

Range and Match News

A follow-up vote was held to ratify the motion made last month to install two more resettable target racks on the falling plate range. We already have them, we just need to install them. The motion was approved.

In other news, George Toney reported that the 200-yard 22 caliber rimfire prone fun match held on June 1 was a success. We hope everyone who attended had a good time. George made a motion at the June meeting to continue having these matches before the centerfire prone matches for the remainder of the year. The motion was seconded and passed. The cost will be \$3.00 for members and \$5.00 for non-members.

July 4th Family Event Planned

Just a reminder that we plan to host a family cookout event at the range on July 4th. This is a non-shooting event, and range 4 will be closed for the day. You'll need to bring your own food, drinks and fireworks. Start time is 10:00 a.m. or noon or whenever you get there. Please note that the event will be cancelled in the event of rain.

August Work Day Planned

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!

Concealed Carry Class Planned

We plan to hold another concealed carry license class this year. We need to have 12 people signed up in order to hold the class. To get on the waiting list, please contact James Squires at 501-847-2147.

Falling Plate Targets Sold Out

The club has sold all of its old portable falling plate sets. Our thanks to everyone who purchased a set. Happy shooting!

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)
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Range & Safety Orientation..... James Squires (847-2147)

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Chairman..... Pat Holsted (766-4942)
Smallbore Rifle and Pistol Silhouette.....
..... 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

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.

News from the NRA-ILA

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

Special Warning on Ammunition over .50 Caliber

Over the past few months, NRA-ILA has learned of cases where traveling hunters have been stopped from transporting ammunition over .50 caliber in checked baggage. This has caused significant problems for hunters who use cartridges such as the .505 Gibbs or .577 Nitro Express.

NRA-ILA is currently working with Transportation Security Agency officials to identify the source of the problem, and to correct it so that these traditional hunting cartridges can be transported in checked baggage without difficulty.

At the current time, however, hunters should be aware that transport of ammunition over .50 caliber may not be allowed, and other arrangements should be made before your trip to insure that proper ammunition is available in the field.

NRA-ILA will make additional information on this issue available as soon as possible.

Ohio Expands Right to Self-Defense

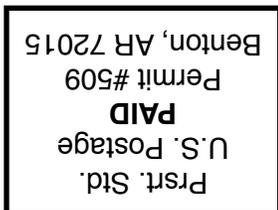
On June 10, Ohio Governor Ted Strickland signed the National Rifle Association (NRA)-backed "Castle Doctrine" legislation into law to expand the self-defense

rights of law-abiding citizens. SB 184, sponsored by State Senator Steve Buehrer (R-1), protects the rights of innocent victims to defend themselves from criminal attack while expanding the rights of concealed-carry permit holders.

"I want to thank all parties concerned for working together to make this victims' rights bill the law in Ohio," said Chris W. Cox, NRA's chief lobbyist. "When you're confronted by a criminal, you don't have the luxury of time. Under the 'Castle Doctrine' provision, if someone breaks into your occupied home or temporary habitation, or your occupied car, you now have an initial presumption that you may act in self defense and you will not be second-guessed by the State. The ability to protect yourself and your family from harm is important no matter where you are."

Also included in SB 184 are several pro-gun provisions that make Ohio's concealed carry laws more "user friendly". Among these revisions include important clarifications for persons without a Concealed Handgun License (CHL) to legally transport firearms in an automobile, and pick up/drop off abilities for license holders in school safety zones. The bill also designates mandatory legal fees for gun owners who require court orders to have firearms returned to them, decriminalizes concealed carry in privately owned parking garages, allows permit holders to carry a firearm in an unlocked glove compartment or center console and removes the written test requirement for renewal of a concealed handgun license.

"The Castle Doctrine bill is about putting the law back on the side of the victim, the way it's supposed to be," concluded Cox.



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