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Paul Bunyan Rifle and Sportsman's Club

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JANUARY MEETING NOTES

The board of directors (BOD) and club officers for 2017 were sworn into office at the start of the general meeting. Doug Nash is the new director replacing Ed Cole, with Rocky Walston being elected to a two year term.

Ladies League chairperson Christa Beasley introduced her "second in command" at the meeting, new member Jessica Cave. Jessica has been giving Christa some much needed help running the ladies league. Christa reported that the ladies are having a lot of fun on their Wednesday and Sunday shoots, and encouraged any of the lady shooters out there to join them. She also announced that due to scheduling issues, they will not be shooting on February 19th as previously scheduled.

Doug Nash received notification from Labor and Industries (L&I) regarding the lead levels found last spring on the rifle and pistol ranges. The inspector found a dramatic (85-90%) reduction in the lead levels on the surfaces due to the diligent work of the caretakers and range officers. Wiping the surfaces with a Simple Green solution has reduced the amount of lead to "as free as practical of accumulations of lead" according to the report. The inspector commented "Well done; keep up the good work!"

Chip Kormas announced that our club donated over \$4800 and a lot of toys to the Toys for Tots campaign in December. Several of our shooting disciplines, muzzleloaders, IPSC, ladies league and pistol steels held shoots with the proceeds going to the campaign. Thanks to all of those who participated and donated to this cause.

Ed Cole and Doug Nash have finished up the work on the 200 yard pit covers. Thanks to both of them and the other range officers who assisted for their work making the 200 yard pit line safer.

The smallbore league is shooting on Monday nights at 6PM. There is still space available for those wishing to compete. If you have any questions contact Bob Wendt.

As we have done in years past, at the general meeting, the club voted to donate \$2500 to the Friends of the NRA.

There are a couple of house bills in Olympia that will be impacting gun owners. One bill, House bill 1122, regards firearm storage. Another bill, House bill 1387, would impose a licensing system for "assault weapons" and large capacity magazines. Click [here](#) to read more about these bills on the NRA-ILA website.

JUNIORS

Doug Shellenberger

The Jan. 7 icicle match was held in the Paul Bunyan Pistol Shed. The match lived up to its name as it was a cold day. We had 37 entries which is a good turnout. The match winner was Alec Patajo with a score of 576 x 600. Match runner-up had a score of 559 x 600. Other Paul Bunyan shooters had good results; Emma Goist won the A class, Bill Riggs was second in the B class, and Sawyer Boyd shot a personal best score by 34 points.

The participation on Tuesday nights and for the scheduled matches has fallen off recently. We are expecting that it is mostly due to the cold weather and that participation will pick up again as the weather warms up.

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP AWARD

At the general meeting, club VP Chip Kormas presented President Mark Curtis with a lifetime membership award. This is the highest award given by the club board of directors and officers, given only to those who have donated a lot of time and effort to the operation of our club. Mark's award was only the 19th given out in our 72 year history, and the first such award bestowed on a sitting president. Mark has been a club member since 1992, serving in many capacities including caretaker, membership secretary, recording secretary, and black powder chairman, among others. Right now, besides being club president and black powder chairman, Mark spends countless hours trying to keep the new building construction progressing. This is a much deserved award, showing Mark our appreciation for the time he has spent dedicated to the club. Congratulations Mark.

MEMBERSHIP SUSPENSION

At the BOD meeting, the board decided to suspend acceptance of new membership applications until the current backlog subsides. Currently, the waiting list is out to September. Anyone currently on the waiting list will be processed as scheduled. When the list is cleared off, we will resume acceptance of applications.

MEMBERSHIP

This month, we had 16 folks join the club. We would like to welcome Elizabeth Amos, Chris Arsers, David Baudin, Jessica Cave, Daniel Clark, Guy Gildner, Cory Herricks, Shannon King, Michael Smith, Chris Pawlowski, Thomas Pearson, Gary Peterson, Branden Raftery, Brian Sallee, Michael Sandoval and Maximiliano Torres-Pintos to the club. Our membership secretary, Ben LoCicero, reports that we currently have 1055 paid members.

CARETAKERS REPORT

Doug Shellenberger

All of the firewood we had available for sale has been sold. While we still have some wood at different spots on the property, it must be moved to places where it can be accessed. As soon as that can be accomplished and it is ready for sale, we will announce it here.

The keypad for the front gate has been working intermittently for the past couple of weeks. We have had the repair technician out to work on it, but we still have problems with it at times. The technician is scheduled to come out again next week to make final repairs.

Not much activity at the range, mostly due to the cold weather.

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 has the new club tee shirts for sale, 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.

NEW BUILDING UPDATE

Not much to report at this time. Mark Curtis and the building committee have been spending a lot of time trying to keep things on track. Pierce County has thrown us a couple of unexpected curveballs regarding the sewer connections, but things are progressing as Mark and the rest of the building committee work thru the issues. The inside of the building is coming along, with only a couple of technical items that need to be finished and some cosmetic repairs yet to be done. The main hold ups right now are the sewer and city water hook ups.

