



The Bull Sheet

Paul Bunyan Rifle and Sportsman's Club

Puyallup, WA

Established 1945

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DECEMBER MEETING NOTES

The club election was held during the general meeting. All 2024 incumbent candidates were voted back into office for 2025. Director Birney Oxford received the most votes for a director, so he will be serving a two-year term. The 2025 officers and directors will be sworn into office during the January meeting.

Bob Wendt announced that the 50' smallbore winter league starts in the pistol shed Monday January 6th with a practice match. 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 at 6:30 PM.

Dennis Wilcox reported that the Mt. Rainier pistol league has wrapped up for the year. We had a record turn out this year. Duane Hatch was the league winner with a 94.2% average. The Winter league starts Thursday January 23rd with two relays, 5pm and 6:15pm. See details on page 4.

The board voted to accept the proposed operating budget for 2025. The budget will be presented to the general membership for ratification at the January meeting.

Mark Merwin and Eric Burkhead took 68 of the Akrobins to [Ehli Auctions](#) to be auctioned off. Between the proceeds and the generous donation from Ehli Auctions, they came back with \$663 for the Toys for Tots campaign.

After a lot of thought and deliberation, the board has decided to have our old Kubota tractor repaired instead of purchasing a new tractor.

TOYS FOR TOTS

Treasurer Bob Wendt reported that our annual Toys for Tots campaign was once again a huge success. Several of our disciplines held matches, with the match fees going to the campaign. Shooters along with some of our sponsors donated \$21,543.25 plus a trailer load of toys.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Membership renewals are now overdue. Gate codes for those who have not renewed for 2025 are now disabled. To renew your club membership, get the form online 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](#).

CARETAKERS REPORT

Doug Shellenberger

Our perimeter fence has again been cut in a few places. We have found where folks have entered the property through these holes. We have contacted a fence company to make necessary repairs.

We are in the process of reviewing and renewing our status as a tree farm. As you can imagine, it is not a straight forward process. We will continue to work on this next month.

JUNIORS

Doug Shellenberger

We will be hosting our annual Icicle match Saturday January 4th on the pistol range. This is a 3-position NRA sanctioned smallbore match. This year we will be hosting two smallbore matches and one sectional airgun match.

ACTION SHOOTING INTERNATIONAL (ASI) ACTIVITIES

Jackie Russo
Reflections on 2024

As our 5th year at Paul Bunyan wraps up, it's time to review some of the best ASI events from 2024.

Throughout the year we offer several themed or specialty matches, to promote interest in this 'Move and Shoot' sport. Offering a variety of stages keeps a match fun and fresh for all levels of experienced shooters.

For 2024, we introduced "It's a PCC-Friendly Christmas" for December (naturally). It coincided with the range's annual Toys for Tots toy drive. We welcomed 66 shooters for this 6-stage match – at least half arrived with their favorite PCC. Fun stages included *Frosty Plates* incorporating the plate rack; *Reindeer Games* with 1 shot per target; and *Snow Down Snowman* with a start position wearing circa '65 army surplus cold weather, trigger finger mittens. At least one operated their PCC wearing them; totally old-school awesome. Speaking of old-school, a few vintage PCCs made an appearance: several MP-5s and an Uzi.



By the time we wrapped up the unwrapped, new toy drive, several large boxes of new donated toys and \$1751 in cash were collected!
A BIG THANK YOU to our dedicated group!



Additional specialty matches included May's "Target Cancer", a fundraiser for Fred Hutchison Cancer Research Center (raising \$4000 for the cause); August was "Heavy Metal" – celebrating all metal guns; October was the 4th year for "The Senior Classic" –recognizing those shooters aged 50 +. Come 2025, there's no doubt these matches will make a return as interest remains strong.

In May, The Ladies Shooting League (LSL) was invited to participate in "An Introduction to ASI" event. This course was an expanded version of the typical New Shooter Orientation offered same morning of the match. In addition to going over rules, demos and range commands, members shot several stages – providing opportunities to practice table starts, low readies and marksmanship. For those keen on-stage planning, there was ample time to do so.

