

April 2016 Newsletter

PAUL BUNYAN PLAINSMEN

Monthly meetings held on the first Thursday each month at 7:00 pm

Monthly shoots held on the fourth Sunday of each month at 9:30 am

November through April. Rendezvous is Memorial Day weekend.

Summer League shoots every 2nd and 4th Wednesday evening June thru August

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Club Meeting. The next club meeting will be at the Paul Bunyan Temporary Clubhouse on Thursday, May 5th, at 7:00 pm.

Work Party. There is a work party scheduled for Saturday, April 30th. This will likely be the last work party before Rendezvous so we need to complete all the little detail items, like painting targets and checking signs. ***Bring your string trimmers, chain saws, and other landscaping tools*** as this will be our only chance to get up on the pistol trail. Dakota will have a list of tasks to complete.

Next Match. There will not be a monthly match in May. Summer League will start the 2nd Wednesday night in June at 6:30 pm.

Rendezvous Update.

- New hawk trail looks great.
- Medallion. Karla passed around a proof from the maker, everyone liked it but wanted to add "Rendezvous" on the forehead.
- Mike Moran talked through the Mt Man Survival Trail.
- Fireside Kitchen- Mike will call them to confirm.
- Trail Guide shoot will be Thursday and Friday. Mike will send out invites.
- Wednesday will be set up day.
- Need to stage firewood at other locations.
- Work Party will be April 30th. Focus will be brushing the trails, firewood splitting, archery targets, and cutting a pole for the raffle tent.
- Need to do printing (camp rules, score cards). Get items to Mark and he will print.
- Went over shopping list of supplies needed.

For questions, corrections, or additions to the newsletter, contact Mike Moran at michael.moran248@gmail.com.

April Showers and May Flowers

By Mike Moran

Spring is in the air. The sun is shining, the birds are singing, and the cold breeze is blowing at the back of your neck as you took aim at this month's target. The weather was actually quite pleasant during the shoot, but broke into rain and some hail later in the day. It was good fortune for the ten shooters who came out to Paul Bunyan on Sunday morning, the 24th of April 2016.

This month's shoot was designed by Mark Curtis, who wanted to commemorate springy things in his target choices. Since the red breasted robin is the sure sing of spring, that was our first target. Except that Mark couldn't find a robin target, so we shot at a crow instead. The other critter to cross our sights were a colony of squirrels, five to be exact (yes colony is the proper name for a group of squirrels, if you believe what you read on the internet). Spring wouldn't be complete without flowers, and Mark had each shooter arrange four lollipops into the petals of a flower. And in order to prove you hit your lollipops, they were mounted on a plain white piece of paper, with a nice stem and leaves drawn in for artistic effect.



After the shooter's meeting, we posted the targets and got to work. Each squirrel was given one shot, and was scored based on the scoring rings on the target. The crow was shot five times, and if you've ever had a crow empty your garbage can all over the street while you were at work you'll understand why. Each lollipop flower petal was worth 10 points, with one shot per petal, and a bonus shot for hitting in the center. This gave a total possible score of 150 points.

When the shooting was done, we collected our targets. The flower petals proved more difficult than they might seem. Even stapling them to the target frames was problematic. Linda Hansen, a guest shooter from Yakima, managed to take out all four with one shot, and Dakota managed to break a ramrod. Even with that, it was a fun shoot, and good practice for our Rendezvous coming up next month.

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| 1. Bob DeLisle..... | 108 | 5. Jim Hillberg | 73 | 8. Dakota Nash | 46 |
| 2. Don Kerr..... | 90 | 6. Mike Nesbitt | 72 | 9. Jayme Haeckel..... | 37 |
| 3. Gina Hansen | 86 XX | 7. Frank Ponceroff | 70 | 10. Linda Hansen..... | 25 |
| 4. Mike Moran | 86 X | | | | |

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 20-22 Women's Primitive Skills Weekend, Paul Bunyan Range

May 27-31 Paul Bunyan 41st Annual Rendezvous, Paul Bunyan Range