

Powder River Sportsmen's Club

First Trimester 2011

P.O. Box 162

Baker City, Oregon 97814

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

Hunter Education Class Starts in February

Registration for the first Hunter Education Class of the year will be at the Clubhouse at 8th and Broadway beginning 4:00 pm on Friday, February 11th. Classes will be held the following Monday, Wednesday and Friday for 2 weeks, from 6-8:30 pm. Live fire training will be at the Virtue Flat range on Saturday, February 26th at 10:00 am. For information call Bill Taylor at 541-523-7269, evenings. An additional class, instructed by Dick Haynes (541-523-3554) will begin on Friday, March 25th at 5:00 pm at the Baker Library.

NRA Basic Pistol Course Scheduled for April

NRA certified pistol instructor Buck Buckner will present the basic pistol course with live-fire training in late April. This course meets the requirements for Oregon concealed carry permits. Those interested in participating must call Buck in advance at 541-523-6109 for details. Registration will be at the Clubhouse on April 20th in the evening, with classes the following 25th, 27th and 29th, shooting instruction on April 30th and May 1st. The course fee is \$50 and benefits the Powder River Sportsmen's Club.

NRA Youth Hunter Education Challenge for 2011 begins January 5th

Initial registration for the 2011 YHEC program was held December 16th at the Clubhouse, 8th and Broadway. Regular YHEC meetings will be held Wednesday each week, 4:00 to 5:30 pm at the Clubhouse. Buck Buckner and Glenda Staebler-Siewell will be the primary instructors, with others helping on specific subjects as well. Participants learn various aspects of basic hunting skills, including instructions in orienteering, wildlife identification, wildlife management, survival, first aid and receive instruction in archery, .22 rifle marksmanship, shotgun shooting and muzzle-loader rifle shooting. The Club has rifles and shotguns to loan for those who don't have them.

YHEC

YHEC is open to young people thru age 18 who have completed a basic state hunter ed program. Registration fee is \$25. Those who missed the initial registration may still register on scheduled meeting dates on January 5th and 12th. Parental permission is required in writing.

U.S. Practical Shooting Association

At the November club meeting, members Ray Merritt and Daniel Batchelor presented a proposal for holding US Practical Shooting Association pistol matches at the club's range in Virtue Flat. The proposal would require adding four 60' x 90' pits with 8' high berms to go with existing pistol pit. Ray and Daniel agreed to research the proposal with the BLM to determine if there were any restrictions and if there was ample space within the existing range lease boundary and report back at the December club meeting. Preliminary findings were favorable for both ample space and excavations within the lease boundary but additional input and verification is being sought. It was agreed that Ray and Daniel would continue the investigation and report their findings at the annual Election of Officers meeting on February 1, 2011 held at the Clubhouse, 7PM. If anyone would like additional information or has further input, please attend the February meeting.

Thanks for making the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance 2010 Sentry Sweepstakes a huge success. There was a total of \$1440.00 in tickets sold. Out of the \$1440.00 the Powder River Sportsmen's Club gets to keep \$720.00. The PRSC appreciates everyone who made this year's fundraiser a success by purchasing tickets. Hopefully, in the next newsletter there will be a list of local winners. Thank you and look for your name in the next newsletter. - Vic Savage

Attention Range Users

A reminder about the locks on the gate: each padlock must be a link in the chain so that all different lock owners are able to open the gate. When closing our lock, attach it to the neighboring padlock, not to the chain beyond.

PLEASE!! If you pack it in, pack it out! Show respect for your range and the volunteers who operate it! Please do not leave trash behind for others to clean up!

The Powder River Pistolettes will resume shooting this spring

The Pistolettes is an all women's group of handgun shooters who have completed basic pistol instruction or are experienced pistol shooters. Formed two years ago, they shoot twice a month from May thru September at the Club range. Targets vary from combat silhouettes, NRA defensive shooting types, to balloons and knock-downs. A meeting will be scheduled in April. If you are new to the group and interested, call Hope Buckner at 541-519-5927.

Membership Dues Reminder

Your address label shows your year of expiration, so check to make sure you are current for 2011. If it shows '11 or beyond, you are current; if it shows '10, your 2011 dues are due.

Match Results

***WAYNE BLOOM WINS 2010 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

The 2010 Club Championship, originally scheduled for October, was postponed to December 19th, due to weather. The first event was pistol shooting at 25 and 50 yards, where Bloom edged Maurice Valerio 70 to 68. Bloom continued by leading the 200 yard rifle event at deer targets with a 65 score to David Spaugh's 50. In the shotgun event, Buck Buckner led with 90 to Elwood Wirth's 75. Bloom's overall score of 195 of a possible 300 points led the field, with Elwood Wirth second with 182 while David Spaugh finished third with 161.



