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Range and Match News

In April, plans were submitted for the high power rifle silhouette range (the 600-yard range). The total estimated cost is estimated at \$75,000.00 to \$88,000.00. A motion was made and passed to allocate \$45,000.00 for phase one of this project, which would cover the cost of the main berm construction. (The rest would be covered in a second phase next year.) Because of the size of this initial allocation, a follow-up vote was held at the May 14 club meeting to confirm it. This vote was also successful, and the motion is now approved.

Now that this work can begin, please be sure to call the range information number for the latest information on range closings. Some of the lower ranges may be closed while the berm is being built.

In other news, a motion was made and approved to add more days to the prone centerfire rifle match. This match will be held for the remainder of the year, on the fourth Saturday of each month. The matches start at noon.

Finally, a committee was formed to look into additional matches and games to be held on the shotgun range. George Rhode will chair this committee. If you would like to help out or offer suggestions, please email George at georgerhodejr@yahoo.com.

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!

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 tentatively scheduled for the second Saturday in September. 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.

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

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

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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)
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

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. 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 16 new and returning members at the May meeting. They are John Gray, Joseph Couch, Dale Lester, Anthony Jones, David McMahon, Charles Long, Oscar Koller, Randy Harris, Donald Hoyt, Stephen Coates, Daniel Bottoms, John Beaver, Mark Strayhorn, Jeremy Covey, Michael Ward, and Howard Reed. 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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