

Powder River Sportsmen's Club

First Trimester 2013

P.O. Box 162

Baker City, Oregon 97814

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

Range Purchase Update

As noted in prior updates, in July 2012 BLM denied the Club's application for purchase of the Virtue Flat Range, pending revision of BLM's present Resource Management Plan. At that time, BLM invited the Club to renew its existing lease for 5 years to allow time for BLM completion of a new RMP followed by a new application by the Club for purchase of the land. The Club renewed the lease.

Range purchase, BLM actions, and the timeframe for new purchase application will remain regular topics for consideration at monthly Club meetings. It is the Club's current policy that communications with BLM regarding range purchase are conducted only by the Club's Range Purchase Committee. Any Club member who wishes to participate in the purchase process is welcome to attend monthly meetings and join the committee. No Club member is authorized to individually communicate or negotiate with BLM regarding range purchase.

Benefits of range purchase: no permission needed for improvements; the Club will not be subject to potential environmental restrictions from BLM; the Club will become eligible for grants from NRA and similar organization to help pay for renovation, new construction, and other improvements.

Our first year of range purchase donations totaled \$4538! Many thanks to all members who donated, and especially to the Dopps for their generous \$1000 donation! This is an ongoing effort that will likely extend into 2015 before negotiations are completed. Please continue to support the Range Purchase by including a donation with your annual membership renewal. If you'd like to donate directly to the Range Purchase Fund, mail a check to Powder River Sportsmen's Club at PO Box 162, 97814 (be sure to write "Range Purchase" on the memo line.)

Happy New Year to all, and we'll see you at the Range!

PRSC Annual Officer Elections

7:00PM February 5 at the Clubhouse

2013 nominees:

President—David McCoy

Vice President—Steve Furtney

Secretary—David Spaugh

Treasurer—Wayne Bloom

Board Members at Large (3 total):

Appointed—Daniel Batchelor

Nominated —Elwood Wirth, Buck Buckner, Vic Savage, John Crockett.

2012 Club Championship Match

Perfect Score = 300

Champion—David Spaugh—199

2nd Place—Wayne Bloom—161

3rd Place—Elwood Wirth—148

Pistol Winner—David Spaugh—79

Rifle Winner—Wayne Bloom—70

Shotgun Winner—David Spaugh—75

It's time to renew your Club Membership. See the back page for an Application/Renewal Form. Please pay dues before the end of February, as all gate combinations will be changed on March 1st.

Prevent vandalism and theft—ALWAYS LOCK THE GATE at the range if you are the last one out!

Utah Concealed Firearm Permit Class

Looking for an opportunity to obtain 30-state reciprocity with the Utah Concealed Firearms Permit? Look no further!

Licensed instructor Maurice Valerio will be conducting a class for the Utah permit on March 2nd, 12:30 to 5:00PM at the PRSC Clubhouse. Cost is \$50 per person, or \$40 for PRSC Members. As a promotional offering, non-members can join the Club at the time of their class for a total of \$70, (\$40 for the class and \$30 for the membership; a \$10 discount). Sign up at Ace Hardware, or contact Maurice at maurizio.valerio@gmail.com or 541-853-2355.

Mark your Calendars!

April 13 is the annual Virtue Flat Range Cleanup Day. Last year, 20 volunteers showed up to help, and the range looked great by the end of the day. Cleanup starts at 9:00AM and ends mid-afternoon. Bring gloves, rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, and carpentry tools. Come on out and lend a hand!

2013 YHEC is starting soon...

The 2013 NRA Youth Hunter Education Challenge begins in January! This program is open to all young outdoorsmen and outdoorswomen under age 19 who have completed a state-sponsored Hunter Education Program.

Participants train and compete in eight events: Orienteering, Wildlife Identification, Hunter Safety Trail, Shotgun, .22 Rifle, Muzzleloader, Archery, and a Written Exam covering "The Hunter's Guide" course manual. The registration fee is \$25 per student and helps cover cost of supplies and ammunition. YHEC classes meet once each week at dates and times that accommodate the schedules of the participants. Firearms training and practice is conducted at the Virtue Flat Range and Baker Trap Club as weather permits. PRSC has .22 rifles, muzzleloaders, shotguns and archery equipment available for youngsters who do not have their own.

