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Benton Gun Club Newsletter • June 2006

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Range and Match News

The new falling plate target racks that were approved last month have been purchased and installed. If you would like to get your own set of targets to use with them, please contact us at the club information line, and we'll put you in touch with a source.

A motion was made and passed to purchase an 18'x20' canopy for use during club-approved functions at the range. The cost will not exceed \$220.00.

As reported last month, a motion was made and passed at the May meeting to increase the budget for the benchrest range (lower range #4) by \$2,000.00. This increase was confirmed by a second vote, which was held at the June meeting.

In other range news, Greg Sullivan is working on the layout for the 600 yard range (upper range #1). Any suggestions or recommendations concerning the construction of this range may be e-mailed to Greg at gsullivan@mehlborg.com, or sent to him in care of the Benton Gun Club, P. O. Box 139, Benton, AR 72015.

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 Storage Unit Approved

At the June meeting, Pat Holsted presented information on the pros and cons as well as the various options for installing a storage unit at the range. Having a storage facility at the range would save on long-term rental fees and would make things much easier for the match directors.

A number of ideas were discussed, including building a concrete block building. Ultimately, a motion was made and passed to purchase a much more affordable 40' conex shipping container, at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00. Once installed, the container will be modified to minimize the risk of a break in.

As required by our bylaws, this purchase will have to be ratified by a follow-up vote that will be held at the July club meeting. If you have ideas on where it should be located (assuming the motion is ratified), please come to the next meeting and share your insights.

Concealed Carry Class

The club will hold its last concealed carry class of the year on September 5-7, from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., with pistol qualifications at the range on September 9. There are

only three spots left, available on a first-come, first-served basis. We need twelve students in order to hold the class. If you would be interested in attending, please call the club information line at 315-3071 and leave a message with your name and number.

The class is open to all club members and their spouses. Signing up requires sending a check for \$40.00 (made out to the Benton Gun Club) to the club P. O. box. The first three checks received will determine who gets the remaining openings. Class fees will not be deposited until the class is held. If we don't get enough interest, your check will be returned.

Youth Day Called Off

Despite repeated efforts to get it going and high club member demand in the past, our first officially scheduled club youth day was cancelled due to lack of interest. Our Youth Director, Chuck Anderson, promises to try again. C'mon, where are all of the members that couldn't wait for this program to get started? Call Chuck today at 602-2971.

Deer Hunter Special Match

A motion was approved to hold a Deer Hunter Special Match on September 23 at 8:00 a.m. 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.

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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

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.

Lost and Found

Club member Jim Fuller recently found a cleaning kit at the range. Call Jim at 951-5121 to identify it and claim it.

Also, Rex Gismond has several other items that have lost their rightful owners, including a key stamped with "Axxess+" on one side and a code on the other. He also has a knife that was found along with a Glock pistol lock. If any of these items are yours, please call the club information line and leave a message with your name and number. Be sure to include information identifying the items so that we can verify ownership.

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.

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 nine new and returning members at the June meeting. They are James Sinclair, Ronald Nolen, Kenneth Click, Adam Moore, Mark Wells, John Anderson, Alan Olszewski, Gary Walker, and Doug McCarty. 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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