



# ***The Bull Sheet***

**Established 1945**

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

**Puyallup, WA**

## **JANUARY MEETING NOTES**

Once again, the general meeting was cancelled due to the COVID-19 restrictions. We did hold a combination on-site/virtual board of directors meeting. We will start holding general meetings when the restrictions have eased a bit.

Due to the COVID restrictions, our hunter education classes have been cancelled until further notice. Watch the BullSheet for information on when the classes will resume. Contact Marty Kotzke if you have any questions.

Darrell Behounek reports that he sold \$208 worth of brass last month. Income from the sales goes to support the Junior Club.

Marty Kotzke has had a few folks join him recently on the shotgun range. He opens the trap house on the first Wednesday evening and the third Sunday morning of the month (see calendar). The cost is \$6/25 birds from the trap house. We also have a manual thrower for those who want to do a little practice with a friend. Bring your clay birds and have at it.

Club member John Schauf has designed a lighter target frame for use on the rifle and pistol ranges to replace the heavy frames now in use. John's prototype was constructed using 2x2's for the uprights and feet instead of the 2x4's that are currently being used, and is assembled using screws so individual wood parts are easier to replace. John is going to build a few of the frames for us to try. If they hold up to the range use, more will be built in 2' and 4' wide sizes.

We once again have a waiting list to get a membership to our club. With all of the recent COVID restrictions, we have had to restrict the attendance at our orientation meetings, causing a huge back-up of applicants. At this time, we are taking reservations for the July orientation (February thru June are already booked up). Our club must be a popular place to shoot!

## **CLUB ELECTION RESULTS**

We have elected a new club President and two new directors for 2021. Tessina Hurley, a long-time club member and avid USPSA shooter was elected as our new President replacing Rocky Walston who is in the process of moving to Eastern Washington. Tessina is the first female president in the history of our club. We will also have two new directors for this year. Long time club member and range volunteer Ken Swasey was voted in along with range officer and hunter sight-in chairman Mark Voigt. Incumbent director Marty Kotzke garnered the most votes, so he will be serving a two-year term. A complete list of the board members can be found on the back page of the print BullSheet or on our [website](#).

## **PASSING**

We received the sad news that Lifetime club member Bob Koehler passed away in December at his home in Las Vegas. Bob was born on May 18, 1935, in Worcester, MA. He enlisted in the Navy in 1953, proudly serving his country for over 20 years. He was a Vietnam vet and was a proud member of the "Brown Water Navy" team that patrolled the rivers of Vietnam. Bob retired from the Navy in 1973 as a Chief Petty Officer, and started a second career in office machine repair and sales. He was an avid outdoorsman, and also enjoyed traveling and woodworking. Bob was a well-respected stalwart member of our club for many years, serving as a board member and match director, and helping our club in many other capacities. Bob is survived by his wife Jean, four daughters, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

## DUES AND INITIATION FEE INCREASES

After much discussion at previous board meetings, the board voted at the November meeting to increase the annual membership dues and the one-time new member initiation fees. For the past few years, the club has operated in the red. With prices of everything going up and the impact of the COVID restrictions on the range, the board felt it necessary to increase our fees, something we haven't done in many years.

Effective September 1, 2021, the annual membership dues will be increased to \$120. Existing 2020 members who have not yet renewed for 2021 will have the option of extending their membership, for up to 3 years, at the old \$96/year rate if the renewal is received by April 30, 2021. Those who have already renewed for 2021 will have the option to renew for up to 2 additional years at the existing rate if the renewal is received by April 30, 2021.

Effective as of January 2021, the one-time initiation fee for new members will increase to \$150 and the annual dues for new members will be \$120.

## MEMBERSHIP

With the COVID restrictions, we had to postpone the December orientation until January. We held three smaller meetings this month so we could keep everyone socially distanced. We would like to welcome Jake Dodson, James Grant, Thomas Hamel, Vickie Jennings, Allen Macabitas, Richard Price, George Williams, Jimmy Baker, Hollie-Anne Lorenz, Mark Banta, Shawn Budlong, Regina Budlong, Payam Chychi, Raymond Fletcher, Matthew Haddock, Wesley Hall, James Jensen, Ryan Larson, Joseph Magrum, Michael Marino, Harold Martinez, Eric Nelson, Mark Smithlin, Paul Tatum and Joseph Young to the club. The prospective members were voted into the club at the board meeting. Club membership now stands at 1263 paid for 2021.



