



# ***The Bull Sheet***

**Established 1945**

**December 2017**

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

**Puyallup, WA**

## **NOVEMBER MEETING NOTES**

The calendar was finalized at the BOD meeting. All match directors reserving range time and chairpersons using the clubhouse should check the calendar to make sure their dates are correct. Contact Chip Kormas if there are any issues.

The election of the 2018 club officers will be held at the December 22<sup>nd</sup> general meeting. Any member in good standing, with a year or more of membership in the club, is eligible and encouraged to run for elected office. If you would like to get involved in the club, have a say on how the club is run and are interested in running for one of the positions, contact Chip Kormas (253-326-5420 or email [here](#)) to get your name added to the ballot.

During the board of directors meeting, the budget for 2018 will be discussed and finalized. If you are a match director or a committee chairman who has a budget line item, please contact Chip Kormas or attend the meeting. This is your only chance to make sure you have the funding for your activity.

The best part of the December meetings, of course, is the pot luck dinner held after the general meeting. We usually have a large assortment of goodies including fried chicken, pizza, chicken wings, chili, sandwiches, wraps and deserts to make sure everyone goes home with a full belly. If you would like to participate, bring a dish of your choice and join us.

Mark Curtis still has raffle tickets for a 72"x80" buffalo blanket to be raffled off in July by the [Northwest Colonial Reenactors Association](#). Only 500 of the \$6 (or 2 for \$10) tickets will be sold. Contact Mark (253-678-5343) if you would like to purchase a ticket for the raffle.

The smallbore rifle league starts in January with a couple of practice rounds, with the competition starting January 8<sup>h</sup>. We shoot Monday nights, 6PM with the match starting at 6:30PM. This is a 50 shot, 4 position match (or prone only for those that prefer) with targets at 50 ft. We will shoot for 9 weeks with one make-up week. If you are interested or have questions, contact Bob Wendt at 253-848-6325.

Jeff Snope will be hosting the Vision-X Night Match Classic December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. It will feature six night stages on the 9<sup>th</sup>, and six day stages on the 10<sup>th</sup>. This is an outlaw match with all proceeds going to Toys for Tots. The Match has been backed by 23 sponsors so far, and the vendor count on site displaying products so far is 7 companies. There will be food, demo bays for the general public to test out vendor firearms, and a ton of shooting action for folks to watch. Contact Jeff ([253-334-5434](tel:253-334-5434)) or click [here](#) for more information.

We are still moving forward with the paving of a walkway from the parking lot to the pistol shed as reported last month. As soon as we have a short break in the weather, the work will start. The paving company needs a couple of days to complete their work.

The board of directors is seeking bids to irrigate the grass on the 300 line. Currently, Doug is watering the grass with a hose and sprinkler, a big task with that amount of grass to water. A new supply line would have to be run in from near the parking lot driveway. New overfill is needed to smooth out the area and will be done after the water lines have been installed. We should have more information next month.

May Patajo, Alec's father, sent an update on Alec's recent achievements. In November, Alec shot 1154 out of 1600 possible at Little Rock and Spokane combined match to become the Washington State International Open Smallbore Rifle champion. There were 95 competitors in these three position matches with 40 shots fired at each position.

Also, Alec competed in West Seattle for the 120 shot CMP three position Air Rifle championship. Alec won the championship with a score of 593 out of 600. The team from our club, Alec, Emma Goist, Bill Riggs and Andrew Pham took a second place silver medal with a score of 2300 out of 2400.

Finally, Alec shot the Junior ROTC three position Air Rifle Match earning a score of 297 out of 300. This gives him the best score nationally so far. With that score, he qualified to go to the regionals in Phoenix next February.



Paul Bunyan Juniors competing in the CMP Air Gun Championships at West Seattle Gun Club  
(photo by May Patajo)

## USED BRASS AVAILABLE

Larry Wilson has lots of used brass for sale. He has most handgun caliber brass on hand and will have a lot of various rifle brass when hunter sight-in is completed. Rifle brass is ten cents each and pistol brass is six cents each. The proceeds go to help the junior program. Give him a call afternoon at 253-347-3225.

## RANGE SAFETY OFFICER NEEDED

The club has an immediate opening for a range safety officer. This is a paid position, open to club members with at least one year of membership and some experience as a range officer. This opening is for a weekend position on a rotating schedule. If you have questions or are interested in applying for the position, contact Frank Phelps at 253-847-4812 or send him an email [here](#).

## CLUB CAPS AND SHIRTS

Doug has a new order of club caps, selling for \$12. They have a solid front/mesh back with the club emblem on the front. Doug also just received a new order of the club tee shirts, including the larger sizes. They are blue with the club emblem on the front. They are selling for \$15. He still has some of the new club patches for sale at \$12 each. The proceeds on these items go to support the junior program. If you are interested, get in touch with Doug at 253-846-6767 or see him at the range.

## LADIES SHOTGUN DAY

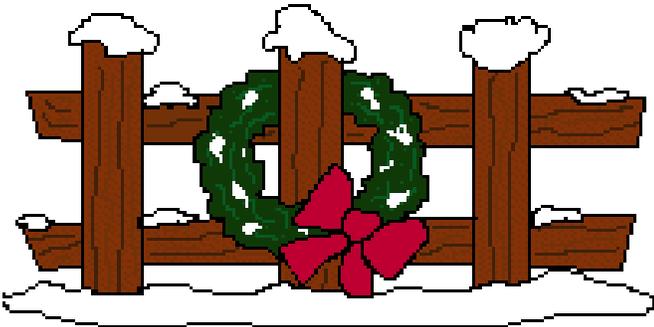
Rocky Walston

We had our first ladies day on the shotgun range November 5<sup>th</sup>. The event was open to the regulars from the ladies league and any other ladies interested in learning the finer points of shotgun shooting. The weather was cold, with a bit of snow on the ground, but eleven ladies braved the weather to come out and try their hand with a shotgun. Several of the ladies had never fired a shotgun before, so there was a little bit of a learning curve. Basic things like operating a pump shotgun and follow thru were things that were explained. One of the more popular aspects of the day was the wood stove. We kept a fire going so everyone could come in to warm up. All in all, it was a good day with several of the ladies wanting to do it again, although on a warmer day.

