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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

August 2009

Range and Match News

Pat Holsted reported that H. Excavating has started the dirt work on range 4A. The weather has been slowing things down, though, so they haven't gotten as much done as we would like. Still, it's finally underway!

Please remember that while the dirt work is going on all ranges will be closed during weekdays from 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. (Please note the new hours!) The ranges will be open on Saturday and Sunday. Always be sure to call the club information line at 315-3071 to get the status of the range before driving out. That's a long way to go and not be able to shoot.

In other news, the first CMP rifle match was held on July 25 and was a great success. Match directors James Squires and Geroge Toney reported a good turnout and great expectations for continued interest and growth. Be sure to come out and give it a try next month.

Also, Greg Sullivan reported that the new target animal trailer (the purchase of which was approved last month) has been obtained and is working great. Our thanks to mason Sickle for providing it to us and giving us such a great deal.

Finally, we had two match-related motions at the July meeting. The first was to allocate \$335.74 to pay for the new swinger target brackets on range one. The motion was approved.

The second motion was to hold an IDPA 3-gun action match on November 6 and 7. This match will be held on ranges 1, 4 and 5. The motion was approved. More details on this match will be available in future issues of the newsletter and on the club website.

2010 Dues Remain Unchanged

As is done at every August meeting, the floor was opened to motions to set the club dues amount for next year. A motion was made and approved to keep the dues at the current level of \$75.00.

2010 Officer Nominations

In September we will accept nominations for club officers for the coming year. Please be sure to attend this meeting and play an active role in the future of your club.

Cabot Shotgun Match

The 6th annual Men's Trap Shoot will be held Saturday, August 22 at the Remington Gun Club in Cabot. The match starts at 8:00 a.m., with registration beginning at 7:00 a.m. The cost will be \$30.00, and a gun will be provided if you don't have one. For details, call 501-843-5472.

Correction

We neglected to report some information from the July club meeting. During that meeting, there was a disagreement among some members and club vice-president Pat Holsted regarding the details of the original motion for the IDPA 3-gun match. As a result, Pat said he was resigning as vice-president. After the meeting, and after consultation with club president Paul Stiedle, Pat withdrew his resignation. The resignation was never put before the club, so essentially it never happened. However, in the spirit of full disclosure, it should have been reported in the July newsletter. Your editor takes full responsibility and regrets the omission.

Austin Odom Wins Gold

Austin Odom, son of club member Clay Odom, won the gold medal for his age group in the Olympic Trap event at the USA Shooting Shotgun Nationals, held July

15-18 in Colorado Springs with over 150 competitors from across the nation. Austin also won the silver medal for his class while shooting 215 out of 250 and placed 19th for juniors and 49th overall.

At the Junior Olympics, held July 30-August 1, Austin competed against more than 120 youths 20-years-old and under. He finished 13th overall and first for his age group, winning a gold and shooting 114 out of 125.

While at the Nationals, Austin competed next to the likes of Lance Bade (three-time Olympian and member of our current national team), Corey Cogdell (bronze medalist at the Beijing Olympics and current national champion), Ryan Hadden of the U.S. Army marksmanship unit (world cup champion in Egypt), and many other elite shooters. Austin has been coached by Brett Erickson of Texas, a retired member of the U.S. Army's marksmanship unit and a competitor in the Barcelona, Atlanta, Athens, and Beijing Olympics.

Further information can be found at www.usashooting.org. Congratulations, Austin!

Any Day Is A Work Day

We held our most recent work day in May, but there's no reason to wait for an official work day to help keep the range in shape. Please help police it. If you see someone leaving behind some trash, ask them politely to pick it up. Sometimes all it takes is a gentle nudge to help people remember that we are all responsible for the condition of our range.

Range property continues to be destroyed on all ranges. Club members are reminded that they are equal owners of club property, and this continued destruction is costing all club members. If you see someone destroying club property please get a license plate number and contact one of the club officers.

We are also looking for some young, strong maintenance people to help keep the range in shape. A lot of the folks who do the regular care of the range are getting older and they can't do all of this hard work forever. If you're interested in helping, please contact club president Paul Stiedle.

Change Your Address? Let Us Know!

If you change your mailing address or your email address please let us know. The club secretary reports that a few 2009 renewals have been returned marked "Moved, no forwarding address." He's also noticed that some 2009 renewals have a different email address from the one we have on file. To ensure that you keep informed of club activities, please file a "change of address" request with the post office when you move, and let us know when you get a new email address.

New Online Feature Offered

We now have another way for you to keep up with what's happening in the club. We've started a discussion

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Range and Club Information Hotline501-315-3071

Club Meetings

Meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Econo Lodge in Benton (I-30 Exit 117).

Officers

PresidentPaul Stiedle (517-0756)
Vice-PresidentPat Holsted (766-4942)
Secretary-Treasurer.....Rex Gismond / Bryan Hendricks
Range Maintenance Officer.....Bob Elrod (778-2165)
Range & Safety OrientationJames Squires (847-2147)

group, hosted by Yahoo.com. It's free and it's easy. Just go to the club web site at bentongunclub.org, scroll to the bottom and look for the "Subscribe to Benton Gun

Club Online" box. Then enter your email address and click on the "Join Now" button. That's all there is to it.

Youth Director Wanted

We are looking for a person (or persons) to plan and coordinate youth-focused shooting and training activities for the club. If you would like to volunteer, please contact one of the club officers.

Please Observe All Range Rules

Anyone observed violating the club range and safety rules is subject to dismissal from the club. New members, make sure that you know what type of firearm may be used on each range. If you don't know, read your bylaws.

Shotgun shooters on the shotgun range (range 7) should use #4 shot or smaller. Shotgun slugs and shot larger than #4 are absolutely against the rules on this range, but may be used on all other ranges with the exception of the silhouette range (range 2).

We'd also like to remind club members not to move target stands closer to the sheds or pads. All target

stands must be placed directly in front of a designated berm or backstop. Failure to comply with this rule, or any other range rule, may result in revocation of your membership.

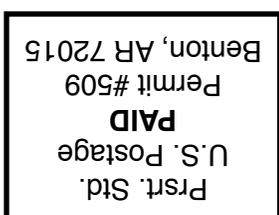
New Members

We welcomed 12 new members at the August meeting. They are Chuck Anderson, Scott Kilbury, Don Jack, Craig Bay, Jeffrey Kurczek, Steven Gray, Johnny Ramsey, Joshua Spann, Bobby Musick, Steven Lewis, Robin Parks, and Dale Morris. Welcome to the club, folks!

If you are a new club member and a new member of the NRA, please send a copy of your membership card or the label from your NRA magazine to the club post office box. This will enable the club secretary to update the files with your NRA number and correct expiration date.

Please note that all new members must attend the mandatory range and safety orientation before using the range. You are not a fully qualified member until you attend the orientation.

Also, don't forget that all new members are entitled to shoot in one club match per shooting discipline free of charge. Look over that match schedule, and come out and experience the fun of competition shooting.



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