



The Bull Sheet

Paul Bunyan Rifle and Sportsman's Club

Puyallup, WA

Established 1945

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FEBRUARY MEETING NOTES

The 2025 club officers and directors were sworn into office at the general meeting:

President	Tessina Hurley
Vice-President	Mike Moran
Membership Secretary	Cindy Thomas
Secretary	Al Richardson
Treasurer	Bob Wendt
Executive Officer	Dave Farrow
Master-at-Arms	Cody Lovelace
Junior Advisor	Doug Shellenberger
Past President	Rocky Walston
Director	John Morris
Director	Mark Voigt
Director	Birney Oxford (2 year)
Director	Ken Swasey
Director	Doug Nash

Birney Oxford received the most votes for a director, so he will serve a two-year term

Dennis Wilcox has released the training schedule for 2025. He will be holding beginning pistol classes in March and April, and a beginning bullseye class in June. Go to our web page training tab [here](#) for more details. These classes fill up quickly, so send in your registration soon.

The proposed 2025 club operating budget was passed by vote of the general membership.

The board is exploring the possibility of taking online payments for membership renewals. At this time, we are exploring the options and costs involved. We should have more information next month.

The Colorado Gun Collectors Association ([CGCA](#)) will be holding their 59th annual show May 17-18 in Greeley, Colorado. There will be over 800 tables of guns and memorabilia from Medieval to Revolutionary War, Civil War, Wild West, WWI, and WWII. We will have a few free passes if you are interested in attending.

PAUL BUNYAN BEGINNING PISTOL SHOOTING COURSE

The Paul Bunyan Rifle & Sportsman's Club will host a Beginning Pistol Shooting Course March 29 & 30. The course will be taught by NRA Certified Instructors and will cover the basics of safe and proper gun handling and pistol shooting. Participants will learn about firearm safety, parts and operation, shooting fundamentals, care and cleaning, storage options, selection, and more. Course hours are 9 AM - 4 PM both days. To obtain a registration packet, send an email with your name, address and phone number to spindleblaster@msn.com

Advance registration and deposit of course fee (\$40) is required. Seating is limited to the first 10 students to register. Membership in Paul Bunyan R&S Club and/or the NRA is not required in order to attend this course. Email the point of contact for additional information regarding kids age 12 to 17 years of age.

CARETAKERS REPORT

Doug Shellenberger

Our tractor has been returned after having the necessary repairs completed. We rented a tractor for a week while ours was being repaired.

Rainier fence was called out to make the necessary repairs on the west perimeter fence where a couple of trees came down last month, taking 2 posts and about 40' of fencing. During the last windstorm, we had another tree come down in the same area, damaging one post and about 60' of fencing. We have again called Rainier Fence to do the necessary repairs.

We have been moving a lot of wood chips around recently, building up the berms and filling in the low and bare spots.

ACTION SHOOTING INTERNATIONAL (ASI) FEBRUARY RECAP

Jackie Russo

This month's match was dedicated to our Range Officers, these tireless volunteers who keep our matches running smoothly like a well-oiled 1911. ASI range officers are responsible for stage safety, fairly enforcing rules and keeping proper score on the scoring tablets. As match directors, we rely heavily on their skills for each monthly match.

Since February hosts Valentine's Day, we thought to recognize our ASI ROs with a "We Love Our Range Officers" match. Top ASI range officers in Carry Optics and Iron Sights were awarded a Cabela's gift card.



Joey "Wheels" Russo presents an award to Mark Ayala

Fifty-one shooters and eleven range officers participated in six stages, including an all-steel bay, and several stages with a Valentine's Day themed names, like "My Heart Lead Me Here", "Candy Sweetheart" and "Ping Goes My Heart."

Interested in moving up from static pistol shooting to "Move and Shooting"? ASI is the perfect opportunity to hone your pistol handling skills. Experienced competitor? ASI at Paul Bunyan provides plenty of additional trigger time opportunity not requiring an entire Saturday.

Interested in joining us on the first Saturday of the month? Bring your favorite handgun (or PCC), at least 2 boxes of ammunition (most stages are less than 12 rounds), ear and eye protection, an appropriate holster and mag pouches or a gun rug / case to transport the gun in from stage to stage. New Shooter Orientation is at 8:45 in Bay 1. All stages are table starts or low-ready. Drawing from the holster allowed with squad RO approval.

Pre-registration is appreciated on Practiscore (find us under ASI at Paul Bunyan). Walk-ons are always welcome and match fee for Paul Bunyan members is \$20.

Curious about a typical match experience? Watch ASI MD Joey Russo's on his YouTube Channel by clicking on the link [here](#).

