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DECEMBER MEETING NOTES

As we reported last month, we have a contractor who will soon be replacing the 3 tires, support structure and railroad ties on the rifle range gongs. This work should take 3 to 4 days to complete, during which the rifle range will have to be shut down. We are at the mercy of the contractor's schedule and the weather. As soon as we know when the work will start, we will update the website "latest club news" tab.

Speed Steels match director Rusty Reily would like me to remind competitors that sign up for the steels matches (the third Saturday of each month) starts at 8am, with the match walk thru and competition starting at 9am.

A proposal was brought before the membership to purchase electronic scoring targets for the rifle range. These targets will be used mostly for high power and CMP matches and will reduce the number of target pullers needed in the pits, which will allow the matches to finish up earlier. We voted to purchase 18 of the target systems for a total of \$18K.

The 12-week smallbore rifle league gets underway with a practice session on January 6th. We shoot Monday evenings thru March with our awards ceremony on April 13th. For more information, get in touch with Bob Wendt or Doug Shellenberger.

ELECTION RESULTS

We have a couple of new directors for 2020. Hunter education instructor and shotgun chairman Marty Kotzke was voted in as a director at the general meeting. Avid IPSC shooter Jim Steward gathered the most director votes in the election, so he will serve a two-year term. The rest of the board will stay the same as last year.

TOYS FOR TOTS CAMPAIGN

Every December, our club hosts several matches with the proceeds going to Toys for Tots. This year, thru match proceeds and donations, our club donated over \$23,000 in cash and 3 huge boxes of toys to the campaign so many kids could have a nice Christmas. In addition, we also had some donations that were received too late to be included in the donation pick up. These donations were given to the Pierce County Santa Cops program at Sunrise. All in all, our shooters and club were once again very generous. Thanks to all of those who shot and contributed.

KIDS FISHING POND AT THE SPORTMAN'S SHOW

Ed Cole

The <u>Washington Sportsman's Show</u> will be held January 22-26th at the Puyallup fairgrounds. The kid's fish pond is always a huge attraction and a real kick to work as a volunteer. It is always great time helping the youngsters catch fish.

If anyone would like to help, just contact me at 253- 531-4591or via <u>email</u> and I will get you a free gate pass.

IN THE NEWS

KING 5 news reported that State Attorney General Bob Ferguson has proposed 3 new gun laws which would ban the sale of AR style guns and "high capacity" magazines and place new restrictions on ammunition sales. More on the story can be found on the KING 5 website <u>here</u>.

The 2nd Amendment Foundation will be hosting a series of town hall meetings in February regarding gun laws and our rights. Go to their <u>website</u> or click <u>here</u> for more information.

PISTOL SILHOUETTE

December 7, 2019 Bret Stuntebeck

We put 15 entries across the line this month. Temperatures were hovering around 40 degrees when I arrived at the range. Another match for the wood stove. The temperatures rose to about 50 by the end of the match with rain off and on for most of the day. We had one new shooter this month. Joshua Stone was up from Centralia shooting the Vision-X Toys for Tots fund raiser match and saw the silhouette target on the rifle range. Joshua shoots Rifle and Cowboy rifle silhouettes, so he came down to check it out and asked if there was anything he could shoot his 9mm in, so he put an entry in for field pistol. Always glad to get a new shooter. On to the results of the match.

No 40's shot this month. I posted a U-Int, 38 followed Steve Bishop posting a U-AAA, 29. I posted a R-Int, 31. Joe Stumpf posted a R-AA, 20. Ron Craig posted a P-A, 28 giving him his second leg and moving him into AA. Steve Bishop posted a R-AAA, 23.

In small bore, Steve Bishop a UAS-AA, 19. Alec Patajo posted a US-UNC, 10 shooting Joe's Ruger with a dot sight.

In Field Pistol Joe Stumpf posted a PAS-AA, 9 and our new shooter Joshua Stone posted a P-UNC, 13 using his CZ 75 IPSA right with fixed sights.

Our target setter did a fantastic job again this month. 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.

