



The Bull Sheet

Paul Bunyan Rifle and Sportsman's Club

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JANUARY MEETING NOTES

Mark Merwin presented information on the upcoming 2026 legislative session. There are several gun related bills proposed this year. We have a list of these bills on our website under the [NEWS & UPPCOMING EVENTS](#) tab. We also have information on how to contact your representative as well as a [Guide to Lawmaking](#). Please take the time to call your representative to voice your opinion on these bills. Every call helps. Visit our website [here](#) for more information.

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](#).

MEMBERSHIP

Cindy Thomas

The club would like to welcome the 21 new members for February.

Spencer Hill, Nicholas Wang, Nathan Aurich, Christopher Robinson, John Joyal, Bruan Church, Martin Sandeval-Fuentes, Randy Clayton, Aimee Herrell, Branden Herrell, Gary Pearson, Kevin Yanak, Jared George, William (Bill) Fowler, Garrick Kanen, Emily Winslow, Ronald Brewer Aberham, Burman, Simon Stephens, Paul Nosal and Ronald Speights were all voted into the club at the general meeting. Welcome to all.

Club membership for 2026 now stands at 1199.

ELECTION RESULTS

The 2026 club officers and directors were sworn into office at the general meeting:

President	Tessina Hurley
Vice-President	Mike Moran
Membership Secretary	Cindy Thomas
Secretary	Al Richardson
Treasurer	Bob Wendt
Executive Officer	Dave Farrow
Master-at-Arms	Cody Lovelace
Junior Advisor	Doug Shellenberger
Past President	Rocky Walston
Director	John Morris
Director	Mark Voigt
Director	Birney Oxford
Director	Ken Swasey (2 year)
Director	Doug Nash

Ken Swasey received the most votes for a director, so he will serve a two-year term.

CARETAKERS REPORT

Doug Shellenberger

We lost several trees during the last wind storm including two that came down across our west perimeter fence, wiping out a post and a lot of fencing and top rail. We have Rainier Fencing coming out soon to do the necessary repairs.

With the onset of the cold weather, we have been burning a lot of wood in the rifle range stoves. We still have 3 racks of firewood that we put up last summer, so we should have enough to get us through the winter.

Doug Nash has replaced the light fixtures in the shotgun shed, upgrading from 8' fluorescent fixtures to 4' LED fixtures. There are no dark places in the shotgun shed now.

ACTION SHOOTING INTERNATIONAL (ASI) RECAP

Jackie Russo

We've welcomed our 7th Year at Paul Bunyan. In our year in review, we can happily report nearly 700 joined us for 10 matches in 2025. We hosted several specialty matches: February: "We Luv Our Range Officers" match; May: "Police Week" A police themed match; August: "Heavy Metal" an all-metal band & gun match; October: "The Senior Classic" recognizing our 50 + year olds match; December: "It's a PCC-Christmas" a PCC friendly match.

For 2026, shooters can expect two new matches. "A Crappy Match" will be a bathroom themed match featuring a variety of fun props. Yes – we do have a toilet prop and a poop shoot game!

In May will be "So Ya Want a Revo-lution", revolver friendly but welcome 'modern' firearms ☺. We will be recognizing top revolver shooters at this match. The plan is for this to coincide with Police Week.



Valerie shoots as Jackie runs the timer

Interested in enjoying ASI at Paul Bunyan? Our matches are designed to be low-key with fun over than competition. All you need is at least 2 boxes of ammo (most matches are less than 100 rounds), handgun .22 to .45 caliber, 2 reloading devices work best, and a gun case to transport. All stages are table or low-ready starts. Holster draws are permitted with Range Officer okay.

You may register and squad online with www.Pracitscore.com. Find us under Matches and search for "ASI at Paul Bunyan." We no longer allow walk-ons. Registering with both Practiscore and Action Shooting International (www.asi-usa.org) allows for signing of the electronic waivers.

Our next match is Saturday, Feb. 7th – our "We Luv Our Range Officers" match. in appreciation for the work they perform, ASI range officers receive a reduced range fee. Paul Bunyan member? Range fee is \$20.



Joey Russo in a rainbow

The 2026 calendar is set and posted on the range website. You will find us usually on the 1st Saturday of each month. But always check the calendar prior to making the trip as there may be a schedule conflict.

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.

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.

