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Benton Gun Club Newsletter • November 2006

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Renewal Reminder

If you see "07" behind your name on the address label the club has received your 2007 membership renewal. If you see "06" behind your name then the club has not received your renewal form yet. If you see "NS6" behind your name you have not been sent a renewal form because you have not taken the range and safety orientation yet. If this is in error and you have taken it, please send a copy of your 2006 membership card (front and back) so we may update the records.

Range and Match News

A follow-up vote was held to confirm last month's motion requesting \$1,200.00 for the Smallbore Rifle Silhouette regional match to be held on March 17, 2007. The motion was approved.

We also held a follow-up vote to confirm last month's motion requesting a budget of \$4,500.00 for the 2007 state championship match. This motion was also approved.

There was also a motion to spend up to \$500.00 to put up shelves in the new range storage unit. The work needs to be done before February 25, 2007 so that we can move all of our equipment from our current rented unit to the range before the 2007 rent is due. The motion was seconded and passed.

There were also motions to hold speed steel matches on November 18 and December 16, and to hold two IDPA matches on November 25 and December 23. Both motions were seconded and passed.

In other news, James Squires reported that the electronic target thrower approved last month has been purchased and is working great.

Finally, Dan Wagner made a motion to locate an archery range across from the plinking range, on the east side of the road. The proposed size is approximately 50 by 10 yards. The area will be bush hogged to see if it is suitable.

2007 Match Schedule Approved

At the November meeting Paul Stiedle presented the proposed match schedule for 2007. A motion was seconded and passed to approve the schedule as read.

The international rimfire 50/50 match was deleted due to the lack of a match director. If you would like to become the director for this match, please contact Paul at 888-2930.

Special Olympics Event Proposed

Paul Stiedle was contacted by a representative from the Arkansas Special Olympics, to see if we would be interested in hosting some sort of benefit event. It's entirely up to us to

determine what sort of event it would be. As you may or may not know, all proceeds from such an event would remain in the state. If you have ideas or would like to help, contact Paul 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.

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 January 2007 to retake it. You MUST have your membership card with you when you take the orientation.

Please check your address label on this issue of the newsletter for your re-orientation status. If you see "06" after your name, it means that you have taken the orientation. If you see "NS06" after your name it means that you have NOT taken the

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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

orientation and you will not receive a 2007 membership renewal form. If you think there has been a mistake, send a copy (front and back, showing the safety officer's signature) of your membership card to the club P. O. box.

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.

Please Observe All Range Rules

Someone has been using high-powered rifles on lower range 2. This range is for **smallbore rifles only**. 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. 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 four new members at the November meeting. They are Ty Lambert, Ms. Toni Metcalf, Larry Reynolds, and Bryan Gossett. 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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