A statewide YHEC competition is held each June to select 5-member Junior and Senior teams to represent Oregon at the National YHEC Competition held this year at the NRA Whittington Center in Raton, NM. Travel, lodging and meal expenses for each competitor are paid with grants provided by the Friends of the NRA. The Baker YHEC instructors this year are Buck Buckner and Glenda Staebler-Siewell. Registrations are open through January; call David Spaugh at 541-519-8298 to learn more.

Erosion of 2nd Amendment Rights

In December, lunatics again smeared our society with violent tragedy, killing defenseless and unsuspecting victims for the sole purpose of drawing attention to insane personal grievances. The Powder River Sportsmen join all Americans in our grief and sympathy for the victims and their families.

Sadly, on the same day that a monster surfaced in Connecticut, another had already acted in China, attacking and slashing 20 schoolchildren with a knife. The Chinese incident is relevant: it shows that the specific nature of the tool employed by the madman is not the critical issue. More important are the reasons why such attacks occur, and a society's inability or refusal to take logical steps to prevent them.

If a government bans semi-automatic firearms and high-capacity magazines, what has it accomplished in terms of preventing future madmen from attacking similar targets with gasoline, axes, knives, single-shot firearms, automobiles, or even baseball bats? The answer is nothing.

Our televisions and movie theaters are ripe with violence. Our video game culture is even worse. As a nation, our family structure is less than healthy and our priorities in daily life are frequently questionable. When a horrible human tragedy occurs, our press dwells on it to the point of exhaustion. All of this happens because we allow it to happen. We spend time and resources to consume these media products, and in so doing we neglect aspects of our lives that are truly more important.

Government cannot fix social problems that are inherent to a people or a society. A government cannot be relied on to legislate family values or good upbringing, or even reliable identification and care for the insane. In a free society, these are social responsibilities that reside with the people.

What a government can do is enable or even mandate effective protective measures for otherwise defenseless "targets of opportunity". We've already seen this in the air travel industry where armed pilots and air marshals create a huge disincentive for attempting a hijack. How many planes have been hijacked over American soil in the last 11 years?

Unfortunately, rather than focusing on effective policies to prevent acts of mass violence, our government and our press are reacting to the recent incidents by proposing illogical and purely symbolic infringements on our 2nd Amendment right. This during an era of financial instability when our government is leaning toward more liberal policies in terms of entitlement programs, wealth redistribution, immigration policies, and expansion of authority. Mistrust of government is frequently and understandably high.

The purpose of the 2nd Amendment has always been to ensure the presence of an armed citizenry as a disincentive to tyranny. The 2nd Amendment is not about hunting or competing in shooting sports. It was added to the Constitution in December 1791 for the sole purpose of ensuring that the People would never be subjects to authoritarian government.

As a native citizen of the United States, I am permitted to purchase the privilege of hunting game animals with firearms, but I was born with the right to keep and bear arms. The Constitution says that my right shall not be infringed. Since I am unwilling to relinquish that right, the issue is not open for discussion. My government needs to understand this, and to move on to better ideas.

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There are many officials in government who make no effort to hide their overt mission to ban all firearms. Importantly, they are willing to take generations to accomplish this mission, nibbling away one bite at a time.

This is the fight that is building again right now. A small faction of people in government and press who lack any apparent understanding of the historical wisdom or significance of the 2nd Amendment, are rallying to again attempt to cast that constitutional right by the wayside. These people are unconcerned with the values or beliefs of the majority of Americans, choosing instead to focus on their own misguided agendas.

According to the US Census, in 2011 there were 226 million Americans between age 18 and 84. In 2012, 126 million voted in the presidential election. As a nation, one of our biggest problems is political apathy. Many of us sit by, comfortably enjoying our freedoms and our way of life, all while our government continually expands and occasionally chips away at the very freedoms we take for granted.

