

SAFETY and OPERATION PLAN

Of the

Platte River Gun Club (Platterivergunclub.com)

Dec 2019 The Platte River Gun Club (PRGC or “Club”) is a public range open to current duly qualified members of the PRGC, the administer of the range, and appropriate guests, 365 days of the year. The mission of the PRGC is to provide a safe public shooting facility, which emphasizes heightened participation in the shooting sports and marksmanship through Club membership and participation. Members in the Club acknowledge a responsibility to each other and the willingness to act in a supervisory role, as appropriate, towards members of the general public when they are present on the range. Membership in the PRGC implies acceptance of the rights of membership and the accompanying responsibilities.

I. MEMBERSHIP

To become a member, an applicant must fill out a Membership Application, General Release Agreement, and attend a Range Certification Session. In order to provide a safe and enjoyable shooting environment, the PRGC reserves the right to set a maximum number of members. Limits upon membership will be determined based on keeping the range and its facilities both safe and enjoyable. The membership limit is currently set at 150 Family memberships.

Applications must be complete and legibly filled out with an accurate mailing address, phone number, and Email address. Applications must be initialed and signed where indicated. Refusal to do so will result in the rejection of your membership application.

Memberships in the PRGC run January through January and are not prorated throughout the year. All memberships are family memberships, which include your spouse and any children that are under the age of 19 years.

Dues are set by the club membership in attendance at the January meeting. Dues may vary from year to year. This meeting is your first chance to purchase a membership for the New Year.

All members must indicate they have received, read and understand the range rules each year with their membership. Range rules have been periodically updated throughout the year and updates are posted on the clubhouse door at the range and sent through Email. It is the member’s responsibility to check for updates prior to shooting at the range.

II. RANGE CERTIFICATION

All members of the Platte River Rod and Gun club are required to take the range orientation exam annually. New members or members that were not a member of the range the previous calendar year must also have an onsite range orientation, so they are familiar with the lay out of the ranges and any changes that may have occurred.

All new members, irrespective of qualifications, must attend the first range orientation session after their joining the PRGC, and in any event, prior to their using the range facilities.

III. KEYS

The PRGC provides access to duly qualified members of the PRGC who have satisfied the conditions set forth above for membership and use of the range facilities. Keys are provided after completion and passage of the range safety orientation session examination and being certificated as a Range Officer (RO), or after providing adequate proof of holding an exception to the range orientation session as set forth above, a

PRGC member in good standing within the past 12 months, and after executing the documents required for PRGC membership. No exceptions are allowed.

Loaning a key to a nonmember or a member who has not been certified as RO is strictly prohibited and will result in expulsion from the PRGC.

Keys shall be changed annually. Every member is required to meet the conditions of membership annually.

IV PARKING

There are three parking lots at the range. One at the Pistol/Rimfire (PR) Cover and the second located in front of the clubhouse at the Long-Range Rifle (LRR) Cover and one by the new Multi-purpose Range. Please park to maximize the number of parking slots available.

V. SIGN IN LOG BOOK

A sign in logbook is in the box at the LRR cover. All members and guests present at the range must sign the range log book with name, status (member or guest), time in, and time out. You must also show responsibility for the range safety by designating CRSO, RSO, or RO level of training. No rounds are to be fired down range without a responsible person signed in for range safety. The Logbook is used to document the amount of range usage to the County, to verify that the range is being utilized, to verify who is on the range at a specific time, and who is responsible, should an issue arise on the range. All members have responsibility to make sure that the range is used safely. Members are always responsible for the actions of their guest. If your guests violate the rules of the range you may be required to pay for any damages and you could lose your privileges and future membership. More than two guests may be brought to the range with a member with pre-notification to acting officer of the club.

VI. COVERS

The PRGC is divided into three sections, the Pistol/Rimfire (**PR**) area, the Long Range Rifle (**LRR**) area and the Multi-purpose Range (**MPR**).