IHMSA PISTOL SILHOUETTE

January 3, 2026

Bret Stuntebeck

We put 20 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. Just about the same conditions we had at our December match. We had one new shooter this month. Daniel Frazee brought his son Isaac to the match with him. Hopefully he will catch the bug and become a regular. We are always glad to get new shooters. On to the results of the match.

We had two 40's this month. The first by Steve Parsons in UAS-Int and the second by Jim Harris in UAS-Int. Richard Nicol posted a UAS-AAA, 37. Jim Harris posted a UASHS-Int, 32. I posted a U-Int 39 missing one turkey. Steve Bishop posted a P-AAA 24. Steve Parsons posted a R-AAA 19 followed by Joe Stumpf with a R-AA 13. I posted a US-AAA 27 followed by Nicholas Papagalos with a US-AA 16.

In Smallbore, Daniel Frazee posted a U-B 24 and a P-A 20. Isaac Frazee Posted a P-Unc 7. Nicholas Papagalos with a US-AA 22. Ron Craig posted a UAS-AA 32

In Field Pistol, I posted a PAS-AAA 23 followed by Nicholas Papagalos with a PAS-AA 18.

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.

Class	Name	Gun/Caliber	Score
BB			
P-AAA	Steve Bishop	Encore: 44mag	24
R-AAA	Steve Parsons	FA: 41MAG	19
-AA	Joe Stumpf, R	FA: 357MAG	13
U-INT	Bret Stuntebeck	RAMPRO:6.5BR	39
UAS-INT	Jim Harris	XP-100: 6.5TKS	40
-	Steve Parsons	XP-100: 7TCU	40
-	Ron Craig	XP-100: 7INT	32
-AAA	Richard Nicol	TC: 7TCU	37
US-AAA	Bret Stuntebeck	TC: 7TCU	27
-AA	Nicholas Papagalos	XP-100: 35REM	16
HS			
UASHS-int	Jim Harris	XP-100 :6.5KTS	32
SB			
P-A	Daniel Frazee	TC: 22 LR	20
-C	Isaac Frazee	TC: 22 LR	7
U-B	Daniel Frazee	COLT: 22 LR	24
UAS-AA	Ron Craig	CHARGER:22LR	28
US-AA	Nicholas Papagalos	TC: 22 LR	22
FP			
PAS-AAA	Bret Stuntebeck	TC: 22H	23
-AA	Nicholas Papagalos	TC: 22H	18

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 February 8th. 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 PBRSC 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 February 8th!

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.

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.

TRAVELING WITH YOUR CONCEAL CARRY FIREARM OUTSIDE OF WASHINGTON STATE

from a PBRSC member

Many of you have been using, carrying and shooting far longer than I have, but we live in a country now where some states have gone berserk with overreach laws which makes traveling across them very cumbersome. Of course, we could all choose to ignore each state or just plain boycott those states, such as California, but I for one, don't want to be limited in my freedom to move across the country for whatever reason with fear of being sidelined on my trip. Of course, the best strategy is don't do anything illegal and no one will be the wiser, but crap happens!

So, I did some research about reciprocity laws. Wow, how confusing can that be! While we all wait for a National Reciprocity Supreme Court ruling, we can choose to undergo various CCW certifications so that we can lawfully travel across the country. One of the best Multi-State Non-Resident CCW certification programs that offer reciprocity across 30 states is through the Arizona Concealed Carry website (AZCCW) - ([click here](#)) The cost to take their accepted Non-Resident Multi-State course is \$59. Once you've completed it, you then apply through the Arizona Department of Public Safety ([click here](#)) for your AZ CCW card. And it is accepted in about 30 states. Your requirement to fingerprint is completed through an authorized digital fingerprint in your local area. Mine was at the UPS store for only \$10!

Now before all of you complain, it's not a course about how to fire your gun, but the course really is about the mental, social and legal impact of having a CCW and when you have to use it. The course is completed in about 4 hours online, virtually. Then there is a quiz at the end which is not difficult.

After you get the acknowledgment that you have a CCW approved and obtain your Arizona, proceed to take the lengthy 12-hour California course offered by the AZCCW for \$329. It's the only training website that I'm aware of that has

the authorization to offer a Non-Resident CCW training certificate program specifically for California. Again, this online course isn't about HOW to shoot your gun, but the in-depth information about the legal and psychological impacts of using your CCW and firing your gun for self-defense in California. They have the most cumbersome process in the country by adding more steps to their CCW permit process and expense but it is doable.

