



# ***The Bull Sheet***

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

**Puyallup, WA**

**Established 1945**

**NOVEMBER 2024**

## **OCTOBER MEETING NOTES**

If you are a match director or chairperson who needs to put an entry on the calendar or submit a budget request for 2025, 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.

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.

The family of club member Rich Pogue will be hosting a Celebration of Life event in his honor at November 9th at 1PM at the Lakeland Hills Community Center at 5801 Lakeland Hills Way SE in Auburn. This will be a casual gathering, so come as you are. We hope to share stories, reminisce, and celebrate Rich's life with everyone who attends. If you're unable to make it, we welcome you to share photos and memories of Rich through the official obituary [here](#).

A dinner will be held Friday November 22<sup>nd</sup> for those who have volunteered their time to work at the range. If you have volunteered and would like to attend the dinner, RSVP us [here](#).

Club members Josh Oyler and Rodel Castro will be taking over as the match directors for the pistol steels competitions. Once the matches resume (they're still working out the details), they will be held on the third Sunday of the month (check the club calendar). If you have questions, get in touch with Rodel at 253-576-2409 or Josh at 253-232-0597.

## **M1-M1A-M1 CARBINE MATCH**

On Saturday November 16th, Paul Bunyan will host our "Little Gun / Big Gun" match on the rifle range. M1 Carbines are the Little Guns while M1 Garands, M1A's and 1903 Springfields are the Big Guns. The Big Guns will be shot at 200 yards using the electronic scoring targets, and the carbines will be shot at 100 yards. The cost of the match will be \$15 for club members and \$20 for non-members. M80 or 7.62x51 ball ammunition for the Garands/M1As/Springfields will be provided by the club. Shooters need to bring their own Carbine ammo. Course of Fire: Up to 5 sighter shots and 10 record shots from the bench, 10 rounds standing and 10 rounds sling supported (Prone/Sitting or Kneeling) with each gun. 60 shots total + sighters.

For those members who do not have one, we have a few M1 Garands to loan out for the match (arrange with Bob Wendt or Doug Nash prior to the match). If you do not have a carbine you may share with another shooter.

Sign-in starts at 9am with first shots downrange at 10am. Positions 1-15 on the rifle range will remain open for general member use during the match.

## **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, use the renewal form in the printed BullSheet or 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.

## FIREARM SAFETY

Lynn White

There are many ways we can get into trouble, but none are as effective as when we violate the **basic rules of life**. Ask your wife, she'll be glad to explain it to you. Many times, those acts are preceded by the someone hollering something like – "**Hey y'all, watch this!**" The end result resembles something between a squashed tomato and bloated roadkill. Avoid these unfortunate **accidents**; understand basic principles of gravity.

With firearms, there are no do overs. When someone has an unintentional discharge, the bullet cannot be recalled. Firearms mishaps are no longer identified as **accidents**. They are called **incidents**. Most incidents don't just happen. They are caused by careless firearm handling and/or ignorance of basic safety rules. In other words, someone pulled the trigger and is responsible for sending the bullet downrange. There's going to be paperwork.

The number one practice we teach in Hunter's Safety Class is if you are going to pick up a gun, from the moment you take possession of the firearm, **always point the muzzle in a safe direction, before checking to see if it is loaded**. If you are unfamiliar with the gun don't pick it up. There is no wobble room for unsafe behavior while handling a gun. If you point the muzzle at someone, that violates the basic rules of gun safety. That's why Paul Bunyan has a range rule that requires all firearms to be cased and uncased on the firing line. If you carry an uncased firearm from your vehicle to the firing line, the range requires you to carry the firearm muzzle up. The unsafe practice we're trying to avoid is pointing your muzzle at anyone.

