



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 2027, 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.

For those of you who pay your dues with a credit card through our website, you might have noticed that in the "pay to" field on the receipt, it shows that you are making the payment to me (Al Richardson). Well, unfortunately for me, that isn't the case. My name pops up because I am the guy who set up our website. Once you complete your renewal online, Membership Secretary Cindy Thomas receives notification of your payment and the funds are deposited directly into the club account. We are trying to get the name changed on the receipt.

Eric Burkhead reminded us that the general election is less than 5 weeks away. This is a very important election with several judicial and legislative positions up for grabs that will impact gun owners and the shooting community. We have some information and recommendations on our website ([click here](#)). We are urging all members to get out on election day to cast your ballot.

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?

BLACK POWDER PISTOL TRAIL

Eric Burkhead

The September shoot of the PB Plainsmen was held on the Black Powder Pistol Trail!!! Plainsmen long gun marksmen hung their rifles above the fireplace and dug their pistols out of the mothballs. See the article in this Bull Sheet for match details.

PLEASE NOTE: October and November Trail hours will be by APPOINTMENT ONLY for the standard days: the first and third Thursdays and second Sundays at 12:00 noon. We will evaluate an updated schedule for the winter starting in December. The Trail is in excellent shape due to exceptional maintenance by Mark Merwin and crew----for the shooting enjoyment of all club members and guests.

As always, come try out the Trail—helpful regulars will furnish pistol, powder and ball and even clean the dang thing for you when finished! Phone me at (253)686-5438 for a shooting appointment or more information.

STAYING WARM AND DRY

(Part 2)

Lynn White

When it comes to suffering the effects of seriously cold or hot weather, your very life could possibly be in mortal danger if you choose the wrong outdoor garments. The right clothing will improve your ability to get through an unexpected snow storm or extreme temperatures while hunting in the desert. In **hot weather** be sure you wear a hat and light clothing. Make sure the clothing covers as much of your skin as possible. Sunburns can be very serious.

In **cold and wet weather**, wear layers of clothing under a rain shell. By layering, you can start out with superior insulation, but as you hunt and hike, you may have to shed some of the layers, thereby keeping yourself from overheating or sweating too much. Later when the night time weather sets in, you could add hypothermia to your sunburn and suffer a life-threatening event, especially if you are lost.

Wearing better made clothing, you will have an added advantage in staying warm and dry. Three things stand out as necessary components of great outdoor clothing.

Vapor Layer: This light weight garment needs to be worn next to your skin. The layer will wick moisture away from your skin and help keep you from getting cold because of wet underclothing. This is where shedding some of your layers will assist in regulating your body temperature, so you won't suffer uncontrolled body heat loss (hypothermia).

Insulation: Adding insulation layers made up of different materials is the wise. Wool and synthetics are the best choice of combination layers to keep you warm. Never wear cotton clothing because when wet it pulls heat from your body. However, wool retains much of its insulation properties when wet, and synthetics also help retain body heat when combined with wool.

Protective Layer: Quality outer coats are going to cost you more. I bought a new arctic outdoor, waterproof and insulated coat that cost \$750, but it has not been cold enough to wear it. These outer layers come in different weights,

waterproofness, and price ranges. Consider also buying a quality hat, gloves, and boots. All waterproof and insulated.

AS ALWAYS, STAY SAFE

HOUSE PURCHASE

The Board of Directors is discussing the idea of replacing the assistant caretaker's (Doug Nash) mobile home. His existing mobile home, on the north side of our driveway, is owned by Doug, purchased from the club for \$1800 back when he took over the position in 2014. The house has been thru a couple of assistant caretakers through the years and is in poor condition. The house that is being considered is a larger mobile home that should fit on the existing footprint, with an estimated cost to the club of \$375K to \$400K, which includes removal of the old house and placement of the new house including permits and site preparation. A lot of the details, like rent and insurance were not discussed. After a very lively discussion at the general meeting, a motion was made and passed to table the idea for 90 days so more information can be gathered and club members have had the chance to have their questions answered and voices heard. We will be debating and voting on the proposal at the January 22nd general meeting.

1800 BULLSEYE MATCH

Dennis Wilcox

Coming soon - polish up your shootin irons and come out and play.

Paul Bunyan Rifle & Sportsman's Club will host an NRA approved outdoor 1800 Precision "Bullseye" Pistol Match Saturday October 17th, 2026. This will be a two-gun match - 22 & CF with all firing at 25 yards (short course).

The match program can be found on our website by clicking [here](#). 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.

Kindly let me know if you are planning to attend. E-mail advanced entries to Dennis Wilcox, spindleblaster@msn.com

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Membership renewals were due by **August 31st**. 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 BullSheet. Dues can also now be paid with a credit card through our website 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](#).

M1-M1A-M1 CARBINE MATCH

On Saturday October 17th, Paul Bunyan will host our **"Big Gun / Little Gun"** match on the rifle range. M1 Carbines are the Little Guns while M1 Garands, 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 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 one, we have a few M1 Garands 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.

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.

CONTACT CINDY FOR MEMBERSHIP ISSUES

If you are having issues with anything related to your club membership, like losing your badge, checking your renewal status, or forgetting your gate code, contact membership secretary Cindy Thomas at 253-229-0106 or via email at paulbunyanmbrship@gmail.com.

IT'S AIRGUN SEASON

Al Richardson

We will have the airgun range open for casual shooting starting Wednesday November 4th at 6pm, shooting on alternating Wednesday evenings thru April (check the club calendar for exact dates). 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, kneeling or prone positions. The range is open to air rifles 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 your own eye protection. If you would like more information, call me or send an email [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.

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.

