

# Powder River Sportsmen's Club

Second Trimester 2011

P.O. Box 162

Baker City, Oregon 97814

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

## At the Range:

### Common Courtesy and Common Sense

A Club member recently reported that while he and other members were set up to fire from the 300-yard berm at the Virtue Flat Range, a vehicle with 4 occupants drove in front of their position to occupy an area at the 200-yard berm. A verbal confrontation resulted, and the Sheriff's Department was called out to the range. This provides a good opportunity to review rules and policies for safe range use.

The Virtue Flat Range is available for use by its members on a "first-come, first-served" basis, based on time of arrival at the range. The only exception to this policy is during scheduled events or when the Range has been reserved for private use in advance, as noted on the Club Calendar.

Common courtesy: Members who arrive at the range to find other shooters already present have three options: join the other shooters to fire from the same location, set up in a different non-conflicting position, or wait until the other shooters leave before taking a conflicting position. Members who join shooters already firing may ask for a brief cease-fire to hang targets, but should otherwise avoid interrupting the actions of other shooters. If the existing shooters are almost finished, it may be best wait a few minutes for them to complete their shots rather than ask for a cease-fire. When more than one group is firing from a berm, it is good practice to clearly agree and loudly declare when the range is hot or cold.

Common sense: Members may not take firing positions in front of or behind shooters who have already established positions at the range. Keep firearm actions open when not firing. Practice perfect muzzle and trigger-finger control. For obvious reasons, no person should ever provoke another at a shooting range. The rules and policies for range use are provided in each newsletter, and if all members abide by them, there will never be a reason for conflict.

If you see or experience range behavior that is unsafe or in violation of Club Rules and Policies, report it to any officer or email a report to [club@prpsportsmen.org](mailto:club@prpsportsmen.org). A list of officer phone numbers is provided in each newsletter. If there is immediate need, please call the Sheriff's office to report ongoing incidents, vandalism, etc.

We are the Powder River Sportsmen...let's conduct ourselves accordingly.

Powder River Practical Shooters will be hosting their first USPSA sanctioned match on May 22nd at the PRSC Virtue Flat Range. Sign up will begin at 8:15 a.m. at the new pistol bays. Safety briefing will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the match to begin at 9:00 a.m.

USPSA membership is not required to participate. The match will consist of 5 stages with a round count of 121 (if you don't miss). Eye and ear protection is required for all shooters and spectators. For more information visit [www.prpshooters.com](http://www.prpshooters.com).

Special thanks to Steve Ritch @ Environmental Construction for making this possible by digging the 5 new pistol bays. Thanks also to our club sponsors Sumpter Junction, Powder River Precision Inc., Thatcher's Ace Hardware and MGM Targets for their support.

For more information contact Match Director Ray Merritt at 541-403-1246 or email [ray@prpshooters.com](mailto:ray@prpshooters.com)

## N.E. Oregon Y.H.E.C. Regional held April 23rd

The weather relented for the Youth Hunter Education Challenge Regional held here on Saturday. Winner of the Senior division (age 15-18) was Will Price of Ontario with a score of 770, closely followed by Brian Staebler-Siewell of Baker with a 765. Brian's younger brother Braden topped the Juniors (14 & under) with 675 points of a possible 900.

Participants were challenged by 3 of the 8 Y.H.E.C. events, each worth 300 points. 1. Written Hunter Test, 2. Wildlife Identification, 3. Shotgun Sporting Clays. Event leaders of the 13 entries were:

	Juniors	Seniors
Written Exam:	Sarah Spaugh - 290	Will Price - 285
Wildlife Ident:	Sarah Spaugh - 250	Will Price - 245
Shotgun:	Braden Staebler-Siewell	Brian Staebler-Siewell

The Club appreciates the volunteer help from the Baker Trap Club and use of their facilities for the Shotgun event.

**Friends of NRA Dinner is May 7th**

**We invite you to attend the 10th Annual Dinner Banquet & Auction Fund Raiser** at 4:00PM for games & silent auction. Dinner (smoked prime rib) served at 6:30 pm.

Baker County Event Center (Old National Guard Armory)  
2600 East Street, Baker City, Oregon



Tickets are available at Farmers Insurance, 2825 10th St., Elk Creek Enterprises, 890 Elm St., or Call Ray Illingsworth at 541-519-7482.

**Saturday May 14th is Range Cleanup Day**

1:00 to 4:00PM. Volunteers are needed to help clean up the range and restore target holders. Bring gloves, shovel, rakes and hand tools. Bill Taylor will have back-hoe there for cleaning the target pit and to help set an additional prop for Hunter Ed Classes. Come lend a hand!