Participation in ASI is robust. In review of the year's attendance stats show 689 shooters—averaging 62 per month. With 6 squads and 12 persons per – our matches move pretty smooth, with rare backups.

Consider joining us for 2025. We invite all safe shooters who are looking to advance from static to movement; experienced shooters who are looking for more trigger time or opportunities to try a new gun. Participants just need ear & eye protection, handgun (or PCC) and at least 2

boxes of ammo and 2 magazines. Most matches use around 100 rounds and a reload is typically required between 1st and last shots. Don't have a holster? All stages are designed to be at low-ready or table starts. Transport your gun between stages in a case or gun rug.

New Shooter Orientation is at 8:45 am day of match in Bay 1 of the Action Shooting Bays. Participation is mandatory if this is your first ASI match. Been a bit since the last match? A refresher isn't a bad idea. Rules of the range or ASI do occur, feel free to pop in.

The Paul Bunyan calendar is set. Pre-registration is appreciated on www.practiscore – find us under ASI at Paul Bunyan. Remember: For all Paul Bunyan members – range fee is \$20.00.

PAUL BUNYAN AND FIREARM SAFETY AT HOME

Lynn White

Christmas is my favorite time of year. However, I have only one question for you: “**Did you get a new gun for Christmas?**” Well, if you did, I know that what I'm about to say could be old-hat to some. But it's this mindset that we want to avoid so that no one ever puts another in danger because they thought basic firearm safety rules were beneath them.

If you got a new gun, be safe and take the time to look over the manual to familiarize yourself with the basic operation of the firearm. Paul Bunyan Rifle and Sportsman's Club is adamant about being safe on the range by follow the range safety rules.

The major **causes** of firearm incidents that occur **at home** are **careless firearm handling** and a **lack of basic knowledge** of the gun's operation. It is your duty and responsibility to prevent these incidents by following the basic firearm safety rules at all times.

Before you bring a firearm into your home, you are obligated to determine if it is loaded. Do this safely out of the public view. Check the chamber and remove the magazine (double check tube magazines). Only you can determine if a gun is unloaded and safe. Before handling any gun, store your ammo in another room and when you pick up the firearm, **ALWAYS POINT THE MUZZLE IN A SAFE DIRECTION.** Make

certain that anyone with you knows these safe handling rules.

When cleaning a gun at home, follow all the above rules. First, **POINT THE MUZZLE IN A SAFE DIRECTION** and disable the gun by removing the bolt (if you can). Make certain all ammunition is stored in a different room. Use cleaning solvents in a well-ventilated area. Don't allow distractions while cleaning a gun. Use cleaning rods, brushes, patches, solvents, oils, and rags as directed by the manufacturer.

I remember a Christmas in 1964, one of my presents was a shotgun. My father told me, “**Don't ever point your gun at anything you do not intend to shoot.**” Those words ring true to my heart today as they did in 1964. He taught me a rule about safe handling.

The Basic Rules of Firearm Safety:

- All Guns Are **LOADED**.
- Never Touch The **TRIGGER** Until You Are On Target And Ready To Fire.
- Never Point The **MUZZLE** At Anything You Are Not Willing To Kill Or Destroy.
- Consider Your **BACKSTOP** Because **Bullets Go Through Things**.

Follow these rules and you'll be far less likely to experience a firearm incident.

As Always - Stay Safe

STORAGE BINS AVAILABLE

A load of stackable heavy-duty plastic storage containers (approx.11"x11"x30") has been donated to the club. These containers are available to club members for a suggested \$2 donation, with the proceeds going to Toys for Tots. Contact Birney Oxford at 253-905-5134 if you would like to purchase some.



IHMSA PISTOL SILHOUETTE

Bret Stuntebeck
December 7, 2024

We put 17 entries across the line this month. It was raining when I got to the range with temps in the lower 50's and fell to the mid 40's by the end of the match and rain it did throughout the match. On one occasion it rained so hard that it was difficult to see the ram line. On to the results of the match.