Wayne Bloom, Elwood Wirth, David Spaugh & Buck Buckner

Match Results Continued

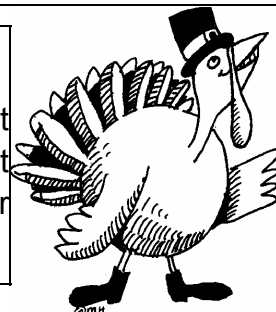
Black Powder Cartridge Rifle Silhouette

Long-time supporter and BPCR sharpshooter Gale Culver reports that, due mainly to low turnout over the past couple of years, he will no longer be holding matches at the PRSC range. With the sluggish economy and other recently completed ranges, shooters are fewer and have less reason to travel to more distant venues.

The club regrets this turn of events and would like to recognize and thank Gale for his support of the sport and the club over the years. If anyone would like to take over the responsibility of holding additional BPCR silhouette matches please contact Gale at 541-437-6183 or any of the club officers.

Turkey Shoot

The annual turkey shoot was held on November 21st under a very light snow but only slight breezes. A total of 13 shooters showed up to vie for various meat prizes in 5 separate shooting scenarios and about 12 matches total. Net take for the club was \$118.00.



1000 Yard Benchrest Matches

Near ideal conditions greeted the 5 shooters on September 12th with a total of 14 five-shot groups fired for record. The average size of those 14 groups was 9.267" but topping the list was a 3-13/16" group fired by Wayne Malmstrom, who also posted groups of 4-3/16" and 6-1/8". Gary Paananen was also not far off with a best 5-1/8" group. Score on the standard IBS 1000 yard target was two 47's by Wayne.

On the much more windy December 5th match, there were 12 groups fired with Wayne Malmstrom again posting the winning group size of 4-1/8" with high score going to Steve Simmons at 47-2X. In spite of the windy conditions, Wayne also fired a 4-3/16" group with 4 of those 5 shots in an impressive 1-7/8" cluster, center to center.

Come on out! More than one good deer or elk rifle with accurate loads has been used to shoot scoring groups in 1000 yard matches. You might be pleasantly surprised at what your rifle can do! The only non-standard equipment requirement is a scope with adequate windage adjustment range for 1000 yards, or a canted (angled) scope base. To give you an idea of what's needed, your rig needs enough adjustment range to allow firing a 130-180gr bullet to a point-of-impact that is 25" to 35" above the point-of-aim at 100 yards. New shooters to this game are in for a treat! Check the schedule for upcoming match dates & times.

On a related matter is the proposal from a club member that the PRSC do what is necessary to join the International Benchrest Shooters and be able to hold Long Range Registered IBS Matches. This would entail, among other requirements, adding two benches (minimum of 5 required) to the firing line and result in a much more formal match procedure than has been conducted in recent years. The upside was said to be increased participation by serious shooters who would not travel to a non-registered match. Any record-setting groups would also be recognized in a registered match. The downside is perhaps that the casual shooters would not wish to compete with more sophisticated equipment of the serious long range shooter. If anyone would like more information, or like to pursue this proposal, please contact Elwood Wirth at 541-877-2324, or attend one of the regular club meetings.

Match Schedules

1000 Yard Bench Rest Rifle

Information: Terry Dyke 541-519-0223

WHEN: Sunday, Jan. 2, Feb. 6 & March 6
12:00 Noon

ENTRY FEE: \$8 per rifle
\$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.

Rock Chuck Varmint Match

Information: Buck Buckner 541-523-6109

WHEN: Sunday, April 17, 1:30 p.m.

ENTRY FEE: \$10.00

LEGAL RIFLE: Any rifle of .25 caliber or less, with any sights and a weight of 12 lbs or less, including sights.

COURSE OF FIRE:

10 shots/200 yards/prone or sitting/slings allowed
10 shots/300 yards/prone/make-shift forearm rests or bipods allowed at 300 yards only.

TARGET: Life size rock chuck targets, center hits count 10 points; other body hits count 5 points. Targets will be pulled and shots marked after each shot.

AWARDS: Cash, up to 4 places.



VIRTUE FLAT RANGE

For New and Old Members: Information on using the Virtue Flat Range

It is the Club's intent to have the 200-yard range and / or the Pistol range available for general use approximately half of the weekend and holiday days during the busiest, warm months of the year. In the club calendar section of each newsletter, we attempt to list all scheduled matches and other reserved range use with the dates & times involved. This is to help club members avoid schedule conflicts and wasted trips.