**Farm Bureau BBQ Shotgun Fundraiser**  
**May 22nd**

The annual Baker County Farm Bureau BBQ and Trap Shoot will be held at Baker Trap Club, starting with a BBQ lunch and practice at 11 am. The shoot is 50 birds at 16 yards with Lewis Class awards. You can win even if you're out of practice! This is a fun event and good food. Come try it! Call Buck Buckner for information 541-523-6109.

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**Match Results**

**1000 YARD BENCHREST MATCHES**

01/02/11: Turnout was predictably light on this breezy day with 3-4" of snow on the ground and temperatures in the high teens. Five-shot group sizes were also a little larger than ordinary with Frank Taggart's 11-1/4" a winner. Frank also fired the best score with a 46 out of a possible 50. Other group sizes ran 12" to 23" with shivers taking their toll as the cold soaked through.

02/06/11: This snowy day was a real test of dedication. Six shooters braved the conditions of wind and snow with the targets barely visible most of the time, and sometimes completely invisible. These conditions made it easy to judge wind direction and relative speed, however, and groups ran from 7.0" (Wayne Malmstrom) to 14-3/4". Top score was a 47 by Steve Simons. A new 308 semiauto rifle posted a 26-3/4" group in its first outing. This was with a scratchy 10 pound trigger that will be changed soon.

03/06/11: Relatively good conditions greeted eight shooters on this snow-free day. Group sizes went down and scores went up as a result. Best group was 5.5" by Wayne Malmstrom while Steve Simons fired the top score of 49. Other notable groups were a 5-7/8" by Norbert Costa; a 6.5" by Wayne Malmstrom; 7-3/4" by John Malmstrom; and a 6-1/8" by Steve Simons. There was also a 33-5/8" group, and one shooter was never able to get on the paper: evidence enough that one doesn't need a half-minute gun to have fun at these less-formal matches.

In the January 2011 PRSC Newsletter there was a note requesting input from anyone interested in holding Long Range (1000 yard) Registered IBS Matches. If anyone would like to ramrod an IBS program at the PRSC range, please contact Elwood Wirth at 541-877-2324.



# Match Schedules

## 1000 Yard Bench Rest Rifle

Information: Elwood Wirth 541-877-2324

**WHEN:** Sundays: May 8th, June 5th, August 7th

**TIME:** 9:00AM each day.

**ENTRY FEE:** \$8 per rifle + \$2 additional 5-shot group  
\$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.  
Certificates for best group and highest score.

## Practical Pistol Matches

Information: Ray Merritt 541-403-1246  
e-mail: ray@prpshooters.com

**WHEN:** Sundays: May 22nd, June 19th, July 24th,  
August 28th

**TIME:** 9AM - 12Noon each day.

**ENTRY FEE:** Adults \$15 Juniors \$10

**GUN:** Any revolver or semi-auto, 9mm or larger bore

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

**Beginners welcome!**

**TARGETS:** Varied

**NOTE:** This is a new shooting program at PRSC that is already popular elsewhere. See the special 1911 Cavalry Match that will be held Aug. 28th, 2:00PM.

**Special Note: The Oregon State Sporting Rifle Championship will be held on August 13th & 14th at Tri-County Gun Club, Tualatin, OR. Contact Peter Krook 503-246-5933 (ppmmkk123@aol.com) for entry information.**

## High Power Sporting Rifle

Information: Buck Buckner 541-523-6109

**WHEN:** Sundays: May 15th, June 19th & July 17th

**TIME:** 9:00AM each day.

**ENTRY FEE:** \$12.00 per person

**LEGAL RIFLE:** Any center-fire 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 yards; standard high-power bulls-eye targets.

- A. 2 sighting shots & 8 shots for record, prone in 10 minutes
- B. 8 shots for record, standing in 8 minutes
- C. 8 shots for record, sitting rapid fire (4 shot strings - 30 seconds)
- D. 8 shots for record, prone rapid fire (4 shot strings - 30 seconds)

**AWARDS:** Cash awards to match winner and class winners (3+ entries to a class) Ladies

## Cowboy Action Shoot

Information: Don Tholen 541-519-6902  
Work 541-523-3659

**WHEN:** Saturday June 25th, 8:30AM

**ENTRY FEE:** \$10.00 per shooter

**EQUIPMENT:** Single Action Revolvers  
Lever Action Rifles  
Pre 1900 Design Shotguns

**AMMUNITION:** All ammunition must be loaded with lead bullets only. NO EXCEPTIONS. Bring 50 rounds each for pistol and rifle.