We had Two 40's this month. Steve Bishop and I both posted UAS-Int, 40's followed by Ron Craig with a UAS-Int, 30.

Jim Harris with a U-Int, 37 followed by Michael Averre with a U-AAA, 30 Jim Harris posted a UHS-Int, 28. Michael Averre posted a S-AAA, 15. Nicholas Papagalos posted an US-AA, 21.

In Smallbore Nicholas Papagalos posted a US-AA, 15.

In Field Pistol I posted a PAS-AAA, 23. Steve Parsons posted a PAS-AA, 23 and a P-AA, 3.

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.

BB	SHOOTER	FIREARM	SCORE
R-INT	Bret Stuntebeck	FA: 41MAG	26
R-A	Peter Colley	FA: 41MAG	4
S-AAA	Michael Averre	MERRILL:357MAG	15
U-INT	Jim Harris	RAMPRO: 6.5BR	37
U-AAA	Michael Averre	XP-100: 7X47	30
UAS-INT	Steve Bishop	XP-100: 7BR	40
UAS-INT	Bret Stuntebeck	XP-100: 7BR	40
--AA	Nicholas Papagalos (NRA)	TC: 223	21
FP	SHOOTER	FIREARM	SCORE
P-AA	Steve Parsons	RUGER: 32MAG	3
PAS-AAA	Bret Stuntebeck	TC: 22H	23
PAS-AA	Steve Parsons	TC: 270REN	23
HS	SHOOTER	FIREARM	SCORE
UASHS-AA	Ron Craig	TC: 6TCU	14
UHS-INT	Jim Harris	RAMPRO: 6.5BR	28
SB	SHOOTER	FIREARM	SCORE
US-AA	Nicholas Papagalos (NRA)	TC: 22 LR	15

MEMBERSHIP

There was no new member orientation held in December. Club membership for 2025 now stands at 1132.

2025 WINTER PISTOL LEAGUE

The Paul Bunyan 2025 Winter Pistol League begins January 23 and continues on Thursday evenings through March 27. 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. You may fire up to 10 record scores, and the best 8 will be used for aggregate score, standings and awards. 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, contact: Dennis Wilcox via email at spindleblaster@msn.com (preferred) or by phone at 253-841-9309.

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.

INCORRECT EMAIL ADDRESSES

If you elected to read the BullSheet on line and you are not getting a monthly notification email, then the email address we have for you on file is incorrect. Please contact us [here](#) so we can update your email address.

MUZZLELOADERS

Mike Moran

A Christmas Shoot to Remember

The snowflakes, cleverly disguised as raindrops, softly fell as the usual suspects arrived for the Paul Bunyan Plainsmen muzzleloader shoot. This shoot is our annual Toys for Tots fundraising event, where we collect donations in lieu of a shooter's fee to support the Thurston County Toys for Tots program. We had Dakota Tew, our Marine Corps League representative on hand to oversee the event and to participate in the shoot. Everything was looking good, until Chip Kormas began to explain the course of fire.



Mike Moran fires at the pine cones

A variety of targets were used for the match. Target 1 was three balloons at 50 yards, for 10 points each. Three shots were required, two with your own gun, and one with someone else's gun. Target 2 was provided by Dwayne Anderson and consisted of three gongs at 20 yards – a present, a candle, and a candy cane. For this you started on the present and if hit got 2 points, then hit the candle for 3 points and the candy cane for 5 points. However as soon as you missed you stopped. Targets 3 and 4 were pine cones and oranges, with two shots at each for 10 points per hit. Next came the candy cane pistol, a specialty made "hand cannon" painted red and white, that loads from the muzzle and is fired using a lit fuse. That was pointed at the standing bear target at 35 yards, with one shot worth 10 points. Lastly, Target 6 was a series of 5 candy canes at 15 yards, only using powder

that could fit into two empty 20-gauge shotgun shell hulls. These also had a five-minute time limit. It took a bit of 'splainin' at the shooter's meeting, but we finally understood.