Fee's from matches and reserved range use are necessary to keep the range in operation. PRSC is grateful for your consideration and understanding of the importance of these scheduled events. When no events are scheduled, time of arrival establishes range use. 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 Club's Ranges are:

1000-yard Range *(Use of this range prevents any other range use.)*

This range is fired from the benches that are nearest to the entry gate. This range is used for Black Powder Cartridge Rifle, 1000-yard Bench Rest, and long-range High Power Rifle Matches. These matches usually end by mid-afternoon.

Individuals using this range MUST FIRST CHECK THE ENTIRE RANGE before firing.

200-yard Range *(Use of this range prevents use of the 1000-yard range.)*

Most range use occurs here, where there are several bench rests under a roof, with target holders 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.

When this range is in use, it is still safe to use the 100-yard pistol range to the North, which has 2 bench rests under cover, and a 100-yard target holder.

Pistol Range (100-yards) *(Use of this range prevents use of the 1000-yard range.)*

This range is used primarily for pistol shooting, but has two benches and targets out to 100 yards. There is a covered area with picnic tables and a registration building. The target sheds located 50 yards to the north are downrange of the firing line, and therefore subject to the requisite safety considerations.

Most law-enforcement agencies reserve this range for qualification shooting. It is also used for .22 Silhouette Matches, Junior .22 Program, YHEC .22 and Muzzleloader training, and Cowboy Action Shoots.

Use of this range still allows for safe use of the 200-yard bench rest area.

When using the Pistol Range, be sure to re-install the slide rails when you leave to keep cattle out of the covered area.

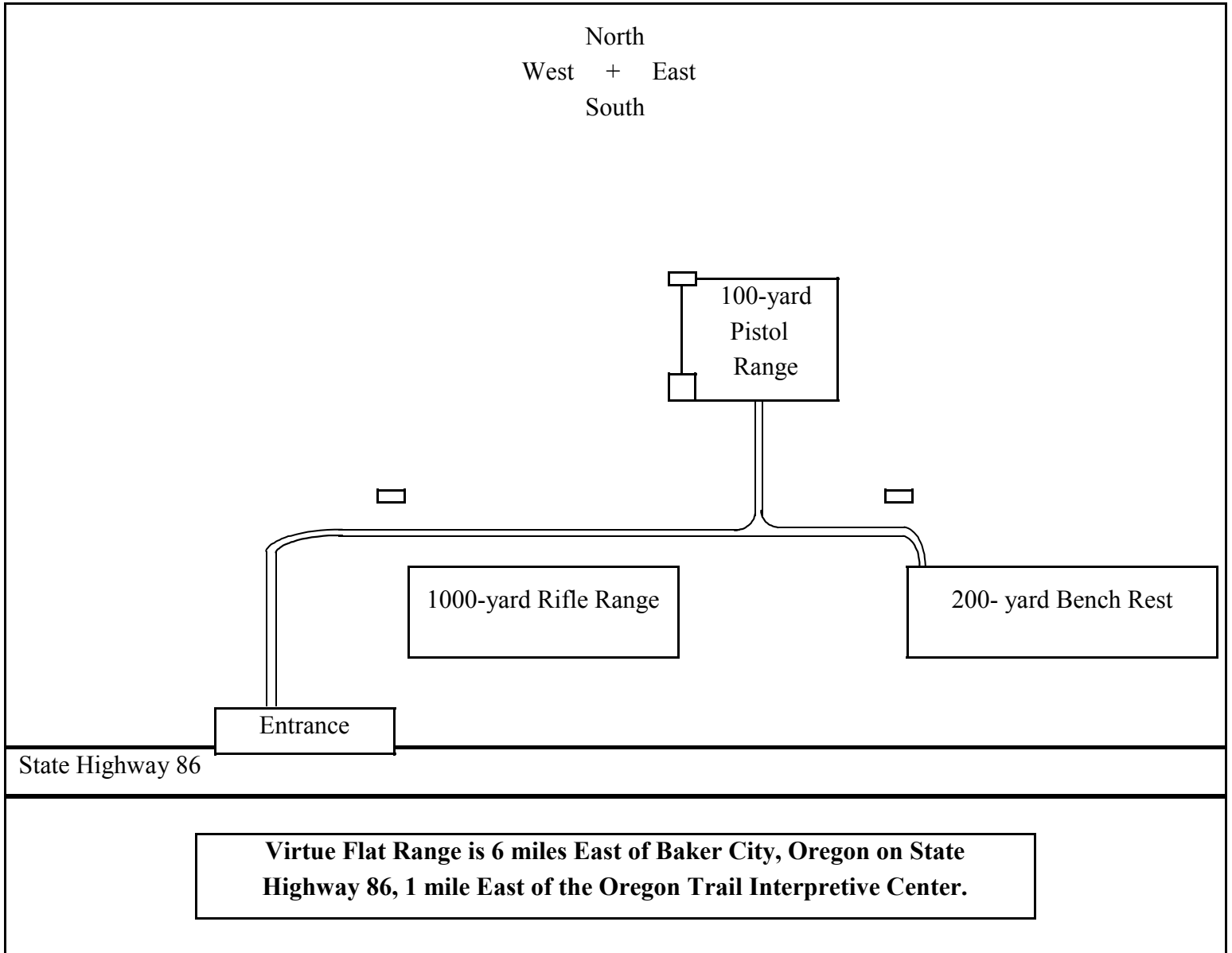
All ranges: if you see someone checking fence or pushing cows on the hillsides downrange of the target areas, STOP FIRING until that person has completely cleared the hillside.

