

Powder River Sportsmen's Club

First Trimester 2017

P.O. Box 162

Baker City, Oregon 97814

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

Happy New Year Sportsmen!

2016 was another good year for the Club. We had 317 paid memberships, 4 active shooting disciplines, continued support of youth education programs for hunting and shooting sports, a spruced up main gate, a culvert replacement, and road grading and roadside sage management from the Vanderweile's at Triple C. We saw LOTS of range use by members, continued training use by city, county, and state law enforcement agencies, and zero accidents!

Of note:

Steel Varmint Silhouette Perfect 20's: once each by Steve Simons, Elwood Wirth, and Ken Bardizian. No easy feat!

1000 Yard Open Rifle (5-shot groups for a possible 50-5X): In June, Tanner Furniss shot a 3.05"- 40 and then backed it up a few minutes later with a 3.1"-47.

In May, 80-yr old Dick Porter shot a 5.2" group and then backed that up with a 49-2X. In June, Mrs. Helen Porter shot a 6.5" group, the first 4 of which were in 1.7"!!! Yep, that's 4 shots at 1000 yards into a 0.162 moa group! Smaller than the bottom of a coffee cup!

In October, Steve Simons shot a 49-1X.

NRA High Power Sporting Rifle (320 is a perfect score): Elwood Wirth shot a 315-12X, with 2nd place going to Gary Langlitz with a 297-4X. In this game, anything over 290 is really fine shooting, and breaking 310 really sets one apart. Gary shot his 297 using his own custom 68gr cast lead bullet fired at 2400fps from a 16" AR15!

USPSA Practical Pistol: Carried an average turnout of 20 shooters at 7 matches this year, with several additions to the roster of NROI certified Range Officers.

1911 U.S. Calvary Dismounted Qualification Course Match: Kurt Berger missed the match this year, leaving Spaugh to edge Berryman by 13 points for that honor.

Turkey Shoot: 15 contestants shot 96 relays. Wayne Bloom and Chaz Williams each scored a lung hit on the running deer target, only Elwood Wirth was able to hit all five 50 yard chickens with pistol, and Spaugh managed to hit two of three 200yd turkey-head silhouettes with iron sights on a 20" AR15.

Club Championship Match: Spaugh edged Bloom by 1 pigeon + 1 point. Bloom had high score in the rifle event, Spaugh led the pistol and shotgun events.

PRSC Matches & Events

1000 Yard Open Rifle

\$8 per rifle + \$2 per string fired; \$2 to keep a target. Any rifle with any sights, unlimited sighters for up to 10 minutes, then 5 shots for score within 7 minutes. The Club Record is 3"-48, Casey MacDonald. Prior record was Gary Paananen 3.125"-50-3X". Contact: Steve Simons 541-805-8030.

Cowboy Action

\$10 match fee. SA Revolvers, LA rifles, DBBL or Mod 97 shotguns. Period Western or "B movie" dress is encouraged! Contact: Chuck Buchanan 541-519-8550 or Dan McGuire 541-212-5840.

USPSA Practical Pistol

\$15 adults, \$10 juniors; first match is free. Round count is typically ~140, bring 200. All stages are run by NROI Certified Range Officers. Contact: Phil O'Connell 208-850-1313.

Steel Varmint Silhouette

\$10 match fee. 2 sighters + 5 shots for record at each distance: 200M Squirrels, 300M Rabbits, 385M Rock-chucks, 500M Coyotes. 5 minutes per stage. Prone, any rifle, any sights, any rest, rifle and gear must be hand-carried to the line in 1 trip. No steel or ferrous bullets. Helpful hint: 55gr bullets often fail to topple the 500m Coyotes; use 68gr or heavier. Contact: Ken Bardizian 541-519-6772.

Nostalgia Service Rifle Match

\$10 match fee. Round count = 44. Course of fire: 2 sighters prone, then 8 shots prone, 8 shots kneeling, 8 shots offhand, then 9 shots seated timed fire, then 9 shots prone timed fire, at 5V target. Contact Buck Buckner: (541) 523-6109.

1911 U.S. Calvary Match

\$10 match fee. Round count = 45. Firearm: Model 1911 Pistol in 45acp. One-handed fire only: 10 shots slow fire at 25yd bullseye, 10 shots timed fire at 15yd bullseye, 10 shots rapid fire at 15yd bullseye, 15 shots timed fire at 25yd silhouette. Contact Buck Buckner: (541) 523-6109.

Annual Club Championship Match

Club members only. \$10 match fee. Course of Fire: Pistol - 5 shots standing (one-handed) at 25yd bullseye, 5 shots sitting (two-handed) at 50yd bullseye, any centerfire pistol with iron sights. Rifle - 5 shots offhand & 5 shots sitting at 200yd deer target, any legal deer rifle with iron sights or scope set at $\leq 8x$. Shotgun - 20 shots at sporting clay pairs. Any legal shotgun may be used. Contact: Buck Buckner (541) 523-6109.

Annual Turkey Shoot

\$3 per event, 6 shooters per event, \$10 prize for event winner. Events: Lucky .22 @ 10 yards, Chicken Silhouette Pistol at 50 yards, Turkey Head Silhouette Rifle at 200 yards prone with sling (no bipod or rear rest), Running Deer at 80 yards iron sights or 200 yards scoped rifle. Fun for the whole family!

NRA High Power Sporting Rifle

\$12 match fee. Any center-fire rifle ≤ 9.5 lbs including sights, capable of holding 4rds. 200-yard standard high-power bullseye target. Prone - 2 sighters + 8 shots for record in 10 minutes, Offhand - 8 shots in 8 minutes, Sitting - two 4-shot strings, 30 seconds each, Prone - two 4-shot strings, 30 seconds each. Contact: Vic Savage 541-523-4462.