ACTION SHOOTING INTERNATIONAL (ASI) HAPPENINGS

Jackie Russo

Ah – Fall. The sound of crunching leaves beneath one's feet and a subtle hint of pumpkin spice mingles with the scent of freshly expended gunpowder wafting through the air. It's moments like these were made for time on the range. For ASI it's our 4th annual *The Senior Classic* match. *The Senior Classic* will be October 3rd – this 7 stage match features mirthful 'senior' themes from the famous "I've Fallen & I Can't Get Up" stage to gripping a walker during a one-handed stage to a seated stage waiting for the Denny's "Early Bird Special" while engaging in 7 targets with 2 rounds each.

This match was designed especially for our 50 and older competitors – celebrating the old saying, "Old age and treachery will always defeat youth and skill." All in good fun, naturally. Although awards are reserved for those seniors – there is plenty of room for our 'Whippersnapper' participants, with the winner in this category receiving recognition.

There are still slots available. Visit www.practiscore.com to register. Find us under *ASI the Senior Classic at Paul Bunyan* Matches tab or simply go to Clubs tab at the top of the page to search *ASI at Paul Bunyan* for all current available matches.

There is no November match – but we will have our PCC-Friendly Toys for Tots Toy Drive on December 5th. This is our annual toy drive supporting Pierce County's Toys 4 Tots Christmas Toy Drive. Registration opens on October 23 on www.practiscore.com. More information to follow.

ASI is a fantastic way to advance from static shooting to move and shoot. Each match is designed for folks who have their regular carry gun and equipment and usually uses 2 boxes of ammunition. .22s and PCC (Pistol Caliber Carbine) are welcome. No holster? That's okay – all stages are table starts or low-ready. Experienced shooter? Drawing from the holster is fine with range officer approval.

Want to learn more about ASI? Checkout their website at www.asi-usa.org

Remember: No walk-ons allowed. You must pre-register on www.practiscore.com to sign the electronic waiver and to see your score at the end of the match. Payment is in Cash or Check on day of match. New Shooter Orientation (NSO) is mandatory for new ASI competitors in Bay 1 at 8:30 day of match.

Question? Email me at: Paulbunyanasi@gmail.com

I'll be setting the calendar for 2027. ASI fans can anticipate a year filled with specialty matches like Handsized Handgun, Back the Blue Law Enforcement Memorial Match, Heavy Metal, We Love Our Range Officers, The Senior Classic, PCC Friendly Match...Plus a few more?

CARETAKERS REPORT

Doug Shellenberger

Larsen Logging was out to trim up and remove a few trees along the driveway. They ended up cutting down 6 trees that were either dead, diseased or encroaching on the driveway. The logs are piled up and ready for sale.

It looks like either the starter or ignition switch has gone out on one of our RTVs. We have ordered a new starter and will install it when it arrives.

OPEN BOARD POSITION

At the upcoming election in December, the club secretary position will up for grabs.

Duties of the club secretary include recording and transcribing the minutes of the general and board meetings, responding to voicemails and emails sent to the club, interacting with club members and the general public regarding club business, keeping custody of the books and papers of the club. This is a **volunteer** position. Contact us [here](#) or talk to any board member if you have questions about the position. If you are interested in running for this or any board position, contact [Mike Moran](#) so he can put your name on the December ballot.



JUNIORS

Doug Shellenberger

The Pacific Northwest Schutzenfest 3-position junior smallbore rifle match was held at TR&R last weekend. PB Junior club shooter Evelyn Jackson shot very well and was the overall winner with a very nice 1121-32 score for the three matches. The complete match results can be found [here](#).

We have 5 new shooters joining us on Tuesday evenings for smallbore practice. As the weather gets colder, more of the kids will be upstairs to shoot airgun.

CONTACTING THE CLUB

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](#).

PLAINSMEN BLACK POWDER FROLIC

Eric Burkhead

The Plainsmen shooters enjoyed bright sun and cool breezes for their late September monthly shoot. Fall has definitely arrived.

Muzzle loader rifles were retired in favor of caplock and flintlock pistols for this annual match on the Pistol Trail, to accommodate the hunter sight-in activity.

The course of fire was 20 metal gong targets of various sizes, shapes and distances along the Pistol Trail. Fifteen of the targets were painted white, with a point value of one each. Five of the targets were painted red, which were smaller and more difficult, with a point value of three each. At each of ten stations, the competitor had the option of choosing a red target rather than a white target. This combination made for a total of 25 points possible.

A good attendance of nine shooters posted very respectable scores. Shooters adjourned to the prize table to choose a prize. The next

Plainsmen rifle match will be on Sunday, October 25th



Scores:

Allen Tresch	20
Cody Mehr	19
Mike Nesbitt	19
Mark Merwin	17
Paul Evans	16
Mike Holeman	16
Dan Albro	15
Lawrence Salterelli	13
Bob DeLisle	11

MEMBERSHIP

Cindy Thomas

The club would like to welcome the 14 new members for October. Marilyn Kennedy, Edward Holman, Jeffrey Coop, Adam Morton, Clarence Hollins Jr., Logan Bedell, Craig Ehnat, Grant Swettenam, Bryan Bowman, Josh Cruz, Jamie Kurbis, Todd Montgomery, Jake Stearns and Paul Evans were all voted into the club at the general meeting. Welcome to all. Club membership now stands at 881 for 2027.

SWAP MEET?

We are discussing the possibility of holding a swap meet sometime this winter. It would be for club members and their guests only, not the general public. At this time, we are trying to gauge interest to see if we should proceed with the idea. If this is something that you might be interested in, either as a seller or buyer, please let us know by sending us an email [here](#) or talking to a range officer or board member.