

Powder River Sportsmen's Club

First Trimester 2023

P.O. Box 162

Baker City, Oregon 97814

Regular Meetings @ 7:00 P.M., First Tuesday of every month, 2690 Broadway St.

Important: the regular February meeting will start 30 minutes later than normal; it will start at 7:30PM.

Officer Nominations & Elections - February 7 at 7:30PM. Pay your dues if you want to vote. Don't arrive early, there is a seminar in the Clubhouse from 6:30PM to 7:30PM.

Currently, the Club has three Officers and four Trustees instead of the typical four Officers and three Trustees. This arrangement is neither permitted nor prohibited by the Articles of Incorporation. Depending on nominations received, the Club may discuss this arrangement during the Feb meeting.

Free Emergency Trauma Management Seminar "Stop the Bleed!"

6:30PM February 7 at the Clubhouse. Pre-registration required. To register, call David Spaugh at 541-519-7417. Class size is limited to 16. Currently, there are 12 people signed up for the Feb 7 date.

Life-threatening bleeding can happen anywhere, at any time. Learn how to apply pressure, pack wounds, and apply tourniquets to stop bleeding and sustain life until first responders arrive.

If the Feb class fills up, or enough people request it, we will schedule another session in March.

Weed Control Plan for 2023

- 1 - Sagebrush in pistol bays: mechanical removal - mower, bush hog, or bladed weed cutter.
- 2 - Rabbit brush in pistol bays: mechanical removal followed by spray.
- 3 - Scotch and Russian thistle and Whitetop on berms: spray.
- 4 - Diffuse knapweed along the entrance road between the gate and the 1000-Yard berm: a volunteer crew will pull last year's plants and bag them during the April 1 Range Cleanup Day. A week or so later, we will spray emerging new weeds with a BLM-approved herbicide

Club member Arnie Grammon is the former Baker County Weed Control Supervisor. Arnie has volunteered to supervise the April 1 crew and also to donate his time and equipment for spraying.

If 8 or 10 people volunteer April 1, it will only take about an hour to pull and bag the knapweed. Contractor bags will be provided; all you need is a pair of gloves! If you can help, call Spaugh at 541-519-7417 to sign up. We'll try to pick a time that works best for everyone.

Annual Range Cleanup Day - April 1 - 9AM-3PM

Donate a few hours to help keep your range clean! Three crews would be ideal: target repair, cleanup, and the weed-pulling crew. For target repair - bring a saw, hammer, drill, driver bits, screws, and spare sheet lumber or 2x4 or 2x6 boards. Cleanup - bring gloves, rakes, and trash bags. If you have a brush cutter or old beater mower, bring it! We need to knock down sage and rabbit brush in the Pistol Bays. Weed crew - bring gloves and long sleeves, we will provide contractor bags. Many hands make quick work. You don't have to stay all day. If you can help on the weed crew, call me at 541-519-7417 or email info@prsportsmen.com. We will try to pick a time that works best for everyone.

PRSC Range Safety Seminar Update

As of January 31, 2023: 315 members have completed the seminar.

A video version of the seminar is available at www.prsportsmen.com/seminar.html.

Feel free to share the video with family members or friends you bring to the range as guests.

Afternoon Setup Crews

The Club calendar has occasional days marked **PM. These are match setup events. They usually take place during the afternoon or evening. If you meet a setup crew on the range, they will tell you they are a setup crew. After that, normal priority rules apply. You must yield to a scheduled setup crew. You cannot do anything that interferes with a scheduled setup crew. If a setup crew is working on the Pistol Range, you can usually shoot on the 200-Yard Rifle Range, and vice versa. If a setup crew travels up on the hillside to set long-range targets, the entire range closes until they come back down. Use effective communication. When in doubt, drive over, say hi, find out what is going on, express your intent, work it out.

Match directors cannot close the range unannounced. Match events and setup events must be on the Calendar. 541-519-7417, or info@prsportsmen.com.

New Club Policies

The Club recently passed three new policies by majority vote of Members present at regular meetings. Full details at www.prsportsmen.com/map.html.