Getting ready on the firing line

These were challenging targets for sure. Allen Tresch was the only person to hit the bear with the candy cannon, and as the scores show below no one came close to the maximum possible score of 140. The gun swapping was very interesting to do "on the fly" and it was very obvious the differences in a different firearm. Luckily for this match, the scores didn't matter, as the prizes were all wrapped and under the Christmas tree. Everyone got a surprise with what present they picked.

Before the prize-out started, a very special presentation was made to Gina Hansen. Her husband Eric had been working with Dave Rase in his shop to make a pistol when he passed away two years ago from cancer. The Bremerton Brigade folks got together and decided to finish the gun, with each one doing a bit of work on it. On the top flat of the barrel is inscribed, "Shoot this in remembrance of me EVH" and the names of the guys who finished it on the bottom flat. It also had a blanket case and a presentation box. Gina was quite moved by the gesture and her family were very thankful.

In an effort to raise more funds for the Toys for Tots program, we had a raffle for several very nice prizes. Brian Wissner won a set of Williamsburg pottery mugs owned by Wayne Godby in a custom wooden case. Cody Mehr took home an adjustable powder measure made

by Dave Rase and a horn container made by Steve Skillman. Mike Holeman took the other Skillman horn container and the beaded needle case donated by Boyd.



Mark Merwin loading up for his next shot

When all the money was tallied, the Muzzleloaders had \$2,015 to present to Toys for Tots, plus a slew of gifts. That averaged out to about \$72 per person, a very generous gesture for the Christmas season. Bob Wendt was on hand to account for the money and combine it with the other Paul Bunyan shooting disciplines, and Dakota went back to Thurston County with a check for \$21,543.40 and a pickup truck full of gifts. It was a great shoot for us, but more importantly, it will be a great Christmas for some needy families.

RESULTS

92 Bob DeLisle	52 Dan Albro
92 Mike Holeman	32 Wally McKendry
85 James Haeckel	32 Jerry Mayo
75 Allen Tresch	32 Dakota Tew
75 Lawrence Saltarelli	25 Frank Haggard
75 Mark Merwin	22 Wayne Noll
65 Cody Mehr	22 Dave Rase
62 Paul Nelson	20 Mike Nesbitt
62 Darrell Behounek	13 Doug Kitchens
60 Mike Moran	4 Terry Pratt
52 Boyd Phillips	2 Erik Burkhead

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.

PISTOL STEELS MATCHES

We will resume hosting pistol steels matches on the action bays this month. Rodel Castro and Josh Oyler will be sharing the match director duties, holding 8 matches this year ([click here for calendar](#)). Sign up starts at 8am on match day with the matches getting under way at 9. \$6 per gun (please bring small bills). There is a limit of three guns per shooter, with first time shooters limited to one gun. Contact [Josh](#) or [Rodel](#) if you have questions.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER RANGE OFFICERS

The club is looking for a few volunteer range safety officers to fill weekday/evening positions. Schedules can vary and are somewhat flexible. Training is provided. If you are interested in serving as a range safety officer, contact Chief Range Safety Officer Dave Farrow via email [here](#) or at 253-886-1069.

BLACK POWDER PISTOL TRAIL

Eric Burkhead

One of our three December shooting days was sunny – and the BPPT Crew generated plenty of smoke! Thankfully, the Shotgun Shed (aka the 'Dismal Nitch') continues to provide shelter from our Northwest climate. On multiple days this month, Paul Bunyan folks gathered around the warm wood stove for technical sessions and comradery.

We encourage any and all club members and guests to join us on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 1-3pm and the 2nd Sunday at 10am-2pm. As always, we will gladly furnish first-timers with a pistol, powder and ball and instruction to enjoy the Pistol Trail. See you there! For more info, call me at 253-686-5438.

CALLING ALL NEWSPAPER READERS

If you read the newspaper and recycle it when you are done, how about donating some of that newspaper for the rifle range stoves. These chilly mornings on the rifle range are a lot more pleasant with a fire in the stoves to warm us up. Please put the donated newspaper in the small steel cans on the rifle range. Thank you!