

Powder River Sportsmen's Club

Third Trimester 2011

P.O. Box 162

Baker City, Oregon 97814

Regular Meetings @ 7:00 P.M., First Tuesday of the Month at 2690 Broadway

New Three-Gun Event to be held September 17th

Three-gun (pistol, rifle and shotgun) events have been increasing in popularity for several years. Similar to action pistol events, they involve a lot of shooting (approximately 75 rounds per gun) during 5 stages of fire, one generally involving rifle shooting out to 500 yards.

Pistols favored are semi-autos in 9mm, 40 s&w or .45 auto. Rifles are usually some version of the AR15 in .223, but others up to .308 may be used. Most shooting is under 40 yards, except for the long range stage. Pump or semi-auto shotguns (12 or 20 gauge) may be used.

Shooting is timed with penalties for misses or marginal hits. Targets are paper silhouettes, clay targets or steel reactive designs.

Eye and ear protection is required. Our first 3-gun match will be Sept. 17th, starting at 8 a.m. - pre-registration is required by calling Steve Furtney at 541-403-4136 or e-mail him at stf1981@live.com. Go to www.mgmtargets.com to see a video. See Match Schedule for more details.

Changes to Range Safety Rules after construction of Action Pistol Bays

Five new Action Pistol Bays were completed at the Virtue Flat Range in May 2011. On June 29th, the Club emailed to all members a new policy for safe use of the Pistol Bays. The new policy was discussed and revised at the Club's August meeting. Please review the current policy and rules summarized below.

The Pistol Bays are designed for organized Practical Shooting events during which shotgun or pistol-fire may be directed in a 180° arc from the shooter's position. It is possible for ricochet projectiles to travel out of the bays in unpredictable directions.

The following rules and advisories are in effect to maintain safe range use.

- 1.) No matches will be scheduled simultaneously in the Pistol Bays and any other range location.
- 2.) During Scheduled Matches on the Rifle Range or 100-yard Pistol Range, no firing is permitted in the Pistol Bays.
- 3.) During Scheduled Matches at the Pistol Bays, no use of the Pistol Range is permitted, no firing is permitted on the Rifle Range, and no person may access Rifle Range locations east (downrange) of the 200-yard berm.
- 4.) No firing is permitted in the pistol bays when persons are downrange of the 200 yard rifle benches.
- 5.) During times when no matches are scheduled, range availability is determined by time of arrival at the range: "first come = first right of use".
- 6.) Do not fire rifles at the plate rack in the Pistol Bays.
- 7.) When no matches are scheduled, individuals or groups who wish to use the Pistol Bays must direct all fire in an eastward direction at the back berm of the bay they are using. Do not fire in any other direction. The 180° arc of fire is permitted only at scheduled Practical Shooting Matches.
- 8.) Simultaneous informal use of the Pistol Bays and Rifle or Pistol Ranges is permitted under the following conditions:
 - a. Fire in the Pistol Bays is directed in an eastward direction only.
 - b. Rifle Range shooters must call for and receive a cease-fire in the Pistol Bays before hanging, checking, or removing targets in the Rifle Pits, or for any other activity conducted downrange from the 200-yard benches.

Please note: The Club is engaged in purchasing the Virtue Flat range and adjacent lands. Upon completion of the purchase, additional ranges are planned that will alleviate many existing use-conflict issues. Until then, common sense and flexibility can avoid almost any conflicting use. Whenever possible, members are encouraged to practice at the Pistol Range rather than the Pistol Bays as this avoids any conflict with the 200-yard Rifle Range.

Range Cleanup Day Results

A big THANK YOU to all who turned out on May 14th for the club's clean-up day. The number of members showing up and pitching in has to be a record in recent years and made the work go much faster. Those who brought equipment deserve an extra tip of the hat! Range appearance and utility were the beneficiaries.

Match Results

1000 YARD BENCHREST MATCHES

The top 5-shot sizes and scores (possible 50) from the last 3 matches are as follows:

05/08/11 - Darin Blagg shot the best 6-3/16" group and Jose Castro had the highest score at 49. Group sizes ran fairly high with a pair of 24-1/2" groups at the top end. Winds were stiff for the entire match with the flags popping most of the time. Temperatures were never more than the mid-40's. A total of 15 shooters were in attendance, however.