After you have passed the CA (Riverside) test, you'll receive instructions on how to proceed with the application process. AZCCW offers the CA course for Riverside or San Bernardino, but the Riverside one is the most desired. You'll submit the application, plus fee and are interviewed virtually by a sheriff interviewer. Then you'll have to demonstrate your firearm skill with an approved DOJ or NRA instructor if you are out of state. The test requires proficiency that you can draw from a concealed carry position at various yardages with the guns you want to list on the CA CCW. Once confirmed the certificate is uploaded to the Riverside County Sheriff's office. I took mine through Black Ring Tactical and Travis Sparr is awesome. Here's the California Live Fire requirements. ([click here](#))

Now, if you have a CCW in Washington, Arizona and California, here's is what the reciprocity map will look like. It really broadens the legal conceal carry options. See the Reciprocity map link [here](#)

Along the way, it is highly recommended to obtain self-defense liability insurance or attorney representation. The WA State Insurance Commissioner has made it impossible to obtain USCCA. I found Attorney on Retainer ([click here](#)) and/or CCWSafe (<https://ccwsafe.com>) , both whom will provide Membership coverage in Washington State. While both are recommended by AZCCW, they advise using Attorney on Retainer. *NOTE: I have no financial gains or kickbacks on these recommendations, but do call them and tell them you are in Washington State.*

In all cases, the Firearm Owner Protection Act (FOPA) allows us to transport our handguns across state lines, but each state can make

HOW it is done either easy or difficult. When all else fails, use a lock box!

I'm not an attorney but just wanted to share the process of what it took for me to obtain Non-Resident CCWs when traveling across various state lines. I hope you found it helpful. As just a side note both California and Oregon Sheriff County offices have different requirements. There isn't any consistency. Just remember, if you choose not to pursue the CCW for any given state that doesn't recognize your WA CCW or support reciprocity, avoid finding yourself in any situations that might open yourself to being charged with a felony. Yeah, I know it sucks! Good luck and safe travels.

PAUL BUNYAN AND THE ELEVATED STANDS (PART 2)

Lynn White

The thought of being up in your brand-new tree stand on opening morning of deer season causes your heart to flutter like a grouse looking for a mate in the woods. The drum beat of that grouse gets faster and faster, like your pulse, as you think of leaning over the edge of that stand to take a once in a lifetime shot at a trophy buck below. The problem is that you lean over too far and lose your balance, falling off the stand. The 5-point buck left for the next county but you are now hanging 10 feet off the ground, being held by your Fall Arrest System (FAS). So far, so good.

Remember if you are man who reads instructions, you're in good shape. Since you assembled the FAS properly, it will slow and arrest your decent. If you are a regular man who does not read instructions, you hook up the descent safety release improperly, and as you hang in midair 10 feet off the ground, you pulled the release on the suspension relief strap, and fell the remaining 10 feet. You hit the ground with a thud said to yourself, "*Man that hurt,*" because one of your arms now had two elbows.

Like most men, you yelled something at that buck we can't repeat in public as you fell off the tree stand. Again, you repeated that unprintable sentiment while wishing the buck a nice life. Then you wake up and realize it was all a delusional dream.

To make your dream complete, your hunting buddy comes to your rescue after hearing what he thought was a Grizzly Bear fall out of a tree. However, he waited 15 minutes before he investigated and found out it was only you. The obvious conclusion to the dream is that you get transported to the ER and survive your injuries. Next season, due to PTSD, you install the tree stand upside down and sit in it two feet off the ground. I can't say that will be effective, but who knows? It's a dream.

Next Month, we'll cover safety guidelines. As Always – Stay Safe!

CONTACT CINDY FOR MEMBERSHIP ISSUES

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

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!



THE PLAINSMEN SHOOT SILHOUETTES

by Mike Moran

It was 22 degrees when I left the house to come to the Paul Bunyan Plainsmen monthly shoot, and coincidentally, there were 22 shooters who braved the cold but sunny weather. This was our annual muzzleloader silhouette shoot, sponsored by the Washington State Muzzleloaders Association, which is a little different format from our usual matches. It is shot in relays, and we had almost three full relays of eight people. It wasn't many years ago that this match had only seven shooters total, and it is so good to see the attendance grow.

