



# ***The Bull Sheet***

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

**Puyallup, WA**

**Established 1945**

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## **SEPTEMBER MEETING NOTES**

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.

If you are a match director or chairperson who needs to put an entry on the calendar or submit a budget request for 2026, now is the time to send in the request. Requests are due by November 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.

The board is considering installing irrigation on the rifle range. We have had three fires break out on the range this summer. Fortunately, we have our fire wagons that kept the fires from spreading. We will be gathering quotes soon for the job.

Those who plan on running for a club office are invited to submit a short (about 2-3 paragraphs) biography to be included in the December BullSheet. The biographies must be received by the November 22<sup>nd</sup> board meeting. Send your write-ups to me at [bullsheeteditor@gmail.com](mailto:bullsheeteditor@gmail.com)

Our sign out front by the driveway is showing its age. Dave Farrow will be checking into having it replaced.

The date for the Big Gun/Little Gun rifle match has been changed to Sunday October 19<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Click [here](#) for the match bulletin on the upcoming events section of our website.

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME**

Membership renewals for 2026 are now due. 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 now also be paid 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](#).

## **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?

## **1800 BULLSEYE PISTOL MATCH**

Paul Bunyan Rifle and Sportsman's Club will host an NRA Approved Precision "Bullseye" Pistol Match on Saturday October 18th. This will be a two-gun match - 22 & CF with all firing at 25 yards (short course). 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. Click [here](#) for the match bulletin on our website.

Advanced reservations are appreciated although not required. Send to Dennis Wilcox, [spindleblaster@msn.com](mailto:spindleblaster@msn.com)

## PAUL BUNYAN AND TRANSPORTING FIREARMS

Lynn White

I have been on hunts where the way others in my hunting party handled their firearms, made me feel my life could be in grave danger. It all starts with the people I was with being unsafe in the way they handled their gun.

When people I know and trusted, carried their loaded guns in ways that threatened my safety and the other hunters in our party, it was time to say something. It's better to have a family member upset with you for speaking up about the firearm safety rules being violated than to live with a guilty conscience of someone being wounded or killed because we remained silent.

The way we handle guns must be safe and legal, especially when entering the field, during the hunt, and exiting the field. The way we transport our firearms needs to be done with great care and with safety in mind. If you have a hunt planned, it is of paramount importance that all **incidents** be avoided by following all firearm safety rules:

1. It is not safe nor lawful to transport a loaded gun in your car.
2. Ammo in a removable magazine in the gun is not legal in the car.
3. Transporting firearms in window gun racks is not safe and it invites theft.
4. Point the muzzles in the same direction when stowing guns into your car.
5. When removing firearms, ensure that all hunters secure their gun from the same side of the car, avoiding pointing the muzzle at anyone.
6. When uncasing and loading your guns, do so by ensuring all muzzles are pointed in a safe and separate direction.
7. Resting guns against cars or other unstable surfaces can be dangerous.
8. After the hunt, unload your firearm before approaching your vehicle.
9. When casing your guns for the trip home, stow all cased firearms with all muzzles pointing in the same direction.
10. When arriving home, have all hunters secure their firearm from the gun storage area of the car, pointing all muzzles in a safe direction.

**REMEMBER – STAY SAFE**

## MUZZLELOADERS

Eric Burkhead

The September monthly match of the Paul Bunyan Plainsmen was a “newie” — not with the usual muzzle-loading rifles, but instead with flintlock and caplock pistols on the BP Pistol Trail. Mark Merwin and Dennis Daigger prepared a challenging course of fire. The fall weather was outstanding and attendance was excellent.



Thirteen stalwart competitors shot an initial tie-breaker paper target, followed with a series of twelve metal gongs of various shapes, sizes and distances along the woodsy trail. Shooters included members of three neighboring clubs. The match and Pistol Trail received many compliments and requests for an encore. With a possible of 130 points, shooters scored:

Mark Merwin	120
Allan Tresch	120
Mike Holeman	115
Lawrence Salterelli	100
Bob DeLisle	80
Chip Kormas	80
Dan Albro	60
Victoria Barnhart	60
Frank Haggard	50
Mike Nesbitt	40
Eric Burkhead	40
Jerry Mayo	30

PBRs members and their guests are always welcome to join us at the Pistol Trail on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays and 2nd Sunday of the month.

## 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.

## ACTION SHOOTING INTERNATIONAL (ASI) RECAP

Jackie Russo

Surprise showers welcomed early arrivers for our September ASI match. But by time of “hammers down!” the rain had carefully receded to other parts of Pierce County to quench drought-stricken acres.

For our September match, 6 stages boasted rootin’ tootin’ pistol packin’ fun. Most stages were 12-14 rounds, with a variety of themes. Each stage was either seated, stationary or some movement. There was a variety for any level of shooter to compete.

In total, 60 shooters enjoyed a little trigger time and with the match complete well before 2 pm, so there was enough time leftover for folks to enjoy additional Saturday activities.

