

Powder River Sportsmen's Club

First Trimester 2012

P.O. Box 162

Baker City, Oregon 97814

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

Range Purchase Update

The Club is proceeding to purchase the Virtue Flat Range from the BLM. PRSC recently received a letter from BLM acknowledging receipt of our purchase application and extending our present lease terms indefinitely during the purchase process. The letter indicated they will begin processing our application by summer 2012.

The benefits of range purchase: the Club will no longer need BLM permission to conduct improvements; the Club will not be subject to potential environmental restrictions from BLM; the Club will become eligible for grants from NRA and similar organization to help pay for renovation, new construction, and other improvements.

The estimated total cost of purchase including associated expenses and fees will be ~\$45,000. The Club currently has over \$15,000 in Cash and Money Market accounts, approximately \$10,000 of which can be earmarked for range purchase, so we're not starting from zero. Annual memberships dues, match fees and other regular revenue can be expected to contribute only a thousand dollars or so to the bottom line after all expenses are met. Therefore PRSC will have to rely on donations and dedicated fundraising efforts to raise the money needed to complete the range purchase. The estimated timeframe is 2 years.

The Club welcomes each member to contribute in his or her own way. If you have ideas or time available to assist with fundraising efforts, we hope you'll come to a monthly meeting and join the team! If you'd like to donate directly to the Range Purchase Fund, mail a check to Powder River Sportsmen's Club at PO Box 162, 97814 (be sure to write "Range Purchase" on the memo line.) We've added a Range Purchase Donation box to the membership form this year, so you can include a donation with your dues if you like.

Happy New Year to all, and we'll see you at the Range!

PRSC Annual Officer Elections

7:00PM February 7 at the Clubhouse

2012 nominees:

President—Daniel Batchelor
Vice President—Ray Merritt
Secretary—David Spaugh
Treasurer—Wayne Bloom
Board Members at Large—Elwood Wirth,
Jim Gibson, Vic Savage, Steve Furtney

2011 Club Championship Match

Perfect Score = 300

Champion—Elwood Wirth—186
2nd Place—David Spaugh—184
3rd Place—Buck Buckner—176
Pistol Winner—Wayne Bloom—74
Rifle Winner—Elwood Wirth—60
Shotgun Winner—Buck Buckner—100

It's time to renew your Club Membership. See the back page for an Application/Renewal Form. Please pay dues before the end of February, as all gate combinations will be changed on March 1st. Thanks!

NRA Basic Pistol Class

All interested persons must call Buck Buckner at (541) 523-6109 prior to registering. Registration—April 25th 7:00PM at the clubhouse. Evening Classes: April 30, May 2, and May 4. Live fire instruction—May 5th or May 6th.

Course fee is \$60, benefiting the PRSC. Buckner is an NRA Certified Pistol Instructor. This course will satisfy the requirement for Oregon Concealed Carry Permits.

Mark your Calendars!

April 7 is the annual Virtue Flat Range Cleanup Day. Last year, almost 30 members showed up to help, and the range looked great by the end of the day. Cleanup starts at 9:00AM and ends mid-afternoon. Bring gloves, rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, and carpentry tools. Come on out and lend a hand!

2012 YHEC is starting soon...

The 2012 NRA Youth Hunter Education Challenge begins in January! This program is open to all young outdoorsmen and outdoorswomen under age 19 who have completed a state-sponsored Hunter Education Program.

Participants train and compete in eight events: Orienteering, Wildlife Identification, Hunter Safety Trail, Shotgun, .22 Rifle, Muzzleloader, Archery, and a Written Exam covering "The Hunter's Guide" course manual. The registration fee is \$25 per student and helps cover cost of supplies and ammunition. YHEC classes meet once each week at dates and times that accommodate the schedules of the participants. Firearms training and practice is conducted at the Virtue Flat Range and Baker Trap Club as weather permits. PRSC has .22 rifles, muzzleloaders, shotguns and archery equipment available for youngsters who do not have their own.

A statewide YHEC competition is held each June to select 5-member Junior and Senior teams to represent Oregon at the National YHEC Competition held this year in Mansfield, PA. Travel, lodging and meal expenses for each competitor are paid with grants provided by the Friends of the NRA. The Baker YHEC instructors this year are Buck Buckner and Glenda Staebler-Siewell. Registrations are open through January; call Glenda at 541-856-3915 to learn more.

Powder River 3-Gun

Powder River 3-Gun will host a seven match Trophy Series starting April 15th at the PRSC Virtue Flat Range in Baker City. Matches start at 8:00AM every 3rd Sunday through October. This will be a points series with three classes in each of two divisions: Beginner, Novice, & Expert classes in Limited and Scoped Tactical divisions.

