



The Bull Sheet

Paul Bunyan Rifle and Sportsman's Club

Established 1945

Puyallup, WA

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JULY MEETING NOTES

We have added the option to pay your club renewal fees online with a credit card. On the bottom of 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.

Jane Milhans announced a Firearms Owner's Workshop to be held at Tacoma Sportsmen's Club August 13th. Pierce County Sheriff Keith Swank will be the guest speaker discussing what is happening in our county. Click [here](#) for more information.

Dennis Wilcox reported that the summer bullseye league is underway and will wrap up in late August. This is a postal league for those of us here at Paul Bunyan in conjunction with Tacoma Rifle and Revolver Club. The fall pistol league starts Thursday September 18th. We will have more information in the next BullSheet.

Membership chairman Cindy Thomas will be accepting renewals prior to the orientation on Sunday August 10th, 2 pm to 4pm. Stop by the clubhouse during those times if you would like to pay your renewal in person (still cash or check).

Our annual Youth Day here at the range will be held Saturday August 23rd, 9am to 3:30pm. This a free event, open to the public, for anyone under 18 years old. This is a great opportunity for kids to learn how to shoot a shotgun, muzzleloader, rifle, archery and are taught firearm safety by Certified Hunter Education Instructors. More information can be found on our website by clicking [here](#).

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

A proposal was made at the June Board of Director's meeting to amend the Constitution. The amendments, below in underlined bold, were presented to the membership at the general meeting. Two amendments to the proposed changes were made at the meeting: eliminate the addition to Article 2, and replace proposed verbiage with "or lawful permanent resident" in Article 3. The amendments were passed as well as the added verbiage to Article 3 by a vote of the general membership at the meeting.

ARTICLE II

Object

The object of this organization shall be the encouragement of organized shooting activities amongst citizens ~~or legal residents~~ of the United States, with a view toward a better knowledge on the part of such citizens of the safe handling.....

ARTICLE III

Oath of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands. I certify that I am a citizen ~~or legal resident~~ lawful permanent resident of the United States and that I am not a member of any organization or group.....

DONATION TO OUR JUNIOR CLUB

The Boeing Rifle and Pistol Club (BRPC) has made a very generous donation to our Junior Club. At their June meeting, the subject of donations came up. Two of our cast bullet rifle shooters, Bud Hyett and Alice Gardner, both BRPC members, spoke up and suggested making a donation to our Junior club. The proposal was passed unanimously by their membership. At our last cast bullet match, Alice presented the club with a check for \$1000 as a donation to our Juniors.

PAUL BUNYAN AND SAFE FIREARM FIELD PRACTICES

Lynn White

Most everybody has at least one horror story about an unsafe firearm field handling incident that they either experienced or caused. The scary thing is that it happens all too often when shooters and hunters get complacent about the way they handle a firearm or where they point the muzzle. Knowing and practicing basic firearm safety rules can prepare you for almost any situation in the field. Knowing how to safely load and unload a firearm in the field is important for everyone.

Loading a Firearm in the Field:

Most Important –

- Stand back-to-back, then point the muzzle in a safe direction.
- Put the safety on. The safety may not work unless the action is locked and cocked.
- Keep your finger off the trigger and outside of the trigger guard.
- Open the action and make certain the chamber and barrel are clear.
- Load the correct ammunition into the chamber or magazine (see the barrel stamp).
- Close the action, thus making the gun ready to fire.
- Put the safety on if it is not already on.

Unloading a Firearm in the Field:

Most Important –

- Stand back-to-back, then point the muzzle in a safe direction.
- Put the safety on if possible.
- Keep your finger off the trigger and outside of the trigger guard.
- If the magazine is removeable, remove it from the gun.
- Open the action.
- Eject cartridges or shells if that is the only way to remove them.
- Make sure the gun is unloaded by checking chamber and magazine for ammunition.
- Keep the action open.
- Put the safety on if it is not already on.

Removal of the ammunition or the magazine alone does not guarantee the gun is unloaded. Remember ALL GUNS ARE LOADED, until you determine otherwise.

Safe firearm handling is everyone's business. If someone is unsafe with their gun say something. It's better to have a hunting buddy upset for calling him out than having the guilt of someone's death torment your conscience because you didn't say anything.

STAY SAFE!!!

AIRGUN RANGE OPEN HOUSE

We will have our 10-meter airgun range open a few weekend days this summer for airgun shooters and those who are curious about the sport. Olympic-style precision airgun shooting, either rifle or pistol, is one of the most demanding of the shooting sports, with the X ring on the rifle target being about the size of the period at the end of this sentence. Low "ammunition" cost, virtually no noise or recoil, no reloading or extensive gun cleaning, and the ability to shoot both rifles and pistols at the same distance in our climate-controlled range make it a very attractive shooting option. Our range has a .177 pellet velocity limit of 600fps, so many of the less expensive, more commonly available airguns must be shot on the pistol or rifle range. We do have a chronograph on site to check velocities. We will have the airgun range open Sunday August 24th, 9am to 2pm. If you are curious about the sport but don't have a gun, we have some to loan while shooting on the range. We invite all members to come and check out air rifle and pistol shooting. If you have questions, contact us [here](#).