- 1 - No explosives, incendiary devices, fireworks, or armor-piercing ammunition.
- 2 - You can only use the woodstove in the 1000-Yard Shed from November through April.
- 3 - The Club is empowered to authorize Members to serve as Match Directors, and to revoke said authority. Presently, PRSC MD's are: Ken Bardizian, Ray Berryman, Wayne Bloom, Chuck Buchanan, Eldon Buckner, Terry Dyke, Sue Freeman, Stephen Furtney, Bill Harmon, Bette Horan, Mike Lunyou, Dan McGuire, Esa Murrell, Phil O'Connell, Victor Savage, Steve Simons, David Spaugh, Brandon Svitak, and Elwood Wirth.

Ladies!

Did you know there is a ladies-only discipline of the Powder River Sportsmen's Club? We're currently just a small group of gals who all share at least one common interest... handguns.

Some of us opt to shoot revolvers, some of us prefer semi-automatics, and several of us would like to gain more experience with both. We all want to improve our safety & proficiency and we all want to do this in a supportive, safe, and unthreatening environment.

Generally, we meet monthly for a brief, informal meeting to discuss what we want to plan next and what's coming up. We reserve dates at the range each month for dry and live-fire exercises to become more familiar and confident with our weapons. During inclement months, we might instead get together at the clubhouse for videos and discussion on such topics as gun safety, handling, & maintenance, personal protection & self-defense, concealed carry options, etc. Whatever we do, we enjoy the comradery & time together and we walk away feeling good in knowing just a little bit more about something!

We hope that you'll consider joining us and helping us to expand the Pistolettes and the activities offered in Baker County for women shooters. To become a member, complete an application and participate in our meetings and activities. See page 12 for an application.

BLM

The Virtue Flat Range is a BLM lease initiated in 1964 under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act.

The current version of the lease is a 20-year contract initiated in 1992. It was extended for 5 years in 2012, and again in 2017. The lease was extended rather than renewed because BLM was (and still is) engaged in efforts to update the Resource Management Plan (RMP) for this area.

Whereas the 1992 lease contained no Sage Grouse provisions, a binding Sage Grouse Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment (ARMPA) was adopted in 2015 for Priority Area for Conservation (PAC) lands. The Virtue Flat Range is within a Sage Grouse PAC.

BLM is required to consider Sage Grouse habitat conservation when renewing any lease on any land within a Sage Grouse PAC.

Beginning in 2011, the Club informed BLM of our wish to purchase the Range acreage. Conveyance of patent was always an intent of R&PP leases, however, land classification changed significantly during intervening years, and our Range acreage is now classified as Zone 1 - Retention. For us to accomplish purchase of the land, first BLM must complete the RMP (2030?), then the Club must apply for reclassification to Zone 3 - Disposal, then the Club must apply for conveyance.

In the meantime, faced with the decision of whether to extend our lease again, or, renew it with terms that are compliant with the Sage Grouse ARMPA, BLM is required to choose the latter.

Currently, the Club has applied for renewal and is waiting to hear back from BLM. Probably, we will hear from them in February or March. No Club Member is authorized to communicate with BLM on the Club's behalf. If you wish to participate in the process, come to meetings.

Deliberations

In the next few months, the Club will discuss policy for the following:

- 1 - Substance use and abuse. Currently, we don't have a written policy.
- 2 - Whether to adopt a standing policy that closes the long-range portions of the rifle range from 8AM to Noon every Mon-Wed-Fri. The purpose would be to provide three 4-hour blocks of time each week where members could know that the 200-Yard Range and Pistol Range would be open for general use.
- 3 - Whether to change the date of the annual Club Championship Match.
- 4 - Whether to change the format of the annual Club Championship Match, or, keep the traditional format but also adopt a 2nd "new format" Championship Match to be conducted on a different date.

Laminate your Membership Card

Lay a strip of clear packing tape on a table, sticky side up. Place the card on the tape, fold over, & trim.

Target Backers, Lifters, etc

If you have spare 4x4 or 4x8 sheet lumber, or spare 2x4 or 2x6 boards, donate it to the pile next to the shed south of the 200-Yard benches. We don't need short pieces. We need 4', 8', or longer.

