The Bull Sheet

Paul Bunyan Rifle and Sportsman's Club **Puyallup, WA**

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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 2027, now is the time to send in the request. Requests are due by November 1st. 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.

The general and board meetings in both November and December will be held one week earlier than normal (November 20th and December 18th) due to the upcoming holidays.

Dave Farrow is in the process of gathering brass that the club has collected from our red brass containers to take in to the recycler. The more brass he can take in at a time, the more he will be paid per pound. If you have brass that you would like to have recycled, get in touch with Dave. He will weigh your brass, and once all of the brass has been turned in to the recycler, he will pay you your share of the proceeds. This way you will get more for your brass than if you take it to the recycler yourself. Get in touch with Dave via email here or call him at 253-886-1069.

Those who plan on running for a board position are invited to submit a short (about 2-3 paragraphs) biography which will be included in the December BullSheet. It doesn't need to be fancy, just a bit about you and your qualifications for the position. The biographies must be received prior to the November 20th board meeting. Send your write-ups or questions to me at bullsheeteditor@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

Once again, the board of directors at Paul Bunyan will be hosting a volunteer appreciation dinner Friday December 18th in the clubhouse. This dinner is the club's way of saying thanks to all volunteers who donate their time and expertise to keep the club running. If you volunteer in any capacity for the club, you are welcome to join us. The dinner will be catered by Casa Mia Italian Restaurant in Puyallup. Dinner will be served around 8:00pm (between the general and board meetings).
If you plan on attending, please RSVP me here as soon as you can so I can get an approximate count before finalizing the order.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Membership renewals were 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 BullSheet. Dues can also now be paid with a credit card through our website by clicking here.

If you have any questions about anything to do with your membership, please contact membership secretary Cindy Thomas at 253-229-0106 or via email here.

FIREWOOD FOR SALE

We have firewood for sale at $50 for a pick-up truck load (standard pickup bed filled to the bedrails). 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 if you are interested.

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?

LOST IN PARADISE

(Part 1)

Lynn White

Compare to 70 years ago, getting lost is much more preventable today. In the 1950s there were no satellites powering GPS systems. There were no cell phones providing mapping apps, built in GPS, and out of this world mapping software helping me to find a destination I had never before visited.

In 1986, long before the days of modern navigation technology, I found myself lost and disoriented on the Northwest side of the Mt. Rainier region, while elk hunting. **Against all sound advice, I was elk hunting alone.** I got up at 0300 hrs., ate breakfast, and headed out the door of my trailer. The first leg of my journey was 3 miles up a gated road ending at the Mt. Rainier Park West border, where upon, I turned South and climbed uphill for another 3 hours, still in the dark.

After first light, I was about 5 miles in and picked out a good spot to sit down to wait for shot at a monster elk. I sat there **"alone"** until about 1600 hrs., I then decided to walk back down the hill and return to camp. Walking till after dark (November -1800 hrs.), I felt like I had **"fetched a compass"** an old phrase meaning **this terrain looks striking familiar**.

It was now completely dark and I was disoriented. The only navigation tools I had was a **glow in the dark compass and a dim flashlight**. Foolishly, I found myself believing I knew better than my compass, which led me astray. I was relying on the voice in my head that said, **"Go this way,"** which I followed a few times instead of continuing to follow my compass. I had turned Northwest walking diagonally across the side of that 5000-foot hill I climbed. I needed to go North to intersect the road I had walked in on. Finally, at 2000 hrs., I finally intersected the road 2 miles from camp. At 2200 hrs., I made it back to my trailer completely exhausted but ready to get some sleep and do it all over again the next day. **Note to Self: Hunting alone is not recommended by most wives.**

Next month, I'll discuss some things I could have done different. I'll also offer a simple formula to help do the correct things if lost.

AS ALWAYS – STAY SAFE

IT'S AIRGUN SEASON

Al Richardson

We will have the airgun range open for casual shooting starting Wednesday November 4th at 6pm, shooting on alternating Wednesday evenings thru April (check the club calendar for exact dates). This is a chance for those who like to shoot airgun, or are curious about it, to get some trigger time in our warm upstairs airgun range. This is just casual shooting from the bench, standing, kneeling or prone positions. The range is open to air rifles and pistols with a velocity of less than 650fps for a .177 pellet. If you would like to give airgun shooting a try but don't have a gun, no problem. The club has a few guns for members to use. Please bring your own eye protection. If you would like more information, call me or send an email here.

