

# November 2015 Newsletter

## PAUL BUNYAN PLAINSMEN

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

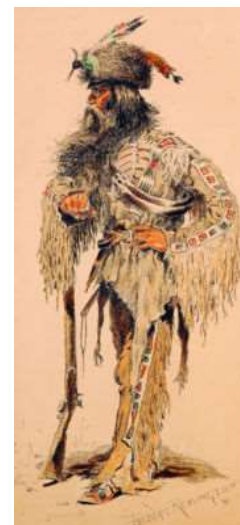
*Monthly shoots held on the fourth Sunday of each month at 9:30 am*

*November through April. Rendezvous is Memorial Day weekend.*

*Summer League shoots every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday evening June thru August*

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**Club Meeting.** The next club meeting will be at the Paul Bunyan Clubhouse on *Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>*, at 6:00 pm. It will be the annual Christmas Party. Bring a pot-luck item for the meal. If you would like to participate in the voluntary gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift. Numbers will be drawn for the order in which the gifts will be picked. A gift that is picked may be kept or exchanged for one picked by someone else.

**Correction to the Election Results.** Bill Sick is our new Vice President, not Chip Kormas as printed in last month's newsletter.

**Christmas Party Location Change.** Last month's newsletter also stated the Christmas Party would be off site in Puyallup. Since the Paul Bunyan Clubhouse as we know it will still be standing in December, the Christmas Party will be held at the Clubhouse.

**Toys for Tots Donation Shoot.** Our next shooting match will be the Toys for Tots Shoot, on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, at Paul Bunyan. The shooters meeting will be at 9:30 am. In lieu of a shooters fee we will be taking donations for Toys for Tots. You can either bring cash or new, unwrapped toys. And you don't have to shoot in order to donate!

**We're on Facebook!** Thanks to Jenn Gray for putting together our new Facebook page. Search for "Paul Bunyan Plainsmen" under Groups and ask to join. We will be publishing meeting and event notices there. Also, please send pictures and stories.

**Clubhouse Update.** In order to keep the most square footage in the new club house, our project manager will be taking the plans to a public hearing to see if there is any local opposition to our plans. This is mostly a routine administrative step, and the outcome is expected to be positive, but it will push the demolition of the building likely to January.

For questions, corrections, or additions to the newsletter, contact Mike Moran at [michael.moran248@gmail.com](mailto:michael.moran248@gmail.com).

**Of Turkey Feathers and Little Pumpkins**, by Mike Moran



I don't know why we continue to do it, but we let Karla Hillberg choose the course of fire for the Paul Bunyan Plainsmen's Turkey Shoot. It happened last year, too; but Mother Nature intervened with a rain storm to keep Karla in check. This year the weather was great so we were on our own and got the full Karla experience.

Being the week before Thanksgiving, and having frozen turkeys as prizes, there was naturally a Thanksgiving theme to the match. Even the scorecard had pilgrims on it. Our first paper target was a couple of turkeys, set at 25 yards, and shot with 5 shots. The second paper target was a pilgrim with an ax chasing a turkey, again at 25 yards and again with 5 shots. Not too difficult it would seem, but the target rings were pretty small, and you lost all 5 shots if you hit the pilgrim. The turkey hunters in the group would argue that those conditions were pretty realistic.

Now for the fun. At 15 yards there were two novelty shoots. The first was a pumpkin, or more correctly a gourd of some kind, no bigger than an orange. You had one chance to hit the pumpkin. The next shot was at a row of turkey feathers stuck upright in a board. Now just to make sure there was no "exaggerated eye balling" going on, Karla stipulated that a hit would only be counted if you hit the spine of the feather. Again, there was only one shot to hit the target (and again the turkey hunters would say that was realistic). Ten points were awarded per shot, giving a max score of 120 for the match.

The paper targets were set and the shooting began. There was a mid-shoot pause called to reset the pumpkin and fix some targets, but the match progressed well. When it was over, there were a lot of smashed pumpkins, but those turkey feathers remained untouched. At the prize table there were 10 turkeys and some of the more regular prizes to be handed out. It was great to see so many people who traveled in to join us.

As we closed, Chip Kormas reminded everyone that the next match will be our **Christmas Match and Toys for Tots Fundraiser**, where in lieu of a shooter's fee, we collect cash or new unwrapped toy donations for the Toys for Tots. We hope everyone can come join us that day, and help raise funds for such a great organization. It will be Dec 20<sup>th</sup>.

1. Mike Nesbitt	105	8. Wally McKendry	83	15. Gina Hansen	56
2. Don Kerr	93	9. Chip Kormas	75	16. Karla Hillberg	52
3. Mike Holeman	92	10. Freek Hoover	71	17. Bill Sick	35
4. Dave Rase	91	11. Chris Statz	71	18. Lori Caswell	32
5. Frank Ponceroff	86	12. Jim Hillberg	68	19. Dakota Nash	27
6. Bob DeLisle	85	13. Mike Moran	66	20. Jayme Haeckel	0
7. Jim Haeckel	85	14. Jack Knight	64		

**OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Dec 10<sup>th</sup> Paul Bunyan Plainsmen Christmas Party, location TBD
- Dec 20<sup>th</sup> Paul Bunyan Christmas Shoot and Toys for Tots Fundraiser, 9:30 am at PB.
- Jan 7<sup>th</sup> Paul Bunyan Plainsmen Meeting, Paul Bunyan Range (location may change)
- Jan 24<sup>th</sup> Paul Bunyan Plainsmen Match, Paul Bunyan Range
- Jan 27-31 Washington Sportsman's Show, Puyallup Fairgrounds
- Apr 9<sup>th</sup> WSMA Fundraising Banquet
- May 20-22 Women's Primitive Skills Weekend, Paul Bunyan Range
- May 27-31 Paul Bunyan 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Rendezvous, Paul Bunyan Range