Limited Division - No magnified optics, speed loaders or bi-pods. Non-magnified red dot scopes are allowed in this class.

Scoped Tactical Division - One piece of magnified glass on rifle. No speed loaders, bi-pods, or comps over 3" in length or 1" in diameter.

Match sponsors include Springfield Arms, Glock USA, MGM Targets, Powder River Precision, Sheepdog Ammo, and Thatcher's Ace Hardware. First-place shooters in each class will receive a new Springfield XDM or Glock pistol. You heard it – six new pistols! Plaques for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place will also be awarded. A pistol will also be awarded to the top scoring Junior shooter. Entry fee is \$25 per match, or \$15 for Juniors under 18 years of age.

For more information, contact Steve Furtney at 541-403-4136 or stf1981@live.com.

Hunter Ed Classes

Instructor Bill Taylor (541-403-0900): February 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 24 from 6:00 to 8:30PM at the Clubhouse. Range day is February 25 from 10:00AM to 2:00PM.

Instructor Dick Haines (541-523-3554): April 11, 13, 16, 18, 20, 23, 25 from 6:00 to 8:30PM at the Library. Range day is April 27 10:00AM to 4:00PM for classroom students, or April 28 8:00AM to 5:00PM for independent study students.

Register at www.dfw.state.or.us, or at any Hunting License point-of-sale computer, or by calling the instructor.



The Patriots 4-H Club is a 12-member club developing skills in archery, cooking, sewing, photography and livestock. Our archers are competing in a postal tournament where we mail our match scores in for ranking with other clubs. The top shooters in the state are invited to a State Competition held in June. The Patriots 4-H Club is conducting a fundraiser so that we can buy targets and provide scholarships for our members to attend the State Competition. Average target cost is \$75 each.

We are selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts to help raise the money needed. The doughnuts cost \$10 for a dozen of original glazed and \$11 for a variety of 4 maple, 4 chocolate, and 4 chocolate with sprinkles. Orders are due by January 24th and doughnuts will be delivered on January 28th. If you are interested in supporting our club please contact Toni Myers at 541-540-1332. Thanks!

Match Schedules

1000 Yard Bench Rest Rifle

Information: Terry Dyke 541-519-0223

WHEN: Saturdays: Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 10.

TIME: 10:00AM each day.

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

LEGAL RIFLE: Any rifle, any scope.

COURSE OF FIRE: 1000-yards using any rest, unlimited sighters for up to 10 minutes, then five shots for record within 7 minutes.

TARGET: 1000 yard Bench Rest Target

Smallest group measured center to center wins. Certificates awarded for best group and highest score.

Powder River 3-Gun

Information: Steve Furtney 541-403-4136

e-mail: stf1981@live.com

WHEN: 3rd Sundays: Apr 15, May 20, Jun 17...

TIME: 8:00AM - 2:00PM each day

ENTRY FEE: Adults \$25 Juniors \$15

LEGAL FIREARM: .223 OR LARGER RIFLE, 9MM OR LARGER PISTOL, 20G OR 12G SHOTGUN.

COURSE OF FIRE: Varies; average round count is 75 rounds per gun; most shooting is under 40 yards except a rifle stage out to 400 yards.

TARGETS: Varied; include paper, steel, & clay

See Page 3 for more information

USPSA Practical Pistol

Information: Ray Merritt 541-403-2999

e-mail: ray@prpshooters.com

WHEN: 4th Sundays: Mar 25, Apr 22, May 27...

TIME: 9AM - Noon each day.

ENTRY FEE: Adults \$15 Juniors \$10

LEGAL FIREARM: Any revolver or semi-auto 9mm or larger.

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

TARGETS: USPSA paper, steel poppers, plates

For more information, visit
www.prpshooters.com

Steel Varmint Shoot

Information: John Wulk 541-403-0318

WHEN: Sunday, April 29th.

Time: Noon.

ENTRY FEE: \$10

LEGAL RIFLE: Any center fire rifle, any sights, any rest. Rifle and gear must be carried to the line in one trip without use of a sled or cart.

NOTE: NO FULL METAL JACKET BULLETS, PLEASE.

COURSE OF FIRE:

A. 5 shots @ 200m at steel squirrel (2x5)

B. 5 shots @ 300m at steel rabbit (3.5x9)

C. 5 shots @ 385m at steel coyote

TIME LIMIT: 2 ½ minutes allowed for each 5 shot stage.