06/05/11 - Casey McDonald took advantage of much better weather and fired a near range record group of 3-13/16". Steve Simons was well centered on his last group with a top score of 49-2X. Wayne Malmstrom was just a tick off the top score with a 49-1X. Gary Paananen also fired a fine 4-5/8" group and Don Mavy managed to get 4 rounds in a very tight 2-1/8" but the last shot opened it up to a still very respectable 7 inches even. Thirteen shooters fired a total of 38 groups.

08/07/11 - Nine shooters fired a total of 21 groups on a very nice day with fairly mild breezes and warm temperatures. Best group was by Gary Paananen at 6-5/8" with a 3 way tie for top score of 45 between Wayne Malmstrom, Norbert Costa, and Darin Blagg. For some reason only 4 groups managed to stay in the single digit size range. A target filling 21-5/8" group was the largest.

Oregon YHEC Teams Win at Nationals



WHITTINGTON CEN

Brain & Nick are 3rd and 4th from the left, Sarah is 4th from the right.

Our Youth Hunter Education Challenge teams upheld their winning tradition again this year at the NRA Whittington Center in Raton, NM. The Oregon Junior Team won the YHEC National Championship outright, and the Senior Team earned the 3rd place berth. The Senior Team also won the Bud Eyman Sportsmanship Award for their outstanding display of good sportsmanship during the week-long event. Three members of the 2011 Oregon YHEC teams hail from Baker County: Brian Staebler-Siewell and Nicholas Vowell on the senior team, and Sarah Spough on the junior team. At the individual level, Brian won 2nd Place overall in the shotgun event, and Sarah won 1st Place in Wildlife ID, 2nd Place in Responsibility Exam, and 3rd Place in Orienteering. Special thanks to the following for their support of the YHEC program in Baker County: The Friends of the NRA, Buck & Hope Buckner, Glenda Staebler-Siewell, Dick Humphreys, Todd Callaway, Richard Haines, Mauricio Valerio, and the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife. Sign-ups for the annual event are conducted in December; contact Buck Buckner for more information.

Match Results

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The August 28th Summer Blast lived up to it's name: it was hotter than the dickens and everyone had a blast. The day started at 9:00 a.m. with 25 shooters competing in a 5-stage USPSA match directed by Ray and Eris Merritt. Top honors were claimed by Barney Brooks (508) followed by Evans Kuo (490) and Dennis Fuller (478). Junior competitors included Gabe Taylor (178) and first-timers Sarah and Ben Spaugh (82 & 81, resp). After the USPSA match, those who were able to stay enjoyed a BBQ lunch in the shade provided by the pistol range roof. Twelve shooters then convened at 2:00 p.m. for a commemorative match to mark the 100th anniversary of the venerable M1911 pistol designed by John M. Browning. Buck Buckner directed the match which was modeled after the US Calvary Dismounted Qualification Course used in the 1930's. Participants completed 4 courses of fire shot one-handed with .45acp 1911 pistols. The high Score was posted by David Spaugh (268-3x), followed by Richard Gorts (205-1x), Perry Lee (192), and Buckner (179-2x). Juniors Sarah and Ben Spaugh also shot the 1911 match, with Sarah again barely edging her brother 100-1x to 95.



Ben Spaugh timed by Evans Kuo

Match Schedules

M-1 and Military Bolt Rifle Match

Information: Buck Buckner 541-523-6109

WHEN: Sunday, September 11th at 2:00 p.m.

ENTRY FEE: \$10.00 per person

LEGAL RIFLE: Any military rifle from any country used during W.W.II period or prior. Rifles must be used in as-issued condition with iron sights only. SKS semi-autos will be allowed. This is the match to bring your old Springfield, Krag, Enfield, Mauser, Swede or M-1 to.

COURSE OF FIRE:

Stage 1: 2 sighters and 10 shots for record
prone-slow fire

Stage 2: 10 shots for record
standing - slow fire

Stage 3: 10 shots for record
sitting - rapid fire (70 seconds)

Stage 4: 10 shots for record
prone - rapid fire (70 seconds)

Rapid fire will start in position

All shooting will be at 200 yards on the old 5-V target.

