

# Windage

Benton Gun Club Newsletter • March 2007

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## Range Land Sale Approved

Here's an update on the proposed sale of one acre of our property to Sardis Water Association Public Water Authority. (See the last three issues of the newsletter for more details.)

The sale has been approved! Out of 363 cards mailed (the total club membership as of the date of mailing), 81% were returned. 289 voted yes, and only six voted no. The closing will take place on March 26.

## Range and Match News

We've received news that Greg Sullivan has completed work on the plan for the 600-yard range. He will soon be sending it out for bids.

Larry Morgan submitted a motion to hold a rimfire falling plate pistol match on Tuesday nights starting April 17. The motion was seconded and passed. The matches will start at 6:30 p.m., and the entry fee will be \$2.00. Any sights will be allowed.

In other news, we'd like to remind everyone that the USPSA match being held on March 31 will be using lower ranges 4, 5, and 6. These ranges will be in use from dawn until 3:00 p.m.

Also, a motion was made and approved to form a committee to look into buying a new shotgun target thrower. We'll first try to get the current one repaired, but if that doesn't work the committee will shop for a new one.

Finally, we'd like to congratulate Twilla Toney. She shot back-to-back perfect scores in the March 10 half-scale silhouette match. Great job, Twilla! Show those guys how it's done!

## 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 Update

As we mentioned last month, 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 will be held in late May or early June. The entry fee will be \$20 per person (two-man teams). All proceeds will go to Special Olympics

and will remain in the state.

George Craig reported at the March club meeting that he is lining up sponsors. We'll have more details in a future issue of the newsletter.

## Want To Be An Instructor?

If you are interested in becoming an NRA-certified instructor, please contact Paul Stiedle at 888-2930.

## 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.

## Please Observe All Range Rules

Paul Stielde reported that someone shot a hole in the toilet seat of one of the portable toilets at the range. That person

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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

needs to send a money order for \$25.00 to cover the cost of a replacement. The person may remain anonymous.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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 36 new and returning members at the March meeting. (A new record!) They are Ronald Bradford, Margaret Jeffcoat, Lundy Casey, Marsha Clevengel, Joe Snow, Aaron Christie, Quin Minton, Neil Compton, Brian Teeter, Rick Lewis, Philip Sullivan, Michael Alan Shearer, John Birch, Robin Phillips, Joseph Harold Williams, Clay Carson, William Shaw, Barry Arthur, Jason Johns, Jeff Blain, James Steven Vice, Gail Mainard, Darian Pellicciotti, Timothy Haley, Glen Alldredge, Aaron Farmer, Scott Thompson, Myra Toliver, Mike Rinehart, Darrol Sitz, Byron Hyatt, Larry Heiss, John Efur, Mike Cozart, Elliott Jackson, and William Sheridan. 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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