Interested in more ASI matches? Paul Bunyan members Igor Strupinskiy and Sara Scott host ASI at Tacoma Sportsmen's Club on the 3rd Sunday each month. Search on Practiscore for 'ASI at Tacoma Sportsmen's Club' to pre-register.

MEMBERSHIP

The club would like to welcome the 9 new members for March. William Randon, Thomas Combs, Michael Danao, Kellen Hoover, Jerry Rozul, Michael Chacon, Matthew Hymer, Ryan Egnew, Jeremy Frahz and were all voted into the club at the general meeting. Welcome to all. Club membership for 2025 now stands at 1220.

JUNIORS

Doug Shellenberger

A few of the ROTC shooters from Spanaway High School have been coming out Tuesday evenings to practice air rifle with our juniors.

The National Junior Olympic air rifle championships will be held this year in Anniston, Alabama, April 13-18. Paul Bunyan junior Arkin Arranza has shot well enough this season that he may qualify for an invite to compete.

The last smallbore match of the season, a NRA 3-position sectional, will be held on our pistol range Saturday April 26th.

We held our annual Icicle smallbore match January 4th. We had 13 juniors brave the cold weather to shoot the three-position match.



Shooters lined up for the prone portion of the match

Jacqueline Wooley from WCW Shooting Sports in Kenmore took first place honors with 638, followed by Cheyenne Pecotte and Arkin Arranza from our club with a 622 and 606 respectively.



Shooters lined up for the kneeling part of the match



Arkin Arranza taking careful aim in the standing position portion of the match



Match director Zach Duncan giving last minute instructions

Complete match results can be found on the Orion website by clicking [here](#).

SIGHTING IN A RIFLE

Lynn White

If the subject is that new gun you got for Christmas and you haven't shot it yet, then we need to talk. If you are going to hunt with that rifle, you want the bullet to hit where you aim - right? Then we need to discuss how to make sure your shots will be accurate by sighting in your new gun. Be sure to do this BEFORE you go hunting.

Sighting in is a process of adjusting the sights so that you can hit a target at a specific range. The sights and the target may appear to be in a straight line. However, the truth is that rifle bullets do not travel in a straight line. When fired, the bullet travels in an arc formed by the pull of gravity. Knowing the ballistics of the bullet you are going to shoot helps to know how much drop the bullet will experience at 100, 200, and 300 yards and more.

To start, set your target out at 25 yards. Shoot from a solid bench rest or lay in a prone position, which is the steadiest of the four major shooting positions (kneeling, sitting, standing or prone). Using the suggestions from last month's article about controlled breathing and squeezing (not jerking) the trigger, load your rifle at the bench, always keeping the muzzle pointed down range, and then line up your back sight with your front sight and aim the lined up sights at the target's bullseye. This is called the sight alignment.

Shoot at least 3 shots carefully at the target. By controlling your breathing and gently squeezing the trigger, your shots should form a small triangle known as a shot group. After firing 3 shots, adjust your sights so that your shot group point of center is over the bullseye after firing another 3 shots.

If you are shooting with iron sights, moving your rear sight side to side is called adjusting for windage. Moving your rear sight up and down is called adjusting for elevation. The rear sight is moved in the same direction you want your shot group to move on the target. If the front sight is adjustable, move it in the opposite direction you need your shot group to move to be on target. If you are shooting with a scope, follow the manufacturer's instructions on adjusting the reticle so that your tight shot group is within the

target's bullseye. Once you have sighted in your new rifle at 25 yards, move your target out to 50 or 100 yards and repeat the above process.

Sighting in has many advantages: Improves hunting and shooting accuracy for humane one-shot kills.

Forces the hunter to practice, which every hunter needs to do.

Helps to determine potential problems with technique if your shot group is wide. It builds confidence in your shooting ability to take more accurate longer shots.

AS ALWAYS – STAY SAFE

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.

BLACK POWDER PISTOL TRAIL

Eric Burkhead

February was mostly kind to the Trail shooters, with two of the three scheduled days being sunny and dry. A hint of the Spring to come?!?

The Shotgun Shed (aka 'The Dismal Nitch') provided a warm, dry and homey atmosphere for a special educational session. Mike Moran treated us to a seminar on preparing a deer hide from forest to rawhide. Much was learned from Mike's knowledge and experience. We look forward to a follow-on session, Tanning 2.0, at a future date. Thanks, Mike!

Paul Bunyan members and guests are encouraged to join us on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 1-4 pm and/or on the 2nd Sunday at 10am-2pm of each month. We will gladly furnish first-timers a black powder pistol with powder and ball to try out the Pistol Trail. We'll even clean the gun after use! See you there!?!