MEMBERSHIP

The club would like to welcome the 16 new members for August. Chad McKay, Matthew Hsu, Casey Vann, Max Bean, Kreg Bardole, Wayne Wallace, Sean Mendez, Christina Powers, Burton Powers, James Logan, Jake Burkey-Logan, Caleb Taylor, Solomon Nutter, Greg Cline, Chris Hamminger and Garrell Burnham were all voted into the club at the general meeting. Welcome to all. Club membership for 2025 now stands at 1435 members.

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!

JUNIORS

Doug Shellenberger

We have had one of our junior shooters sign up for the summer camp at Orcas Island to be held later this month.

This is a slow time of year for the juniors with a lot of families on summer vacation. Last Tuesday night we had only 3 show up to practice. Attendance will increase when school resumes in September.

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.

OPEN POSITION

The club is looking for a new shotgun chairman. The chairman will be required to have the shotgun range open on the third Sunday of each month (days/dates negotiable), operate the automated trap thrower, and assist members with their shotgun techniques. Contact a board member or email us [here](#) for details.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Membership renewals are due by August 31st. 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 July and August BullSheet. Dues can also now 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](#).

CARETAKERS REPORT

Doug Shellenberger

Last month we replaced the belt on the mower. It lasted about a month. Looks like we have spindle issues, so we hauled it off to Jennings for some repairs.

We are working on cutting and stacking firewood for this winter. We still have a rack and a half left to fill for next winter.

CAST BULLET BENCHREST RIFLE RESULTS

John Schauf

July 24, 2025

Here are the results from the State match. This year we shot the 50 shot Schuetzen match for our State Championship match. I think it was a nice change of pace that made it a little more interesting. We had 7 shooters for a nice but modest turn out. The weather cooperated with pleasant temperatures and mild winds. Our next match will be Thursday August 28.

NAME	CLASS	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5	TOTAL
Schauf, John	PBB	248-8x	246-6x	247-7x	247-7x	247-7x	1236-36
		246-6x	242-3x	244-4x	242-4x	245-5x	1219-22x
Conner, Steve	PBB	243-3x	243-6x	246-7x	240-4x	245-7x	1217-27x
		245-6x	246-6x	242-3x	241-3x	239-2x	1213-20x
Richardson, Al	PBB	238-3x	243-5x	243-3x	238-2x	241-3x	1203-16x
		239-4x	242-4x	242-5x	242-4x	235-2x	1200-19x
Sudol, Ed	PBB	226-1x	158-0x	237-0x	194-4x	233-9x	1048-5x

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

Trade Gun Frolic

by Mike Moran

The Northwest Trade Gun was a gun made by the thousands in Europe and traded to the Indians of the Northwest Territories, which at the time was the area around Ohio. It was a very plain flintlock gun, smoothbore, with an oversize trigger guard for shooting with gloves and a serpent side plate. The serpent was big medicine to the Indians, and the savvy British traders incorporated it into the guns. For us, it makes for a very fun



Overload and Frank Slye make ready



Mike Holeman, Dan Busch, and Mike Nesbitt load up at the shotgun range.

As we were getting started, I heard Larry Litten say that he hadn't shot that gun since last year at the Frolic, and that was a common theme. As fun as these guns are to shoot, they often take second place to the rifles. Cody Mehr showed up with a beautiful new North Star West trade gun in 24 caliber, one that he'd been looking for for about five years. It worked good for him in practice, and he did very well with it. Dylan Johnson had the opposite result, he'd practiced with his percussion fowler with great success, but had ignition problems that were beyond his ability to fix at the range.

match which we call the Trade Gun Frolic. Being a smoothbore means it can shoot both round ball or a shot load, so for the match held at Paul Bunyan on July 20th, we would put both those functions to the test. Similar to our usual shoots, there were two metal gongs hanging at 25 yards and two at 30 yards, and each would get shot twice for a total of 8 shots. Next a paper bullseye target was hung at 25 yards and each shooter took 8 shots at it, his score being based on the printed scoring rings. For the shot loads, Cody Lovelace was on hand to run the trap house for us as each shooter took 8 shots at flying clay pigeons. Each hit on a pigeon or gong counted for ten points, so a score of 240 was possible. An additional 3 or 5 points were added if period clothing was worn.



Paul Nelson making smoke

One of the unique things about shooting these old guns is you never quite know how they are going to act.

Cody did do well, taking first place with a score of 154. He was followed by Mike Holeman, who didn't forget how to shoot after his month-long drive through Alaska, scoring a 150. And taking third place with a score of 135-X was the "Grand Batard du Nord" or as most of us know him, Mike Nesbitt. This shoot is also one of the events sponsored by the WA State Muzzleloader Association, so in addition to the regular prizes, WSMA Medals were awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place.

Big thanks to Cody Lovelace for coming out to help us, as well as our own Mike Moran, Jim Haeckel, and Darrel Behounek. Our next Plainsmen shoot will be on Sunday, August 24th and will be followed by our annual picnic and elections for next year. Come join us for more muzzleloading fun.



Le Grand Batard du Nord

Name	Prim Dress	Paper	Gongs	Pigeons	Total
Cody Mehr	0	74	60	20	154
Mike Holeman	3	67	60	20	150
Mike Nesbitt	5	60-X	50	20	135-X
Paul Nelson	5	58-X	70	0	133-X
Bob DeLisle	3	68-X	50	10	131-X
Overload Litten	5	57	30	20	112
Jerry Mayo	5	56	40	10	111
David Slye	3	47	40	0	90
Dan Busch	3	0	10	0	13
Dylan Johnson	5	NS	NS	NS	5



Dan Busch makes some impressive smoke