Awards: Cash awards in these categories if 3 or more; A. Ladies, Juniors, Seniors; B. Semi-auto; C. Bolt Action

3- Gun Match

Information: Steve Furtney 541-403-4136

WHEN: Saturday, September 17th

TIME: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

ENTRY FEE: \$20.00 per person

FIREARMS: Pistol (9m/m to .45 semi-auto best)
Rifle (AR-15 type best)
Shotgun - pump or semi-auto (12 or 20 ga.)

COURSE OF FIRE: 5 Stages

Most shooting under 40 yards except for stage 5, rifle at 400 yards.

Will need 75 rounds for each gun.

Pre-registration is required.

Call Steve Furtney 541-403-4136 to register

Match Schedules

Practical Pistol Matches

Information: Ray Merritt 541-403-1246
e-mail: ray@prpsshooters.com

WHEN: Sundays: Sept. 25th, Oct. 23rd

TIME: 9:00 a.m. - Noon each day.

ENTRY FEE: Adults \$15 Juniors \$10

GUN: Any revolver or semi-auto, 9mm or larger bore

COURSE OF FIRE: Various - can shoot up to 150 rounds, bring 200!

Beginners welcome!

TARGETS: Varied

NOTE: This is a new shooting program at PRSC that is already popular elsewhere.

1000 Yard Bench Rest Rifle

Information: Elwood Wirth 541-877-2324

WHEN: Sunday, October 9th

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

ENTRY FEE: \$8 per rifle, per person
+ \$2 additional 5-shot group
\$2 extra if you want to keep your target

LEGAL RIFLE: Any rifle, any scope

COURSE OF FIRE: Unlimited sighters and five shot group fired at 1000 yards from any rest.

TARGET: 1000 yard Bench Rest Target
Smallest group measured center to center wins.
Certificates for best group and highest score.

22nd Annual Club Championship Match

Information: Buck Buckner 541-523-6109

WHEN: Sunday, October 23rd

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

ENTRY FEE: \$10.00 per person

COURSE OF FIRE:

Pistol:

5 shots standing (one handed) 25 yards

5 shots sitting (two handed) 50 yards

NRA Bullseye Targets, using any centerfire caliber with iron sights.

Rifle:

5 shots standing and 5 shots sitting at 200 yards at life size deer target, using legal deer rifle and max 8x scope.

Shotgun:

20 shots (5 points each) at clay birds from two traps to simulate hunting shots. Use any legal shotgun.

Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot Family Fun Shoot

WHEN: Sunday, November 20th

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

ENTRY FEE: "Fun Shoots" \$1 - \$3 per event

EVENTS:

- ▶ .22 rifle shooting at 100 yards
(Bullseye Target)
- ▶ Lucky .22 shoot at 15 yards
- ▶ Centerfire handgun at 50 yards at chicken silhouettes
- ▶ Running deer target: 200 yards with scope or 100 yards iron sights
(starts at 2:30 p.m.)
- ▶ Centerfire rifle at 200 yards at turkey heads
- ▶ Separate all-lady and all-junior squads if possible

PRIZES: Turkeys, Bacon, Beef and Ham
One prize for each event
(6-8 entry limit in most events)

Information on using the PRSC Virtue Flat Range

The Virtue Flat Range is periodically reserved for scheduled matches or group activities that in turn generate revenue to support ongoing range operations. These events are listed in Club calendar available in each newsletter and online at www.prsportsmen.org. When no events are scheduled, time of arrival establishes range availability: first come = first right of use.

The 1000-yard Range prevents any other range use. This firing berm nearest to the entry gate is used for Black Powder Cartridge Rifle Silhouette Matches, Steel Silhouette Matches, 1000-yard Benchrest Shoots, and long-range High Power Rifle Matches. Before firing from this range, shooters must first check the entire range to be sure no one else is down-range to be sure no one else is down-range at any location east of the 1000 yard berm.

The 200-yard Range prevents use of the 1000-yard range. Most range use occurs here. Target holders are placed at 25, 50, 100 and 200 yards. This range is used for Standard High Power and Sporting Rifle Matches, Pistol Classes, and by most individuals wanting to test loads or sight rifles. Use of this range still allows for safe use of the 100-yard pistol range.

The Pistol Range prevents use of the 1000-yard range. This range is used for pistol shooting, .22 Silhouette Matches, Junior .22, YHEC, and Cowboy Action Shoots. Two benchrests and target placements out to 100 yards are available. Use of this range still allows for safe use of the 200-yard range. After range use, be sure to install the slide rails to keep cattle out of the shooting area.