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

PUT SAFETY FIRST AT ALL TIMES!

Map of Powder River Sportsmen's Club Virtue Flats Range

North
West + East
South



Virtue Flat Range is 6 miles East of Baker City, Oregon on State Highway 86, 1 mile East of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center.

JANUARY 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 New Year's Day
2 1000 yard Benchrest Shoot 12:00 Noon	3	4 Club Meeting 7 PM	5 Y.H.E.C. 4-5:30 PM	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Y.H.E.C. 4-5:30 PM	13	14	15
16	17 Martin Luther King, Jr's Birthday (Observed)	18	19 Y.H.E.C. 4-5:30 PM	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Y.H.E.C. 4-5:30 PM	27	28	29
30	31					

FEBRUARY 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Club Meeting 7 PM Election of Officers	2 Y.H.E.C. 4-5:30 PM	3	4	5
6 1000 yard Benchrest Shoot 12:00 Noon	7	8	9 Y.H.E.C. 4-5:30 PM	10	11 Hunter's Ed Registration 4-6:30 PM	12
13	14 Hunter's Ed Class 6-8:30 PM St. Valentine's Day	15	16 Y.H.E.C. 4-5:30 PM Hunter's Ed Class 6-8:30 PM	17	18 Hunter's Ed Class 6-8:30 PM	19 Pistol Range Rsvd. for Hunter Ed 10am-12:00 Noon 3-5 PM Hunter Ed Test @ Clubhouse
20	21 Hunter's Ed Class 6-8:30 PM President's Day	22	23 Y.H.E.C. 4-5:30 PM Hunter's Ed Class 6-8:30 PM	24	25	26
27	28					

MARCH 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Club Meeting 7 PM	2 Y.H.E.C. 4-5:30 PM	3	4	5
6 1000 yard Benchrest Shoot 12:00 Noon	7 Pistol Range Reserved Oregon State Police 8am - 5pm	8	9 Y.H.E.C. 4-5:30 PM	10 Pistol Range Rsvd Sheriff's Dept. 8am - 5pm	11	12 Sporting Rifle 8:30am Match @ Vale, OR Pistol Range Rsvd Sheriff's Dept. 8am - 5pm
13 80-Shot Hi-Power Rifle Match @ Vale, OR Daylight Savings Time Begins	14	15	16 Y.H.E.C. 4-5:30 PM	17 Pistol Range Rsvd Sheriff's Dept. 8am - 5pm St. Patrick's Day	18	19
20	21	22	23 Y.H.E.C. 4-5:30 PM	24	25 Hunter's Ed Registration at Library 5 PM	26
27	28	29	30 Y.H.E.C. 4-5:30 PM	31		

APRIL 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5 Club Meeting 7 PM	6 Y.H.E.C. 4-5:30 PM	7	8	9 Pistol Reserved Hunter Ed 8am - 4pm
10	11	12	13 Y.H.E.C. 4-5:30 PM	14	15	16
17 Rock Chuck Varmint Match 1:30 PM	18	19	20 Y.H.E.C. 4-5:30 PM	21	22	23
24 Easter	25	26	27 Y.H.E.C. 4-5:30 PM	28	29	30

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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 yard line until you have determined there are no others down range.
6. Do not use bottles or glass for targets.
7. Clean up after firing.
8. 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.
11. Failure to comply with rules will result in termination of membership.

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

Signature

Date

Membership Application / Renewal

Mail application and check to:

Powder River Sportsmen's Club

P.O. Box 162, Baker City, Oregon 97814

www.prsportsmen.org

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 _____

- I am an NRA Member
- I would like a NRA Membership application sent to me
- I would like newsletter sent via e-mail

* A new membership card will be mailed to you with the range lock combination located on the reverse side upon receipt of application and paid dues.

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

First Class

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Club Officers

12/27/2010

<i>President: Victor Savage</i>	<i>541-523-4462</i>
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<i>Secretary: Elwood Wirth</i>	<i>541-877-2324</i>
<i>Treasurer: Wayne Bloom</i>	<i>541-523-2750</i>
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