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Benton Gun Club Newsletter • July 2006

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August Meeting Date Changed

Due to scheduling conflicts, the August club meeting will be held on the *third* Monday in August, one week later than usually scheduled. Please update your calendars accordingly.

Range and Match News

At the June meeting, a member voiced concern about the how the hillside was being used as the backstop for target stands on the plinking range, rather than dedicated berms behind each stand. After much discussion, a motion was made and passed to define the hillside as an "adequate backstop." The bylaws will be updated accordingly at the next bylaws meeting.

In other news, a motion was made and passed at the June meeting to purchase a 40' conex shipping container, at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00. This expenditure was confirmed by a second vote held at the July club meeting. The members also voted to place the unit near the action range, due to its centralized location.

In addition, Paul Stiedle announced that he had heard from someone who had an old refrigerated trailer for sale, at a cost of \$1,000.00 delivered. It's thought that this trailer, if it's in good shape, might make a suitable storage unit for the range. A motion was made and passed authorizing the club officers to inspect the trailer and, if they think it meets our needs, to make the purchase.

We won't pursue both of these options but, either way, it looks like we will soon have our own storage facility at the range.

Deer Hunter Special Match

A motion was approved to hold a Deer Hunter Special Match on September 23 at 8:00 a.m. The match will feature stationary targets and one moving target. The entry fee will be \$5.00 per person, and an 8mm Mauser will be given away. Please contact James Squires if you're interested. You'll find his number on page 1.

BGC At September Gun Show

The Benton Gun Club has been given a free table for the gun show scheduled for September 16-17 at the state fairgrounds. We are looking for volunteers to man it in shifts throughout the weekend. If you would like to help out, please contact Chuck Anderson at 602-2971.

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.

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 2006 to retake it. You **MUST** have your membership card with you when you take the orientation.

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.

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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 (888-2930)
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)

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

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.

Please Observe All Range Rules

Someone has been using high-powered rifles on lower range 2. This range is for **smallbore rifles only**. 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.

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.

New Members

We welcomed 22 new members at the July meeting. They are Anthony Jones, John "Mike" Allen, Robert Barker, Tom Carlson, Joseph "Howard" Reed, Russell Evans, Jeff Cunningham, Daniel Cook, Mike Seitz, Michael Hankinson, Rudy Gallegos, Clarence Presley, Jimmy Batterton, Ronald Dupree, Weylin Wyeth, Steven Dunnagan, Aaron Spann, Don Kusenberger, James Hughes, Adam Hesser, Eric Dupree, and Richard Freeman. 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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