## USE OF THE RED COLD RANGE INDICATOR LIGHTS

We have had several complaints of individuals using the red "cold range indicator" lights in an unsafe manner. Some shooters have been observed flipping on the red light switches and proceeding downrange without communicating with the other shooters to confirm a cold range. This is happening when we have no RSO on duty, creating an unsafe condition for all on the range. The red lights are not to be used to call for a cold range. They are only an indication that someone is down range and that the range is operating under cold conditions. If you observe an occurrence of this, please discuss it with the member or report it to a club officer (names are on the RSO shack). During those times when there is no RSO on duty, all members using the range are de-facto range officers and must help keep the range operating in a safe manner.

To call for a cold range, you must clear and ground your firearms and communicate with **all** others on the firing line that you would like to call for a cold range, step behind the yellow (red on the pistol range) line and ensure that the line is in fact safe. Then, and only then, should **all** persons proceeding downrange turn on the switch nearest to their firing position. When you return to a safe position behind the firing line, turn off the same switch. Once **all** of the red-light switches are turned off and the red lights quit blinking, shooters must communicate verbally and visually with all others on the firing line to make sure everyone is in agreement and knows that the range is once again hot.

## CARETAKER'S REPORT

Doug Shellenberger

We had 12 trees come down in the last big wind storm. Many of them had root rot, so they just topple over, roots and all. One was found to be full of ants that had eaten away at the center of the tree. We have pulled most of the logs out so they can be sold as firewood (\$50 for a pickup truck load). All of the trails through the property are now clear. One of the trees came down over the east perimeter fence, so we have contacted a fencing company to do the necessary repairs.

## **ACTION SHOOTING INTERNATIONAL UPDATE**

Jackie Russo

What could be better in starting off a new year but with the first Paul Bunyan pistol match of 2021! January 2<sup>nd</sup>, we welcomed both new shooters and veterans of ASI to a, somewhat, soggy 6 stages. Once again, it was a pleasure to share the Match with members of Paul Bunyan's Ladies Shooting League, along with their spouses.

Due to the realities of ammo shortages – we tried to maintain a maximum of 12 rounds per stage; and all 6 stages offered a variety of situations of shooting from cover, on the move (always optional) or a table start. Shooters chose whether to begin at the low-ready or from a holster (with ASI range officer's permission).

ASI will, for the most part, be scheduled on the first Saturday of the month. If you are interested in joining us – please pre-register on PracticeScore (<https://practicescore.com>) under ASI at Paul Bunyan. If you are a new shooter to ASI, where the ASI # box is, please write NSO – so we know to expect you. NSO (New Shooter Orientation) is at 9 am in Bay 1. Bring your gear. If you aren't ready to shoot a match yet, we welcome you to NSO, too.

For additional ASI information and membership checkout their website at: <https://asi-usa.org> ([asi-usa.org](https://asi-usa.org)) Range fee is \$20.00.

As always – be sure to double check to Paul Bunyan's website's calendar to confirm we have a match.

## **USED BRASS FOR SALE**

Darrell Behounek has 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. Give Darrell a call at 253-212-9976.

## **CORRECTION**

In my haste to get the January print edition of the BullSheet off to the printer, I inserted the January 2020 calendar instead of the January 2021 calendar. Sorry about the confusion that caused. That's a bad way to start the new year!

## **LADIES SHOOTING LEAGUE**

Jackie Russo

The Ladies brought in 2021 with a bang! No ammo shortage seemed evident with the both Girlz Night Out and T-Time attendance. We welcomed several new shooters who were looking forward to breaking in new pistols and releasing a few pew-pews into special targets.

January is also the first opportunity for gals to turn in their Pew – Pew Tracker records for awards. Annually, our members record the date and the number of rounds shot – or as we like to promote – freeing Pew-Pews. Members who 'free' 1200 or more in a year receive a custom morale patch. The top 2 Pew 'liberators' receive special recognition.