For additional information, please contact Eric at (253)686-5438.



Mike Moran explains his hide preparation techniques

MUZZLELOADERS

Mike Moran

Quad Club Shoot 2025

To paraphrase an old saying, one club is a club, two clubs are a rivalry, and three clubs are a competition. So, it was when back in 1994 when the Paul Bunyan Plainsmen, the Bremerton Brigade, and Seven Rivers got together for some friendly muzzleloader shooting and thus was born the Tri-Club Shoot. This friendly gathering ebbed and flowed over the years and grew to add a fourth club, the Black River Troublemakers, in the process to become the competition we saw last Sunday at Paul Bunyan. The tradition lives on.....

For the course of fire, each club selects a target and brings copies for all shooters. This makes four targets, and each target gets five shots for a total of 20 shots. The targets are all posted at 25 yards, and for this match they were posted all at once and shot in one relay. Well, that was the plan anyway but Mother Nature decided we needed to hydrate and she graced us with a wet morning. So, we had a couple of short breaks to re-staple targets that fell. At the end of the shooting the different targets were collected by the originating club and scored by the club scorer. This ensures consistency in interpreting the scoring rings and bullet placement.

Before going further it's worth noting that we had 34 competitors, which is the highest in a decade! And it's also worth noting that we had a few newcomers shooting, with new faces in each club. That's the future of our sport, and we sure are happy to have 'em.

Individually the scores are worked out as usual and prizes selected. The distribution of the top scores were pretty even as well. In first place was Allen Tresch (PBP) with 184-X, then Bob DeLisle (BRTM) at 197-2X, Jim Haeckel (PBP) with 163-X, Cody Mehr (BRTM), and in fifth place Steve Richard (BB) with a 159-4X. Congratulations go out to all the shooters but these men earned their place at the top.

The team competition takes a little more to calculate but the four scorers sequestered themselves away until the process was done. While that was taking place, Karla Hillberg had a tomahawk contest set up with cards stapled to the hawk blocks. If you hit a card with a number on it, there was another prize table to draw from. Throughout the competition our video guys Mike Barr and Paul Evans were recording and will be editing a finished video soon you can watch on their YouTube channel, "Enough 2 B Dangerous". I'm sure they will post a link on our new Facebook page "Paul Bunyan Plainsmen" when it's ready.



The trophy is ours once again for 2025

The day was capped with a nice chili lunch with each club bringing an item. The food was delicious and the plates were scraped clean as the final awards were announced. Taking top honors this year is the Paul Bunyan Plainsmen, with a combined score of 1046-7X. They get to keep the trophy until next year. Congratulations, and let's get ready for Rendezvous!

IHMSA PISTOL SILHOUETTE

Bret Stuntebeck
February 1st, 2025

We had a light turnout this month no doubt due to the forecasted snow. We put 11 entries across the line this month. It was cold when I got to the range with temps around 35 degrees and stayed there for the remainder of the match as it was 35 degrees when I left. It snowed for a bit then stopped and later turned to rain. All in all not a horrible day for this time of year. On to the results of the match.

No 40's this month. Ron Craig posted UAS-Int, 37. Nicholas Papagalos posted a US-AA, 20. Steve Bishop posted a R-AAA, 24.

In Smallbore Steve Bishop posted a UAS-AA, 32 followed closely by Ron Craig and Leann Poussier both posting UAS-AA, 31's.

In Field Pistol Nicholas Papagalos posted a PAS-AA, 20. Steve Parsons with a P-AA, 16.

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-AAA	Steve Bishop	RUGER: 357MAX	24
UAS-INT	Ron Craig	TC: 7TCU	37
US-AAA	Bret Stuntebeck	TC: 7TCU	17
-AA	Nicholas Papagalos (NRA)	TC: 223	20
SB	SHOOTER	FIREARM	SCORE
UAS-AA	Steve Bishop	RUGER 22LR	32
FP	SHOOTER	FIREARM	SCORE
P--AAA	Bret Stuntebeck	TC: 30-20	12
-AA	Steve Parsons	TC 22H	16
PAS-AA	Nicholas Papagalos (NRA)	TC 22H	20
PAS-AA	Steve Parsons	TC 270REN	15

RANGE CLOSURE

We have hired a company to re-seal the rifle range roof joints. They are waiting for a few warm dry days so they can apply the sealant. The goal is to do the work on a Thursday during the range maintenance window so there will be no impact to members using the range. However, since warm dry days are hard to come by this time of year, we are at the mercy of the weather to get the project started. We will announce any necessary closures as we get them in the BullSheet and on our webpage, "latest club news" section.

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.



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.

