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Benton Gun Club Newsletter • April 2006

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Range and Match News

A motion was approved at the April meeting to purchase two action target plate racks for the falling plate range. However, since the total cost comes to \$2,110.00, this motion will have to be confirmed by a second vote at the May 8 club meeting. (Any approved club disbursement exceeding \$1,000.00 must be ratified by a second vote the following month.)

Rex Gismond made a motion to dispose of old club records that are taking up space in the club's storage shed. We will destroy any records older than the minimum number of years required to have on hand for tax purposes. We will repeat this process each year going forward. The motion was approved.

In other range news, Pat Holsted proposed having a storage unit set up at the range instead of paying rent for a shed as we do now. This topic was merely brought up for discussion and no formal motion has yet been made. He will research options and prices and present his findings at the May club meeting.

A motion was also approved to spend \$1,000.00 for ammunition for the upcoming Benton Gun Club Festival. Paul Stiedle obtained price quotes from several vendors, all in the neighborhood of \$900.00. Any funds not needed for ammunition will be used for other Festival supplies. Unused ammunition will be made available to club members at cost.

Finally, we'd like to remind members that all lower ranges (except for the plinking range) will be closed during the Festival. (See item below for more information on the festival.)

BGC Festival This Month

The Benton Gun Club Festival will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2006. This event is open to the public and will promote all matches and shooting disciplines. Club members will provide the guns and targets, and the club will provide most of the ammunition. It sounds like it will be a lot of fun for everyone.

Of course, this event won't be a success without help from you. If you would like to volunteer, please contact one of the club officers at the numbers shown below. There will be a planning meeting at the range (lower range 4) on April 22 at 8:00 a.m.

Concealed Carry Class

The club is planning to hold another concealed carry class if there is sufficient interest. We need twelve students in order to hold the class. If you would be interested in attending such

a class, please call the club information line at 315-3071 and leave a message with your name and number.

The class is open to all club members and their spouses. A date will not be announced until we get enough people signed up. Signing up requires sending a check for \$40.00 (made out to the Benton Gun Club) to the club P. O. box. Class fees will not be deposited until the class is held. If we don't get enough interest, your check will be returned.

Youth Training Class Scheduled

Chuck Anderson, the Benton Gun Club Youth Program director, announced that a class has been scheduled for June 3. It will be held on lower range 2 beginning at 8:00 a.m. The class is limited to 15 students, ages 10-16. If you would like more information, please contact Chuck at 501-602-2971.

Webmaster Wanted

The club is looking for someone to maintain and update the club website. Pat Holsted is acting as the interim webmaster until a permanent replacement is found. If you have experience with web site maintenance and are interested in keeping the club's web site up to date, please call Pat at 766-4942.

Donation Drive Completed

Shooters101.com has been holding a donation drive and is giving away a CZ 75B 9mm pistol, a SigTac tactical vest, and a Fobus Holster and magazine carrier. All 300 tickets have now been sold, and 100% of the proceeds will be used to pur-

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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 Ramada Inn in Benton (I-30 Exit 117).

Officers

President Paul Stiedle (888-2930)
Vice-President Pat Holsted (766-4942)
Secretary-Treasurer Rex Gismond (315-3071)
Range Maintenance Officer Bob Elrod (778-2165)
Range & Safety Orientation..... James Squires (847-2147)
Youth Program Coordinator .. Chuck Anderson (602-2971)

Range Subcommittee

Chairman Pat Holsted (766-4942)
Smallbore Rifle and Pistol Silhouette, Falling Plate Rifle ...
..... Frank Bray, Jr. (653-0630) or Jim Wood (847-9244)
High Power Rifle Open
Pistol Larry Egger (803-9002)
Rifle, up to 200 Yards..... Open
Shotgun..... James Squires (847-2147)
Plinking Range Open

chase steel props that will be donated by Shooters101.com to the Benton Gun Club. The drawings will be held at the IDPA match on April 22, at 9:00 a.m. Our thanks to Pat for organizing this drive to benefit the club.

Safety Re-Orientations Required

As mentioned previously, the club is requiring all members to go through the safety orientation again. The range has changed a lot in the years since the orientation sessions were begun, and it was felt that everyone could use a refresher.

The re-orientation will be required for all members who were in the club as of May 2005. (Any members who joined after that have already received an updated version of the orientation.) Members will have until the end of 2006 to retake it. You **MUST** have your membership card with you when you take the orientation.

James Squires will be at the range to give the re-orientations on the first and third Saturday of each month at 2:00 p.m., and on the second Saturday of each month at 11:00 a.m. In addition, the following people are also administering re-orientations, and will be available after club matches: J. L. Squires, Jr., Leroy Squires, Rex Gismond, Mark Boeckman, Pat Holsted (at noon following the monthly IDPA matches), Paul Stiedle, Larry Morgan, John Watkins, and Bill Morris.

To make arrangements for retaking the safety orientation at some other time, contact James Squires at 847-2147.

NOTE TO THOSE WHO ARE GIVING ORIENTATIONS: After you give a member the re-orientation, please sign and date the back of his or her membership card. We need this as a double check in case an attendance sheet is lost.

Please Observe All Range Rules

Someone has been using high-powered rifles on lower range 2. This range is for **smallbore rifles only**. 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.

We'd 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.

Also, if you decide to burn trash in the barrels on the range, please check first to make sure a state, county or local burn ban is not in effect.

New Address? Let Us Know!

If you change your address, telephone number or e-mail provider please send the changes to the club post office box or e-mail us at bgc139@yahoo.com. You can also submit updates by calling the club information line at (501) 315-3071 and leaving a message with your name and a description of what you want changed. This will allow the club secretary to update the club files so you won't miss something important.

Also, if you were expecting to get this newsletter by e-mail but instead received it in your regular mail, then either we don't have your e-mail address on file or the one we have for you is incorrect. If you would like to get the newsletter by e-mail, or if you want to switch back to regular mail, please send a message to us at bgc139@yahoo.com and we will change your newsletter delivery method.

New Members

We welcomed 25 new and returning members at the April meeting. They are Brian Henley, Mark Weber, John Pearson, Ed Berry, Charles Manning, Jerry Short, John Aday, Lucas Howard, Milton Bynum, Bill Beaumont III, Jeffery Lynch, Aaron Kubli, Thomas Browne, Matthew Stinnett, Kelly Martin, Clayton Ferrell, Ray Nowell, Michael Romeo, Danny McNeese, Daniel O'Shea, Steven Wallace, Jimmie Wright, Jenceson Payte, and Alan Zidek. Welcome to the club, folks!

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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