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Benton Gun Club Newsletter • August 2007

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Range and Match News

Paul Stiedle reported that the dirt work for the berm on the 600-yard range has been delayed, probably until September 1. However, they may start sooner than that, so save yourself a trip and call the club information line to make sure we're open BEFORE you drive out to the range. All ranges will be unavailable for use while this dirt work is underway. They'll be working from daybreak until 4:30 p.m. on weekdays. The ranges will be available for use after 4:30 p.m. and all day during the weekends. This dirt work is expected to take less than two weeks.

Paul also reported that he had obtained pricing information for having a trash dumpster installed at the range. It will cost \$42.50 per month, and be emptied twice a month. It will be equal in capacity to all of the existing trash barrels. A motion was made and passed to have the dumpster installed. All existing burn barrels will be removed. Plastic barrels will be installed in their place and emptied periodically into the new dumpster.

In other news, the work on the water tower (see earlier issues of the newsletter for details) will be starting soon, so you may start seeing some activity in that corner of the range.

Finally, George Craig reported that the mailing for the Special Olympics match has been sent to sheriff and police departments all over Arkansas. The match is still scheduled for October 13, and you can find more details below.

BGC Sponsoring 4-H Club

Mark Ward of the Saline County 4-H Shooting Sports Club spoke to Benton Gun Club members at the August meeting. Mark was present to request sponsorship for the 4-H Club's youth programs. They hold two organized matches per year for children aged 8 to 19. A motion was made and passed to sponsor the 4-H Club with a donation of \$500.00 for the purchase of targets and ammunition.

The 4-H Shooting Sports Club is also happy to accept direct donations of ammunition, and they are always looking for volunteers. If you would like to help or obtain further information, please contact Kevin Minyard at 501-939-2375 or 501-590-1696.

Bylaws Committee Planned

We will put together a bylaws review committee sometime during the year to add to and/or update the drawings of lower ranges 2 through 7 and upper range 1. The committee will also clean up any errors in our current bylaws. If you are

interested in serving on this committee, please contact Paul Stiedle at 517-0756.

Special Olympics Event

As we've mentioned previously, the club will be hosting a Law Enforcement Challenge Match, to benefit Special Olympics. This will be a 5-stage match, open to law enforcement personnel only. The public will be invited to watch the event. The event will use four of the lower ranges, and is currently scheduled for October 13. The entry fee will be \$20 per person (two-man teams). All proceeds will go to Special Olympics and will remain in Arkansas. If you have questions or would like to help out, please contact George Craig at 351-4948.

Want To Be An Instructor?

If you are interested in becoming an NRA-certified instructor, please contact Paul Stiedle at 517-0756.

Club Info Line Is Not A Hot-line

This is just a little reminder to let you know that the club information line is not monitored around the clock. It is checked daily, but please be aware that it may be a while before someone has a chance to listen to your message and get back to you.

Please Observe All Range Rules

Anyone observed violating the club range and safety rules

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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 (517-0756)
Vice-President George Rhode
Secretary-Treasurer Rex Gismond (315-3071)
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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

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. However, please note that for the next few issues the newsletter will be sent via regular mail only.

New Members

We welcomed 10 new members at the August meeting. They are Monty Sherrill, Rex Moran, Glenn Saffle, Glenn Dinsmore, John Wilson, Shawn McDonald, David Scruggs, Terrence Collier, William Cooper, and Robert Jernigan. 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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