**COURSE OF FIRE:** Various western scenarios.  
"Western Dress is encouraged"

# Match Schedules

## Steel Varmint Shoot

Information: Terry Dyke 541-519-0223

**WHEN:** Saturday June 25th, 2:00PM

**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.



## Model 1911 .45 100th Anniversary Match

This is the U.S. Cavalry's Dismounted Qualification Course used in 1930's

Information: Buck Buckner 541-523-6109

**WHEN:** Sunday, August 28th

**TIME:** 2:00 p.m.

**ENTRY FEE:** \$10

**LEGAL PISTOL:** Original or Copy of Model 1911 .45 semi-auto

**COURSE OF FIRE:** All shooting is done with one hand only

10 shots slow fire at 25 yards, bullseye target  
(10 shots in 10 minutes)

10 shots time fire at 15 yards, bullseye target  
(5 shots in 20 seconds)

10 shots rapid fire at 15 yards, bullseye target  
(5 shots in 10 seconds)

15 shots on moveable silhouette target at 25 yards  
(three, 5 shot strings in 15 seconds)

## 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.**

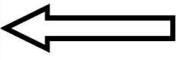
All ranges: if you see someone checking fence or pushing cows on the hillsides downrange of the target areas, STOP FIRING until that person has completely cleared the hillside.

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

**PUT SAFETY FIRST AT ALL TIMES!**

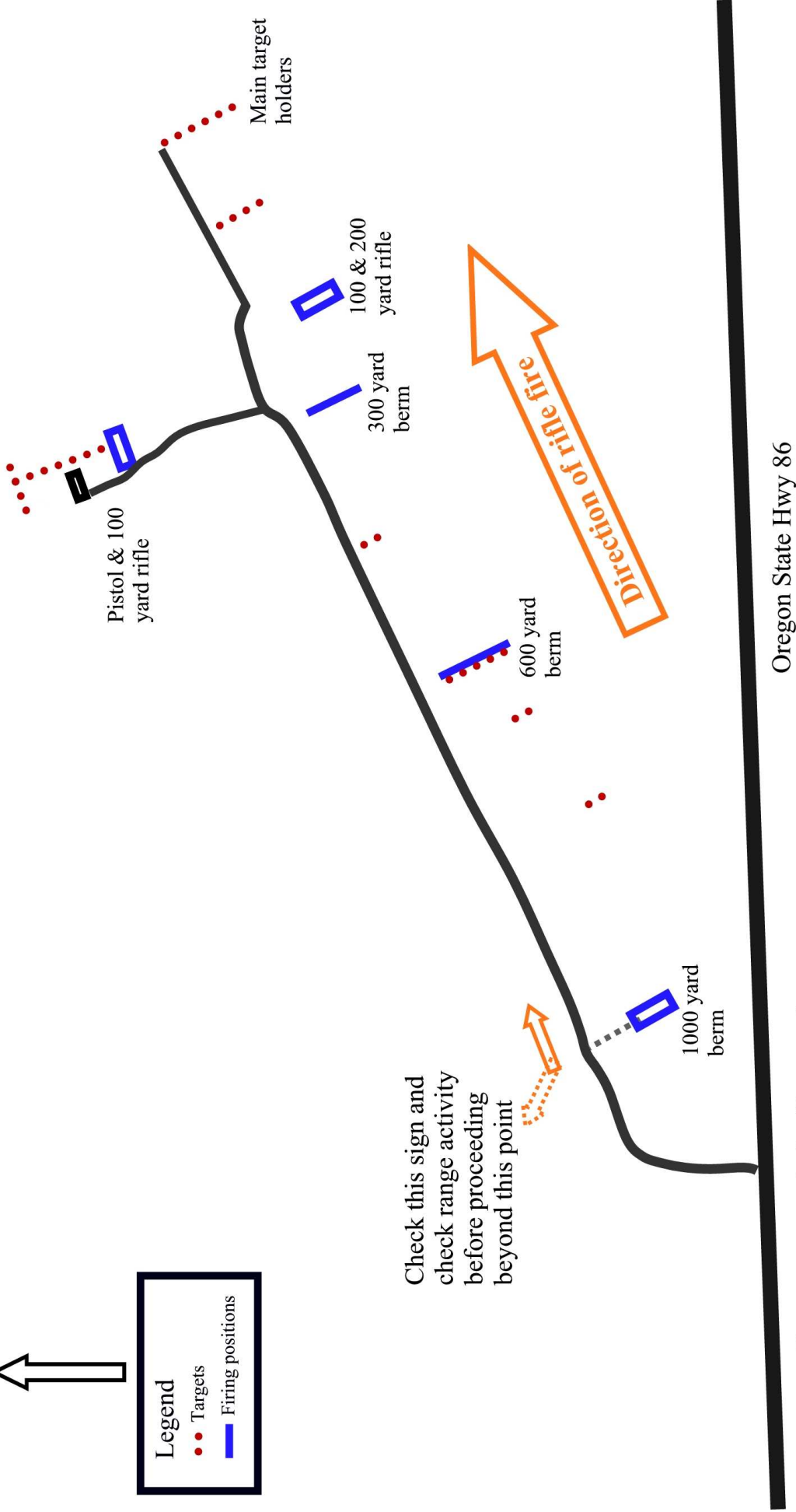
# Powder River Sportsmen's Club - Virtue Flat Range