All range upkeep is performed by volunteers. If you have a cordless drill with driver bits and phillips or torx screws, you have the ability to dismantle and rebuild target backers. Backers get replaced 3 or 4 times per year. Frames get rebuilt once per year or less, as needed. Reminder: hang paper targets in the center of backers, not on the edge. The goal is to not shoot the frame. Frames will last for years if no one shoots them. 100-yard frames take 4x8 sheets. 25, 50, & 75-yard frames take 4x4 sheets.

Bring a 3'x3' piece of cardboard every trip to the range. If the backers are shot out, you can staple or screw your temporary cardboard backer to the shot-out wood backer. Easy.

The Main Pit Lifters have a lumber frame that is 55" wide by 72" tall. Appliance boxes make great target backers for these lifters. Trim your cardboard piece to 55" by whatever. Attach it to a lifter frame with short deck screws. A 55" x 24" piece of cardboard makes a great medium-range backer for these lifters. You only need full-height backers if you are shooting from 1000.

Each lifter is pinned down with a pin inserted near the bottom of the south leg. Both legs are covered with grease, so don't grab them when you climb out of the pit. Each lifter has a bucket of rocks. If your lifter won't stay up in the raised position, add a rock to the bucket. Each lifter has a green handle and a red cross bar. DO NOT put your hand on the red bar when you raise the lifter. Red is a pinch point! Use the green handle. And always pin the lifter down before you leave the range.

If you hang paper or cardboard anywhere, remove it and take it home when you leave, otherwise someone else will have to clean it up later.

January 2023

Dates are subject to change, check the online calendar for the latest information.
Afternoon match setup crews have range priority on dates marked ****PM.**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Club Meetings Pistolettes 6PM Club 7PM	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

FEBRUARY 2023

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Afternoon match setup crews have range priority on dates marked ****PM**.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Club Meetings Pistolettes 6PM Club 7:30PM	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

MARCH 2023

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Afternoon match setup crews have range priority on dates marked ****PM**.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Hunter Ed at Clubhouse 6PM- 8:30PM	7 Club Meetings Pistolettes 6PM Club 7PM	8 Hunter Ed at Clubhouse 6PM- 8:30PM	9 Pistol Range RSVD BCPD 9AM-Noon	10 Hunter Ed at Clubhouse 6PM- 8:30PM	11
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
						**PM
26 USPSA Match 8AM-1PM	27	28	29	30	31	

APRIL 2023

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Afternoon match setup crews have range priority on dates marked ****PM**.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Range Cleanup Day 9AM-3PM
2	3	4 Club Meetings Pistolettes 6PM Club 7PM	5	6	7 **PM	8 Cowboy Action Match 8AM-1PM
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Steel Varmint Match 9AM-1PM	17	18	19	20	21	22 **PM
23 USPSA Match 8AM-1PM	24	25	26	27	28	29

PRSC RANGE PRIORITY

Some parts of the Virtue Flat Range cannot be used simultaneously.

Range Priority is the system we use to determine which event or group has priority over other groups when multiple parties use the range at the same time. Range Priority creates a safe range.

Range Priority is established first by the Club Calendar, and then by time of arrival and position.

All Calendar Events at the range have priority over unscheduled uses. The Director for each Calendar Event has full authority over the entire range for the time period specified on the Calendar.

For all other times, earlier arrival has priority over later arrival, and earlier position has priority over later position.

Before firing, always physically check the entire range to determine whether you have priority and whether your intended use is safe.

No person shall travel downrange of any active firing position.

The Direction of Fire on the Rifle Range is observably northeast. See map.

No firing position shall be established at any location west or east of any scheduled or pre-established active position on the Rifle Range.

The Pistol Range includes all facilities located north of the Rifle Range in the area of the 300-Yard Firing Berm. See map.

The Pistol Range can be used at the same time as the 200-Yard Rifle Range, and vice versa.

The Pistol Range CANNOT be used or accessed when a firing position has been established on the Rifle Range at any point west of the 200-Yard Firing Berm.

No firing position can be established on any part of the Rifle Range west of the 200-Yard Firing Berm when any person is on any part of the Pistol Range.

