

Powder River Sportsmen's Club

Second Trimester 2012

P.O. Box 162

Baker City, Oregon 97814

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

Come try your hand at Cowboy Action Shooting—Free!

The PRSC Cowboy Action Shooters invite all beginners to the range Saturday June 16th from 10AM to 2PM for an introduction to Cowboy Action Shooting.

Guns and ammunition furnished for newcomers.

Western dress is encouraged!

For more information contact Don Tholen 541-519-6902 or 541-523-3659.

CAS matches are scheduled June 23 and July 28th.

2013 Member Dues

The Club's Membership Dues policy will change effective January 1, 2013. The Individual and Family membership designations will no longer be offered. The 2013 PRSC annual Member Dues will be \$30.

The Powder River 3-Gun series is underway!

The first match April 15th was a hit! Seventeen shooters competed, including 5 Juniors and several 1st-match beginners. This is a trophy match series with Springfield XDM or Glock pistols awarded to the Beginner, Intermediate, and Expert Class winners in the Limited and Scoped-Tactical Divisions. Winners are chosen based on the six highest match scores posted by each competitor, and there are still six matches remaining in the series, so it is not too late to enter! Next Match—May 20.

Contact Steve Furtney for more information 541-403-4136.

2012 PRSC Officers:

Elections were held February 7th.

President—Daniel Batchelor

Vice President—Ray Merritt

Secretary—David Spaugh

Treasurer—Wayne Bloom

Board Members at Large—Elwood Wirth,

Vic Savage, Steve Furtney

2012 Friends of NRA Banquet

May 12 at the Community Connection (Senior Center at 2810 Cedar).

Doors open at 4:00PM for walk-around bucket raffle, silent auctions., & full service bar.

Dinner at ~5:45PM, catered by Kurt Miller, with live auction after dinner.

On the block this year: a .45 Thompson Replica Submachinegun (semi with 50-rd drum), an M1 Carbine, and a Ladies 9mm pistol.

Come Join Us!

A big THANK YOU to the members who came out April 7 to help with the annual Range Clean-up Day. PRSC reminds all members—if you pack it in, pack it out!

Powder River Pistolettes

This all-female shooter's group was formed to encourage competency in defensive handgun shooting and to provide a safe opportunity for practice and skills development. The Range Safety Officer for the group is NRA Certified pistol instructor Buck Buckner.

Ladies who have completed a basic pistol course or have equivalent experience are welcome to join us.

Pistolettes number between 25 and 50 shooters each year, and new faces are always welcome!

Registration for 2012 will be at the first meeting, May 24th at 7:00 at the PRSC clubhouse. Call Buck or Hope Buckner at 541-523-6109 for more information.

Purchasing the Virtue Flat Range from BLM

The Club is currently waiting for BLM response to our application to purchase the Virtue Flat Range. The Club recently mailed a letter to BLM with recommendations for land classifications that will be conducive to completing the purchase transaction.

So far in 2012, the Club has received almost \$2500 in member donations to the Range Purchase fund. Special thanks to Herman and Eleanor Dopp for their \$1000 donation to the fund! As long-time members and prior Club Officers, the Dopps hope other members share their enthusiasm for purchase of the range, and they challenge PRSC members and the Baker County community to rise to this opportunity with donations to the purchase fund.

High Power Sporting Rifle Matches

The first HPSR match this year will be held May 6 starting at 8:30AM.

Sporting Rifle is a fun and challenging event that requires no special equipment. The competitor needs only a centerfire rifle with a capacity of 4 rounds, with a total weight including sights of 9.5 lbs or less. Standard High Power Bullseye Targets are placed at 200 yards from the firing line. These targets have a 13" aiming black, with a 7" 10-ring and a 3" X-ring. The 8-ring is white and 19", and the outer scoring diameter is the 5-ring at 37".