A. PISTOL/RIMFIRE AREA

The PR cover is the first cover encountered when entering the range facility. This area is to be used only by those shooting pistols or shooting rimfire ammunition. Rifles firing rimfire ammunition only may be used on the PR. The targets in this area of the range consist of a plate rack, and backer boards at 15, 25, 50 and 100 yards. There are numerous small animal steel targets located throughout this area as well. The plate rack and the steel plates are to be shot at straight on. The ranges are set to reduce the possibility of splatter and/ or to limit splatter back into the PR area. The plate rack and steel targets are not to be shot by center fire rifle ammunition. There may be splatter hazards to shooters and spectators across the firing line as the result of shooting steel targets at close range. The dirt berms are set to reduce the possibility. These targets are set at angles and ranges to minimize the hazard. Eye and Ear protection is required for shooters and spectators is on the range while shooting occurring. **At no time may steel target be shot on any of the 3 ranges closer than 15 yards.**

Only established targets may be shot at in the PR area. Commercial targets or spinners may be brought to the range provided they are to be located next to established target positions and they are not to be closer than the closest target to the firing line (no closer than 15 yards). Do not shoot targets set on the berms. The berms are to restrict projectiles for leaving the range and protect areas that are not in the direct line of target fire on the range. **NO CENTER FIRE RIFLE AMMUNITION** is to be fired in this portion of the range. Failure to follow this rule is grounds for immediate removal from the range and the forfeiture of your membership. This range is designed for standard pistol cartridges only.

Additionally, shotguns maybe shot from the PR when shooting clay birds from a thrower. A pad on the west side of the PR was built to place a bird thrower. Birds must be sent down range and stay within the

established berms. Only birdshot number 4 or smaller is allowed for this purpose. **The PR will have a cease fire anytime a member goes down range on the LLR or the PR and will not resume fire until the personnel going down range has stated that the range is hot and shooting may resume. You may check targets on the PR when the target is less than 25 yards down range without shutting the LRR down. This is because of the berm between the two ranges has been improved to allow you to be safe while checking targets.**

B. LONG RANGE RIFLE AREA

The LRR area consists of six wooden benches under the cover and 1 concrete bench outside the cover to the East. The concrete bench is to be used by anyone who sighting in at 25 or 50 yards if available to reduce cross firing on the benches. The use of a gun vises, brace with feet that are not padded or spikes is prohibited in order to reduce damage that could occur to a bench by way of their use. Members that are found in violation of this restriction will be responsible of repair cost, and additional incidental cost and discipline up to expulsion of the club. This does not include the use of any bipod or gun vise designed to assist a user if there is not damage to club property as the result of the use. Targets consist of backer boards, metallic gongs, full scale big game animals, and assorted small steel animal targets. There are also eight target carriers in a pit located at 600 yards for the NRA 600yd Mid Range targets and a pit at 975 yards with a single carrier for the NRA 1000 yard target. There are various game animals' targets throughout the range. The animals consist of a Deer, Bobcat, Mountain lion, Antelope, Elk, Bear, Moose, Buffalo and Wolf, along with gongs that are set throughout the range from 100 – 1200 yards. Backer boards are set at 25, 50, 100, 150, 200 300, 400, 500 and 600 yards and may be set at any additional established backstop. Only the target location on the sign posted inside the LLR are approved backstops. These are the only target positions authorized to be on the range without the written permission of the range officer and submitted to the club officers at a regular monthly meeting. No other target positions are currently authorized to be used at the PRRGC. All of the ranges must be call a cease fire called when checking targets beyond 300 yards. When this occurs, the member on the LRR is responsible for notifying each range set prior to going down range. The member is then responsible for letting each of the ranges know that the range is hot when he has returned to the LLR benches. The PR must have a cease fire called along with the LLR anytime personnel are going down range past 25 yards.

Shooters using magnum rifles with muzzle breaks need to be courteous and aware of others as the side blast and noise can affect others nearby.