North



**Legend**

- Targets
- Firing positions



Oregon State Hwy 86

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

# MAY 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 12pm - 5pm 200 yd range reserved Basic Pistol Class	2	3 Club Meeting 7 pm	4 Y.H.E.C. 5:30pm - 7pm	5	6	7 Friends of NRA Dinner 5pm
8 9am 1000 yd Benchrest Match	9	10	11 Y.H.E.C. 5:30 pm - 7 pm	12	13	14 1pm-5 pm Range Clean-up
15 9 am Hi-Power Sporting Rifle Match	16	17	18 Y.H.E.C. 5:30pm - 7pm	19	20 8am - 4pm Pistol Range Reserved O.S.P.	21 1pm - 4pm Pistol Range Reserved Pistolettes
22 9am-12pm Pistol Range Practical Pistol Match 11am Farm Bureau Trap Shoot & BBQ	23	24	25 Y.H.E.C. 5:30 pm - 7 pm	26 8am - 5pm Pistol Range Rsvd Sheriff's Dept.	27	28 8am - 5pm Pistol Range Rsvd Sheriff's Dept.
29	30  Memorial Day Observed	31 2pm - 5pm Pistol Range Rsvd Pistolettes				

# JUNE 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Y.H.E.C. 5:30 pm - 7 pm	2 8am - 5pm Pistol Range Rsvd Sheriff's Dept	3	4 8am - 4pm Pistol Range Rsvd Hunters Ed Class
5 9am 1000 yard Benchrest Match	6	7 7om Club Meeting	8 2pm-6pm Pistol & 200 yd range Rsvd YHEC Rifle Practice	9	10 12pm-5pm Pistol Range Rsvd O.S.P.  OR State Y.H.E.C. Event; Bend, OR June 10th-12th	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 9am-12pm Pistol Range Rsvd Pistolettes
19 9am Hi-Power Sporting Rifle Match 9am-12pm Practical Pistol Match	20	21	22	23	24 12pm-5pm Pistol Range Rsvd O.S.P.	25 8:30am Cowboy Action Shoot  2pm Steel Varmint Match
26	27	28	29 4pm-7pm Pistol Range Rsvd Pistolettes	30		



# JULY 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5 4pm-7pm Pistol Range Rsvd Pistolettes	6	7	8 2pm-5pm 200 yd Range Rsvd Double Rifle Event	9 Range Rsvd All Day- Double Rifle Internationals
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
					Miners Jubilee	
17 9am Sporting Rifle Match 3pm-6pm Pistol Range Rsvd	18	19	20	21	22	23
						National Y.H.E.C. New Mexico
24 9am-12pm Practical Pistol Match	25	26	27	28	29	30
National Y.H.E.C. New Mexico						
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# AUGUST 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 7pm Club Meeting	3 4pm-7pm Pistol Range Rsvd Pistolettes	4	5	6
7 9am 1000 yard Benchrest Match Baker Trap Club Shoot	8	9	10	11	12	13 Oregon State Sporting Rifle Championship Portland, OR
14 Oregon State Sporting Rifle Championship Portland, OR	15	16 4pm-7pm Pistol Range Rsvd Pistolettes	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 8am-5pm Pistol Range Rsvd Sheriff's Dept	26	27 8am-5pm Pistol Range Rsvd Sheriff's Dept
28 9am-12pm Practical Pistol Match 2pm Model 1911 .45 Match	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 positively 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 your renewal / application with check to:  
Powder River Sportsmen's Club  
P.O. Box 162, Baker City, Oregon 97814

### **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 \_\_\_\_\_

To reduce printing and postage costs, tri-annual 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 am an NRA Member
- I would like a NRA Membership application sent to me

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.

Thank You!

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

By Whom \_\_\_\_\_

Was a card issued? YES NO

Was a News Letter issued? YES NO

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*2011*

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