The course of fire consists of four different animals at four distances – chickens at 35 yards, piglets at 50 yards, turkeys at 100 yards, and rams at 150 yards. The farther two animals were shot from the bench but the closer two were shot offhand. Each shooter received a starting position at registration and would rotate through the different animals as his relay was called. Once a relay was called to the line, each shooter had four shots to knock down four steel silhouettes. This would give a total of 16 shots. No additional points were awarded for period dress, even though a few folks chose to wear it.



Mark Merwin lines up his shot



Lawrence Saltarelli spotting for Cody Mehr

This format is always a little confusing at the beginning until the bumps get worked out, and then the rotations happen pretty smoothly. After each relay completed their shots, the range was made cold and the silhouettes reset and repainted for the next relay. For the distant targets we had spotting scopes at the firing line for assistance, and the reset crew would verify if any targets were hit. Confirmed hits, even if the silhouette did not drop, counted as a hit.

I had plenty of time to get my gear ready as I waited for the first two relays to fire. When it was my turn, I stepped up to the bench to begin to load my rifle when I discovered I'd brought a powder horn with no powder in it. Luckily, I had some 3F powder in my shooting box in the truck and the horn was quickly filled and I got started. My spotter told me I was just below the turkey's belly, so I raised my point of aim for the next one and connected. I was off to a good start.



The turkeys and rams were shot from the bench

Since only one of the three relays was firing at any given time, the other two relays were either spotting or just hanging out. While very relaxing, it made for a slow day and by noon we were only halfway through. We finished shooting just

before 2 pm and headed inside for prize out. With only 16 points available, there were many of the same scores, so ties were broken first by the number of rams hit, then turkeys, etc. In a few cases, it came down to identical scores, so it was up to the boosway (me) to pick.

Our overall winner was Allen "Two Tails" Tresch with a score of 14, followed by Mark Merwin, also with 14. Andy Johnson would take third place with 13. Great shooting guys!

Our next match is February 22nd and will be the annual Quad Club Match, where four local black powder clubs compete for top honors and a trophy. A potluck lunch will follow the match. We hope to see you there.



Dwayne Anderson primes his flintlock

2026 Proposed Firearm Bills

These bills are still pending from the 2025 Legislative session.

House Bills: **For information about the individ*

HB 1132 Limit purchase of firearms and ammo within a 30 day period. Sponsor: Frivar (Democrat-46) OPPOSE
HB 1152 Storage Requirements of firearms in vehicles and other locations. Sponsor: Doglio (Democrat-22) OPPOSE
HB 1163 Restrictions to the purchase, transfer, & possession of firearms. Sponsor: Berry (Democrat-36) OPPOSE
HB 1386 11% tax increase on the purchase guns, parts and ammunition. Sponsor: Thai (Democrat-41) OPPOSE
HB 1504 Enhancing public safety by requiring financial responsibility to purchase or possess a firearm or operate a firearm range. Insurance per gun. Sponsor: Reeves (Democrat-30) OPPOSE

Senate Bills: **For information about the individual bills: <https://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/> Recommendation*

SB 5098 Restricting lawful carry of firearms, creating more NO GUN ZONES. Sponsor: Valdez (Democrat-46) OPPOSE
SB 5099 Restrictions to business operations of licensed firearms dealers. Sponsor : Lovick (Democrat-44) OPPOSE
SB 5140 Restrictions to the purchase, transfer, & possession of firearms. Sponsor: Liilas (Democrat-21) OPPOSE

What can you do?

1. Contact your Legislators : Call or email, tell them to oppose intrusive bills
 - a. **1-800-562-6000**
 - b. Find Your District Legislators: You have 2 State Reps and 1 State Senator
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/districtfinder>
2. Comment on the bill directly:
 - a. Go to: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo>
 - b. Put in the bill number
 - c. Click on Comment on This Bill
3. Sign up for NRA-ILA Alerts: Stay informed in the firearm industry in WA State.
 - a. www.nraila.org
 - b. Filter: Washington State
4. Notify other firearm owners by sharing this.
5. Sign up to volunteer: nra.ila.wa@gmail.com to get involved. Or text/message 253-470-1772

Thank you!

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