CARETAKERS REPORT

Doug Shellenberger

A club member generously donated a load of firewood for use in our stoves. We have been in the process of splitting and stacking the wood in preparation for the upcoming winter.

We found a couple more places in our perimeter fence that have been cut. We have a few other places where the fence was previously cut and we have made temporary repairs. We will soon contract with a fence company to come out to make permanent repairs.

JUNIORS

Doug Shellenberger

We hosted a precision Air Rifle qualifying match here October 24th. We had 29 shooters at the match, the most we have ever had for an air rifle match at our club. This was a sectional qualifier match, with matches held at several locations nationwide. The overall high scorers will get an invite to compete in the national match at Camp Perry in January. Once again, a couple of our shooters did us proud. Arkin Arranza took 2nd place with a 608.9 and Evelyn Jackson took 4th place with a 606. The qualifier runs thru December 1st, so the final results will change as the other clubs hold their matches and submit scores. The latest combined match results can be found on the Orion website by clicking here.



MEMBERSHIP

Cindy Thomas

The club would like to welcome the 9 new members for November. Boris Nicholson, Jeremy Baker, Matthew Davidson, Ray Reola, Eric Shuty, Duane Butcher, Darrin Laufasa, Jeremy Derks and Dieter Jones were all voted into the club at the general meeting. Welcome to all. Club membership now stands at 977 for 2027.

USED BRASS FOR SALE

Darrell Behounek has lots of used brass for sale. 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.

LADIES LEAGUE

Christa Beasley

This month at Ladies Shooting League, also known as A Girl & A Gun, has been about much more than time on the range.

Many of our ladies are participating in the Pistol Marksmanship Program, a fun way to build skills, track progress, and challenge yourself at any experience level.

I have also been inspired by the women who continue to learn, compete, improve, and mentor others despite physical and health challenges. Their determination and willingness to support one another are a great reminder of what makes this group so special.

Want to join us? If you have ever felt intimidated going to the range, do not know where to start, or simply do not want to go alone, this is a great place for you.

We meet at the Paul Bunyan pistol range on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. and the third Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Cost is $5 for members and $10 for non-members.

Check our Facebook group, Puyallup, WA A Girl & A Gun, for schedules, cancellations, updates, and RSVPs.

Paul Bunyan is a cold range, so firearms must arrive unloaded and cased. Bring eye and hearing protection, ammunition, and your shooting gear. We provide targets, staplers, and activities.

Come shoot, learn, practice, and enjoy the range with a supportive group of women.

SWAP MEET?

We have had several responses to the idea of holding a swap meet here at the range, so we have decided to go ahead with the idea, with a tentative date of Saturday January 23rd. The event will be for club members and their guests only (not the general public), and held in the clubhouse and/or in the upstairs airgun range. We still have a lot of details to work out, so we will have more information in the December BullSheet. Send us an email here if you have questions.

BLACK POWDER PISTOL TRAIL

Eric Burkhead

These halcyon fall days of October were sunny with pleasant breezes and perfect for sauntering along the Black Powder Pistol Trail. PLEASE NOTE: November and December Trail hours will be by APPOINTMENT ONLY for the standard days: the first and third Thursdays and second Sundays at 12:00 noon. We will evaluate an updated schedule for the winter starting in January. The Trail is in excellent shape due to exceptional maintenance by our regular crew----for the shooting enjoyment of all club members and guests.

As always, come try out the Trail—helpful folks will furnish pistol, powder and ball and even clean the dang thing for you when finished! Phone me at (253)686-5438 for a shooting appointment or more information.

ACTION SHOOTING INTERNATIONAL (ASI) HAPPENINGS

Jackie Russo

October 3rd, we welcomed 73 shooters to the 5th Annual "The Senior Classic" – a match celebrating those shooters aged 50 and better. Of course, the match was open to all ages, but awards were bestowed to winners in the Senior, Super Senior and Distinguished Seniors categories. One lone skilled competitor was awarded High Whippersnapper.