At some point, this insidious creep must be stopped. Apathy and non-participation are no longer luxuries we can afford if we as a nation wish to preserve the principles on which our country was founded.

Make your voice heard. Inform your representatives that you will not allow them to erode your 2nd Amendment right. Register and vote. Write courteous but firm editorials in defense of the 2nd Amendment.

Join local organizations that support and exercise the 2nd Amendment right. Active clubs in the Baker area include the Powder River Sportsmen's Club, the Friends of NRA, the Oregon Hunter's Association, the Baker Trap Club, Powder River 3-Gun, and Powder River Practical Shooters.

Join and support state and national organizations that are engaged in the ongoing political battle to protect our freedoms. Membership provides access to facts, data and opinions that can be helpful in solidifying your own positions, and also in conversing with others who may share different views. At the state level, consider joining the Oregon State Shooting Association.

The massive national gun-buying spree that we are seeing in response to the threat of new gun legislation is evidence that Americans are willing to vote on this issue with their dollars. Why not use a handful of those dollars to swell the ranks of the national organizations dedicated to preventing unnecessary new gun legislation?

Estimates of the number of privately owned firearms in the U.S. range between 200 and 300 million. The NRA wields significant clout in Congress with its 4.3 million paying members, but imagine their influence if that number jumped to 10 million or more? If you have concerns about where NRA dollars are going, buy an affordable annual membership and then donate another \$25 or \$50 directly to the NRA-ILA (Institute for Legislative Action). This will swell the ranks while simultaneously directing some of your dollars to the legislative lobbying arm of the NRA. Other national organizations worth considering are the Second Amendment Foundation and Gun Owners of America.

Ultimately, the time to act is now. An immediate nationwide groundswell of common sense activism from gun owners is likely the only effective strategy for preventing unnecessary new gun legislation.

Powder River 3-Gun

Powder River 3-Gun will host an eight-match Trophy Series starting March 17th at the PRSC Virtue Flat Range in Baker City. Matches start at 8:00AM every 3rd Sunday through October. This will be a points series with three classes in each of two divisions: Beginner, Novice, & Expert classes in Limited and Scoped Tactical divisions.

Limited Division - No magnified optics, speed loaders or bi-pods. Non-magnified red dot scopes are allowed in this class.

Scoped Tactical Division - One piece of magnified glass on rifle. No speed loaders, bi-pods, or comps over 3" in length or 1" in diameter.

Match sponsors include 3-Gun Nation, Springfield Arms, MGM Targets, Powder River Precision, Kuhl Clothing, Thatcher's Ace Hardware, and Kaenon Sunglasses. Participants will have the option of joining a simultaneous 3-Gun Nation trophy series that expands the competition to include local clubs from around the country. Trophies awarded to class and division winners include new firearms! Entry fee is \$25 per match, or \$15 for Juniors under 18 years of age. For more information: contact Steve Furtney at 541-403-4136 or stf1981@live.com, or visit www.pr3gun.com

USPSA—Powder River Practical Shooters

Eight USPSA Practical Pistol Matches are scheduled in 2013, starting at 8:00AM on the 4th Sunday March through October. The August match will be on Saturday the 17th, and it will be followed by a catered BBQ lunch and the annual PRSC 1911 US Cavalry Dismounted Qualification Course Match.

A Mike Seeklander Competition handgun has been scheduled for June 7 & 8th at Virtue Flat. Class participants will be able to squad with Mike at the La Grande match on Sunday, June 9th. Class size is limited to 10. Cost is \$395. For registration/info visit: http://www.shooting-performance.com/Shooting-Performance/YCHTP_Level_1.html.

A similar Ladies Class to be led by Lisa Munson June 21st & 22nd has already filled up.