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Class	Name	Gun/Caliber	Score	Notes
P-AAA	Steve Bishop	TC: 44MAG	23	1st
-AA	Joe Stumpf, R	TC: 7TCU	18	1st CB
-A	Ron Craig	TC: 7TCU	28	1st ML
R-INT	Bret Stuntebeck	FA: 41MAG	31	1st CB
-AA	Joe Stumpf, R	FA: 357MAG	20	1st CB
U-INT	Bret Stuntebeck	RAMPRO: 6.5BR	38	1st
-AAA	Steve Bishop	TC: 7BR	29	1st
-AA	Ron Craig	TC: 30H	20	1st
US- AAA	Bret Stuntebeck	TC: 7TCU	27	1st CB

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Class P-A PAS- AA <u>SB</u>	Name Joshua Stone (NRA) Joe Stumpf, R	Gun/Caliber CZ 9MM TC: 22H	Score 13 9	Notes 1st NC: A 1st
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UAS- AA	Steve Bishop	RUGER: 22 LR	19	1st
US-B	Alex Patajo (NRA)	RUGER: 22 LR	10	1st NC: B

CLUB CAPS AND SHIRTS

We have club caps and shirts for sale. We have solid back caps as well as the mesh back caps, \$12 each for either style. We also have shirts in stock in all sizes. The shirts are \$15. The proceeds on these items go to support the junior program. If you are interested, get in touch with Doug Shellenberger at 253-846-6767 or see him at the range.

MORE HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS NEEDED

Marty Kotzke

The club is looking for a few new hunter education instructors. Our club hosts a lot of hunter education classes, both on-line certifications and traditional classes. Thru the years, some of the instructors we have had have retired or moved on, leaving us with very few instructors to put on all of these classes. We, in cooperation with the state, will train anyone to be a hunter education instructor. If this is something you might be interested in getting involved with, contact me or Rocky Walston.

JUNIORS

Doug Shellenberger

We have our annual Icicle smallbore match on January 4th. So far, we have enough shooters for 4 relays. This our first big smallbore match of the year.

We have 5 or 6 shooters coming out on Tuesday evenings a regular basis, so we have plenty of room for some new shooters. Those who qualify can also shoot on the airgun range. We have rifles to loan for those who don't own one. This is a great way to get a youngster started in the sport.

LADIES SHOOTING LEAGUE NOVEMBER RECAP

Jackie Russo

Paul Bunyan's Ladies Shooting League enjoyed one of its busiest years of growth – meaning not only membership –but also growing involvement in the shooting sports. From expanding participation in competition to shepherding a new sport – under the strong leadership of Christa Beasley, the LSL is blossoming like a spring garden!

Early in the year, Walther Firearms brought 5 of their amazing pistols for us to demo. We all had the opportunity to 'test drive' Walther's amazing PPQ Steel to the svelte, carry .380. Other fun activities included "Father's Day on The Range"; "Shotgun with Rocky," an opportunity to shoot sporting clays; and New Shooter Orientation for Action Shooting International.

The LSL agreed to host the newest shooting sport to PB: Action Shooting International (ASI) for 2019. For many of the ladies – ASI is a great introduction to "moving and shooting"; a natural progression from static. Several members had already competed in ASI at other ranges; but all other matches were further north. So when ASI began at PB – not only did more LSL members join in – but other South Sounders – eagerly became regulars.

In August– 5 members of the LSL competed in IDPA's Washington State Championship. This was a first for 3 of the gals at this level. All of them had either competed in local IDPA or ASI matches. The opportunity to shoot in a sanctioned IDPA match help validate their training and competition practice. Look for their story in 2020 in an upcoming IDPA's The Tactical Journal.

Other matches our ladies have competed in were ASI's Hand-sized Handgun match and Movember Charity match – both hosted by Renton Fish & Game.

In all, the LSL has approximately 80 members and averages 9 gals for the twice monthly 'meetings'. We invite, not only PB members and the ladies in their lives, but also friends. Check the PB calendar, click on the Discipline tab on the website or email Christa Beasley for more information.