PISTOL SILHOUETTE

Bret Stuntebeck

We put 19 entries across the line this month. Weather was COLD!! It was 19 degrees when I got to the range and may have gotten up to a balmy 30 by the end of the day. Good thing for the wood stove to thaw out between relays. We had 1 new shooter this month. Eric Davis from Ellensburg came over the mountains to start shooting with us. Eric emailed me a couple of months ago asking about places to shoot saying that now that he had more time he wanted to get back into silhouette again. Glad to have him back too. He brought his daughter's boyfriend Jonathan over with him. Jonathan didn't shoot the match but near the end of the match I took him down and let him give my PAS field pistol set up a whirl. The kid was pretty good for not having done it before. I think he hit 7 of 10 shots on chickens and pigs. The smile on his face said it all. He thanked me for letting him shoot my gun. I told him to come back next month and he could shoot it through an entry. Joe Cullison made the trek from Sweet Home Oregon to start shooting with us since losing one of the Oregon clubs he shot at. On to the results of the match.

We had two 40's this month, The first shot by Steve Bishop in U-AAA. That gives him a leg into U-Int. the second was shot by Vince Leete in UAS-Int. Nice shooting guys. Joe Stumpf posted a UAS-Int, 33 followed by Richard Nicol with a UAS-AAA, 31 and Eric Davis with a UAS-Unc, 28. Vince also posted a very nice P-Int, 38 followed by Joe Cullison with a P-Int, 36. Richard Nicol posted a P-AAA, 28 and Eric Davis posted a P-Unc, 12. Joe Cullison also posted some nice standing entries with a S-Int, 29 and US-Int 34. Joe also posted a nice R-Int, 37 followed by myself with a R-Int, 34. Eric Davis Posted a very respectable R-Unc, 28.

On the smallbore side Joe Stumpf was the lone entry posting a UAS-AAA, 30. In Field Pistol Vince Leete and myself both posted PAS-AAA, 28's but I did out ram him. Joe Stumpf posted a PAS-AA, 17.

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. It sure is good to see some new and familiar faces at the matches. Until next time shoot straight and be safe.

USED BRASS AVAILABLE

Larry Wilson has lots of used brass for sale. Rifle brass is ten cents each and pistol brass is six cents each.

The proceeds from the brass sales go to help the junior program. Give Larry a call afternoon at 253-347-3225.

A SICK FAMILY CHRISTMAS MUZZLELOADER SHOOT

Mike Moran

On a frosty cold morning, with the temperature hovering at 24 degrees, we gathered in the temporary clubhouse at Paul Bunyan to find out what the course of fire would be. Helen Sick had been picked to host the match, and she enlisted the help of her husband Bill to come up with ideas. As you will see, some of them were naughty and some were nice. Our capotes were tested as we braved the cold once again to set our target frames. The first two targets were to be fairly standard, a California X and a Buffalo, with five shots at each and then came the Christmas themed targets; a snowman which had been the border of the Christmas party tablecloth, a picture of the Grinch and his dog Max, and a police lineup of Santa, Rudolph, and a couple of elves, one standing on the other. Most people realized they could barely see these at 25 yards and were relieved when Bill told us they were to be shot at 15 yards. Unfortunately, the change in distance didn't make them much easier to see. These targets each receive one shot for a variety of points. Then, to round things out, there was a target board with a row of marshmallows and candy canes to hit, one shot each. The Paul Bunyan Christmas Shoot is a "luck shoot" where the prizes are picked in order of score, but each prize is wrapped like a Christmas present so each is a surprise.

Unlike most of the matches, the shooter's fee is waived and participants are asked to donate to raise money for the Thurston County Toys for Tots. David Ball, a retired Marine and a volunteer for the Toys for Tots program, was on hand to tell us about the great things that Toys for Tots does, and how very much they appreciate our donations. David has been coming to collect our donations for several years, but this year he participated in the shoot, where he had a number of firsts; first shots with an in line, first shots with a flint lock, and his first dry ball. Several of our local craftsmen donated items for the raffle to help increase the donation. Dave Rase had one of his brass and steel adjustable powder measures, Steve Skillman provided a horn, Chip Kormas a bow he had tillered and finished, and Frank Ponceroff made a box with a cedar tray. Also on the table were some other donated items, including a military poncho liner donated by David Ball. After the raffle was complete there was over \$2,600 raised by the muzzleloaders, and with donations of over \$4,000 in cash with the contributions of IPSC, pistol steels and the Ladies League, Paul Bunyan was able to plus a pile of new toys. It's not easy to get a Marine to cry, but David left with a tear in his eye. Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night.

20. Lori Caswell	99-2x
21. Critter Fields	98
22. Jim Hillberg	98
23. Karla Hillberg	94
24. Terry Gadberry	84
25. Chris Statz	81
26. Tom Litts	74
27. Mike Godat	50
28. David Ball	46
29. Bobby Malkmus	24
30. Chip Kormas	20-1x
31. Rod Mehrer	NS

1. Wayne Miller	150
2. Boyd Phillips	148-4x
3. Wally McKendry	147-1x
4. Rick Hopkins	142
5. Jim Haeckel	139-3x
6. Bob DeLisle	132-3x
7. Chris Ellis	130
8. Dakota Nash	128-1x
9. Don Kerr	125
10. Mark Curtis	124-2x
11. Jerry Mayo	123
12. Mike Holeman	120-3x
13. Mike Nesbitt	120-1x
14. Dave Rase	120
15. Darrell Behounek	109
16. Mike Moran	108-3x
17. Chris Lyman	105
18. Ted Hogland	103-2x
19. Frank Ponceroff	100