2021's Pew-Pew Challenge has just begun! You don't have to be a member of Paul Bunyan or the Ladies League to participate. Just attend our events and get your Tracker Sheet.

We meet the first Wednesday and third Sunday of each month in the pistol bays – which are covered AND heated! We recommend at least a box of ammo for warm up and training target use. Range fee is \$20. More information is available on the range's website. We'd love to have you join us!

## **POSITION VACANCIES**

We have openings for range safety officers. These are volunteer positions for weekday coverage as well as for paid weekend coverage positions. If you are interested in helping out, contact chief range safety officer Dave Farrow [here](#).

## **CLUB CAPS AND SHIRTS**

We have a new supply of all sizes of shirts as well as sweatshirts. The shirts are \$15 and sweatshirts are \$20. We have solid back caps as well as mesh back caps, \$12 each for either style. 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.

# JUNIORS

Doug Shellenberger

Recently we have had more juniors show up on Tuesday evenings to shoot with us, even though the weather hasn't been the best. Two weeks ago, we had 10 shooters meet in the pistol shed to shoot 22 rifle, and a couple in the airgun range to practice their air rifle skills.

We had 12 shooters brave the cold on the first Saturday of the year to compete in our appropriately named Icicle Match. We had several shooters from Capital City and some coming from as far as Port Angeles to compete. Madisen Smith was the overall winner with an outstanding score of 655. Complete match results can be found on the Orion scoring system by clicking [here](#).



12 year old Blake Knoop proudly displays the targets from his very first rifle match. Nice shooting Blake!

## PISTOL SILHOUETTE

Bret Stuntebeck

Jan 2, 2021

We put 18 entries across the line this month. It wasn't as cold this month when I got to the range with the temp running around 45 degrees but the wind was blowing which made it seem colder. We also got rain for most of the day. We had a new IHMSA member. Kyle Bishop who has shot with us the past few months has joined the IHMSA ranks. It is good to get new members. On to the results of the match.

One 40 shot this month. Ron Craig posted a UAS-AA, 40 with his newly acquired XP 7BR

followed by Kyle Bishop posting a UAS-AAA, 38 followed by Jim Harris with a UAS-Int, 37 I posted a U-Int, 38 followed by Jim Harris with an U-Int 36, both with cast bullets. In revolver Ron Craig posted a R-AAA, 34. I squeaked out a R-Int, 31 followed by Steve Parsons a R-AAA, 31. In Half Scale Kyle Bishop posted a UASHS-AA, 29. Steve Bishop posted a UHS-AA, 15 In Smallbore Ron Craig posted a US-A, 18. In Field Pistol I posted a PAS-AAA, 24.

Our target setter did a fantastic job again this month. We are losing one of our target setters with this month being her last with us. Hanna has been setting targets for us for about 2 1/2 years now. She has been "One of the BEST" target setters I have ever had. She is leaving for the Airforce at the end of January. We will miss her and wish her the best.

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

Class Notes	Name	Gun/Caliber	Score
P-AA	Joe Stumpf, R 1st CB	FA: 357MAG	17
R-INT	Bret Stuntebeck 1st CB	FA: 41MAG	31
-AAA	Steve Parsons 1st CB	FA: 41MAG	29
-AA	Ron Craig 1st CB ML	SEV: 357MAX	34
U-INT	Bret Stuntebeck 1st CB	XP-100: 7BR	38
-AAA	Steve Bishop 1st	TC: 7TCU	34
UAS-INT	Jim Harris 1st CB	XP-100: 6.5TKS	37
-AAA	Ron Craig 1st JC	XP-100: 7BR	40

### FP

Class Notes	Name	Gun/Caliber	Score
P-AAA	Bret Stuntebeck 1st	TC:22H	24

### HS

Class Notes	Name	Gun/Caliber	Score
UASHS-AAA	Kyle Bishop 1st	PSA: 300BO	29
UHS-AA	Steve Bishop 1st	XP-100: 7TCU	15

### SB Class Notes

Class Notes	Name	Gun/Caliber	Score
US-A	Ron Craig 1st	TC:22LR	18