With 7 stages presenting a wide variety of shooting skill sets, competitors were able to test their mettle on *Don't Steel My Senior Discount* – with 13 pieces of steel, or vie for accuracy on *Bifocals Not Necessary* with a challenging 20-yard target framed by 2 steel poppers and a No-Shoot target. How about a prostrate, Paul Propman? The handcrafted life-sized mannequin reprising his role in *Help! I've Fallen*, a 7 target and 2 steel popper stage. This table start position begins with the shooter's firearm loaded with an empty chamber, placed on Paul, facing downrange. Care to guess how many forgot to charge the gun after the beep of the timer?

Other stages included *Shopper's Shootout*, a combination distance shot on the move with 2 points of cover with multiple targets. The start position was low-ready with an emphasis on getting the grocery item accurately placed in the shopping cart. *Hello! Hello?* Included an old-timey office phone and 2 targets with shoot positions at 15 -10- 7 yards apart. Each target required 2 shots with both hands, movement to 2nd position with 4 shots dominate hand and 3rd position with 4 shots support hand. It was limited just because the match director wanted it so.

This specialty match is a crowd favorite. It's always well attended and enjoyable for the variety of stages offered beyond the current ASI stage library.

Care to join us for a future match? Our next match is the PCC-Friendly Toys for Tots toy drive on Saturday, December 5th. Registration is open on www.practiscore.com. Search for the match under the title: **ASI at Paul Bunyan It's a PCC-Friendly Christmas Toys 4 Tots Toy Drive** or simply search for all our matches under Clubs for ASI at Paul Bunyan.

Please bring a new, unwrapped toy or a cash donation in lieu of a range fee. All items are collected and donated to the Pierce County chapter.

OPEN BOARD POSITION

At the upcoming election in December, the club secretary position will up for grabs.

Duties of the club secretary include recording and transcribing the minutes of the general and board meetings, responding to voicemails and emails sent to the club, interacting with club members and the general public regarding club business, keeping custody of the books and papers of the club. This is a **volunteer** position. Contact us here or talk to any board member if you have questions about the position. If you are interested in running for this or any board position, contact club Vice-President Mike Moran so he can put your name on the December ballot.

OCTOBER SHOOT

Mike Moran

After an unusually long dry spell, the Plainsmen met for the October monthly shoot and were greeted by a drenching rainstorm. While our bodies (and target stands) were dampened, our spirits weren't, so we kicked off the shoot. Jim Haeckel dreamed this one up, and it had some spooky Halloween fun built into the course of fire.

There were three individual targets that were mounted to the target stands at 25 yards. The first was a standard bullseye target with scoring rings. The next was a small paper plate with a bunch of skulls on it, and the last was a napkin with skulls. To make things easier Jim had glued the napkins to a piece of cardboard, which in it's unfolded format showed four skulls. Each of these targets would receive 5 shots. The last target was the elk gong we use at the rendezvous and it was placed at 75 yards and also received 5 shots. A hit on the skulls or the elk earned you 10 points, the bullseye scored according to the rings. This would give a possible score of 200, plus either 3 or 5 points for primitive dress.



Dan Busch takes a shot at the elk

The first thing I noticed is I needed to change my ammunition to shoot these targets. Not the round ball in my flintlock, but the staples in my staple gun. I keep them short to make going through one sheet of paper easier, but they were a little too short to hold the cardboard backer to the frame. After finding a place on the target frame slats that was smooth and staple free, I was able to make it work. I wasn't the only one having this issue and at the end of the match we had to repost one target for an alibi shot.



Even with the canopy lights on it was a dark under the baffles but at least we didn't have to worry about sunlight glinting off our rifle sights. Things proceeded well as folks got into the groove of shooting. Mark Merwin was on hand to spot the long-range shots on the elk and a line soon formed to take the next shot.

When the scores were tallied there was a very tight race between 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, until Allen Tresch turned in his scorecard and outscored everyone by almost 40 points with a score of 182-X. Paul Evans took second place with 144-X, followed by Bob DeLisle in third with a score of 143-4X. Great shooting guys! Our next shoot will be the Thanksgiving Turkey shoot on November 22nd.

182-X	Allen Tresch	144-X	Paul Evans
143-4x	Bob DeLisle	142-X	Mike Moran
131	Jim Haeckel	129	Dennis Daigger
128	Chip Kormas	115	Matt Clark
104-x	Darrell Behounek	53	Chris Almeida
49	Dan Busch		