Proceeds go to the PRSC for targets, etc.

VIRTUE FLAT RANGE USE POLICIES

The Club makes every attempt to maximize the amount of time that the range is available for general use while also scheduling enough events and private range reservations to support operation of the range. Be sure to check the calendars in the newsletter or online before planning a trip to the range. When no events or reservations are scheduled, time of arrival establishes range use priority. If shooters are at the range prior to your arrival, their activities determine which ranges are available for use. In many cases, a shooting activity on one range does not affect other range 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 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.

The Action Pistol Bays prevent use of the 1000-yard range, and may prevent use of the Pistol or 200-yard Rifle Ranges. Restrictions:

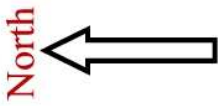
- 1.) No matches will be scheduled simultaneously in the Pistol Bays and any other range location.
- 2.) During Scheduled Matches on the Rifle Range or 100-yard Pistol Range, no firing is permitted in the Pistol Bays.
- 3.) During Scheduled Matches at the Pistol Bays, no use of the Pistol Range is permitted, 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.) 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 during scheduled Practical Shooting Matches.
- 6.) When no matches are scheduled, 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 engaging in any activity downrange from the 200-yard benches.
- 7.) Do not fire rifles at plate racks in the Pistol Bays.

All ranges: if you see someone checking fence or pushing cows on the hillsides downrange of the target areas, STOP FIRING until that person has completely cleared the hillside.

Report all acts of vandalism to the Sheriff's office as soon as discovered.

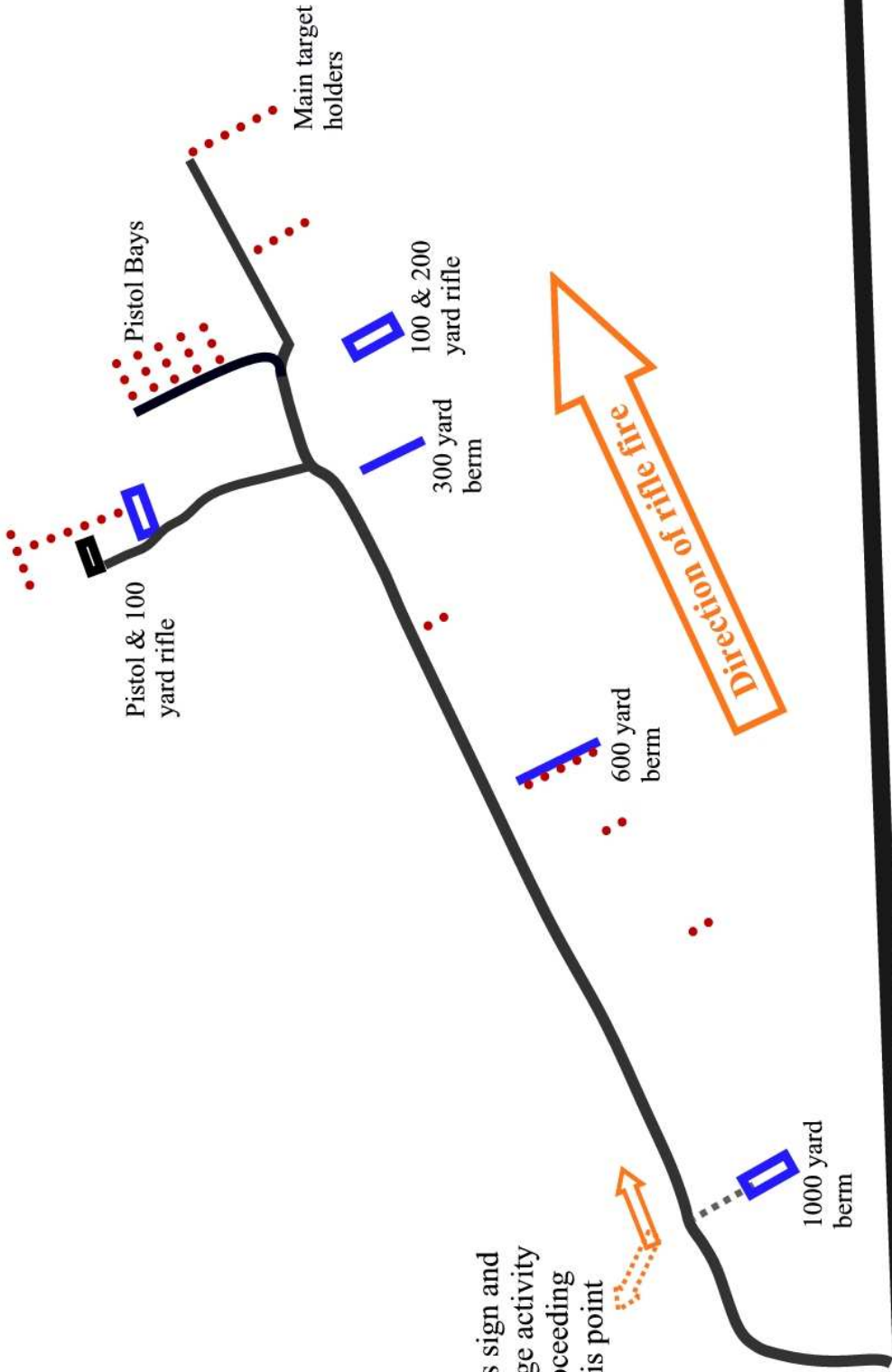
PUT SAFETY FIRST AT ALL TIMES!