The Direction of Fire on the Pistol Range spans northwest to northeast.

The Direction of Fire in Pistol Bays is from bay-entry to rear berm only.

During scheduled matches only, the Direction of Fire within Pistol Bays may span the Practical Discipline 180° arc.

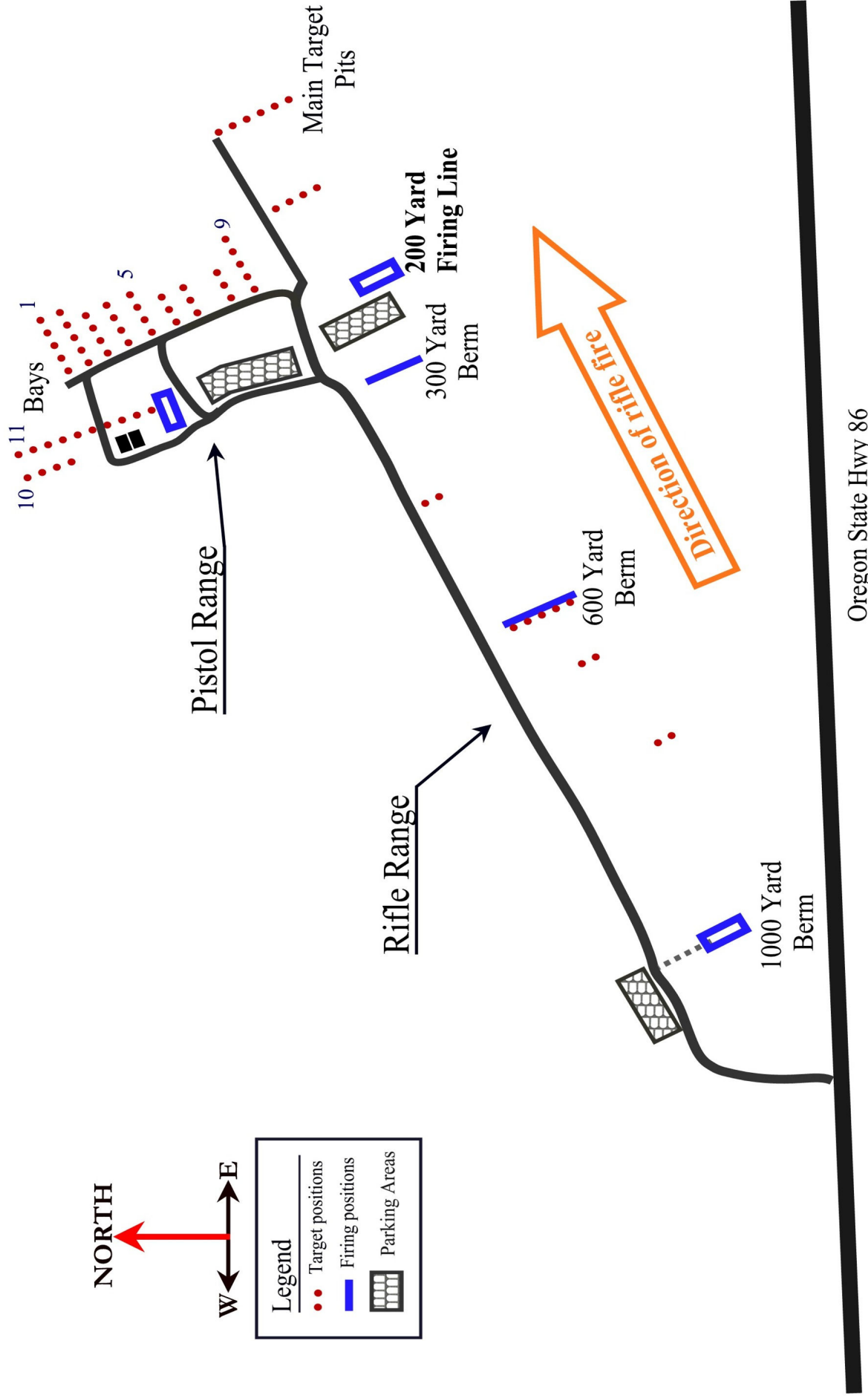
No Matches shall be scheduled simultaneously in Pistol Bays 1-9 and any other range location.

