



# ***The Bull Sheet***

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

**Puyallup, WA**

**Established 1945**

**JANUARY 2023**

## **DECEMBER MEETING NOTES**

The club election was held during the general meeting. All 2022 incumbents were voted back into office for 2023. Director John Morris received the most votes for a director, so he will be serving a two-year term. The 2023 officers and directors will be sworn into office during the January meeting.

Doug Shellenberger, Rich Pogue and Darrell Behounek have been making some improvements on the muzzleloader's pistol trail. A few tree limbs were removed and new wood chips were spread along the trail.

Marty Kotzke reports that the hunter education classes for 2023 start up in January. Classes are filling quickly. Registration for the classes is done through the [WDFW](http://WDFW) website.

A proposal was made and accepted at the general meeting for a new steel storage building to be erected behind the pistol range berm. As the club grows, so does the storage requirements for all of the equipment necessary to keep the range running. The workshop, lean-to, target shed and all outlying buildings are full. Construction is scheduled to start early spring.

The 2023 Sportsmen's Show will be held at the Puyallup fairgrounds February 1<sup>st</sup> through the 5<sup>th</sup>. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **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. Give Darrell a call at 253-267-5087.

## **LADIES LEAGUE HAPPENINGS**

Jackie Russo

All winter the Ladies League will continue to meet at their normal scheduled dates. The covered, lit and heater warmed range is a welcome relief from the chill. Bring a warm coat, boots and gloves and a sense of fun, along with your favorite gun – especially if Santa was extra good to with you. Hopefully, some ammo and camo was also on your list.

Each event we have a fun training target and discussion on gun safety, training type scenarios and other topics of interest. Recently we added a "Show & Tell" feature, where gals chat about their current handgun and its safety features, grip and other attributes. Perhaps an opportunity to find out more about a different manufacturer or caliber.

2022 wraps up our Pew-Pew Challenge – for those who shot at least 1200 rounds, they will receive a special morale patch. In 2023, we will again invite the ladies to track their ammo use and plan for another Pew-Pew Challenge year.

We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Weds and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – monthly. But do double – check the Paul Bunyan website's calendar first, to avoid disappointment. Be sure to bring eye / ear protection, at least 1 box of ammo and your handgun. Range fee is \$10 and does include targets.

Desire additional information? Go to the Paul Bunyan website and click on [Ladies Shooting League](#) to learn more.

Hope to see you on the range- we are in the pistol bay immediately to the right as you enter the range, next to the rifle range!

## CARETAKERS REPORT

Doug Shellenberger

With the recent cold weather, the range has not been very busy. Most show up to shoot in the morning and the range is deserted by noon.

The muzzleloaders are working on the pistol trail. Rich Pogue, Doug Shellenberger and Darrell Behounek have been working on it, clearing brush and putting down a fresh load of wood chips.

We have had reports of a homeless encampment on the NE corner just outside of our fence line. We are keeping an eye on things in the area making sure our fence doesn't get cut and that we have no trespassers.



## ACTION SHOOTING INTERNATIONAL (ASI) ACTIVITIES

Jackie Russo

'Twas a frosty winter wonderland at the range for Paul Bunyan's annual Toys 4 Tots Toy Drive. 45 hardcore ASI shooters braved sub-chilly temperatures to support Pierce County's children, who will have gifts under their tree on Christmas morning!



To celebrate the holiday season, the ASI elves were treated to 6 fun ASI stages, to include a snowball start, a "No Bad Dawgs" stage and delicious festively-frosted Glock sugar cookies – thanks to Becky Voeller for sharing her excellent culinary skills with us!

Thanks to the generous members of ASI and Paul Bunyan – we collected 3 large boxes of toys and \$550 in cash donations. The Board of Directors of ASI – matched their fees and added it to the donation, for a total for a total of \$820. As a side note, all donations do stay in Pierce County.

ASI meets, generally, on the first Saturdays of each month. There are Saturday's where a calendar conflict occurs, so in order to avoid disappointment – check Paul Bunyan's website calendar. Also, pre-registering on [www.pracctiscore.com](http://www.pracctiscore.com) will give you the latest updated information and upcoming matches under, *ASI at Paul Bunyan*.

Our next match is January 7<sup>th</sup> - -check-in at the Stat Shack by 0945 hrs. New Shooter Orientation is at 9 am in Bay 1. Hope to see you then!

## SMALLBORE LEAGUE

Bob Wendt

The smallbore rifle league for 2023 starts Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. The first couple of nights are for practice with the competition starting on the Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. We shoot NRA 4-position (prone, sitting, kneeling, standing) with some accommodations for disabilities. We compete 9 weeks with a 10th week for tie breakers and makeups. This is a handicap league, so shooters of all abilities are welcome. We gather around 6:00 PM with shooting starting at 6:30 PM.

## JUNIORS

Doug Shellenberger

We held the Junior Olympic tryouts on Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, with top shooters getting a chance at a possible invite to Colorado Springs next Spring. We had 18 shooters total, with 10 coming down from Oak Harbor. They held a pizza party after the match.

We sold the donated MEC shotgun loader that we advertised last month to one of our club members.

Our first smallbore match of 2023, the annual Icicle Match, will be held Saturday January 7<sup>th</sup> at 8am in the pistol range.