C. Multi-Purpose RANGE (MPR)

The Multipurpose Range (MPR) has been developed on the east side of the range. The MPR range has been designed to be fluid in target placement. The MPR will be used for special events, outside groups, for training purposes and use with various types of firearms. The use of Rifles, shotguns and pistols are acceptable on this range. **The steel targets may only be shot with pistol cartridges at greater than 15 yards.** Rifles designed for standard pistol cartridges or subsonic round (example. 300 Blackout) maybe used to shoot steel targets at 20 yards or more. **Rifles may be no closer than 50 yards from the steel target set for 5.56/.223 caliber.** Rifles may be sighted in on the MPR using paper or other targets other than steel. **No green tip, red tip, black tip or non-expanding bullets may be used. Russian manufactured ammunition may not be used on the steel targets. No ammunition known to cause damage to the steel targets, or found to cause damage to the steel targets by the shooter, may be used or continued to be used on the steel targets.** There are no caliber or gauge restrictions on firearms when shooting paper targets. The MPR may be used to sight in firearms if desired. Because this range was developed to shoot at various locations and to be fluid, any course of fire must be approved prior to implementation by an officer of the club. The MPR may continue to be a hot range while the LRR and or PR range have a cease fire. When an individual utilizing the LRR needs to go farther down range than the

300 yard targets, a cease fire on the MPR must be called. The ranges will only be reopened and hot as determined by the individual that originally called the cease fire. No other individual will be allowed to reopen the ranges. The range must call a cease fire in place when this occurs and the member on the LRR is responsible for notifying each range set prior to going down range. The member is then responsible for letting each of the ranges know that the range is hot when he has returned to the LLR benches. Fully automatic firearms, except those using Pistol or rimfire cartridges, may not be used to shoot the steel targets on the MPR but may be used to shoot paper or other types of targets. Muzzle loading rifles or pistols are allowed on the MPR and may shoot steel targets because they use a soft expanding bullet that will not damage the targets. They may not shoot steel target at less than 50 yards from the shooter for safety reasons.

VII. HOURS OF OPERATION and Club Information.

The PRRGC is open 365 days a year from sunrise until sunset according to the lease agreement with the County. The Club meets each Third Thursday at the Casper Offices of the Game & Fish at 7:00 PM. We also post news and current events on our website at www.platterivergunclub.com

VIII. GUESTS

Members meeting the qualification of CRSO, RSO or RO may bring two guests to the range. Guests are allowed use of the range in the presence of the member provided the member has signed into the log-book as responsible supervisor. All guests are required to observe the range rules and proper gun handling. You are responsible for the conduct of your guests while at the range. Guests and other nonmembers are invited to participate in scheduled matches at the range where a fee is charged to enter the event, or on days open to the public, etc. Additional guest may be authorized with prior approval by club officers on a limited basis (examples: having more than 2 friends or family come in from out of town).

Every member has supervisory authority over nonmembers at the range. Certification by the PRCG that a person meets Range Officer status implies that the member is able, willing, and capable of acting as a supervisor of nonmembers. When a Range Safety Officer (RSO) is present and signed into the log-book, the RSO has supervisory authority over everyone at the range, including members and nonmembers. **All Range Commands issued by the RSO must be followed. Members or guests failing to follow commands or arguing with the officer in charge of the firing line will be asked to leave and a report of violation will be filed with the Club officers. Range privilege is suspended until the next monthly business meeting to determine the continued membership of violator.**

IX. ALCOHOL and/or Drugs

NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR ILLEGAL DRUGS ARE ALLOWED ON THE PRGC RANGE AT ANYTIME. Violation of this rule shall result in immediate expulsion from the range.

X. SAFETY GLASSES & HEARING PROTECTION

Safety glasses and hearing protection are mandatory for shooters and spectators on or near the firing line. It is your responsibility to have both with you for yourself and your guests while at the range. Glasses and hearing protection is not provided by the PRGC.

XI. HOUSEKEEPING

Clean up after yourself. If you bring materials to the range, do not leave them on the range. Cans, cardboard, boxes etc. Remove your targets from the backer boards when you are done shooting. Sweep up your brass and put into containers for brass or the trash cans. Should you generate excessive trash, use the dumpster. PRGC is a volunteer range and no one is paid to cleanup your mess.

XII. CHILDREN

Anyone bringing children to the range are responsible for their conduct. Do not permit the handling of firearms without supervision. All children must be kept a safe distance behind the firing line at all times unless engaged in shooting activities.

