

Powder River Sportsmen's Club

First Trimester 2020

P.O. Box 162

Baker City, Oregon 97814

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

Club House Improvements Completed

The building now has new carpeting and flooring, new exterior and interior paint and electrical services corrected, in addition to the new roof added earlier. The present club officers provided much help in moving tables, cabinets, etc. to facilitate the work.

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All Members Urged to Attend Annual Meeting February 4th at 7 P.M.

This is an important meeting to elect new officers for the coming year. It is past time for some younger members to consider serving as officers or trustee of the Club if they value the use of the Virtue Flat Shooting Range.

Powder River Sportsmen's Club was first incorporated in 1954 and included the present Baker Trap Club facility at that time. The Club supported the Baker High School Rifle Team as well as the construction of the Virtue Flat Range under special use permit on Bureau of Land Management administered land. By 1980, organized club activity had nearly ceased with no regularly scheduled meetings, shooting events, communication with members. The trap shooters split off and formed the separate Baker Trap Club. A final meeting was announced fall of 1987 to determine if the Club should be disbanded. A handful of hunter sportsmen attended and enough wanted to salvage the Club to meet in December 1987 and January 1988 to fill basic officer positions, revise the Club by-laws and start re-building the Club and the Virtue Flat Range. Regular shoots began in April 1988 and concluded in October. With the exception of the dirt firing berms at 200, 300, 600 and 1000 yards, all other structures and excavation has been accomplished since then.

Long-time Treasurer Wayne Bloom has announced he will end his 30+ years of service this coming June. We need someone to fill Wayne's position who understands budgeting and banking and is computer literate. If you know such a person who is willing to help, call Wayne or Vic Savage.

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Elwood Wirth Wins 2019 Club Championship

October 20th was nasty day for shooting which was reflected in exceptionally low scores. The championship is determined by one-handed pistol shooting at 25 and 50 yards, centerfire rifle shooting at a deer target at 200 yards, and shotgun shooting at 50 clay birds at different angles. Each of the three courses is worth 100 points for a total perfect score of 300. The top shooters were: Elwood Wirth - 133 points, Wayne Bloom - 119 points, Victor Savage - 84 points.

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Range Clean-Up and Repair Day to be Saturday, March 14th

Club members are asked to come out at 9 AM to help pick up and haul trash, rebuild target frames, etc. Bring work gloves, shovels, rakes, battery powered drills and hand tools. Lots of hands will make for a short day!

Hunter Ed Classes Start Friday, April 3rd

Parents of youngsters needing to complete a Hunter Education course to hunt (under 17) need to have them pre-registered for such course through the ODFW website or a license vendor such as Bi-Mart, or ACE Hardware. Tell the clerk you want to take the Baker City course and they will register you. The fee is \$10 paid at time of registration. The classes will be from 6 PM to 8:30 PM at the Club House at 2690 Broadway, starting Friday, April 3rd, then Monday, Wednesday and Friday thru April 15th, with the field course at the Range on Friday, April 17th, 10 AM to 1 PM. Call Instructor Bill Taylor at 541-403-0900 if you have any questions.

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Target Frames

Target frames still being wrongly used to hang targets. Please fasten targets only to the plywood back boards, which are much easier to replace then the cross-members. Large pieces of cardboard from the target shed can be used to temporarily fix shot-up back boards. Please take your trash such as drink cups, ammo boxes and used targets with you when you leave.

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Range Gate Lock

The present lock has outlasted the previous one, probably due to members following the proper use directions.

GATE LOCK: 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.

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It is Time to Renew Membership for 2020

Memberships expired December 31, 2019. The Range Gate combination will be changed March 1st. Complete the renewal form in this newsletter and send in before the combination changes. Our present member dues are less than what our basic overhead expenses require. We will be discussing potential dues increase to take effect in 2021. Come to meetings to make suggestions. We presently rely heavily on match fees to meet maintenance needs.

Match Schedules

1000 Yard Bench Rest

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

WHEN: Saturdays: March 7th, April 4th, May 2nd

TIME: 7:00 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.



Steel Varmint Shoot

Information: Ken Bardizian - evenings 541-519-6772

WHEN: Sunday, April 19th

TIME: 10:00 AM

ENTRY FEE: \$10

LEGAL RIFLE:

Any non-magnum 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 (6x14)
- 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.



Cowboy Action Shoot

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

WHEN: 2nd Saturdays: April 11th, May 9th

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.