**FOUR BASIC SAFETY RULES:** Reduce the risk of firearm incidents:

**LOADED** – All guns are loaded. Only you can determine if it is unloaded.

**TRIGGER** – Never touch the trigger until on target and ready to fire.

**MUZZLE** – Never point the muzzle at anything you are not willing to kill.

**BACKSTOP** - Consider your backstop because bullets go through things.

**As Always – Stay Safe**

## 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?

## DEFECTIVE ROUNDS AND BRASS IN TRASH

We have been finding a lot of spent brass and dud ammo in the trash recently. All spent brass and defective rounds should be placed in the red metal BRASS boxes on the rifle and pistol ranges. Dud rounds in the trash create a potential hazard for those who empty the cans and to those who haul away our trash. We sort spent brass from the BRASS containers by caliber and sell it, with the proceeds going to the junior club. Aluminum and steel cases should be placed in the 5-gallon buckets on each range. We also recycle spent primers, another thing we find in the trash a lot. If you have spent primers that you want to get rid of, leave them in a zip-lock bag or a container on top of the red **BRASS** containers or by the CONEX door.

## JUNIORS

Doug Shellenberger

With the smallbore season pretty much finished for the year, we hosted the first airgun match of the season October 26th. This match, which previously was known as the All-Army national matches is now the Pardini Nationals. This standing only match is part of a nationwide virtual match held at various locations throughout the country. We will post the results here next month.

The ROTC students from Rogers High School are still coming out to use the airgun range weekly for their practice sessions. Last week we had 15 show up to practice.

# ACTION SHOOTING INTERNATIONAL (ASI) ACTIVITIES

Jackie Russo

2024 Action Shooting International's *The Senior Classic*

We couldn't have asked for better weather for our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Senior Classic. Sunny skies greeted all ages of shooters with their .22 to .45 caliber handguns and approx. 100 rounds of ammo. Because this was a specialty match, special recognition is set for those tenured 50 and over. Categories were divided by Senior, Super Senior and Distinguished Senior. We did recognize Veteran, Lady and Law Enforcement in the senior groups.

This match, featuring 7 Senior – themed stages titled: *Medicare Scare* – a dominate hand only stage where the shooter grasps a walker with the opposite hand and delivers 1 round on all 9 targets; *Lost My Keys and My Mind* – where the start position is holding a smallish, vinyl 'brain' and car keys, one in each hand; *Paul Propman Gives Bad Advice* – a multi-target stage finds beloved range prop 'Paul' between 2 threat targets and several arrays of threat and non-threat targets, located in the open or behind cover; *Tee'd Off* – was a combination of steel and threat targets, however the start position required the putter wielding shooter to 'putt' the golf ball to indicate to the range officer they were ready for range commands. *Don't Need Bifocals* was a fan favorite. The target array was deceptive. Two steel poppers on either side of a threat target and a non-threat target were positioned under the 'down zero'. 15 yards made this stage challenging.

In the end over 80 shooters of various skillsets and ages attended the match and those in the senior categories were awarded a lovely timepiece, a pocket watch, custom etched by [River's Edge LLC](#). And once again, high overall was presented an engraved cane and High Whippersnapper (the category reserved for 'youthfuls' less than 50), received a nostalgic bronze baby shoe mounted on a wood plaque.

ASI matches are scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month. We welcome all skill levels of safe shooters, from those wanting to

advance from static to moving and shooting to those with an advanced skills who are looking for more trigger time or to try out a new handgun. Paul Bunyan members shoot the matches for \$20. Pre-registration is appreciated on [www.practiscore.com](http://www.practiscore.com) ; search under ASI at Paul Bunyan under Matches tab. As always, walk-ons welcome.

Our next regular match is Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. For our upcoming **Toys for Tots Toy Drive**, it will be Sunday, December 1st for our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual "It's A PCC Christmas!" This match welcomes handguns, of course, but expect more steel targets (ping!) and a few more distance targets for PCC fun. Additionally, *Action Shooting International's* Chairman/Founder Sandy Wylie is donating a pair of Kraken tickets. Everyone who donates will receive a chance to win 2 tickets to see the Kraken face off with the Vancouver Canucks on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We are setting up the 2025 calendar. I will post the tentative calendar in an upcoming Bull Sheet. NOTE: Always check the on-line calendar to confirm match or events.

## HUNTER SIGHT IN

Darrell Behounek

The PBRSC hunter sight-in for 2024 has come to an end of another successful season. This is a fund raiser that helps with the operating costs of the club as well as providing a valuable community service. This year we helped non-member shooters with 499 rifles sighted-in. We would like to thank the following club members that volunteered their expertise, knowledge, and most of all their time and hard work to make this happen: Rich Pogue, Brad Davis, Mark Merwin, Darien Martin, Eric Burkhead, Justin Burn, Bill Sick, Dennis Wilcox, Don Rubio, Don Hein, Ken Swasey, Mark Voigt, Steve Skipper, Mark Kosin, Rick Veloni, Ed Cole, Allan Killingbeck, and Garth Greiner. Their work on this event is greatly appreciated.