XIII. FIRE

Fire on the range is possible due to metallic targets and hot projectiles being fired down range. There is a fire extinguisher located in the club building. At times there may also be water in a 5 gallon bucket available there as well. Posted Red Flag warnings in Natrona County restrict shooting activities to paper targets during the warning times. Exploding targets or projectiles, tracer or incendiary ammunition may not be used at any time due to dry grass across the range. The County Fire Department/Emergency Services, and Club Officers, must be notified once a fire is detected

XIV. RANGE SAFETY

The range is supervised by members of the PRRGC. At all times, the range is only open when a member of the PRGC is present having the status of a CRSO, RSO, or RO certification, and never without a member of the PRGC being present. Members of the PRGC are afforded the privilege of a key for independent access in accordance with their certification of RO status. You are responsible for the safe handling and discharge of firearms at all times while on the range. You are responsible to know your target and the backstop.

EMS. (Emergency Management System) In the event of a medical emergency or wildfire on the range Call 911 and notify a club officer. **An Emergency Response or request will be determined by the personnel utilizing the range. If there is an injury requiring more than first aid or if emergency personnel are needed, the officers of the club must be contacted as soon as possible. The personnel at the range are the best ones to make this decision. Any fire on the range that cannot be immediately extinguished needs to be reported to the fire department and officers of the club.**

Safety features have been incorporated into the range design to deter projectiles from leaving the range grounds. Berms are installed along the east, west side and across the back of the PR area to contain bullets within the range. All long range targets are located to the East or right side of the LRR area. The range design must be respected by all shooters on the range to help prevent any projectile from leaving the range in any direction. All safe gun handling rules must be observed at all times.

1. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.
2. Keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until ready to fire or until the command "Commence Firing" has been given.
3. Keep the action open and the firearm unloaded until ready to use.
4. Know how your firearm operates.
5. Be sure the firearm and the ammunition are compatible.
6. Carry only one gauge/ caliber of ammunition when shooting
7. Be sure of your target and what's beyond. Be mindful of the adjacent areas and act accordingly.
8. Wear ear and eye protection.
9. Do not mix alcohol or drugs with shooting activities
10. Be aware that certain circumstances may require additional rules
 - a. Know and obey all range commands
 - b. Know where others are at all times
 - c. Shoot at only authorized targets
 - d. Unload, open action, remove the magazine and ground/bench all firearms during a cease fire.
 - e. Do not handle any firearm or stand at the firing line where firearms are present and others are down range
 - f. Cease fire must be passed to both areas PR and LRR and MPR before anyone goes down range.

- g. Always keep the muzzle pointed at the backstop. Never allow the muzzle to point in any direction where the inadvertent discharge would allow the escape of a projectile into an outer area.
- h. The possession and use of the 50 cal. BMG is prohibited at the PRGC range. This will be enforced by the Natrona County Sheriff if necessary and result in permanent loss of privileges.

The use of Armor Piercing (AP) Ammo is prohibited at the PRGC range. This is any military ammo, foreign or domestic, designed to penetrate a hardened target. If you have surplus military ammo and are unsure if it meets this criteria, **DO NOT** fire it at the PRGC Range. . Failure to follow this rule is grounds for immediate removal from the range and the forfeiture of your membership.

Automatic Firearms ie. Machine Guns are not prohibited on the PRGC range but they require special measures to ensure that they are fired safely. Automatic Firearms may only be used at the range when an additional NRA Certified Range Safety Officer (RSO) or Chief Range Safety Officer (CRSO) is present to supervise the firing of the Automatic Firearms. The RSO assigned to supervise the automatic Firearm fire, may not be the RSO the shooter of the firearm. **Check the rules to see what and where fully automatic firearms maybe used.**

Any person may call a cease fire on the range for safety reasons at any time.

Any person may call a cease fire at the range for safety reasons. Any member of the club (RO) Range Officer has authority to close the range temporarily. In a case in which a member closes the range for safety matters that affect the operations as a whole and not related to short term operations, the member shall inform the CRSO and/ or Club Officers immediately of the action of closing the range, including the basis for the closure. Under operational closures, the range shall remain closed until the Chief Range Safety Officer, or a Club Officer resolves the issue resulting in the range closure. All closures should be discussed at the next scheduled meeting of the Club, or sooner as conditions may warrant. Everyone at the range needs to be informed if there is a need to close down the range or call a range cease fire due to a hazardous situation. The range will remain under a cease fire or closure until the hazard has been corrected. If the problem cannot be immediately corrected officers of the club must be informed so that membership may be notified about the closure, and so that the issue can be corrected before the range is reopened. The Range closed sign located in the club building should be hung on the entrance gate if the range needs to be closed while the hazard is corrected and if no one remains at the range.