The course of fire is 2 sighting shots followed by 32 shots for record, as follows:

- > 8 shots prone with sling, fired within 10 minutes
- > 8 shots standing, offhand, fired within 8 minutes
- > two 4-shot strings seated with sling, each string fired within 30 seconds
- > two 4-shot strings prone with sling, each string fired within 30 seconds

Targets are pulled and marked after each shot in the slow-fire stages and after each string in the rapid-fire stages. A perfect score would be 320-32X where each of the 32 shots for record struck the x-ring.

A 320 score can be accomplished if all shots are within the 10-ring.

Our Club originated NRA Sporting Rifle matches in Oregon many years ago, and we would like to see participation increase again. Our teams have done well in Sporting Rifle League Matches in prior years, so come out and join a team and shoot some matches with us! The standard team size is 6 shooters per team, and each team submits their 4 highest scores per match.

The Club is also hosting the Oregon State Sporting Rifle Championship on August 11-12. We have need of 4 volunteers not shooting the match to serve as line boss, pit boss, and scorekeepers.

Contact Buck Buckner at 541-523-6109 if you can help.

YHEC

The Oregon Youth Hunter Education Challenge State Event will be held June 2 and 3 at Redmond. The local group led by Glenda Staebler-Siewell and Buck Buckner has been studying and practicing for the 4 shooting events and 4 responsibility tests. The top 5 scorers at the State Event in both the Junior and Senior categories will earn an expense-paid trip to the National YHEC competition in Pennsylvania in July. Local members Brian Staebler-Siewell and Nick Vowell both earned a spot on the 2011 Senior Team which placed 3rd at Nationals.

Wallowa Whitman Travel Management Plan

In response to significant public pressure, Forest Supervisor Monica Swalbach recently withdrew her TMP decision that would have closed almost 4000 miles of roads within the Wallowa Whitman.

Prior to that action, the Club had solicited an email vote from its members as an initial step in determining whether and how the Club would participate in the TMP appeal process. Only 27 responses were received: 11 voted for no road closures of any kind, 15 voted for some closures in a less restrictive plan, and 1 voted for the TMP as written. The reason most often cited by those who voted for some road closures was too many roads crossing hunting habitat.

The Club encourages all members to continue to participate in this process.

Got Wolf?

Source: Field and Stream Magazine, May 2012 issue, page 11. Printed with permission of Bonnier Corp, Publisher.

Predator Call Rene Anderson, a 55-year-old Idaho woman, was bowhunting last September when she was charged by a wolf. She tells the story:



“ I WAS HUNTING ALONE outside my hometown of Headquarters on a cloudy fall afternoon. I prefer to be in the woods alone. Besides, my husband, Denny, has had some health problems and isn't hunting much these days. I planned to hunt for elk, but I had a wolf tag with me.

Denny had dropped me off on top of a ridge and intended to pick me up at the bottom. I hiked in about three-quarters of a mile, cow calling occasionally. Suddenly, I heard a *crunch* in the trees to my right. I looked over and made out a gray wolf about 120 yards away. I could tell he saw me at the same time that I saw him—he made eye contact, stiffened, and began running directly toward me.

I didn't have a lot of time to think. My mind and heart were racing. The wind was at my back, and I thought, *He must be able to smell me*. He knew that I was human and he was coming at me anyway. I couldn't find the air in my lungs to yell. *Should I shoot him?* The wolf kept coming. *Bow or pistol?* I dropped my bow and drew my .44 Magnum Smith & Wesson. The wolf leapt onto a pile of logs about 10



Wolf Woman Anderson shot the animal from 10 feet.

feet away, then started moving in my direction. I could see that it was going to be him or me.

My first shot hit the wolf on the left side of the head. It stopped him, but it took three more rounds to put him down for good. I called my husband on my two-way radio and said, "Get me out of here!"

We needed a third person to help carry out the wolf's 90-pound carcass later that night. Lucky for me, I had that wolf tag. I hadn't planned to use it until later in the year in another area.

I know that wolves aren't usually so aggressive, but this experience is fresh in my mind when I see wolf tracks where I hunt. I'll always carry that pistol, just in case.

—AS TOLD TO JED PORTMAN

Got a survival story? E-mail it to closecalls@bonniercorp.com.