We welcome all level skills of safe shooters. Bring your favorite handgun – or PCC. At least two boxes of ammo. No holster? All starts are either table or low-ready. Transport your firearm in a case or gun rug. Having two magazines makes the typical mandatory reload easier, but having only one (typical for .22) just eject and reinsert the mag to accomplish this task.

ASI is low level competition. Enjoy meeting new people and practicing move and shoot skills. Becoming more familiar with firearm manipulations and improving marksmanship. More skilled squad mates are eager to coach and mentor you. New Shooter Orientation is at 8:45 in Bay 1. Check-in at the Stat Shack prior and pay the range fee and we will find the perfect squad for you.

Interested in joining us at an upcoming match? Our next match is Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> – which is also our The Senior Classic. This our 4<sup>th</sup> year hosting. The Senior Classic welcomes shooters of all ages, but there’s special recognition for those aged 50 and better. EXCEPT – there is a special ‘Whippersnapper Award’ for best young’n score. PCCs won’t be accepted at this special match. And Sig P320 /M18 and M17 are prohibited at all Paul Bunyan ASI matches.

Care to learn more? Pre-registration appreciated on [www.practiscore.com](http://www.practiscore.com) – find us under **Matches** at **ASI at Paul Bunyan, The Senior Classic**. Range fee is \$25 for Paul Bunyan members.

We will not have a November match due to a schedule conflict. Our December 6<sup>th</sup> match will be a PCC –friendly match AND it’s the Toy 4 Tots range toy drive benefiting Pierce County’s Toys 4 Tots chapter. More information will be published in the November BullSheet.

## JUNIORS

Doug Shellenberger

We still haven’t had much response from the kids so far this year. We thought we would have more response since they are back in school. We are down to 4 or 5 shooters on Tuesday evenings. There has been no one on the airgun range so far this year.

Tacoma Rifle and Revolver Club held the State junior prone smallbore match last month. Arkin Arranza took second place overall and Evelyn Jackson took first place in the sharpshooter class.

## IT’S AIRGUN SEASON

Al Richardson

We will have the airgun range open for casual shooting starting Wednesday October 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, shooting on alternating Wednesday evenings thru April (check the club calendar). 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 rifle 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 eye protection. If you would like more information, call me or send an email [here](#).

## MEMBERSHIP

The club would like to welcome the 14 new members for October. Shawn Pease, John Fitch, Naphtali Moore, Brandon Trudeau, Michael Corrick, Mark Aretz, Andrew O Shea, Roger Britten, James Eaves, Michelle Maze, Keith Maze, Wayne Hoff, Danny Divelbiss, and Todd Divelbiss were all voted into the club at the general meeting. Welcome to all. Club membership for 2026 now stands at 874 members.

## CAST BULLET BENCHREST RIFLE RESULTS

John Schauf

September 25, 2025

Here is the final tally for today's Schuetzen match. Thanks to all that participated and helped with set up and tear down. The wind was mild as were the temperatures which made for a pleasant day of shooting and visiting with friends. We will resume our matches starting in April 2026.

NAME	CLASS	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5	TOTAL
Schauf, John	PBB	250-10x	249-9x	248-8x	246-7x	246-6x	1239-40x
Yatso, Ron	PBB	248-8x	246-6x	244-6x	245-5x	247-7x	1230-32x
Reichel, Ron	HVY	242-3x	243-5x	245-5x	237-4x	246-6x	1213-23x
Sudol, Ed	PBB	242-4X	240-2x	241-3x	244-5x	238-3x	1205-17x
Gardner, Alice	PRO	234-1x	236-4x	238-2x	238-4x	234-3x	1180-14x
Stripes, Mark	HTR	207-0x	226-0x	209-2x	203-0x	231-2x	1076-4x

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

## 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. Our fine summer weather presents a perfect opportunity to come out and give this new discipline a try. Join us on the first and third Thursdays 1-4pm and the second Sunday 10am-2pm of every month.

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!

## FREE ONLINE TRAINING

Dennis Wilcox

There is free online training available which meets the WA requirement (which must be repeated every 5 years), courtesy of Sporting Systems in Vancouver WA. Point your browser here: [Firearms](#) [Safety](#) [Training](#)  
[Program Vancouver WA | Sporting Systems](#)  
You can breeze through this fairly quickly - print a hard copy of the certificate and also save on your phone. Then you're good to buy a gun in WA - at least until May 2027 when the new permit to purchase law takes effect.

## 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.

## CARETAKERS REPORT

Doug Shellenberger

I contacted our logger to report 4 dead trees that need to be cut down. One is a leaner that might hit the rifle range baffles when it is cut down, so it will have to be cut down in sections.

We have been putting a lot of new chips on some of the berms. The muzzleloaders wanted some chips on the old knife and hawk throw area as well. Most of the job is done.

## COST OF THE BULLSHEET

Like everything else in life, the cost to produce the BullSheet has gone up dramatically. The postage alone has taken a huge jump over what it was just a few years ago, plus the printing costs have gone up. If you get the BullSheet in print form and would consider reading it on line instead, please email me at [bullsheeteditor@gmail.com](mailto:bullsheeteditor@gmail.com) so we can update your delivery preference.