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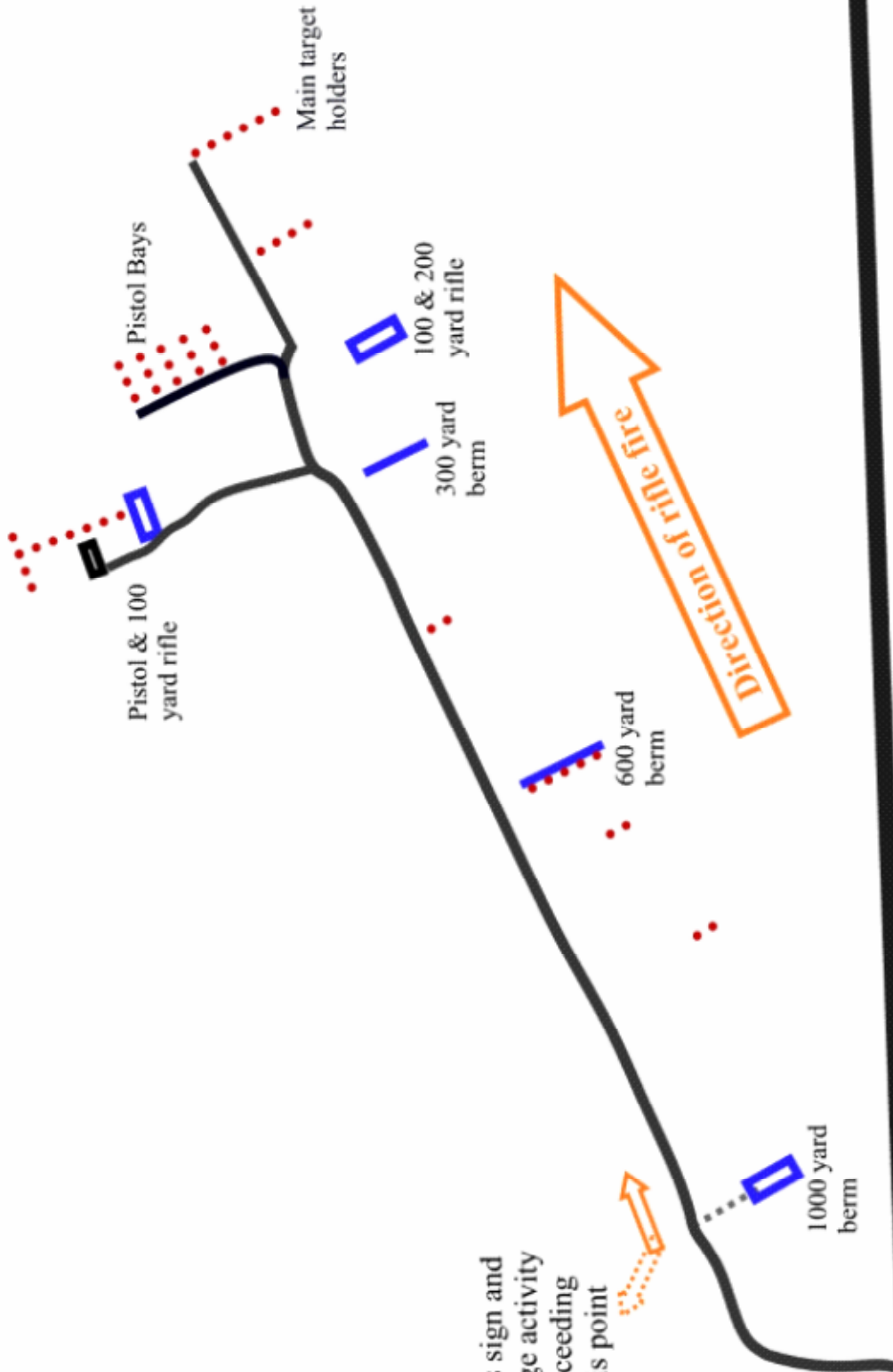
Powder River Sportsmen's Club - Virtue Flat Range

North



Legend

- Targets
- Firing positions



Oregon State Hwy 86

Range entrance is 1 mile east of Oregon Trail Interpretive Center entrance, or 6 miles east of Baker City