Match Schedules

High Power Sporting Rifle

Information: Buck Buckner 541-523-6109

WHEN: Sundays: May 6, Jun 10, July 8.

TIME: 9:00AM each day.

ENTRY FEE: \$12 per person.

LEGAL RIFLE: 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.

See page 2 of this newsletter for full Course details. Cash awards to Match and Class Winners (with 3+ entries per Class)

Powder River 3-Gun

Information: Steve Furtney 541-403-4136

e-mail: stf1981@live.com

WHEN: 3rd Sundays: May 20, Jun 17, Jul 15...

TIME: 8:00AM - 2:00PM each day

ENTRY FEE: Adults \$25 Juniors \$15

LEGAL FIREARM: .223 OR LARGER RIFLE, 9MM OR LARGER PISTOL, 20G OR 12G SHOTGUN.

COURSE OF FIRE: Varies; average round count is 75 rounds per gun; most shooting is under 40 yards except a rifle stage out to 500 yards.

TARGETS: Varied; include paper, steel, & clay

USPSA Practical Pistol

Information: Ray Merritt 541-403-1951

e-mail: ray@prpshooters.com

WHEN: 4th Sundays: May 27, Jun 24, Jul 22...

TIME: 8:30AM - Noon each day.

ENTRY FEE: Adults \$15 Juniors \$10

LEGAL FIREARM: 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

Steel Varmint Shoot

Information: Elwood Wirth 541-877-2324 or

Wayne Bloom 541-523-2750

WHEN: Apr 29th, May 27, Jun 24

Time: Noon in April, 1:00PM May & June.

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 (STEEL SILHOUETTES):

- A. 5 shots @ 200m at squirrel (2x5)
- B. 5 shots @ 300m at rabbit (3.5x9)
- C. 5 shots @ 385m at rock chuck
- D. 5 shots 500 meters at coyote

TIME LIMIT: 5 minutes for 2 sighters and 5 silhouettes at each stage.

Match Schedules

Oregon State High Power Sporting Rifle Championship

Information: Buck Buckner 541-523-6109

WHEN: Saturday & Sunday - Aug 11 and 12.

TIME: 8:30AM each day.

ENTRY FEE: \$50 per adult, \$35 per junior.

LEGAL RIFLE: Any centerfire rifle capable of holding 4 rounds and weighing 9.5 lbs or less including sights. Rifles will be weighed.

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

See page 2 of this newsletter for full Course details. Cash awards to Match and Class Winners (with 3+ entries per Class).

Cowboy Action

Information: Don Tholen 541-519-6902

WHEN: Saturday Jun 23 and Jul 28

TIME: 8:00AM

ENTRY FEE: \$10 per shooter

FIREARM: Single action revolvers, lever action rifles, pre-1900 design shotguns. Lead Bullets Only, no exceptions!

COURSE OF FIRE: Varies.

Free Introductory shoot for beginners June 16th 10:00AM to 2:00PM; guns and ammo furnished.

Western Dress is Encouraged!

Model 1911 .45 Match

Information: Buck Buckner 541-523-6109

WHEN: Sunday August 26, after USPSA & BBQ

TIME: 2:00PM

ENTRY FEE: \$10

LEGAL FIREARM: Original or copy of Model 1911 .45 semi-auto pistol.

COURSE OF FIRE: (one-handed fire only)

10 shots slow fire at 25yd bullseye
(10 shots in 10 minutes)

10 shots time fire at 15yd bullseye
(5 shots in 20 seconds, twice)

10 shots rapid fire at 15yd bullseye
(5 shots in 10 seconds, twice)

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

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

PRSC Sponsors

The following organizations sponsor or support Club matches and activities.

Powder River Friends of NRA
Steve Rich Environmental & Construction
Thatcher's Ace Hardware
Powder River Precision
MGM Targets
Springfield Arms
Glock USA
Sheepdog Ammo
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Support the organizations who support your Club!

