

Bulldogs Beat Tigers



Photo by Eden Taylor

Senior Zaron Bruce beating Ontario's 6'5" Shaun Hart to the rebound. Aiden Hayes and Brandon Stairs are ready to assist.

Baker Varsity boys defeated Ontario 67-49 at Baker High School on Jan. 20



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Emily Tatlock making a one-handed shot over Ontario.

Baker girls varsity hosted Ontario and beat the Tigers 50-36 on Jan. 20

Powder River Sportsmen Club Plans Events

Practical Shooters will begin their new season on Sunday, March 15 and Saturday, April 18. Registration is at 8 a.m. and the match starts at 9 a.m. PRPS shoots March through October and new shooters, ladies and juniors are always welcome. For more information you may visit practicalshooters.com or uspsa.org.

NRA Basic Pistol Course Offered

NRA certified instructor Buck Buckner will conduct the NRA Pistol Course starting in late April. The course consists of three evening classes and four hours of live fire instruction on the range. It more than meets the requirements for concealed carry in Oregon. Those interested should call Buck at 541-523-6109 in advance of the April 22 registration date. Cost of the course is \$65, including book and materials.

2015 NRA Youth Hunter Education Challenge has Begun

Registration for the YHEC was on Jan. 22 (but will remain open through Feb.) for young outdoorsmen and women under the age of 19 who completed a state-sponsored Hunter Safety Education Program. The participants are training to compete in eight events including orienteering, wildlife identification, hunter safety trail, shotgun, .22 rifle, muzzleloader, archery and a written exam covering the "Hunter's Guide" course manual. Firearms training and practice is conducted at the Virtue Flat Range and Baker Trap Club as weather permits. A statewide YHEC competition is held each June to select five member junior and senior teams to represent Oregon at the National YHEC competition which will be held this year in

Pennsylvania.

Registration fees are \$25 per student and the classes meet once each week. The club has .22 rifles, muzzleloaders, shotguns and archery equipment available for youngsters who do not have their own.

Match Schedules

1000 Yard Benchrest was held on Jan. 10 with the next being scheduled for Feb. 14, at 10 a.m. The entry fee is \$8 per rifle plus \$2 per additional five-shot group. Any rifle with any scope may be used and competitors will fire 1000 yards using any rest, unlimited sighters for up to 10 minutes, then five shots for record withing seven minutes. Contact Elwood Wirth for more information at 541-877-2324.

USPSA Practical Pistol matches will be held March 15, April 18, May 24 and June 28. They will be from 8-noon each day and the entry fees are \$15 for adults and \$10 for juniors. Any revolver or semi-auto, 9mm or larger may be used. The course of fire is various and you can shoot up to 150 rounds, you can bring 200. Targets are USPSA paper, steel poppers and plates. For more information call Ray Merritt at 541-403-1951 or email powderriverpracticalshooters@hotmail.com.

Cowboy Action Shoot matches are usually held the second Saturdays of the month: April 11, May 9 and June 20 from 8:30-2 p.m. Single action revolvers, lever action rifles or replicas made before 1896. Double bbl or Winchester Mod. 97 shotguns. Everyone is encouraged to dress in period western wear or "B" movie dress. Contact Chuck Buchanan 541-519-8550 or Dan McGuire at 541-212-5840.

Results from Club Shooting Match Held Last Fall

Oct. 19 marked the day for the 27th annual Club Championship Match. Six competitors showed up on a breezy Sunday afternoon. A perfect score is 300, accomplished by scoring 100 points in each of the three disciplines. Only five competitors have ever scored over 230 points in this match:

- 1991: Buck Buckner with 235
- 1992: R.A. Cunningham with 238
- 1993: Buck Buckner with 241 (club record)
- 1996: Wayne Bloom (236)
- 2001: Elwood Wirth (232)

The champion of this match was Spaug with a score of 183. Wirth was 2nd with 180 and Bloom was 3rd with 160.

Union Co. Bird

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- 11) We found our highest count of American Robin: 721, up from 237 in 2000 (37).
- 12) Mike Mahoney, Kendrick Moholt & Elizabeth Howard-Larvik, of Area #3 [High Valley], found our highest count of Snow Bunting: 45, up from 20 in 2012 (4).
- 13) We found our highest count of Red-Winged Blackbird: 590, up from 552 in 1999 (37).
- 14) Ross Hubbard, of Area [Cove] and Jim Lawrence, of Area 9 [I-84 complex, Hot Lake/Curtis], collectively found our highest count of Red Crossbill: 31+29 = 60, up from 24 in 2005 (8).
- 15) We found our highest count of Pine Siskin: 128, up from 91 in 2002 (29).
- 16) We tied our highest count of Cooper's Hawk: 6, with 2009 (25).
- 17) We tied our highest count of Clark's Nutcracker: 4, with 2013 (8).

Other highlights included:
 1) Trent Bray & Mike McAllister, of Area 10 [La Grande Waste Water Sewage Ponds, Foothill & South Pierce], found a single female Canvasback (4); two immature male Redhead (14); one female Bufflehead (14); and two male Barrow's Goldeneye (9).
 2) Dave Trochlell, of Area 11 south [Ladd Marsh WMA], found one Common Merganser (9), and two American Pipit (3).
 3) Rob & Robin, of Area # 6 [Gekeler/Godley], found one Peregrine Falcon (5) along Godley Road.
 4) We found four Virginia Rail (14) around Hot Lake & Curtis Road.
 5) The Roaming Owl Squad [Mike Mahoney, Mike McAllister, Kendrick Moholt & Trent Bray] found two Northern Saw-wet Owl up Ladd Canyon(5).
 6) Sara Watson found a single Pileated Woodpecker (9) near Catherine Creek State Park.
 7) Mike Mahoney, Kendrick Moholt & Elizabeth Howard-Larvik, of Area #3 [High Valley], found a single Varied Thrush (10) along Little Creek.
 8) We found two Lincoln's Sparrow (6); one in Ladd Marsh WMA & one in Union, both at feeders.

9) Trent Bray & Mike McAllister relocated the stake out Yellow-headed Blackbird in Ladd Marsh WMA (3), with the help of Dave Bronson & Cathy Nowak.

Count Week birds included:

The day after the count, Dave Bronson found one American Bittern (1) six Tundra Swan (5) on Ladd Marsh WMA.

Big misses:


Hairy Woodpecker (34), Horned Lark (26), Bohemian Waxwing(23)

Effort :

34 participants
 54.75 hours and 413.5 miles by vehicle.
 22.83 hours and 27.7 miles by foot.
 11 hours and 74 miles by vehicle and 1.5 miles by foot, Owling.
 4.33 hours at feeders.

Weather :

Periodic light, morning snow; very foggy into the mid afternoon; cloudy through the early evening. Temperatures ranged from 17 - 45 degrees F with an average of 25.3 degrees F. Very light to no wind.



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