During Scheduled Matches on the 200 Yard Rifle Range, no firing is permitted in Pistol Bays 1-9.

During Scheduled Matches in Pistol Bays 1-9, no firing is permitted anywhere on the Rifle Range and no person shall access Rifle Range locations east of the 200-yard Firing Line.

If you have questions about any PRSC rule or policy, call a Club Officer for clarification.

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

Powder River Sportsmen's Club Membership Application / Renewal

All persons are required to sign this form when joining the Club or renewing a Membership.

Virtue Flat Range Rules

1. Keep the range entrance gates closed. Always lock the gate when you leave.
2. Keep firearms pointed in a safe direction.
3. Keep firearms unloaded until ready to shoot.
4. Know where other persons are at all times.
5. DO NOT fire from the 1000, 600 or 300-yard berms until you have physically checked all facilities and determined that no other persons are on ANY part of the range east of your intended firing position.
6. Do not use glass items for targets. Do not fire any rifle at the Plate Rack in the pistol bays.
7. Clean up after firing. If you packed it in, then please pack it out.
8. To prevent livestock damage, always re-install the wooden rails after using the covered shooting area on the Pistol Range.
9. Do not share any PRSC lock combination with any person.
10. Eye and ear protection is strongly recommended, and required for all minors.
11. PRSC Memberships are Individual. Each Member must complete the PRSC Range Safety Seminar before receiving authorization to independently access and use the Range. Seminar Video: www.prsportsmen.com/seminar.html

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

* I acknowledge that I have read PRSC's Range Rules and Range Priority Policy, and I agree to abide by them. *

Signature

Date

Mail this form with check payable to Powder River Sportsmen's Club, PO Box 162, Baker City, Oregon 97814.

Annual Dues are \$45, due each January, good through December 31.

Late dues paid before November 1 apply to the current year.

☐ New Membership

☐ Multi-year membership (\$45 per year)

☐ Renewal Membership

☐ \$10 Life Membership Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Club newsletters will be sent to your email address. If you do not use email, check here. ☐

☐ I have included \$_____ as a donation to our Range Purchase Fund.

☐ I have included \$_____ as a donation to our Youth Program Fund.

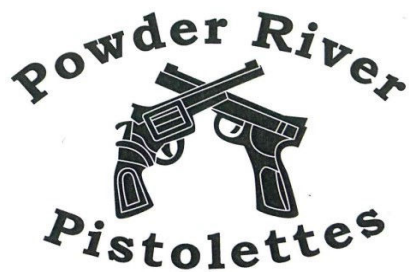
☐ Cash, or, Check # _____

Date Received _____

By Whom _____

Card issued? YES NO

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To help promote women's shooting interests, the Powder River Pistolettes is a ladies-only shooting group of the Powder River Sportsmen's Club. This group offers women a safe, fun, and instructive way to get in some practice time at the range and meet new friends.

If you have interest in shooting handguns, whether for personal defense or sport, this a good place to start.

The Pistolettes provides a friendly and safe environment designed to teach women firearm safety and the fundamentals of marksmanship, giving you the knowledge and resources necessary to handle and operate a firearm confidently.

New faces are always welcome!

To join us and learn more... The Pistolettes meet the first Tuesday of each month at 6pm at 2690 Broadway in Baker City.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Pistolettes, that is accomplished by attending our monthly meetings, training events, and *live-fire shootings. It is also encouraged that you maintain an annual membership in the Powder River Sportsmen's Club and learn the range rules.

**participation in live-fire shooting, requires completion of a handgun training course*

FOR MORE INFORMATION: BETTE HORAN 541-523-3659 (W) OR 541-518-1986 (H)

OR EMAIL TO: PRPISTOLETTES@EONI.COM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Firearm Interest (*check all that apply*)

☐ revolvers ☐ semi-automatics ☐ personal defense ☐ sport/competition

☐ instruction ☐ practice

☐ other



Powder River Sportsmen's Club

Incident Report Form

Date of incident: _____

Date of report: _____

Time of incident: _____

Officer or Trustee: _____

Reporting party

Name & phone number: _____

Other Party members or witnesses: _____

Describe the incident. What happened, who was involved, descriptions of persons or vehicles, did you speak with the other party, what was said, did a confrontation occur?

