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Benton Gun Club Newsletter • January 2007

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## Safety Orientation Reminder

The club secretary is receiving 2006 and 2005 membership cards that do not have a range safety officer's name and the date on them. Without this information the club records cannot be updated nor will you receive a 2007 renewal form. In every issue of the newsletter since June of 2005 we have been reminding members that a range and safety orientation is required before a membership can be renewed for 2007. Anyone who joined the club before June of 2005 is required to do this. See below for details on how you can take the orientation.

## New Gate Keys Coming Soon

The new gate keys will be mailed on February 5, 2007. The new key will be nickel (silver) and will be stamped with "USA 1092NR M16 ILCO."

The gate locks will be changed on February 12, 2007. Try your new key in the locks. When the new key works, *throw the old keys away.*

## Range Land Sale Update

Here's a small update on last month's item about the proposed sale of one acre of our property to Sardis Water Association Public Water Authority. (See last month's newsletter for details.)

Mailing labels have been printed for all members of the club as of January 2, 2007. SWAPWA will cover all costs of mailing the voting cards and information to the members. If the sale goes through, they will also cover all closing costs. George Rhode and Pat Holsted will be the co-chairmen of the committee overseeing this project.

Last month we reported that three-fourths of the membership would have to approve the sale before it could take place. The actual majority needed is two-thirds.

## Work Day Set for February 3

The club will hold its next work day on February 3, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. If you'd like to lend a hand, please join us. There's plenty of work to go around. We need a couple of chain saws and some weed eaters. If you have one of these items, please bring it.

## Range and Match News

George Rhode reported at the January meeting that the cleanup work planned for lower range 2 has not been done. This work is to be performed by Herman Reeves. George also reported that Greg Sullivan has been in contact with Herman

to obtain the quote on upper range 1 that was requested last year.

In other news, a motion was approved at the January meeting to send a contribution to the NRA-ILA. This contribution will come from the commissions that the club receives each year for NRA memberships that are handled through the club. Rex Gismond reports that the amount will be approximately \$2,500.00. We'll know the exact amount next month. Because the amount exceeds \$1,000.00, this motion will require a confirmation vote at the February club meeting.

## 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 888-2930.

## Special Olympics Event Proposed

Paul Stiedle was contacted by a representative from the Arkansas Special Olympics, to see if we would be interested in hosting some sort of benefit event. It's entirely up to us to determine what sort of event it would be. As you may or may not know, all proceeds from such an event would remain in the state. If you have ideas or would like to help, contact Paul at 888-2930.

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**Newsletter Editor:** Craig Boyd. Send newsletter submissions and "for sale" notices to the club P. O. box.

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

### Officers

President ..... Paul Stiedle (888-2930)  
Vice-President ..... George Rhode  
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

## 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 helping keep the club's web site up to date, please call Pat at 766-4942.

## 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.

## 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 January 2007 to retake it. You MUST have your membership card with you when you take the orientation.

Please check your address label on this issue of the newsletter for your re-orientation status. If you see "06" after your name, it means that you have taken the orientation. If you see "NS06" after your name it means that you have NOT taken the orientation and you will not receive a 2007 membership renewal form. If you think there has been a mistake, send a copy (front and back, showing the safety officer's signature) of your membership card to the club P. O. box.

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.

## New Members

We welcomed 27 new members at the January meeting. They are William Allen, Barry Barrows, Rick Batterton, Daniel Cupan, Owen Curry Jr., Jason Farmer, Roy Goodwin, David Gunnell, Joshua Hastings, David Henthorne, Shawn Holland, Clynton Hunt, Matthew Johnson, Warren Kuhn Jr., Dennis Lemonte, William Peck, Norman Porter, William Rinke, Elton Roberson, Carrol Smith, Lee Smith, Carl Smith Jr., Edward Trent Jr., Troy Sims, Neal Vines, Ms Carol Wells and Jesse Williamson. 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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