## CORRECTION

In the October print edition of the BullSheet, I included the wrong calendar page, showing the November calendar instead of the October calendar. Sorry for the confusion.



## LADIES SHOOTING LEAGUE HAPPENINGS

Jackie Russo

The range's ladies' league has been integral to the range's fabric for a decade. Christa Beasley has led the group for over half of its tenure. She has been steadfast in her commitment to expanding women's proficiency in handgun safety and marksmanship. Continued growth in league participation reflects this steady hand at the helm.

As we enter the shorter months of fall into winter, rest assured the Ladies will continue to meet for *Girlz Night Out* on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month (6 pm) and *T-Time* on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday (10 am) all while under the covered and heated pistol bays. You will find us next to the rifle range.

Membership at Paul Bunyan is not necessary to join us. The only requirements to participate is safe gun handling skills, a handgun, ear and eye protection, billed ball cap and 1 to 2 boxes of ammunition. A small range fee of is asked to cover the costs of targets and range supplies. Please join us if you can.

During Columbus Day weekend, four members of the League traveled to Raymond, Mississippi for IDPA's annual, Ladies -Only match, The Southern Belle.

This match, hosted by Boonedocks Firearms Training Academy, welcomed 56 women competitors from all over the United States.



L to R:

\*J.A. Russo BUG Division Winner / 1<sup>st</sup> PI BUG Expert and High Press.

\*V. Jennings CO Division Winner / 1<sup>st</sup> PI CO Sharpshooter AND a Match Bump to Expert and High CO. Senior Lady

\*J. Hallinan 1<sup>st</sup> PI BUG Sharpshooter.

\*C. Parker Revolver Division Winner/ 1<sup>st</sup> PI Revolver Marksman.

Enjoying stages based on *Back -to- the-Future*, where the start position was a derelict Ford Explorer (where's the DeLorean?); a Ruger SP 101 pick-up gun began the famous *Indiana Jones* stage; while *The Blues Brothers* had the shooter dropped a bag of 'cash' on a stomp box to activate the drop turner target. These were just a few of those memorable stages.

Swathed in high humidity, 84 degrees at 1 pm and fishing vests, we persevered thru all 11 1980s movie themed stages and all of us brought home awards and honor to our home range.

As a side note, our league has supported the Ladies-Only match since 2020; consistently fielding a team. As interest in IDPA expands – we invite more gals to join us in 2025.

## 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.

## 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.



## IN PASSING

It is with great sadness that we report the death of fellow club member Ken Ickes. Ken, 88, passed away after a lengthy battle with his health on October 12<sup>th</sup> surrounded by family and loved ones. After high school, Ken joined the Air Force and retired after a 22-year career, then went on to work another 23 years at Tacoma General Hospital as a maintenance technician. Ken was a club member and an avid shooter for many years. Being an inquisitive guy, he was on a lifelong quest to learn more about guns, shooting and reloading. Ken's side hobby was knife making, another hobby where he was a perfectionist, turning out many beautiful works of art. Ken is survived by his wife Muriel, daughter Corrine, son Karl and grandchildren Ryan, Brittany and Mikaela.

## DONATION

One of our club members has donated three rear rifle rest bags to be sold with proceeds going to support the junior club. All bags are used but in very good condition. If you are interested in making an offer on one, send me an email [here](#) or get in touch with Doug Shellenberger.



## MEMBERSHIP

The club would like to welcome the 13 new members for November. Haydyn Wagner, Austin Cobb, Kristopher Orlowski, Carl Shaw, Mason Shaw, Dylon Pyle, Dwayne Anderson, Ron Olsen, Stephen Bodoh, JB Miesegaes, Joshua Tapasa, Frank Haggard, and Cade Foisset were all voted into the club at the general meeting. Club membership for 2025 now stands at 1011.