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, and 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 pistol 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 benchrests 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:

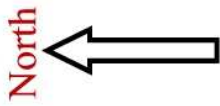
- 1.) No matches will be scheduled simultaneously in the Pistol Bays and any other range location.
- 2.) During Scheduled Matches on the Rifle Range or 100-yard Pistol Range, no firing is permitted in the Pistol Bays.
- 3.) During Scheduled Matches at the Pistol Bays, no use of the Pistol Range is permitted,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

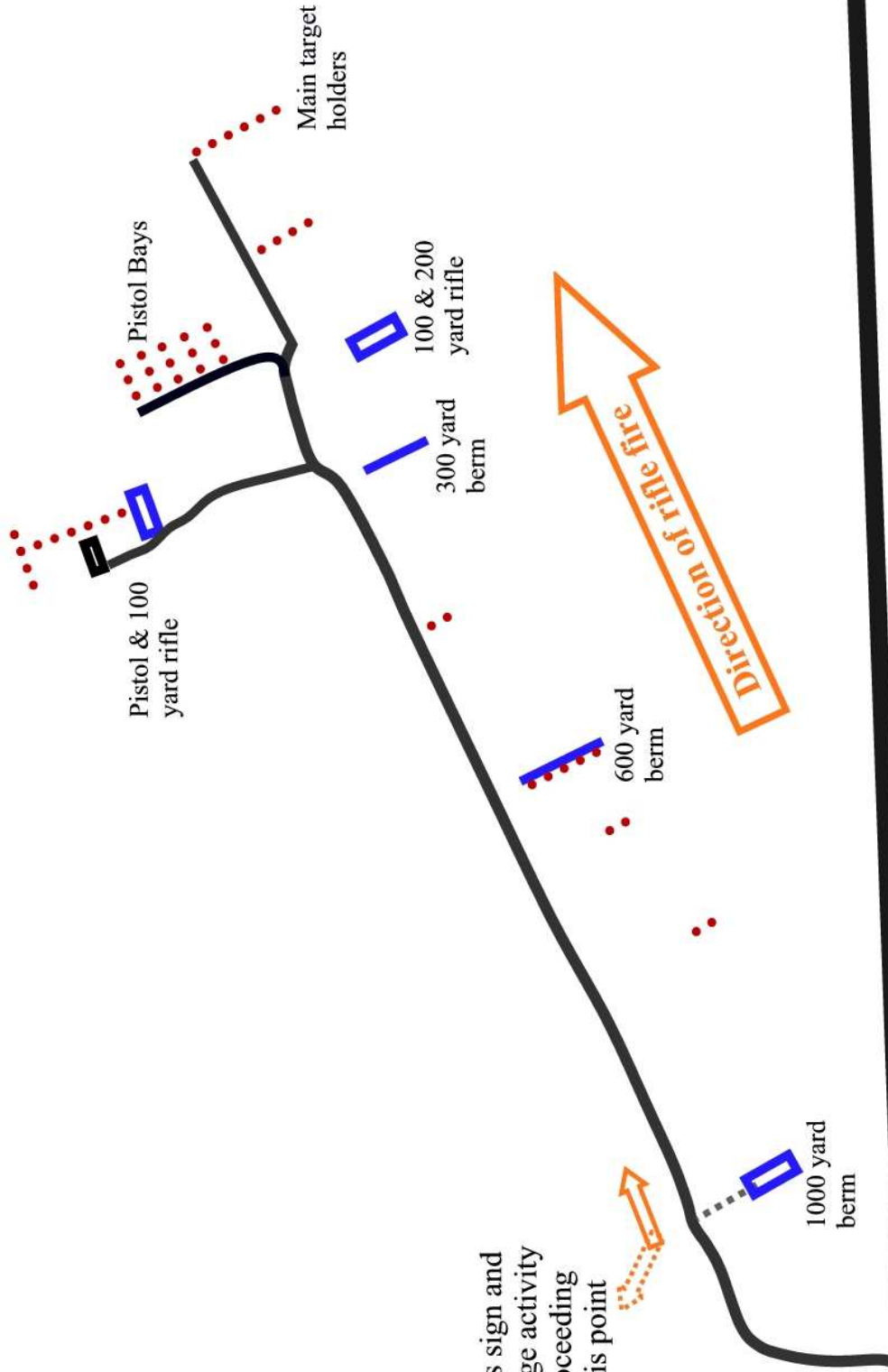
PUT SAFETY FIRST AT ALL TIMES!