25th Anniversary PRSC Club Championship Match

Every October since 1988, PRSC has conducted a members-only Championship Match to determine the overall Club Shooting Champion for the year. This tradition was started by members after re-organization of the Club in 1987-1988. The match structure was modeled after a format proposed by Jack O'Connor in his "Getting the Range" column in the March 1941 issue of Outdoor Life magazine. The PRSC match consists of 3 courses of fire with a possible 300 points total score:

- > 5 shots offhand & 5 shots seated, 200 yards, fired at a life-size deer target using any rifle legal for deer hunting, w/ iron sights or scope set to 8X or less. 100 possible points.
- > 5 shots standing one-handed fire at a 25-yard NRA Bullseye target, & 5 shots seated 2-handed fire at a 50-yard NRA Bullseye target, using any centerfire handgun with iron sights. 100 possible points.
- > 20 shots at clays thrown from traps to simulate a variety of hunting shots, using any shotgun legal for hunting. 100 possible points.

The top three match scores since 1988 are 241 by Buck Buckner in 1993, 238 by R.A. Cunningham in 1992, and 236 by Wayne Bloom in 1996. In the 25 years since 1998 inclusive, only 7 individuals have earned the championship: those mentioned above, plus Bill Woodward, Elwood Wirth, Byron Morrissey, and David Spagh. A plaque in the clubhouse records the Champion and score each year. Come out next October and take a crack at it!

Match Schedules

1000 Yard Bench Rest Rifle

Information: Terry Dyke 541-519-0223

WHEN: Saturdays: Jan 12, Feb 9, Mar 9.

TIME: 10:00AM 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. Certificates awarded for best group and highest score.

Powder River 3-Gun

Information: Steve Furtney 541-403-4136

e-mail: stf1981@live.com

WHEN: 3rd Sundays: Apr 17, May 21, Jun 19...

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 400 yards.

TARGETS: Varied; include paper, steel, & clay

For more information, visit www.pr3gun.com

USPSA Practical Pistol

Information: Ray Merritt 541-403-1951

e-mail: powderriverpracticalshooters@hotmail.com

WHEN: 4th Sundays: Mar 24, Apr 28, May 26...

TIME: 8AM - 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: John Wulk 541-403-0318

WHEN: TBD.

Time:

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 steel squirrel (2x5)
- B. 5 shots @ 300m steel rabbit (3.5x9)
- C. 5 shots @ 385m steel woodchuck
- D. 5 shots @ 500m steel coyote

TIME LIMIT: 2 ½ minutes allowed for each 5 shot stage.

Proceeds go to PRSC for targets, etc.

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:

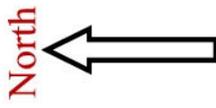
- 1.) No matches will be scheduled simultaneously in the Pistol Bays and any other range location.
- 2.) During Scheduled Matches on the Rifle Range or 100-yard Pistol Range, no firing is permitted in the Pistol Bays.
- 3.) During Scheduled Matches at the Pistol Bays, no use of the Pistol Range is permitted,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