USPSA Practical Pistol

Information: Phil O'Connell 208-850-1313

WHEN: 4th Sundays: March 22nd, April 26th

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.prpshooters.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:

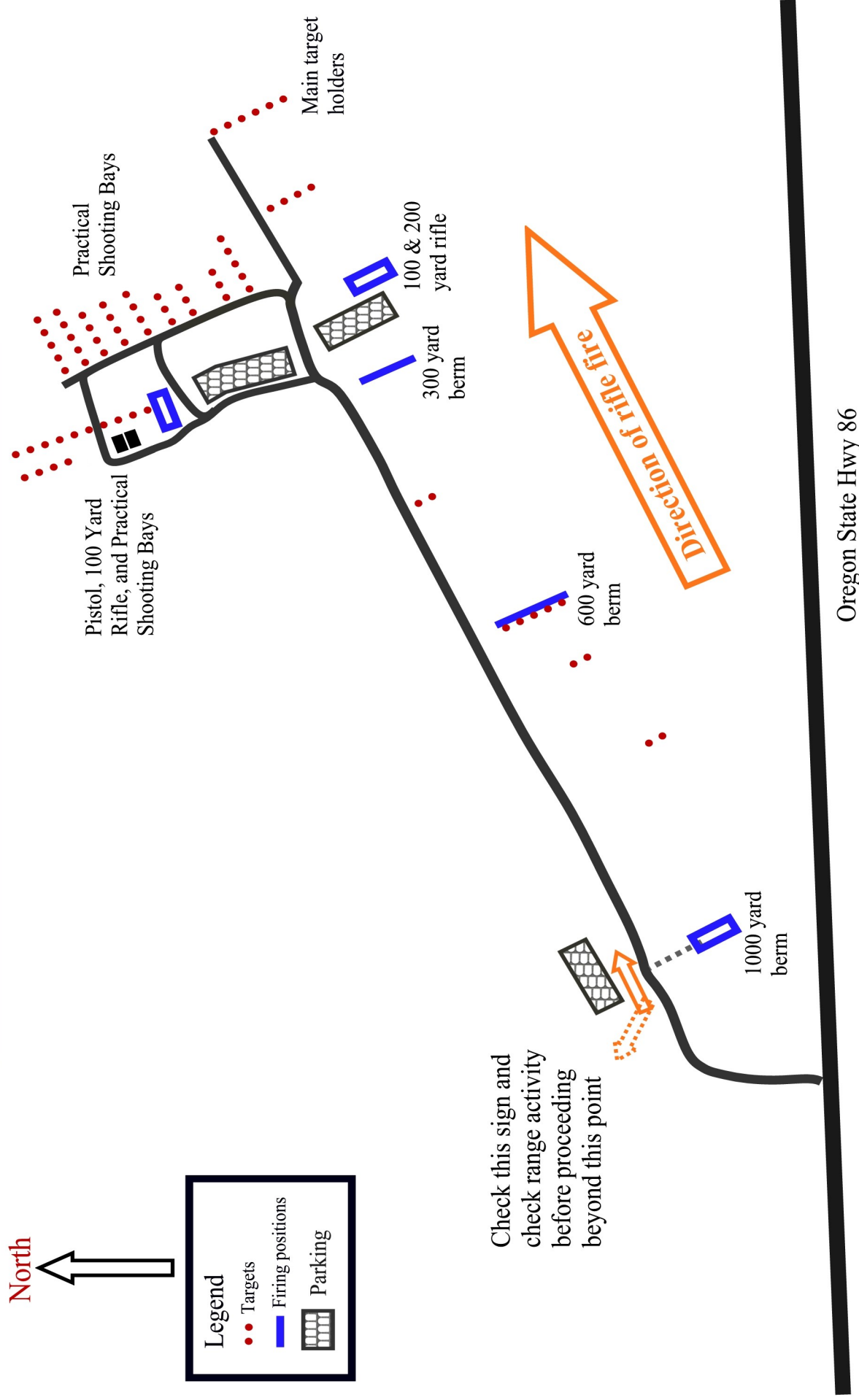
1. No matches will be scheduled simultaneously in the Pistol Bays and any other range location.
2. During Scheduled Matches on the Rifle Range or 100-yard Pistol Range, no firing is permitted in the Pistol Bays.
3. During Scheduled Matches at the Pistol Bays, no use of the Pistol Range is permitted,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

JANUARY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 CLUB MEETING 7PM	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 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4 CLUB MEETING 7PM	5	6	7	8
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

MARCH 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 CLUB MEETING 7PM	4	5	6	7 1000 YARD BENCH REST MATCH 7 AM
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 RANGE CLEAN-UP DAY 9AM - 2PM
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 PRACTICAL PISTOL MATCH 8:00 AM	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

APRIL 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 HUNTER ED CLASS 6 - 8:30 PM	4 1000 YARD BENCH REST MATCH 7 AM
5	6 HUNTER ED CLASS 6 - 8:30 PM	7 CLUB MEETING 7PM	8 HUNTER ED CLASS 6 - 8:30 PM	9	10 HUNTER ED CLASS 6 - 8:30 PM	11 COWBOY ACTION SHOOT 8:30AM
12	13 HUNTER ED CLASS 6 - 8:30 PM	14	15 HUNTER ED CLASS 6 - 8:30 PM	16	17	18 PISTOL RANGE RESERVED HUNTER ED CLASSES 10AM TO 2PM
19 STEEL VARMINT MATCH 10AM	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 PRACTICAL PISTOL MATCH 8AM SIGN UP	27	28	29	30		

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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Vice President: Elwood Wirth
Treasurer: Wayne Bloom
Secretary: Ray Berryman
Range Officer: Buck Buckner
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Club Officers 2019



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