PRSC News

Cowboy Action Update

Under the direction of Chuck Buchanan and Dan McGuire, Cowboy Action is entering a 3rd year of a revived full schedule of events. At their request, the Club recently approved funding for the purchase of four 4x8 sheets of 3/8" AR500 hardened steel. Chuck and Dan asked Ash Grove to donate use of their CNC plasma cutter to cut 40 new 18" targets from the steel for use in this year's Cowboy Action matches. The new targets will allow an increase in the number of stages per match, and also a greater variety of targets per stage.

New shooters are always welcome, and Chuck and Dan have firearms and ammunition available at each match for anyone who wants to give it a try. Period or B-Movie-Western attire is encouraged but not required.

A big THANKS to Ash Grove for their continued support of community service organizations throughout Baker County!

YHEC REGISTRATION—January 12th, 5:30 PM

The Youth Hunter Education Challenge is an educational training program that teaches kids age 10 to 18 eight valuable skillsets: Archery, .22 rifle accuracy, Muzzleloading rifle accuracy, Sporting clays, Wildlife ID, Safety Afield, Orienteering, and Hunter Knowledge & Ethics. A state match is conducted each June to select 5 Junior and 5 Senior team members who attend the National YHEC event, all expenses paid.

Registration is January 12th at 5:30PM at the Clubhouse (2690 Broadway). Fee is \$25 per participant.

We gladly lend out youth archery equipment, muzzleloader rifles, .22 rifles, 20g shotguns, and orienteering compasses for kids who don't yet have their own.

A Clean Range!

If you've ever packed out less than you packed in to the range, someone else is cleaning up after you. If they weren't, the range would have long ago begun to resemble a landfill.

If you pack out what you pack in, the Club officers are grateful.

If you pack out MORE than you pack in (an extra shot-up paper target or an empty plastic bottle), then the whole Club thanks you. Nobody wants the range to look like a landfill.

Please do your part.

Repaired Target Holders for 2017

We'll be repairing target holders in 2017. It's always nice to have ample target holders in place for 25, 50, 75, 100, and 200yd targets, as well as other miscellaneous distances out to 1000yds.

The target holders are pretty simple: usually iron uprights with wood cross members, represented by the black parts in the picture below. For backers (the green section), we attach sheets of wafer board or old plywood or heavy cardboard to the cross members.



If you have some old sheets of plywood or wafer board you'd like to donate as backers, just stack them neatly by the retired dynamite shed located next to the 200yd covered shooting area (thanks!).

Target holders will last many years unless they get shot full of holes, then they only last a few weeks and we have to go out and fix them, or we all just learn to live with fewer target holders.

SO - don't shoot at, or hang targets over cross members or uprights (the black parts). If the backer gets shot up, you can bring cardboard from home and staple it over the hole in the backer. The Club replaces shot up backers a couple of times per year.

If you want to know what your 25-06 or .270 or .338 will do to a hunk of steel, we've hung gongs all over the range just for that purpose. Shoot those instead of the target holders. If you want to know whether your centerfire rifle bullet will go through 4 thicknesses of 2x4, bring your own 2x4's please.

If you want to pattern your buckshot, bring a halfsheet of your own plywood or cardboard and prop it up with a stick. This will save a lot of wear and tear on our target holders and backers.

Safety — if you shoot a 25yd iron upright with a centerfire rifle bullet, the bullet may shed its jacket into your face, or maybe a bystander's face. Not gently. I wouldn't mention this except for the fact that our 25yd target holder uprights are full of bullet holes.

Everyone on a shooting range should be wearing safety glasses at all times.

Have fun! Shoot safe!

Padlocks (no hammers required)

To open: dial the combo, then compress the lock shut, then pop it open.

To close: compress the lock shut, then spoil the combo, then release it, then test it.

January 2017

Dates are subject to change, check the online calendar for the latest information.
 On dates marked ****PM**, the afternoon set-up crew has range priority.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Club Meeting 7PM	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 YHEC Registration at Clubhouse 5:30PM	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

FEBRUARY 2017

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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				

MARCH 2017

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 On dates marked ****PM**, the afternoon set-up crew has range priority.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Pistol Range RSVD BCSD 8AM-5PM	3 Pistol Range RSVD BCSD 8AM-5PM	4
5	6	7 Club Meeting 7PM	8	9 Pistol Range RSVD BCSD 8AM-5PM	10	11
12 Pistol Range RSVD BCSD 8AM-Noon	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 1000 Yard Open Rifle 10AM-1PM **PM
26 USPSA 8AM- 1PM	27	28	29	30	31	

APRIL 2017

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4 Club Meeting 7PM	5	6	7 **PM	8 Cowboy Action 8AM-1PM
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 **PM
23 USPSA 8AM- 1PM	24	25	26	27	28	29 1000 Yard Open Rifle 10AM-1PM

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 \$30

CHECK ALL BOXES THAT APPLY

- New Membership Renewal Membership
 \$10 Range Fee for Life Members Multi-year membership paid in advance (\$30 per year)

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.

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

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 calendar at www.prsportsmen.com before making 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, no firing is permitted in the east-facing Pistol Bays. During Scheduled Events at the 100-yard Pistol Range, no firing is permitted in any Pistol Bays.
- 3.) During Scheduled Matches at the Pistol Bays, non-match use of the Pistol Range is prohibited, 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 east-facing 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 should direct all fire in the direction of the back berm of the bay they are using. Try to use the north-facing bays. 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 toward the back berm of the bay.
 - b. Rifle Range shooters should check with Pistol Bay users before engaging in any activity downrange from the 200-yard benches.
- 7.) Do not fire rifles at plate racks or any steel target at a range of less than 150 yards.

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.

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Support the merchants who are supporting your Club!

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