SEPTEMBER 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 12pm - 5pm Pistol Range Reserved Sheriff's Dept.	2	3
4	5 8am - 5pm Pistol Range Reserved O.S.P. Labor Day	6 8am - 12pm 200 yd Range Rsvd 1pm - 5pm Pistol Range Reserved O.S.P. 7 pm Club Meeting	7 8am - 5pm Pistol Range Reserved O.S.P.	8 8am - 12pm 200 yd Range Rsvd 1pm - 5pm Pistol Range Reserved O.S.P.	9	10 2pm - 5pm Pistol Range Reserved Pistolettes
11 2pm M1 Military Bolt Rifle Match 200 yards	12	13	14	15	16	17 8am 3-Gun Match
18 9am - 12pm Pistol Range Reserved Loom's Security	19	20 2pm - 5pm Pistol Range Reserved Pistolettes	21	22	23	24
25 9am-12pm U.S.P.S.A. Action Pistol Match (Range Closed to other use)	26	27	28	29	30	

OCTOBER 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4 7 pm Club Meeting	5	6	7	8
9 9am 1000 yd Benchrest Match	10 Columbus Day (Observed)	11	12	13	14 5pm - 10pm Pistol Range Reserved O.S.P.	15
16	17 8am - 5pm Pistol Range Reserved O.S.P.	18 8am-12pm 200 yd Range Rsvd 1pm - 5pm Pistol Range Rsvd O.S.P.	19 8am - 5pm Pistol Range Reserved O.S.P.	20 8am-12pm 200 yd Range Rsvd 1pm - 10pm Pistol Range Rsvd O.S.P.	21	22
23 9am-12pm U.S.P.S.A. Action Pistol Match 1pm Club Championship	24	25	26	27	28 6 pm Pistolettes Awards Dinner	29
30	31 8am - 5pm Pistol Range Reserved O.S.P.					

NOVEMBER 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 8am - 12pm 200 yd Range Rsvd 1pm - 5pm Pistol Range Reserved O.S.P. 7 pm Club Meeting	2 8am - 5pm Pistol Range Reserved O.S.P.	3 8am - 12pm 200 yd Range Rsvd 1pm - 5pm Pistol Range Reserved O.S.P.	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 8am - 5pm Pistol Range Reserved Sheriff's Dept.
20 9am-5pm Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot	21	22	23	24	25	26
				Thanksgiving Day		
27	28	29	30 8am - 5 pm Pistol Range Reserved Sheriff's Department			

Powder River Sportsmen's Club Virtue Flat Range Rules

1. Keep entrance gates closed at all times.
2. Always keep firearms pointed in a safe direction.
3. Keep firearms unloaded until ready to shoot.
4. Know where others are at all times.
5. During times when the range has not been reserved for a group activity or scheduled match, range availability (priority) is determined by time of arrival at the range: "first come = first right of use".
6. Do not fire from any range until you have read the Range Layout and Restrictions page.
7. Do not use bottles or glass for targets.
8. Clean up after firing. Use trash receptacles or pack your trash out.
9. DO NOT share the gate combinations with non-members.
10. Eye and ear protection is strongly recommended, and required for all minors.

Failure to comply with rules may result in termination of membership.

****I hereby acknowledge I have read PRSC's Virtue Flat Range Rules and agree to abide by them.****

Signature

Date

Mail your renewal / application with check to:
Powder River Sportsmen's Club
P.O. Box 162, Baker City, Oregon 97814

CHECK ALL BOXES THAT APPLY

- New Membership
- Renewal Membership
- \$25 Individual Membership
- \$30 Family Membership
- \$10 Range Fee for Life Members

Name_____

Address_____

City/State_____ Zip_____

Phone_____ Email Address_____

To reduce printing & postage costs, tri-annual club Newsletters will be sent to your email address. If you do not have an email address or prefer a hard copy in the mail, check here.

- I am an NRA Member.
- I would like a NRA Membership application sent to me.

Upon receipt of application and paid dues, a new membership card will be mailed to you with the range lock combination printed on the reverse side.

Thank You!

www.prsportsmen.org

Date Received _____
By Whom _____
Was a card issued? YES NO
Was a Newsletter issued? YES NO



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