Walther Night at Girlz Night Out in February



Ladies placing targets at T-Time



Shoot a card in half? Easzee Peazzzeee

ACTION SHOOTING INTERNATIONAL 2019 RECAP

Jackie Russo

Earlier this year the Board of Directors welcomed Action Shooting International – to Paul Bunyan Sportsman's Club. The Ladies Shooting League agreed to shepherd this new *move and shoot sport* for the duration.

For 2019, ASI was able to secure dates for 4 matches. Each match averaged 46 participants and, of those, 8 ladies. And there is a core group from the Ladies Shooting League who regularly compete and invite others to join them in their squads. We have 5 gals who trained up as ASI range officers.

ASI provides an introduction to movement and shooting – a step forward from stationary marksmanship. Participants do not need a holster to draw from as all stages are either lowready or table starts. Shooters also can use .22 to .45 caliber pistols. And the round count is around 100. Matches typically last 3 hrs.

What makes ASI so welcoming is the low pressure; ROs mentor and guide, focusing on safety. There are fewer rules than IDPA and stage designs are fun and have a modicum of challenges, such as one-handed or headshots. Novice to experienced shooters can find something to like about ASI.

Families make a regular appearance at ASI matches. Couples or parents with their older children have spent their Saturday mornings at the range. Also, attending are skilled shooters from Grand Master to those who are have been shooting a short time – and all those in between. New shooters are squadded with seasoned ASI or other shooting disciplined shooters. This, we find, is a great way to support the new shooter through their first match.

We would like to take a moment to thank Christa Beasley, The Ladies Shooting League leader, for supporting our return in 2020; IDPA's leader and target creator Birney Oxford and Lars Liden for mentoring us as we establish ASI at Paul Bunyan for another year. Additionally, the volunteers who arrive early to set up, range officers and the behind the scenes work which is necessary for making these matches happen!



Carrie Parker, Shawn Hallinan, Jim Parker, Emily Streich and Jacquelyn Hallinan



Vickie Jennings, Emily Streich, Birney Oxford, Carrie Parker and Jim Parker

MEMBERSHIP

The club would like to welcome the 11 new members for December. Jason Adams, John Aldrich, Jeff Bird, Nicholas Cyin, Todd Fagering, Juan Ferre, Scott Haas, Bryce Jamison, Timothy Marek, Leann Poussier and Luke Wahl were all voted into the club at the general meeting. Club membership now stands at 1180 members paid for 2020.

CARETAKERS REPORT

Doug Shellenberger

Not much going on around the range during the winter months. We did lose 14 trees in the last wind storm. We will be selling a lot of the wood and using the remainder for firewood on the rifle range. With the cold weather, we really churn thru the wood trying to keep warm while shooting rifle.

PAUL BUNYAN CHRISTMAS SHOOT 2019

Mike Moran

Oh, the weather outside was frightful delightful as we gathered for the annual Paul Bunyan Christmas shoot and fundraiser for Toys for Tots. Unlike most of the monthly shoots here, there was no need to pick up a target frame to hang your stockings paper targets on. This month, Chip Kormas provided a novel approach and had a combination of steel silhouettes, balloons, and holiday targets, but more of that in a moment. In lieu of a shooters fee, we ask for donations to Toys for Tots, and this year the muzzleloading community was very generous.



Ryan Johnston from Toys for Tots takes a shot

Chip had laid out the course to incorporate a variety of target sizes and distances. There were six steel targets ranging from a buffalo to a candle at distances from 25-50 yards (that candle looked pretty far away). Hanging from the target stands were candy canes, pine cones, and oranges at 15 yards. At each end of the range there was a bunch of balloons – small



Booshway Chip Kormas

ones for your rifle, and larger ones for your trade gun, which in this case meant the gun you traded with a partner. Each target counted for one point, for a total of 12. But wait, there's more. Chip gave everyone 45 minutes to shoot the targets, then there was a short break and a bonus round was conducted. You never know what Santa is going to bring you.

