

Powder River Sportsmen's Club

Second Trimester 2019

P.O. Box 162

Baker City, Oregon 97814

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

Oregon: Committee Passes 45-Page Gun Control Package

On April 9th, the Oregon State Senate Judiciary Committee voted to approve Senate Bill 978 with the -5 Amendment. This legislation is an omnibus gun control package that, among other things, would require firearms be kept unavailable for self-defense and would also expand gun free zones where law-abiding individuals would be left defenseless. It will now go to the Senate floor for further consideration. **Please contact your state Senator and urge them to OPPOSE SB 978.**

Senate Bill 978 as passed out of committee would:

- Legalize age discrimination for firearm dealers to allow them to refuse service to young adults for no reason other than being under the age of 21.
- Impose a one-size fits-all government solution for firearm storage and require them to be made unavailable for self-defense.
- Further victimize gun owners who have suffered a loss or theft of their property with criminal penalties if they fail to follow certain requirements when reporting them, including holding the gun owner strictly liable for the future illegal acts committed by criminals using the stolen firearm.
- End the centuries old practice of home manufacturing firearms for lawful, personal use.
- Allow local governments to create "gun-free zones" in public buildings, colleges, and airports where law-abiding citizens are disarmed and left defenseless against criminals who ignore such arbitrary boundaries.
- Increase the fee to apply for a Concealed Handgun License.

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A Cautionary View of Our Present Plight observed by Rick Rienks

Faced with government intrusion into nearly every aspect of our lives, the Constitution is our contract with the Federal Government and the document to which we turn for clarification of proposed laws. Determining the constitutional legality of legislation is ultimately the role of the U.S. Supreme Court. Standing against the taking of a constitutional right is also a right held by “We, the people...”

The Second Amendment is vital for our personal and national security and is the most concise amendment in the Bill of Rights. We have a compelling need to retain this right in light of the disunity across our nation which encourages criminal behavior against the innocent. It should not be subject to misunderstanding or modification. Repeated attacks on the simply expressed “...shall not be infringed...” represent the persistence of forces seeking to disarm the public.

Unfortunately, we have seen a shift from our historic roots as a Constitutional Republic to an ever expanding Socialist inspired perversion currently billed “Democracy. “The key feature of this expansion of government has been the taking of money by government (local, state and federal) from the citizens and then redistributing the wealth to insure compliance with government mandates. Current examples of local overreach abound as the Oregon legislature moves to constrain each individual’s proprietary rights in their ownership of firearms. Sheriff’s around the state are speaking out, stating they will not enforce unconstitutional laws if passed. This may be the start of the silent majority no longer remaining silent.

If you understand the seriousness of the attacks on you and on your family’s freedom, talk to your friends and neighbors and begin to contact your representatives in government at all levels. If you are angry, it is best to wait to write or call. For the best chance of them considering your point of view, be reasonable, be direct and be firm. Most especially, be firm in your resolve that it is now past time for us all to stand against those who would destroy the most advanced culture ever developed by a free people.

Author’s note: Our travels have taken us around the world. We spent time to gain a firsthand understanding of the nations we visited. From small island nations to major powers we couldn’t help but notice just how institutionalized most are. They do not have a constitution like ours and they do not have a heritage of individual liberty such as we have as a birthright.

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Gate Lock

GATE LOCK: The lock on the gate has been replaced- again. The best way to operate the lock is to:

1. Work the code number
2. Depress the shackle, then pull open
3. Leave the number visible, go through and close the gate
4. Press the lock back shut before spoiling the number, hold closed as you spoil the number.

Beating on the lock will not make it work any better.

The Busy Shooting Season is Here

With increased match schedules and general use of the Virtue Flat Range, please remember the Range Safety Rules. With more use come the need and responsibility for safely sharing the ranges. SAFETY is most important! Take time to review the range lay-out and read the restrictions when certain ranges are in use. Be respectful and courteous to other range users, but always look for unsafe situations.

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Steel Varmint Match Sees Increased Numbers

The April 14th match saw a record 14 shooters competing for bragging rights.

Bill Harmon and Justin Fuller both fired perfect scores of 20 to tie for 1st Place. Kyle Ebeling and David Shelton tied with scores of 19 hits. Ted Hilton knocked down 18 critters for a 3rd Place score.

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Family Fun Shoot Proposed for August 17th

Some club members would like to see more young folks becoming interested in shooting and making use of the range in a safe manner. A family .22 fun shoot might be a way to encourage this. A variety of targets and family teams (including Moms) could make for an inexpensive family outing. If enough club members would volunteer to help with this event, it could be a great success. The entire community could be invited to participate. Nothing is set in stone now as we need active volunteers to aid in the design and operation of such event. Safety would be enforced and prizes secured for different challenges.

For information or to express a willingness to help contact Rick Rienks at 541-523-3251.

