

# Windage

Benton Gun Club Newsletter

March 2009

## Range and Match News

Pat Holsted presented the bids for the work needed to build Range 4A. The bid was awarded to Herman Reeves Dirt Work, Inc. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept Herman's bid.

Also, a follow-up vote was held on last month's motion to allocate an additional \$10,000.00 for construction of range 4A. This vote passed and the motion is now approved.

In other news, George Toney presented information on the Civilian Marksmanship Program. Affiliation with the CMP enables club members to have access to CMP firearms and ammunition. The paperwork requirements are minimal, and there are no requirements that conflict with our club bylaws. George has volunteered to be the primary point of contact, with James Squires acting as backup. The cost will be \$30.00 per year. This was all put into the form of a motion and was approved.

Finally, a motion was made to transfer an additional \$8,700.00 into the range maintenance account, bringing the total to \$15,000.00. The plan is to have Herman Reeves do the maintenance work while he is already on site working on Range 4A. Planned tasks include drainage improvements, ditch clearing, berm relocation and repair, and adding some overflow parking for popular matches. This motion was approved, but will need to be ratified by a follow-up vote next month.

## Work Day May 30

We will hold our next work day on Saturday, May 30, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. There will be plenty to do, so please come out and help us keep your range in top condition. Hope to see you there.

## Concealed Carry Refresher Course Planned

We would like to hold a refresher course for current concealed carry license holders. The intent is to get folks up to speed on changes in the laws and regulations. The cost would be \$5.00, to cover the cost of the materials. If you are interested in attending, please send a check for \$5.00, made out to Benton Gun Club, to the club P. O. Box. Class size will be limited, with spots filled on a first-come, first-served basis. We have six so far, and we need at least 12 to hold the class. If there is not enough interest all checks will be returned. If you have questions, e-mail us at [bgc139@yahoo.com](mailto:bgc139@yahoo.com) or leave a message on the club information line.

Speaking of Concealed Carry, club member James Squires says that if you need to renew your license, please contact him directly at 847-2147. (This is not connected with the refresher course mentioned above.)

## Membership Limits Discussion

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, we have been discussing the possibility of putting a cap on the club membership. No motions have been made, this is just something that's being explored. The discussion continued at the March meeting.

Club president Paul Stiedle said that he is not in favor of limiting the membership, as he feels such a decision is not in the spirit of the club's purpose to promote the shooting sports. Most of the calls he has received are of the same opinion.

On the other hand, club vice-president Pat Holsted has received many calls in favor of the idea. Pat clarified that he is not interested in a permanent limitation on the club membership. His thought is that it would be a temporary measure, to limit wear and tear on the range until we can complete all of the construction (like Range 4A and the remaining work on Range 1) and devote more funds to maintenance.

Anyway, this is an ongoing discussion, and no decisions have been made. If you would like to chime in, please join us at a club meeting, email us, or contact one of the club officers directly.

## Change Your Address? Let Us Know!

If you change your mailing address or your email address please let us know. The club secretary reports that a few 2009 renewals have been returned marked "Moved, no forwarding address." He's also noticed that some 2009 renewals have a different email address from the one we have on file. To ensure that you keep informed of club activities, please file a "change of address" request with the post office when you move, and let us know when you get a new email address.

## New Online Feature Offered

We now have another way for you to keep up with what's happening in the club. We've started a discussion

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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 Econo Lodge in Benton (I-30 Exit 117).

### Officers

President..... Paul Stiedle (517-0756)  
Vice-President..... Pat Holsted (766-4942)  
Secretary-Treasurer..... Rex Gismond / Bryan Hendricks  
Range Maintenance Officer..... Bob Elrod (778-2165)  
Range & Safety Orientation..... James Squires (847-2147)

group, hosted by Yahoo.com. It's free and it's easy. Just go to the club web site at bentongunclub.org, scroll to the bottom and look for the "Subscribe to Benton Gun Club Online" box. Then enter your email address and click on the "Join Now" button. That's all there is to it.

## 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 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.

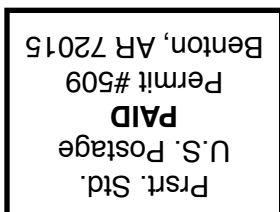
## New Members

We welcomed 20 new members at the March meeting. They are Thomas Ballard, Caesar Divino, Denton Fulmer, Dustin Seljan, Michael Strickland, Michael Jezierski, Charles Robison, Jack McInturff, Sam Orr, Michael Heavin, Max Webster, Daniel Joiner, David Garner, Richard Hand, Jacob Landers, Don Long, Scott Herron, Donald Dove, Jason McGee, and Bob Fillers. 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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