundo: Jim Haeckel  
253-255-2006