Match Schedules

1000 Yard Bench Rest

Information: Steve Simons, cell: 541-805-8030
home: 541-963-4095

WHEN: Saturdays: June 1st

TIME: 8:00 AM 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.

Cowboy Action Shoot

Information: Chuck Buchanan 541-519-8550
Dan McGuire 541-212-5840

WHEN: 2nd Saturdays: May 11th, June 8th,
Reg'l July 12th-14th, Aug. 10th

TIME: 8:30 AM - 2 PM

ENTRY FEE: \$10 per person

LEGAL FIREARM: .Single action revolvers, lever action rifles or replicas made before 1896. Double bbl or Win. Mod. 97 shotguns.

COURSE OF FIRE: 5 or 6 stages of 25 to 30 rounds,
total per stage.
Everyone is encouraged to dress in period
western wear or "B" movie dress.

TARGETS: Steel, clay birds, etc.

High Power Sporting Rifle

Information: Buck Buckner 541-519-8750

WHEN: Sundays: Aug. 4th

TIME: 8:30 AM

ENTRY FEE: \$12 per person

LEGAL FIREARM: Any centerfire rifle capable of holding 4 rounds and weighing 9.5 lbs or less including sights.

COURSE OF FIRE: NRA High Power Sporting Rifle Match Course at 200-yd Bullseye Targets.

Cash awards to Match and Class Winners
(with 3+ entries per Class)

Steel Varmint Shoot

Information: Ken Bardizian - evenings 541-519-6772

WHEN: Sunday: May 19th, June 30th, July 21st,
Aug. 18th

TIME: 10:00 AM

ENTRY FEE: \$10

LEGAL RIFLE:
Any center fire rifle, any sights, any rest.

NOTE: NO STEEL CORE OR JACKET BULLETS, PLEASE.

COURSE OF FIRE:
A. 5 shots @ 200m at steel squirrel (2x5)
B. 5 shots @ 300m at steel rabbit (3x6)
C. 5 shots @ 385m at steel chuck (5³/₄x11¹/₂)
D. 5 shots @ 500m at steel coyote (16x25)

TIME LIMIT: 5 minutes allowed for each 5 shot stage.
Proceeds go to the PRSC for targets, etc.



USPSA Practical Pistol

Information: Phil O'Connell 208-850-1313

WHEN: 4th Sundays: May 26th, June 23rd, July 28th
Aug. 25th

TIME: 8:00AM registration, 8:30 - Noon for the match

ENTRY FEE: Adults \$15 Juniors \$10

LEGAL PISTOL:
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.prpsshooters.com

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, an 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 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 benchrest 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:

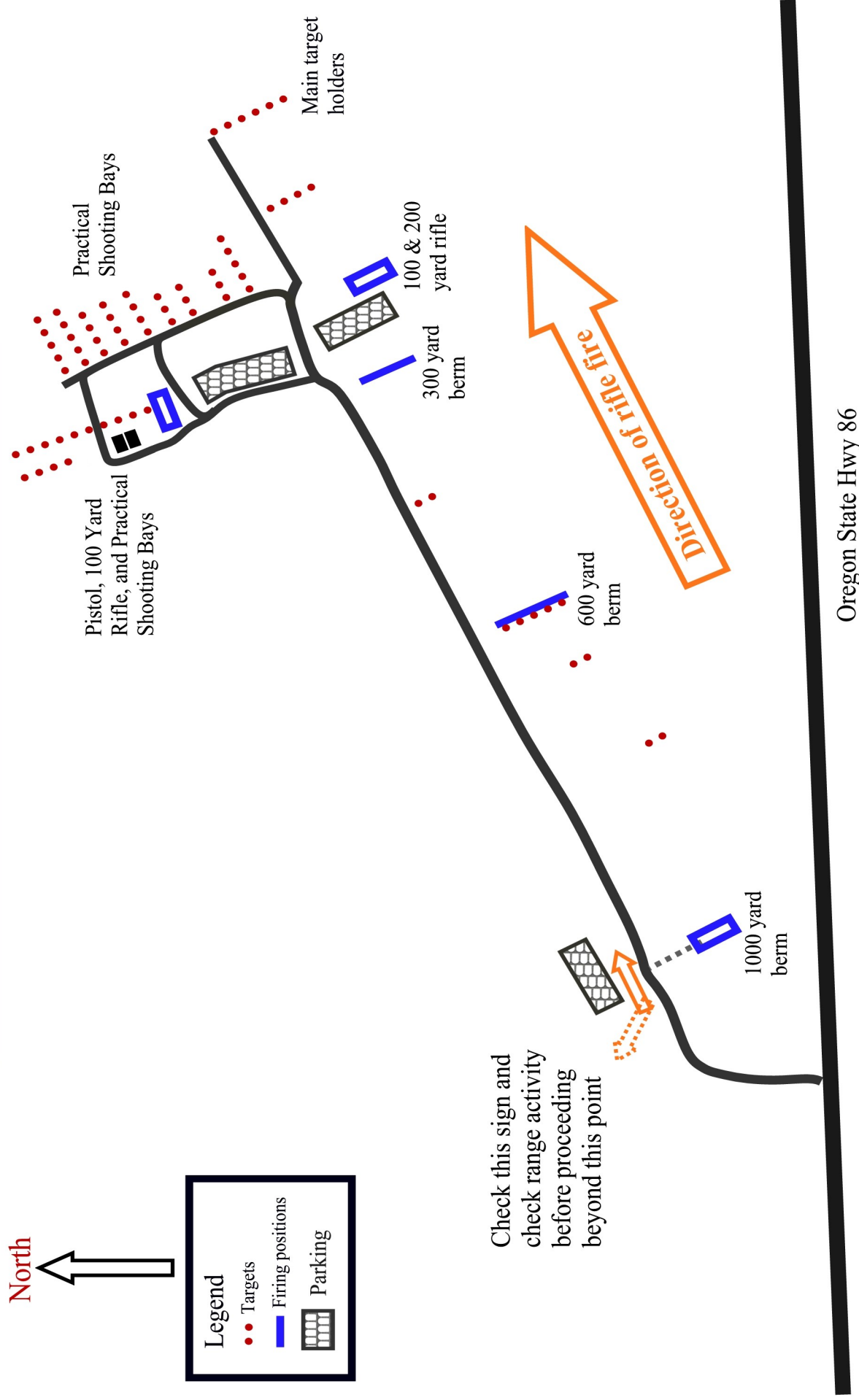
1. No matches will be scheduled simultaneously in the Pistol Bays and any other range location.
2. During Scheduled Matches on the Rifle Range or 100-yard Pistol Range, no firing is permitted in the Pistol Bays.
3. During Scheduled Matches at the Pistol Bays, no use of the Pistol Range is permitted, 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 yards 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 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 hillside 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