The “Range Closed, Personnel Down Range” signs must be posted on both covers whenever anyone goes down range to the distant targets since they may be out of sight at times. This will alert any new arrivals not to shoot until you return. Be sure to store the signs when you return to the firing line. The signs are mounted on the front of the gate at both the pistol and rifle range. Shut the gates when you are down range to display the signs. **If the chain is around the main entrance gate and locked, the range is closed to all members because of administrative use or maintenance work is being done on the range. Please call if you are uncertain.**

Club officers must be notified within immediately of any discharge of firearms that result in any injury or damage to range or individual property so that a safety report can be filed. **Notifications can be by text or phone contact followed by a written description of the incident.**

The large metallic big game animals are a high cost item. These are for the enjoyment of everyone on the range and add uniqueness to the PRGC. These targets are not to be shot with ammo that will cause damage. If you are punching holes in the steel targets, you are vandalizing your range.

Cross shooting is prohibited. This includes shooting targets on the right or center of the PR from the left side of the cover. This is to avoid splatter and to ensure the proper backstops for the rounds being put down

range. This also includes cross shooting on the LRR from target on the right at 25 or 50 yards while at the middle to far left benches. The new bench on the far right is designed for the closer target zeroing.

XV. WILDLIFE

Deer, rabbits, prairie dogs, and other animals are found on and adjacent to the range property throughout the year. No hunting is allowed on or from range property without prior written permission from the club officers.

Cows – Cows from the adjacent pastures will periodically knockdown fences and enter the range. **Do not shoot a cow!** Chase the cows from the impact/target areas and notify the club officers that they are inside the range. If a cow gets shot the individual will be responsible for all associated cost.

Vandalism to club resources will not be tolerated at any time. Vandalism is considered holes in buildings or windows or holes through gongs or metallic animals, or the shooting of backer boards with a shotgun.

Replacement backer boards and posts can be found in the PRRGC trailer. Tie wire is also located in the trailer. Should you damage a post or a backer board, replace it. This is a volunteer range.

Notices of range events throughout the year can be found at the back of Monthly meeting minutes. A calendar of events is posted on the bulletin board in the PRGC Building. Major events (Programs) for state Long Range, Mid-Range, F-Class and NRA High Power shoots are posted on the glass door of the trailer.

Range notices and restrictions are posted on the glass door of the Building and must be checked prior to shooting.

XVI. EVENTS

The PRRGC hosts events each year. Club 600 yard, Mid-Range prone Matches. The Wyoming State 600 yard Mid-Range Prone Match and a Club M-1 Garand Match. All portions of the range will be closed except for the competitors taking part in these matches. Based upon demand, the PRRGC may host a public day or day to encourage and assist in the sighting in of hunting rifles prior to Wyoming hunting seasons, during which times the range may also be closed except as to these uses. Based upon demand and arrangement with the Club, the range may provide for the range to be used by authorized 4H Clubs, Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops, public and secondary school shooting teams, military rifle teams, and police or military units and may close part or all of the range for these uses. During all such uses a Range Safety Officer will be present.

The PRRGC range is a member supervised range and every member is responsible to police themselves, and any nonmembers, at all times. Range safety is the responsibility of everyone on the range. We have a safe range design, but it can only continue if safe controlled shooters are an assumption

If you cannot follow or abide by the concepts and rules within this Safety/Operation package, return your key ASAP to any officer of the PRRGC

Should you violate the rules or SOPs, or your actions result in damage or injury to persons or property, your range privileges will be revoked for not less than 1 year and your name will be passed to the other ranges in the area and to law enforcement. Range safety of less than 100 percent safety is unacceptable. All members agree to indemnify and hold harmless the range, its members, and officers, for any claim for injury, or damages, which result from any act or omission on their part.

XVII . Video Recording

Cameras/ video recording equipment are in use on the range. Images can and will be used to protect the club and its members.