

Range and Match News

A follow-up vote was held on last month's motion to transfer an additional \$8,700.00 into the range maintenance account. (See last month's newsletter for additional details.) Since last month's meeting, the amount has been revised downward to \$1,900.00. The follow-up vote was for approval so the motion is now passed.

In other news, work will be starting soon on range 4A. All ranges will be closed during weekdays from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. All 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. For some that's a long way to drive and not be able to shoot.

Also, the club is now a member of the Civilian Marksmanship Program. Forms for ordering from the CMP will be online in the near future. If you want a hard copy you can pick up forms at the monthly club meetings.

Finally, two motions were made for target purchases. The first came from Larry Morgan asking for new targets for the IDPA, carbine, and three-gun matches. The set of targets will include three pigeon flipper attachments, one flash target and 100 NRA TPC targets. Total cost not to exceed \$667.00. The motion was seconded and passed.

The second target-related motion came from Greg Sullivan, who requested that we purchase a full set of high-power rifle silhouette animals at a cost not to exceed \$3,200.00. This motion was also seconded and passed, but will require a follow-up vote at the May club meeting because the amount exceeds \$1,000.00.

Pine Bluff Gun Club Fundraiser

The Pine Bluff Gun Club will hold a fundraising event to benefit Special Olympics on May 2. For more information, please visit their website at <http://pbgunclub.org>

Work Day May 30

We will hold our next work day on Saturday, May 30, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. There will be plenty to do, so please come out and help us keep your range in top condition. Hope to see you there.

Concealed Carry Refresher Course Cancelled

Due to lack of interest, the concealed carry refresher course has been cancelled. If there is enough interest in the future to revive these plans, we'll let you know.

Speaking of Concealed Carry, club member James Squires says that if you need to renew your license, please contact him directly at 847-2147. (This is not connected with the refresher course mentioned above.)

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

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).

Someone has caused severe damage to some of the target board posts on the plinking range. Hidden, motion-sensitive security cameras have been installed to find out who is doing this. James Squires once again asks that shooters PLEASE stop shooting at the posts. If you need a practice target, contact James and he'll get you one.

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 23 new members at the April meeting. They are Rodney Baldrige, John Buehrle, Joshua Burdess, Jackie Clark, Jason Cooper, David Cupan, James David, Tom Emerson, George Gadd, David Hars, Ken Hart, Joe Hester, Jerry Johnson, Gary Martin, Doug McCarty, Shane Melton, Walter O'Neal, Sam Probasco, Justin Reynolds, Kyle Rhone, Charles Robison Jr., Lewis Webb II, and Bert Wilson. 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

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Range and Club Information Hotline..... 501-315-3071

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

President..... Paul Stiedle (517-0756)
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charge. Look over that match schedule, and come out and experience the fun of competition shooting.

News from the NRA-ILA

The following items come from the NRA-ILA web page, www.nraila.org. Reprinted with permission.

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Holds that the Second Amendment Applies to the States

Fairfax, Va. – [On April 21], the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit marked a milestone in Second Amendment history by ruling that the Second Amendment limits state and local government infringements on our right to keep and bear arms through the due process clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. NRA has been involved in, and supportive of, this case for the past ten years and has filed several amicus briefs in the case.

“The historic Heller decision was a major victory for law-abiding gun owners and recognized that the federal government could not infringe on our right to keep and bear arms,” said Chris W. Cox, NRA chief lobbyist.

“Today’s decision, which applies to the states in the Ninth Circuit, ensures that the fundamental freedoms affirmed in Heller are not just limited to the residents of Washington, D.C.”

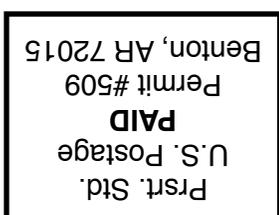
In 1999, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors passed an ordinance that made it a misdemeanor to

possess a firearm on county property, effectively banning gun shows. This ordinance affected a local business, owned by Russell and Sallie Nordyke, which promotes gun shows throughout California. In an attempt to continue holding their gun shows on the Alameda county fairgrounds property, the Nordykes filed suit to strike down the ordinance.

The U.S. Court of Appeals upheld the ordinance banning guns on county property, but found, consistent with the views of most Second Amendment scholars, that the Second Amendment protects the right to keep and bear arms for all law-abiding Americans. NRA is also pursuing litigation on that issue in Chicago and Oak Park, Illinois. That case is currently pending before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

“The NRA shares the Nordykes’ disappointment with the ruling on the county ordinance, as gun shows should not be discriminated against by local government entities. The incorporation portion of the decision, however, is a major step forward in enshrining our Second Amendment freedoms,” said Cox.

“This decision brings us closer to seeing Heller applied throughout the land,” concluded Cox. “After nearly 10 years of litigation, the hard work of the Nordykes, their attorneys, Donald Kilmer and Don Kates, and NRA’s legal team has resulted in today’s historic decision.”



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