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

MAY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 PISTOL RANGE RESERVED FOR NRA-Y.H.E.C. INSTRUCTION 9AM - 1PM	4 1000 YARD BENCH REST MATCH 8 AM
5	6	7 CLUB MEETING 7PM	8	9	10	11 COWBOY ACTION SHOOT 8:30 AM
12	13	14	15	16	17 PISTOL RANGE RESERVED FOR Y.H.E.C. .22 RIFLE & ORIENTEERING 9AM - 1PM	18
19 STEEL VARMIN T MATCH 10 AM	20	21	22 PISTOL RANGE RESERVED FOR BAKER CITY POLICE 8AM - 5:30PM	23	24	25
26 U.S.P.S.A. PISTOL MATCH 8 AM	27	28	29	30	31	

JUNE 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 1000 YARD BENCH REST MATCH 8 AM
2	3	4 CLUB MEETING 7PM PISTOL RANGE RESERVED O.S.P. 8AM - 5PM	5	6 PISTOL RANGE RESERVED BAKER CO. SHERIFF 8AM - 4PM	7	8 COWBOY ACTION SHOOT 8:30AM - 2PM
9	10	11	12	13 PISTOL RANGE RESERVED O.S.P. 8AM - 5PM	14	15
16 ENTIRE RANGE CLOSED FROM 1PM ON THE 16TH - 20TH	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 U.S.P.S.A. PISTOL MATCH 8 AM - 1PM	24	25	26	27 PISTOL RANGE RESERVED BAKER CITY POLICE 8AM - 11AM	28 Y.H.E.C STATE EVENT AT REDMOND, OREGON	29
30 STEEL VARMINT MATCH 10 AM						

JULY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 CLUB MEETING 7PM	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			COWBOY ACTION REG'L SHOOT RANGE CLOSED FOR REGULAR USE			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
COWBOY ACTION REG'L SHOOT RANGE CLOSED FOR REGULAR USE						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
STEEL VARMINT MATCH 10:00 AM						
28	29	30	31			
U.S.P.S.A. PISTOL MATCH 8:00 AM						

AUGUST 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 SPORTING RIFLE MATCH 9AM	5	6 CLUB MEETING 7PM	7	8	9	10 COWBOY ACTION SHOOT 8:30AM
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 STEEL VARMINT MATCH 10AM	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 U.S.P.S.A. PISTOL MATCH 8AM	26	27	28	29	30	31

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

Annual Dues are \$35
CHECK ALL BOXES THAT APPLY

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| ☐ New Membership | ☐ Renewal Membership |
| ☐ \$10 Range Fee for Life Members | ☐ Multi-year Membership paid in advance (\$35 per year) |

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

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.com

Date Received	_____
By Whom	_____
Was a card issued?	YES NO
Was a News Letter Issued?	YES NO

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