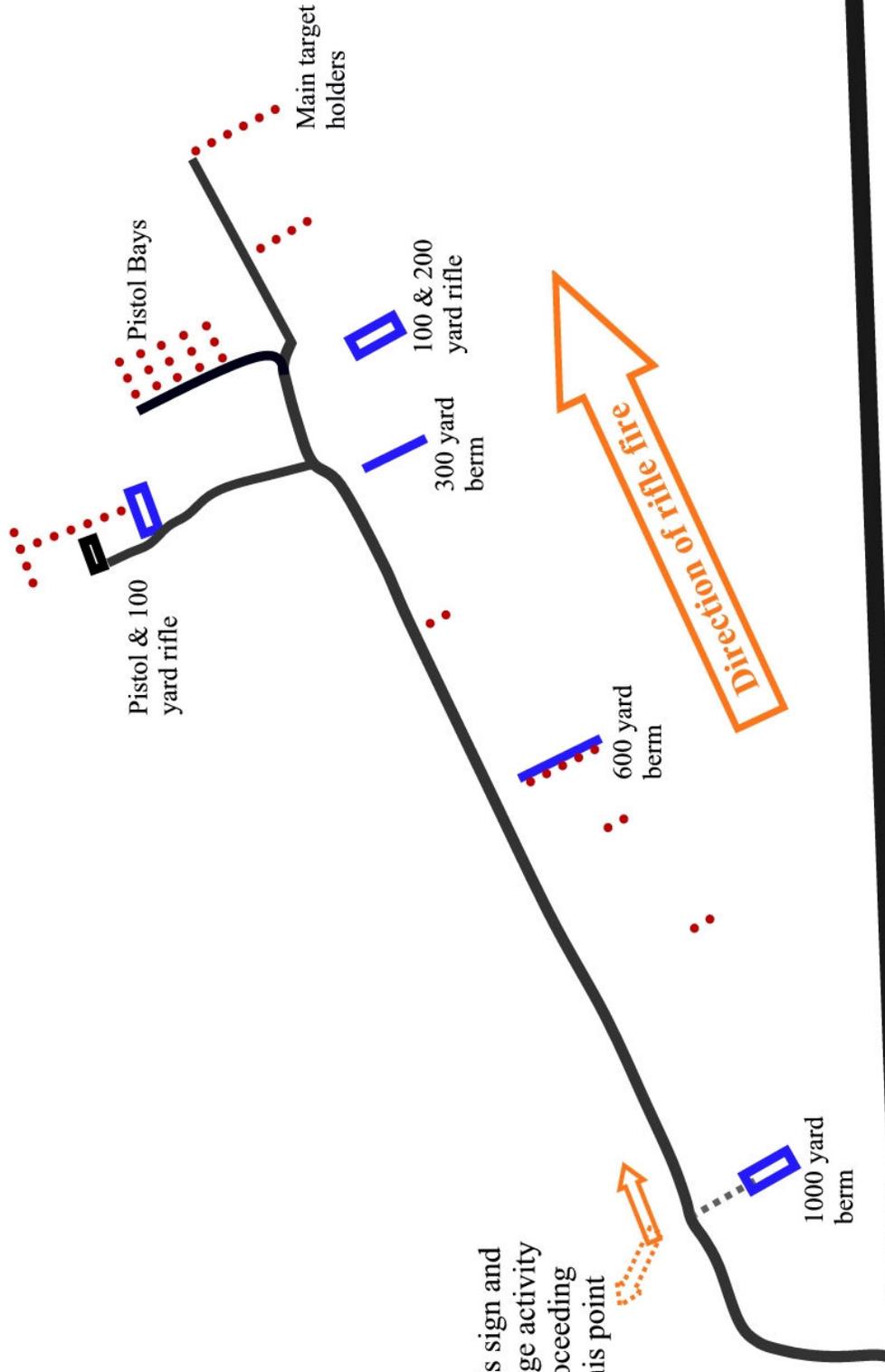
PUT SAFETY FIRST AT ALL TIMES!

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

JANUARY 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Club Meeting 7PM	9	10	11	12 1000yd Benchrest Match 10AM
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Pistol Range RSVD 1-5PM 4H Patriots
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

FEBRUARY 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Pistol Range RSVD 2-5PM 4H Patriots	2
3	4	5 Club Meeting 7PM - Election of Officers	6	7	8	9 1000 Yard Benchrest Match 10AM
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

MARCH 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Utah CWP Class 12:30PM-5PM @ Clubhouse
3 Pistol Range RSVD BCSD 8AM-Noon	4	5 Club Meeting 7PM	6	7 Pistol Range RSVD 4-6PM 4H Patriots	8	9 1000 Yard Benchrest Match 10AM
10	11	12	13 Pistol Range RSVD BCSD 8AM - 5PM	14 Pistol Range RSVD BCSD 8AM - 5PM	15	16
17 3-Gun 8AM-2PM weather permitting; Check pr3gun. com	18	19	20	21 Pistol Range RSVD BCSD 8AM - 5PM	22	23
24 USPSA 8AM-1PM	25	26	27	28	29	30
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APRIL 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Club Meeting 7PM	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Annual Range Cleanup Day 9AM-3PM
14	15	16	17	18 Pistol Range RSVD 4-6PM 4H Patriots	19	20
21 3-Gun 8AM-2PM	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 USPSA 8AM- 1PM	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

CHECK ALL BOXES THAT APPLY

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$30 Annual 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, 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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Club Officers 2012



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Range Officer: Buck Buckner	541-523-6109

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