Powder River Sportsmen's Club - Virtue Flat Range



Legend

- Targets
- Firing positions



Check this sign and check range activity before proceeding beyond this point

Oregon State Hwy 86

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

JANUARY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Club Meeting 7 pm	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 1000-Yard Benchrest Match 10AM
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

FEBRUARY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Club Meeting 7PM	8	9	10	11 1000-Yard Benchrest Match 10AM
12	13 Hunter Ed Class 6PM—8:30PM	14	15 Hunter Ed Class 6PM—8:30PM	16	17 Hunter Ed Class 6PM—8:30PM	18
19	20 Hunter Ed Class 6PM—8:30PM	21	22 Hunter Ed Class 6PM—8:30PM	23	24 Hunter Ed Class 6PM—8:30PM	25 Pistol Range RSVD Hunter ED Class 10AM—2PM
26	27	28	29			

MARCH 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Club Meeting 7PM	7 Pistol Range RSVD BCSD 11AM–10PM	8	9	10 1000-Yard Benchrest Match 10AM
11	12	13	14	15 Pistol Range RSVD BCSD 11AM-10PM	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Practical Pistol Match 9AM—Noon	26	27	28	29	30	31

APRIL 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Club Meeting 7PM	4	5	6	7 Range Cleanup Day 9AM—5PM
8	9	10	11 Hunter Ed 6PM—8:30PM at the library	12	13 Hunter Ed 6PM—8:30PM at the library	14
15 3-Gun Match 8AM—2PM	16 Hunter Ed 6PM—8:30PM at the library	17	18 Hunter Ed 6PM—8:30PM at the library	19	20 Hunter Ed 6PM—8:30PM at the library	21
22 Practical Pistol Match 9AM—Noon	23 Hunter Ed 6PM—8:30PM at the library	24	25 Hunter Ed 6PM—8:30PM @ library NRA Basic Pistol Registration 7PM Clubhouse	26	27 Pistol Range RSVD 10AM-4PM Hunter Ed	28 Pistol Range RSVD 8AM-5PM Hunter Ed
29 Steel Varmint Match @ Noon	30 NRA Pistol Class @ Clubhouse					

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. DO NOT fire from the 1000, 600 or 300 yard lines until you have physically checked all downrange facilities and determined that there are no other persons downrange.
6. Do not use bottles or glass for targets.
7. Clean up after firing. It's your club - help keep it clean!
8. Use trash receptacles, or better yet - if you pack it in, pack it out!
9. DO NOT share the gate combinations with non-members.
10. Eye and ear protection is strongly recommended, and is required for all minors.
11. Failure to comply with rules will 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 this form with check payable to:
Powder River Sportsmen's Club
P.O. Box 162, Baker City, Oregon 97814

CHECK ALL BOXES THAT APPLY

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Individual Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> \$30 Family Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Range Fee for Life Members | |

Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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

To reduce printing and postage costs, 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 have included an extra \$ _____ with my dues
as a donation to the PRSC Virtue Flat Range Purchase Fund.

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.

www.prsportsmen.org

Date Received _____

By Whom _____

Was a card issued? YES NO

Was a News Letter issued? YES NO

First Class

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P.O. Box 162
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Club Officers
2011



<i>President: Daniel Batchelor</i>	<i>541-523-4474</i>
<i>Vice President: Donald Tholen</i>	<i>541-523-2575</i>
<i>Secretary: Elwood Wirth</i>	<i>541-877-2324</i>
<i>Treasurer: Wayne Bloom</i>	<i>541-523-2750</i>
<i>Range Officer: Buck Buckner</i>	<i>541-523-6109</i>

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