## CARETAKERS REPORT

Doug Shellenberger

We recently had a work party to split firewood for our stoves for the winter. We had 5 members show up to help out with one member bringing his own splitter. Once we got everything going, we made quick work of it and were able to split enough to fill all of our wood racks, plenty to get us through the winter.

With the onset of fall weather, the grass has pretty much quit growing. We have shut off the sprinklers and put down the last of the fertilizer for the year.

We recently rented a lift so we could repair the target lights on the rifle range and fix the divots on the baffles. We checked the gutters on the clubhouse and pistol shed and made sure everything was ready for the winter rains.

## 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.

## WORK PARTY

Darrell Behounek

We would like to thank those who came out for the recent wood splitting work party October 19<sup>th</sup>. Doug Shellenberger, Duane Kupec, Mark Voigt, Shawn Hodges, Ken Doughty, and Dave Farrow. With their help, we were able to split enough wood to fill all of our wood racks so we can be more comfortable this winter on the rifle range.

## FIREWOOD FOR SALE

We have lots of firewood for sale at \$50 for a pick-up truck load. This wood is in log form and is easily accessible to those who would like to purchase some. Contact Doug Shellenberger at 253-846-6767 or see him at the range if you are interested.



## **A FINE DAY FOR A MUZZLELOADER SHOOT**

Mike Moran

What started as a downpour turned into a nice fall day as the usual crowd gathered at Paul Bunyan for the start of a new season of monthly shoots. Jim Haeckel would lead this shoot, and he had a fine variety of targets to challenge us on the firing line. After a quick safety meeting we got down to business for a spooktacular shoot.

The first order of business was a group photo in front of the newly renovated Knife and Hawk practice station. Dylan Johnson, a Scout with Troop 174, rallied his Scouts over two weekends for his Eagle Scout project.

The results are fantastic, and while Dylan was not available and the project still has a few finishing touches to go, it was an opportunity to showcase his project. A more formal dedication will happen when it's all done.

The course of fire consisted of four parts. Part one was five shots at the 100-yard standing bear target, with each hit counting for 10 points, and part two was five shots at



The crew in front of the new Knife & Hawk area, courtesy of Dylan Johnson's Eagle Scout project.



Jerry Mayo shoots the new flintlock he just completed.

the elk silhouette at 75 yards. Part three was a paper plate with either a maple leaf or a witch on it, again for 5 shots worth 10 points each, with the caveat that it would only count if your bullet was completely in the picture. Lastly, a target of a spider with scoring rings made up the last five shots. And as is our custom, bonus points were awarded for period dress.

With the sun coming out it was easy to see the paper targets at 25 yards, and the target frames were protected from the rain under the baffles, but the range was closed twice due to the wet paper of the spider target coming off the soaking wet frames.

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The targets were challenging.

This allowed for a chance to go forward and inspect targets in the middle of the match, something we don't usually have the luxury of doing. The shooting finished up about 11:30, and the range was quickly torn down and opened back up to members.



Dan Albro goes bear hunting

There is a saying in shooting that "Any difference can make a difference." I had recently changed my cleaning routine and as a result my barrel seemed to be caked with fouling more than usual. At one point I had to get some help from Bill Sick and his range rod to get one particularly stubborn ball down the bore. I can't tell for sure it was my cleaning routine that made it that way, but that's the story I'm sticking with to explain my score.

Our next Paul Bunyan muzzleloader match will be on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November, with a chance for the first several people to win frozen turkeys. Bill Sick will be running that match, so it's sure to be a good one. Now to get back to cleaning that gun of mine.

Name	Elk	Bear	Spider	Leaf or Witch	Primitive	Total
Allen Tresch	40	40	43	50	3	176
Dan Albro	40	40	26	40	0	146
Mike Holeman	40	30	27	40	3	140
Mike Barr	30	30	30	50	0	140
Dwayne Anderson	30	50	26	30	0	136
Bob DeLisle	50	50	14	20	0	134
Jerry Mayo	40	40	14	30	0	124
Eric Burkhead	30	50	20	20	3	120
Frank Haggard	50	40	7	20	0	117
Darrell Behounek	20	30	18	40	0	108
Paul Evans	40	30	13	20	3	106
Mike Nesbitt	30	40	25	0	3	98
Mike Moran	20	10	29	30	5	94
Mark Merwin	50	10	21	0	3	84