## MEMBERSHIP

The club would like to welcome the 27 new members for November. Michael Benzien, Johnathan Bird, Young Bohle, Gary Kappel, Partick Gerolium, Jason Grondahl, Hunter Hansen, Michael Hemmie, Daniel Hintz, Benjamin Johnson, Jeff Kaseburg, Ryan Kawalchuk, Adam Loss, Paul Macaras, Brett Miller, Patrick O'Neil, Michael Pierson, Jeremiah Schliesman, Kenneth Shelley, Donald Souza, Ronald Stevens, Michael Takemoto, Wayne Thomas, David Timblin, Timothy Tucker, Brooke and Mike Villano were all voted into the club at the general meeting. Ben LoCicero reports that the club currently has 1247 paid members.

*Happy Holidays*



## PAUL BUNYAN & OUR SUPPORT FOR TOYS FOR TOTS

Chip Kormas

About ten years ago, the Muzzleloading Committee brought an idea/request to the Board of Directors; allow all entry fees from the December match to be donated to the Marine Corps League in support of their Toys for Tots Program. The Board approved that request and support for this program has now expanded to other shooting disciplines such as the Muzzleloaders, IPSC, Steels, and the Ladies League. Any club member who wishes to make a donation of a new unwrapped toy can stop by the Range Officers Shed on the Rifle Range and leave the toy with a Range Officer or in the designated Toys for Tots container.

In 1947, Major Bill Hendricks, USMCR founded the Toys for Tots Program in California. That year, he and his fellow Marines collected 5,000 toys during a campaign before Christmas that year, with the first toy donated a handmade doll. The Marine Corps League lays out the importance of this program clearly in the Mission and Objectives of this program.

**MISSION:** The mission of the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.

**OBJECTIVES:** The objectives of Toys for Tots are to help less fortunate children throughout the United States experience the joy of Christmas; to play an active role in the development of one of our nation's most valuable resources – our children; to unite all members of local communities in a common cause for three months each year during the annual toy collection and distribution campaign; and to contribute to better communities in the future.

Since Paul Bunyan first donation to the Toys for Tots Program, generosity every year has increased. Cash and donations of unwrapped toys have been collected and distributed to children who, without our support, may not know the joy of a toy at Christmas, see the generosity of others, or strive to be of assistance to others.

We are again proud to support this organization and encourage our members and guests to look at the 2017 Calendar for events marked as supporting this program or drop a toy off at the Range Officers Office. By participating in this program you are able to help our community while demonstrating the generosity found within all of the shooting sports.

## JUNIORS

Doug Shellenberger

We have had a few shooters brave the cold weather on Tuesday nights. Both the precision and sporter class from Rogers High School are still practicing at their school.

There will be an air gun match at West Seattle next week. We are hoping to take a team to compete, and next Tuesday will be our annual Turkey Shoot.

## PISTOL SILHOUETTE

Bret Stuntebeck

November 4th, 2017

We put 16 entries across the line this month. Last month was our first match of the year that we didn't have to fire up the wood stove. Well, it was back to the ole wood stove for this match. Temperatures were in the low 30's when I arrived and probably peaked in the high 30's for the day. On to the results of the match.

Only one 40's this month shot by myself in U-Int followed by Richard Nicol with a U-AAA37. Steve Bishop posted a P-AAA, 26 edging out Richard Nicol's P-AAA, 21. I managed a R-Int 37. Joe Stumpf edged out Vince Leete in UHSAS. Both posted a UHSAS-AA but Joe out rammed Vince.

In Small bore, Ron Craig posted a US-unc, 19 starting him out in A class. Vince Leete posted a very nice UAS-Int, 39 letting just one ram get away. Steve Bishop posted a UAS-AA, 26.

Vince Leete posted a P-AAA, 22. Joe Stumpf posted a UAS-AAA, 35.

On the Field Pistol side Vince Leete posted a very nice PAS-AAA, 32. Joe Stumpf posted a PAS-AA, 21. Ron Craig posted a PAS-B, 21 which will move him into A class for the next match

Our target setters did a fantastic job getting our targets set. 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.

## CARETAKERS REPORT

Doug Shellenberger

The rifle range usage has slowed somewhat since hunting season started. Seems like most are shooting on the pistol range now.

We lost a tree on the pistol range berm. As soon as we can get time to get up there, we will remove it. We may have to do a short emergency pistol range closure to get it off the berm.

During the wind storms we have had recently, amazingly, we didn't lose any trees. We do have a few trees on the left side of the rifle range that we have limbed so we have clear access to the 200 yard targets on the first couple of shooting positions. We also have a few dead trees around the property that need to be removed. We have contacted a tree trimmer to do the work and are hoping to do it during a Thursday afternoon range maintenance time.

We still have firewood for sale. The wood is in log form, so bring your saw and ax and have at it. The wood is selling for \$40 per truck load. Contact me (253-846-6767) if you are interested in buying a load or two.

## IN THE NEWS

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel has unanimously rejected a challenge to I-594. Gun rights advocates claimed the initiative infringes on our second amendment rights, but the appeals court struck down the challenge. For more information, go to the NRA-ILA website [here](#).

