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Benton Gun Club Newsletter • July 2007

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Range and Match News

At the July meeting, Dan Wagner thanked everyone who came out to help clear the property for the new archery range. They were able to clear most of it, but there's still some heavy work left to be done. Dan made a motion to have the remainder of the work done by bush hog. The motion was seconded and approved.

Speaking of bush hogging, Paul Stiedle reported that he is going to have the 600-yard range bush hogged before it gets too bad. He also getting quotes on a couple of range amenities. We would like to get a second conex container for storing non-match related materials (plywood, etc.) since the current one is pretty full and hard to get around in. The second quote is for having a dumpster installed. The trash barrels just aren't cutting it anymore. Paul will report on these items at a future club meeting.

In other news, George Craig reported that the mailing for the Special Olympics match would be going out soon to law enforcement agencies. The match is still scheduled for October 13.

Ark. Concealed Carry Association

John Anderson, communications director for the Arkansas Concealed Carry Association, spoke to club members at the July meeting. He talked about their purpose of protecting the rights of concealed carry license holders and their plans to keep an eye on any potential concealed carry legislation changes.

For more information, visit their website at www.arkansascca.org or email them at info@arkansascca.org.

Work Day Scheduled

The next range work day will be August 18, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Please contact one of the club officers if you would like to offer your services, or just show up. We'll find something for you to do!

We'll also have a special work day on June 30 for work on the archery range. See above under "Range and Match News" for details.

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 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.

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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)
Range Maintenance Officer Bob Elrod (778-2165)
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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

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 14 new members at the July meeting. They are Edward Forte, Duane Chapman, Don Page II, Robert Carpenter, Kevin Alessi, Tony Morriss, Bill Pearson, Steve Weston, Doug Malmstrom, Brad Wood, Brandon Watkins, Floyd Orrell, Joe Rose, and Jim Sandidge. 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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