Ryan Johnston was the representative for the Toys for Tots program that came out to take the donations. A 7-year veteran of the Marine Corps, he was plenty familiar with shooting but had never shot a muzzleloader. Mike Moran let him borrow his .54 cal flintlock and after a few practice rounds, Ryan was knocking them down. He had fun and we may see him at some future events. After the shoot we got to see how many toys his pickup truck would hold (turns out that we can get that second bicycle in there).

Even though Chip did his best to challenge us, his efforts were in vain because the Plainsmen had wrapped all the prizes and had them sitting under the Christmas tree.



Mike Holman opens his present

We picked in order of high score to low score, but everyone got to enjoy the surprise in opening their gifts. Who says grown-ups are too old for Santa?



Don Freelove showing his Christmas spirit!

In addition to taking donations, there was a raffle for several nice items to help raise additional funds. There was a shooting box by Frank Ponceroff, a small buffalo horn with applied tip by Steve Skillman, a horn with a copper covered butt by Dave Rase, a knife, and necklace. The raffle tickets were sold at \$5 each, and we were able to raise over \$300 just for the raffle items. The winners of the raffle items (in order listed) were Darrel Behounek, Dave Rase, Wes Parker, Mike Moran, and Mike Holeman.

At the end of the day, the 25 muzzleloaders provided \$1,510 in donations plus some toys. But this event is a big one for all the disciplines at Paul Bunyan and with a very successful fundraising drive, we sent Ryan away with over \$23,000 and an entire truck load of toys which will provide a great Christmas to thousands of deserving kids.

2020 WINTER PISTOL LEAGUE

Beginning January 23rd, the club will host a .22 rimfire pistol league on Thursday evenings. There will be 10 weeks to fire 8 record scores and you may shoot ahead or make up by shooting both relays. The course of fire will be 20 rounds Slow Fire, 20 rounds Timed Fire and 20 rounds Rapid Fire all fired at 25 yards. The first relay will begin at 5:00PM and the second relay at 6:15PM (arrive not less than 15 minutes early to get set up).

New shooters are welcome, and there will be an "open" class where firing using a 2-hand grip is allowed.

At the end of the league there will be cash awards to class winners, and a prize drawing for all participants. Entry fee will be \$25. For more information or to obtain a league program, contact: Dennis Wilcox, via email <u>spindleblaster@msn.com</u> (preferred) or phone 253-841-9309.

JUNIOR AIR RIFLE RESULTS

Jim Cellini

Here are the results for the Washington USAS Junior Olympic Air Rifle State Championship (West Side) that Paul Bunyan hosted at our air rifle range on December 7 and 8. The Capitol City Junior Rifle Club sponsored the match. They asked Paul Bunyan if we would be willing to host the match because we are a little bit more centrally located than the Capitol City range and they felt we had a little bit better venue to hold the match. The Spokane Rifle Club held the Championship for the East side the same day. The scores are combined to see who the state champion will be. Click here to see the final results. Results on the precision class can be found on the Orion website here, and the sporter class here.

For our match, we had 23 participants in the Precision class. Lauren Crossley from Oak Harbor took first place for the West side with a 579. Sean Webb form the Poulsbo club was second with a 576.

Even though USA shooting doesn't have a Sporter class for air rifle, we decided to have a Sporter class match to give them a chance to shoot an extra match. We had 8 shooters for the Sporter class. Rylan Querros from Oak Harbor took first place for the Sporter group with a score of 495. Meagan Kunze took second. Her score was 493. Two pretty competitive matches!

We have three matches coming up in January and February to be held at Paul Bunyan. The small-bore lcicle match will be held on Saturday, January 4. This is a 3-P match with an Olympic style shoot off to determine to winner of the match. The top 8 shooters of the 3-P match participate in the shoot off.

On January 25, we have an air rifle match for Precision and Sporter. 60 shots standing for Precision, 60 shots prone, standing and kneeling for Sporter. On February 1 and 2, we host the Junior Olympic Air Rifle 3-P Championship (West) for the Capitol City Junior Club.