## 2023 WINTER PISTOL LEAGUE

Dennis Wilcox

The 2023 Winter Pistol League will begin January 19 and continue on Thursday evenings through March 23. This is a .22 rimfire pistol league, however an "any gun" class will be provided for those wishing to use a centerfire pistol instead. New shooters are welcome, and there will be an "open" class where firing using a 2-hand grip is allowed. If there is enough interest, a revolver and/or iron sight category can be added. This league will not be NRA registered.

There will be 10 weeks to fire 8 record scores and you may shoot ahead or make up by shooting both relays. The course of fire will be 20 rounds Slow Fire, 20 rounds Timed Fire and 20 rounds Rapid Fire all fired at 25 yards. The first relay will begin at 5:00 PM and the second relay at 6:15 PM (arrive not less than 15 minutes early to get set up).

At the end of the league there will be cash awards to class winners, and a prize drawing for all participants. Entry fee will be \$25.

For more information or to obtain a league program, contact: Dennis Wilcox, via email at [spindleblaster@msn.com](mailto:spindleblaster@msn.com) (preferred) or by phone at 253-841-9309.

Click [here](#) to view the match bulletin.

## CLUB CAPS AND SHIRTS

We now have tee shirts and sweatshirts in all sizes available for sale. We are asking \$15 for the tee shirts and \$20 for the sweatshirts. We have solid back caps as well for \$12. 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.

## LEGISLATURE REPORT

Kevin Olson

### Here Comes the 2023 Legislative Session

The WA state gun-banners are making public their wish list of new gun control laws they would like to see enacted in 2023. Click [here](#) for the link. Perhaps emboldened by the expressed will of the people in the recent mid-terms (via the alchemy of mail in voting), the Governor and the Attorney General are supporting the banning of semi-automatic rifles, the repeal of state preemption laws and a new requirement to obtain a state issued permit to purchase a firearm. It almost seems like a recipe, doesn't it? Defund, demoralize and restrict the police, then when the crime goes through the roof, we'll blame it on the guns. Given that the dominant party controls the Executive as well as both the House and the Senate there is little to stand in their way except determined resistance by the electorate. The legislature convenes the 2023 session on January 9th.

## WASHINGTON SPORTSMEN'S SHOW

The NRA is asking for help manning their booth at the [Washington Sportsmen's Show](#) at the Puyallup Fairgrounds, February 1<sup>st</sup> through the 5<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers would be answering general questions, handing out membership information and encouraging folks to join the NRA. We will provide all supplies needed. If you are interested in helping out, contact our area representative Zach Westerdahl at (703) 267-3773 or via email by clicking [here](#).

# MUZZLELOADERS REPORT

Mike Moran

## Snowball Fight!

With a bit of imagination, the six-bullseye paper target looked a bit like a volley of snowballs coming at ya. The fact that there wasn't any snow on the ground made it harder to believe, but however you looked at it, it was going to be fun. And why not? This was the annual Christmas shoot and Toys for Tots fundraiser for the Paul Bunyan Plainsmen.

For several decades, the Paul Bunyan Rifle and Sportsmen's Club has been supporting Toys for Tots. This year we had a new Marine representative that came out to join us. His name is Dakota and it's his first year with the program. Of course, it meant he had to do some shooting as well. Although he was a firearms instructor in the Marine Corps, he was a bit baffled by the flintlock thrust in his hands, but took to it right off, and starting hitting targets. Bob Wendt, the Paul Bunyan treasurer jointed us as well.

The course of fire that Sunday morning consisted of two shots at each of the "snowballs" on the 25-yard paper target for a total of 12 shot, with the score as shown on the scoring rings. Next came two shots at a pie plate with a Christmas tree on it, with 10 points for each hit on the tree, also at 25 yards. For variety there were three gongs hung at 30 yards, a stocking, a candy cane, and another snowball, with one shot at each for 10 points each hit. That gave a possible total of 170 points.

In lieu of a shooter's fee we ask for donations for this shoot, and to help raise even more money, we had some nice raffle prizes. Steve Skillman presented one of his Thurston County powder horns, Lori Caswell brought a beautiful, beaded horn strap, Chip Kormas donated a stool made by Frank Ponceroff, and a colonial era folding knife rounded out the raffle items. All of the normal shooter's prizes were wrapped like Christmas presents, so even though the best shooter drew first, it was still a surprise.

When the shooting was all done and there were no more raffle tickets to be sold, we started on the prizes. The powder horn went to one of our new shooters, Tom Wilkening, and the strap

went to Mike Holeman. Jim Haeckel won the knife (and he was also the only one to hit the candy cane), and Mike Moran took the stool home. When it was all tallied, **the muzzleloaders raised \$971.00.** Combined with the donations from the other shooting disciplines, we sent Dakota back to Toys for Tots with a pickup truck full of toys and a check for over \$30,000! That will make a fine Christmas for a lot of folks.

Enjoy the holidays and get those guns ready for the next shoot on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, when we host the WSMA Silhouette Shoot.

### Results:

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| Bob DeLisle  | 125 | Wayne Noll      | 70 |
| Mike Holeman | 123 | Tyler Wilkening | 69 |
| Paul Nelson  | 113 | Jerry Mayo      | 68 |
| D Behounek   | 109 | Tom Wilkening   | 64 |
| Chris Statz  | 88  | Jeff Nelson     | 48 |
| Jim Haeckel  | 84  | Mike Nesbitt    | 45 |
| Derek Sotelo | 71  | Dakota          | 32 |
| Bill Sick    | 71  | Bob Wendt       | 27 |
|              |     | Mike Moran      | 21 |



Tom Wilkening with his new powder horn