



# ***The Bull Sheet***

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

**Puyallup, WA**

## **SEPTEMBER MEETING NOTES**

At the Board of Directors meeting, it was agreed that we will eliminate the waiting list for new membership to the club. Both the October and November meeting are full, so starting with the December 10<sup>th</sup> orientation meeting, we will be accepting applications on a walk-in basis, with no reservations necessary.

The hunter education classes scheduled thru the end of the year are now full. The next classes will start in January. Contact Rocky Walston (253-255-2292) if you have questions or want to sign up for a class next year.

We are in the third week of the Thursday night .22 pistol league. We have been having 20-25 shooters come out to shoot the matches each Thursday evening. This is a bullseye style league shot at targets set at 25 yards. There is still time to join in the fun. Get in touch with Larry Lang (206-617-9630) if you would like to participate.

Mark Curtis 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 are interested in purchasing a raffle ticket.

The muzzleloaders will start their winter league on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and will run thru February 2018. Mike Moran (253-232-3087) has more information if you are interested in participating.

The issues with the gate controller have finally been solved, thanks to the efforts of Bob Wendt and Ben LoCicero. Everyone's gate code should now be working. If you are still having issues getting in, please contact Ben LoCicero at 253-848-2204.

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, Dave Farrow is going to host a pistol caliber carbine (PCC) match on the IPSC and shotgun ranges. If you are interested in participating, contact Dave at 253-886-1069.

If you have been to the pistol range lately, you might have noticed that the door is falling apart. Lots of use and the constant beating of the weather for many years are finally taking its toll. We have done many repairs to the doors thru the years, but it is now time for something more serious. Doug is looking into getting the doors professionally repaired or replaced.

The locks on the perimeter clubhouse doors have been changed. We will now be using the brass "AA" keys. If you need access to the clubhouse and don't have one of these keys, contact Cody Lovelace.

## **JUNIORS**

Doug Shellenberger

The juniors are shooting on the pistol range Tuesday nights now. With school back in session, we are getting a few more participants. Last Tuesday night, we had 5 new shooters turn out for the practice.

About twenty air gun shooters from Rogers High School have been coming out on Tuesday nights using the new air gun range.

## **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 sign-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.

## TARGET FRAMES

Darrel Behounek reports that some of the target frame uprights are being used as targets. Please staple a target between the plywood slats where the bullet will pass thru the target only and impact the berms. Target frames are a big expense to the club and should not be used as targets.



## HUNTER SIGHT-IN HELP

Hunter sight-in started September 14<sup>th</sup> and will run thru October 12<sup>th</sup>, with most dates being on the weekends and Thursday afternoons. Please check the calendar for exact dates and times. We need club members to help shooters safely sight in their rifles; help with scope adjustments, spot target hits, and patch targets, etc. If you can spare some time and would like to help, just show up on the dates you are available. Contact Frank Phelps (253-847-4812) if you have any questions.

## AIR GUN RANGE

Chip Kormas

During the construction of the new clubhouse we were able to include in the design a Precision Airgun Range that incorporates the entire second floor. This range was built with the intention of developing shooters interested and participating in Precision Airgun Competition; both with the Air Rifle and Air Pistol. Precision Airgun Competition guns are some of the most accurate guns made and are a challenge to master. Both rifle and pistol are shot at 10 meters with the rifle x ring being a pinpoint. To introduce this discipline to our club members there will be an introductory to Precision Air Rifle and Pistol held on **October 14<sup>th</sup> and November 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 11am.**

Many of our club members have asked our Range Officers and members of the Board of Directors how they can use the range and this orientation is designed to answer your questions. There are limitations to the types of air guns that can be used on this range, for example pellet velocity cannot exceed 800 fps. This does eliminate most commercial sporter style rifles whose pellet velocities can exceed 1100 fps with light weight pellets. Most air pistols however do not generate enough velocity to exceed that limitation. We will have both Precision Air Rifles and Pistols on hand for you to try at the orientations.

Precision Air Rifle and Pistol are often viewed as the most challenging of the shooting sports. Both are a lot of fun and will certainly hone your shooting skills for any other discipline you participate in. Please email your questions to the [BullSheet editor](#). We are looking forward to seeing you there.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Membership renewals were due on August 31<sup>st</sup>. There is still time to renew your club membership before your gate access is cut off. Use the renewal form in the back of the printed BullSheet, pick up one at the range, or get the form on our [website](#). If you have any questions about membership, please contact Ben LoCicero at 253-848-2204.

## **PASSING**

Unfortunately, we lost two long time club members this September.

Thomas James, a member since the late 60s, passed away on September 15<sup>th</sup> at the age of 84 from cancer. A lot of us know Thomas as the Saturday range safety officer that always seemed to have a smile on his face. Thomas loved being at the range. He taught three generations of his family members to shoot at the club and was often seen at the range with several of them in tow for a family outing. Thomas was preceded in death by his wife just a few months ago, and leaves behind seven children and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

We also lost Marv Almaas, an active club member for many years, who passed away September 17<sup>th</sup> after a valiant fight with cancer at the age of 68. An avid golfer and shooter, Marv shot many different disciplines thru the years at the club including silhouette and military rifle, both of which he was very passionate about. He also "shot" a hole in one at Linden Country Club in Puyallup a few years back. Marv leaves behind his wife of 43 years, Diane, two daughters, Lynn and Kerri, and three grandchildren.

## **CARETAKERS REPORT**

Doug Shellenberger

Both the pistol and rifle ranges have been busy recently, mostly due to the start of hunting season. It seems like this is usually the busiest time of year when shooters dust off their guns and put a few rounds down range before heading out for their annual hunt.

There have been recent reports of three deer roaming around the property. Please keep an eye out for them while shooting on the range. Usually they scamper off when they hear the gun fire, but sometimes you might have to get closer to them and convince them to move along to a safer spot.

We have had another couple of trees come down, so that means we have more firewood for sale. The trees are placed around the range where the purchasers can cut and load the wood into their truck. The cost is still \$40 per

pick-up truck load. Contact me if you are interested in buying some before the winter season hits.

## **IN THE NEWS**

As reported on the NRA-ILA website, a new law in our state requires gun dealers to report those who have tried to purchase a gun but have failed the background check. Also, there is a bill working its way thru the legislature ([S-2954.1](#)) protecting personal information of Washington's concealed pistol license holders from public records requests. Another bill, this one in the other Washington, is the [Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act](#) of 2017. This bill would make it much easier for those of us who travel throughout the country with our concealed firearms. For more on these stories, go to the [NRA-ILA](#) website.

## **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.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

We had 28 new members voted into the club at the general meeting. Eugene Bevan, Allen Bryant, Phillip Burnette, Annette Castoro, Wayne Dahl, Michael Dalton, Adam Graham, James Hernandez, Ryan Hobton, Robert Kepler, Alex Kucher, Adrian Ma, Oscar Maysonet, Herbert McWilliams, Mike McGreatchy, Tyler O'Reilly, Patrick Thompson, Johnathan Peterson, Cory Rich, Nicholas Salesky, Salvador Guterrez, Larry Schmidt, William and Cheryl Scott, Bruce Simonetti, Joesph Stout, Walter Uebele and Ronald Williams are the new members for September. Welcome to all. Ben reports that we now have 1246 members in the club.