Attach another sheet if you need more space.

Did you take photographs? _____ If so, email them to info@prsportsmen.com, or ask a Club Officer for a cell number for texting.

For Club Use Only:

Trustees on the Incident Review Committee: _____

Date of Committee Meeting: _____ Decision: _____

Signature of Chair: _____

PRSC Matches & Events

1000 Yard Open Rifle

\$8 per rifle + \$2 per string fired; \$2 to keep a target. Any rifle with any sights, unlimited sighters for 10 minutes, 5 shots for record within 7 minutes. The Club Record is 2.65"-42 Steve Simons, preceded by 3"-48 Casey MacDonald, preceded by 3.125"-50-3X Gary Paananen. Contact Steve Simons 541-805-8030.

Cowboy Action

\$10 match fee. Single Action Revolvers, Lever Action Rifles, DBBL or Mod 97 shotguns. Western attire encouraged! Contact Chuck Buchanan 541-519-8550 or Dan McGuire 541-212-5840.

USPSA Practical Pistol

\$15 adults, \$10 juniors; first match is free. Round count is typically ~140, bring 200. Learn about this sport at www.uspsa.org. All match activities are conducted by NROI Certified Range Officers. Contact Phil O'Connell 208-850-1313.

Steel Varmint Silhouette

\$10 match fee. 2 sighters + 5 shots for record at each distance: 200M Squirrels, 300M Rabbits, 385M Rock-chucks, 500M Coyotes. 5 minutes per stage. Prone, any rifle, any sights, any rest. Rifle and gear must be hand-carried to the line in one trip, no carts. No steel or ferrous bullets, No FMJ's. Helpful hint: 55gr bullets often fail to topple the Coyotes; use 68gr or heavier. Contact Ken Bardizian 541-519-6772 evenings.

Powder River Pistolettes

Ladies-only shooting group, new members are always welcome! See Calendar for range events. Certified Range Safety Officers are present at every range event. Contact Bette Horan 541-523-3659 (w) or 541-518-1986 (h).

1911 U.S. Cavalry Match

\$10 match fee. Round count = 45. Firearm: Model 1911 Pistol in 45acp. One-handed fire only: 10 shots slow fire at 25yd bullseye, 10 shots timed fire at 15yd bullseye, 10 shots rapid fire at 15yd bullseye, 15 shots timed fire at 25yd silhouette. Contact Buck Buckner: (541) 519-8750.

Annual Club Championship Match

Open to Club Members and their guests. \$10 match fee. Course of Fire: Pistol - 5 shots standing (one-handed) at 25yd bullseye, 5 shots sitting (two-handed) at 50yd bullseye, any centerfire pistol with iron sights. Rifle - 5 shots offhand & 5 shots sitting at 200yd deer target, any legal deer rifle with iron sights or scope set at $\leq 8x$. Shotgun - 20 shots at sporting clay singles. Any legal shotgun may be used. Contact: Buck Buckner (541) 519-8750.

Annual Turkey Shoot

November. \$3 per event, 6 shooters per event, \$10 prize for event winner. Events: Lucky .22 @ 10 yards, Chicken Silhouette Pistol at 50 yards iron sights only, Turkey Head Silhouette Rifle at 200 yards prone with sling (no bipod or rear rest), Running Deer at 80 yards iron sights or 200 yards scoped rifle. Fun for the whole family!

NRA High Power Sporting Rifle

\$12 match fee. Any center-fire rifle ≤ 9.5 lbs including sight, capable of holding 4rds. 200-yard standard high-power bullseye target. Prone - 2 sighters + 8 shots for record in 10 minutes, Offhand - 8 shots in 8 minutes, Sitting - two 4-shot strings in 30 seconds each, Prone - two 4-shot strings in 30 seconds each. Contact: Vic Savage 541-523-4462.



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Club Officers 2022

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