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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

August 2008

Range and Match News

Pat Holsted reported that he has submitted an application on behalf of the club to the NRA's Range Grant program. We hope to hear something back from them soon.

In other news, a club member requested that we install some sort of "downrange" indicator on the new 600-yard range. Several ideas were discussed but no specific decision was made.

August Work Day Set

We will hold our next club work day on August 30, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. It is very important to have a good club turn out for this one. We need to accomplish a few tasks:

1. Range 1 needs to be walked from end to end and all large rocks need to be picked up.
2. Range 3 needs to have all large rocks picked up and all excess steel and brass cases raked up.
3. Range 2 needs to have all brass cases raked and picked up.
4. Range 6 needs to have the grass cut and grass killer sprayed on the whole range.

Please contact Patrick Holsted at 501-766-4942 or Paul Stiedle at 501-517-0756 and let them know if you can make this work day. Please tell all club members that you see and request them to be present. We hope you'll come out and help us keep your range in tip-top shape!

New Secretary-Treasurer Sought

Our current (and long-standing) secretary-treasurer, Rex Gismond, is stepping down at the end of this year. We are seeking someone to fill this post for us in 2009.

We plan to post a job description on the club website, but generally speaking we need someone willing to dedicate the time to maintaining the club finances and membership records. Computer skills are a must, and Benton residency would be a plus (since that's where the club post office box is). A retired individual would be preferred. We may also look at dividing the workload and splitting this office into two positions.

If you are interested in serving the club in this capacity, please contact one of the current club officers at the numbers listed below.

Dues Remain Unchanged in 2009

As required by the club bylaws, we opened the floor for motions at the August club meeting regarding the club dues for the coming year. After some discussion, one motion was made to keep the dues at the current level. This motion was seconded and passed.

Club #2 in NRA Recruitment

According to the Summer 2008 issue of NRA Recruiter, the Benton Gun Club is the #2 club recruiter in the nation. We're proud to be a 100% NRA club. Congratulations to all of YOU for making this possible.

Concealed Carry Class Postponed

We were planning to hold another concealed carry license class this year, but we have a shortage of instructors for the NRA course. We apologize for the change in plans. We'll post news here and on the web site when the situation changes.

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

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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 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)
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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 seven new members at the August meeting. They are Bill Pruden, David Rogers, James Daniel, Brad Burkes, Taylor Thompson, Jeremy "Zeke" Brinsfield, and Glenn Sago. 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.

News from the NRA-ILA

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

NRA Files Second Amendment Cases in Illinois, California

Fairfax, Va., June 27-Following up on the recent Supreme Court ruling that the Second Amendment protects a private right to possess firearms that is not limited to militia service, the National Rifle Association

of America today filed five lawsuits challenging local gun bans in San Francisco, and in Chicago and several of its suburbs.

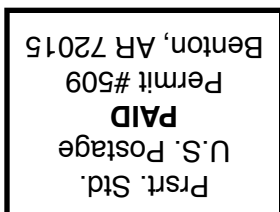
"The Supreme Court held yesterday that the Second Amendment right is exercised individually and belongs to all Americans," said NRA chief lobbyist Chris W. Cox. "These lawsuits will ensure that state and local governments hear those words."

The San Francisco lawsuit challenges a local ordinance and lease provisions that prohibit possession of guns by residents of public housing in San Francisco. NRA is joined in that suit by the California Rifle and Pistol Association and the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms.

The Chicago case challenges a handgun ban nearly identical to the law struck down yesterday in Washington, D.C. The other Illinois suits challenge handgun bans in the suburban towns of Evanston, Morton Grove and Oak Park.

All five suits raise the issue of the application of the Second Amendment against the states through the Fourteenth Amendment, known in constitutional law as "incorporation." Because Washington, D.C. is not a state, incorporation was not specifically addressed in yesterday's Supreme Court decision in *District of Columbia v. Heller*, but the decision did repeatedly equate the Second Amendment to the First and Fourth Amendments, which have applied to the states for 80 years.

"In Washington, D.C. or in any state, whether you live in the housing projects or a high end suburb, you have the right to defend yourself and your family at home," Cox concluded. "These laws all deny that right, and NRA will not rest until they are all struck down."



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