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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

April 2008

Bylaws Meeting Held April 7

We voted on club bylaws changes at a special meeting Monday, April 7. The updated bylaws will be available on the club website, and will also be distributed to all club members via email (if you have it) or regular mail. Look for your copy soon.

Range and Match News

The framing for the sheds on the new 600-yard range has begun. The roof panels have been delivered, although eight of them were too short and will have to be replaced by the vendor. The special work days to build two target rails were a success and one of them has already been erected.

In other news, the IDPA range safety officer class was cancelled due to illness. It will be rescheduled at a later date. Watch here or on the club website for an announcement.

May Work Day Scheduled

The club will hold a work day on May 4, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Range one will be open for a match but all others will be closed during the work day hours.

Concealed Carry Class Planned

We plan to hold another concealed carry license class this year. We need to have 12 people signed up in order to hold the class. To get on the waiting list, please contact James Squires at 501-847-2147.

Falling Plate Targets Available

Now that we have the resettable targets on the falling plate range, the club is selling its old portable falling plate sets. Centerfire plate sets are \$25, rimfire sets are \$20. There are six plates per set. If you're interested, please contact one of the club officers.

New Members

We welcomed fifteen new members at the April meeting. They are Herman Sargent, Steven Elliott, Herbert Davis, Corby Morrow, Sam Roberts, Randy Morrow, Donald Jenkins, Jeffrey Grove, Jerry Bain, Paul Montgomery, William Mahan, Hans Pfeil, Garret Brousard, James Polston, and Michael Thirion. 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. Also, don't forget that all new members are entitled to shoot in one club match per shooting discipline free of charge.

The Shooters Corner, Vol. IV

by Pat Holsted

Over the next few months I am going to discuss the matches that are held each month at the club. I know some of you have looked at the match schedule and wondered what you need to shoot a certain match. I hope these next few months will give you new insight into the wonderful world of competition shooting sports. The matches we hold fall into a few categories: Sport Rifle, Sport Pistol, Action Pistol and Shotgun.

For the first installment I am going to cover the match I consider to be the most fun, the Speed Steel Match, which falls under the category of Action Pistol. Your score for this match is your raw time for any stage plus any points for missed targets. (5 seconds for each missed target.) The targets are AR500 steel triangles and squares ranging in size from 8" to 12". Each stage can have one to thirty targets placed 10 to 35 yards from the shooting box which is a 3' x 3' square. An average match will have up to six stages. Each stage is shot one to 5 times with a total match round count of 100 to 125 rounds.

The pistol needed to shoot a match can vary from low as a few hundred dollars to a few thousand

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Club Meetings

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

Officers

President..... Paul Stiedle (517-0756)
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 or 951-3066)

Range Subcommittee

Chairman..... Pat Holsted (766-4942)
Smallbore Rifle and Pistol Silhouette.....
..... 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

depending on the division you want to shoot in. Most of the competitors that I have met are using everyday guns like Glocks, Springfield XD's , 1911's in both 9mm and 45 ACP and even a few revolvers, but I have also seen a few custom-built race guns built on STI lowers running 38-super , 40-cal and 9mm major. There is also a division for 22 Rim Fire and I have seen quite a few shooters using Ruger's Mark II and Browning Buckmarks.

Other equipment you will need is a safe and secure holster for the center fire class and a range bag of some type for the rim fire class. For center fire you will also need at least 2 magazines and magazine carriers, although to make things easier 4 or more is better. The use of safety glasses is mandatory for shooters and bystanders and hearing protection is recommended.

Each class has different divisions so competitors with similar equipment compete with each other. I will list a short description of each but for more detailed info check out the rules on the web at www.shooters101.com under the Speed Steel tab.

Center Fire Class, Stock Service Pistol (SSP). This division is for pretty much what it says, stock double action/safe action pistols like Glock, Beretta, Ruger and Sig. No major custom work can be preformed but you can make changes like trigger and action jobs and you can also change sights. Magazine capacity is restricted to no more than 10 rounds.

Center Fire Class, Enhanced Service Pistol (ESP). This division is for single action 9mm/.38 Super/.40 service pistols such as Browning HP, CZ 75, and EAA Witness. Enhanced means just that you may enhance your pistols with checkered front and back straps. Cosmetic checkering/serrations, extended safeties and beaver tails and the like. Magazine capacity is restricted to no more than 10 rounds.

Center Fire Class, Custom Defense Pistol (CDP). This division is for 45 ACP pistols only. You may change sights to another conventional notch and post type,

checker front strap and back strap, have beveled magazine well and add-on well extensions. The magazine capacity is restricted to eight round or less.

Center Fire Class, Revolver Division. This division is intended for shooters using popular service revolvers such as S&W 66, 686 and Ruger GP-100. Any modifications are allowed. Use of any type of holster and ammunition carriers.

Center Fire Class, Limited Division. This division is intended for shooters using pistols modified for enhanced competition use. Maximum number of rounds that may be loaded in a magazine is unlimited. Use of any type of holster and ammunition carriers. Ported barrels and compensators are allowed. Extended oversized magazine release buttons are allowed. Add on weights, weighted magazines, tungsten guide rods and extended dust covers are also allowed.

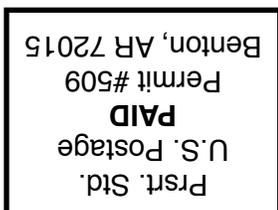
Center Fire Class, Open Division. This division is intended for shooters using pistols with any modifications and the use of optics and electronic sights. Maximum number of rounds that may be loaded in a magazine is unlimited. Use of any type of holster and ammunition carriers.

Rim Fire Class, Limited Division. This division is intended for 22 Rim Fire pistols with Iron sights. Some allowed modifications are grips, muzzle breaks and action jobs. Maximum magazine capacity is ten rounds.

Rim Fire Class, Open Division. This division is intended for 22 Rim Fire pistol with any modifications and the use of optics and electronic sights. Maximum number of rounds per magazine is 10.

Well, I hope this will give you a good view of what this match is about. Please come shoot one with us.

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