Powder River Sportsmen's Club - Virtue Flat Range



Legend

- Targets
- Firing positions



Check this sign and check range activity before proceeding beyond this point

Oregon State Hwy 86

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

MAY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Club Meeting 7PM	2	3	4	5 Rifle Range RSVD 7AM- 1PM for Pistol Class
6 Sporting Rifle Match 8:30AM Rifle Range RSVD 12-5PM	7	8	9	10	11 Pistol Range RSVD YHEC 10AM-Noon	12 Pistol Range RSVD BCPD 10AM- 4PM FNRA - 6PM
13	14	15	16	17	18 Pistol Range RSVD YHEC 10AM-Noon	19 Farm Bureau Trap Shoot & BBQ @ Baker Trap Club
20 3-GUN! 9AM-2PM	21	22	23	24	25 Pistol Range RSVD YHEC 1PM—4PM	26 Pistol Range RSVD BCPD 10AM-4PM
27 Practical Pistol 8:30AM-Noon Steel Varmint 1PM-6PM	28	29	30	31		

JUNE 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Oregon State YHEC @ Redmond
3 Oregon State YHEC @ Redmond	4	5 Club Meeting 7PM	6 Pistol Range RSVD BCSD 8AM-5PM	7 Pistol Range RSVD BCSD 8AM-5PM	8	9 M1 Garand Match 8:30AM at Vale
10 Sporting Rifle Match 9AM- Noon	11	12	13	14 Pistol Range RSVD BCSD 8AM-5PM	15 Pistol Range RSVD OSP 1PM-4PM	16 Intro to Cowboy Action Shooting— Pistol Range 10AM-2PM
17 3-GUN! 9AM-2PM	18	19	20 Pistol Range RSVD Pistolettes 4PM-7PM	21 Pistol Range RSVD OSP 9AM-Noon	22	23 Cowboy Action Shoot 8:30AM
24 Practical Pistol 8:30AM-Noon Steel Varmint 1PM-5PM	25	26	27	28	29	30

JULY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Sporting Rifle 9AM-Noon	9	10 Club Meeting 7PM	11	12	13	14
Range Closed for OSP SWAT Training						
15 3-GUN! 9AM-2PM	16	17	18	19	20 Pistol Range RSVD Pistolettes 4PM-7PM	21
22 Practical Pistol 9AM-Noon	23	24	25	26	27	28 Cowboy Action Shoot 8:30AM
29	30	31				

AUGUST 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 Pistol Range RSVD Pistolettes 4PM-7PM	4
5	6 Pistol Range RSVD OSP 8AM-5PM	7 Club Meeting 7PM Rifle Range RSVD 8AM-Noon & Pistol Range RSVD1PM-5PM OSP	8 Pistol Range RSVD OSP 8AM-5PM	9 Rifle Range RSVD 8AM-Noon & Pistol Range RSVD1PM-5PM OSP	10	11 Oregon State Sporting Rifle Championship 8AM-5PM
12 Oregon State Sporting Rifle Championship 9AM	13	14	15 Pistol Range RSVD BCSD 8AM-5PM	16 Pistol Range RSVD BCSD 8AM-5PM	17 Pistol Range RSVD Hunter Ed 8AM-5PM	18 Pistol Range RSVD Hunter Ed 8AM-5PM
19 3-GUN! 9AM-2PM	20	21	22	23 Pistol Range RSVD BCSD 8AM-5PM	24	25
26 Practical Pistol 9AM-Noon, then BBQ, then US Cavalry 1911 Match 1PM-5PM	27	28	29	30	31 Pistol Range RSVD Pistolettes 4PM-7PM	

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

CHECK ALL BOXES THAT APPLY

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Individual Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> \$30 Family Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Range Fee for Life Members | |

Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

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.org

Date Received _____

By Whom _____

Was a card issued? YES NO

Was a News Letter issued? YES NO

First Class

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