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Benton Gun Club Newsletter November 2007

Range and Match News

The dirt work for the berm on the 600-yard range was scheduled to begin on Wednesday, November 14. All ranges will be unavailable for use while this dirt work is underway. They'll be working from daybreak until 4:30 p.m. on weekdays. The ranges will be available for use after 4:30 p.m. and all day during the weekends. Be sure to call the club information line to make sure we're open BEFORE you drive out to the range. (Choose option 4 to get the current status.) This dirt work is expected to take less than two weeks.

On a related note, a motion was made and approved to obtain a new dirt work contractor if our previously selected contractor did not begin work on November 14. Either way, by the time you read this, and weather permitting, the dirt work should be underway.

In other news, a follow-up vote was held to consider the October vote approving the purchase a 40-foot conex container for storing match and range materials. This second container will be placed near the plinking range. The cost will be \$1,600.00 plus \$450.00 for delivery from Memphis. The motion was approved again, and arrangements will now be made to obtain the new storage unit.

A follow-up vote was also held to consider the October vote budgeting up to \$5,673.67 for expenses for the 2008 Smallbore Rifle Silhouette Arkansas State Championship match (a.k.a., The Midsouth Classic). This motion was also ratified.

Also, a motion was made to have the portable toilet on range two moved to a location between ranges two and three, so that it's more easily accessible to user of both ranges. The motion was seconded and passed.

Finally, Pat Holsted had a busy night at the November meeting. He made motions to 1) purchase six auto-resetting steel targets for IDPA and speed steel matches, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00; 2) cancel the November and December speed steel matches; 3) hold an IDPA safety officer class on range 5 on November 17; and 4) have the dirt contractor who performs the berm work also smooth out the upper portion of the road that leads to the lower ranges. All of these motions were seconded and passed.

Important Renewal Information

Your newsletter includes important information on the address label. If you see the letters "NS7" after your name it means that you have not taken the required range and safety orientation. You will not receive a 2008 membership renewal form until this requirement is taken care of. If an "8" appears after your name it means that the club has received your 2008 membership renewal form and you will receive your new gate key

sometime during the first week of February 2008. If "07" appears after your name it means, the club has not received your 2008 membership renewal form as of the release date of the November newsletter.

Please note that the November, December and January issues of the newsletter will be sent by regular mail only, so that members can view the address label and see their current membership status.

Renewal Forms Mailed

All 2007 members in good standing have been mailed the 2008 membership renewal form. If you have not received yours, please call the club phone number (315-3071) and leave a message with your current address and another form will be sent to you. The current deadline for renewing your 2008 membership is February 11, 2008.

Special NRA Renewal Rate

At the November club meeting the NRA offered a special NRA membership renewal rate to our club members: five years for \$100.00. The offer is good from November 26 to December 26, 2007. Send a check to the club at P. O. box #139, Benton, AR. The club secretary will fill out the necessary paperwork and send it to NRA headquarters. Your check must be received on or before December 26, 2007.

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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 (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 or 951-3066)

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

Club Honored by NRA

John Bailey, manager of Shows & Events and Sales & Promotions for the NRA, attended the November club meeting. He presented a plaque commemorating the Benton Gun Club's achievement of being number two in the nation for NRA recruiting in 2006. He praised us for our efforts on behalf of gun owners' rights and promotion of the shooting sports. After the meeting we enjoyed cookies, cake and soft drinks and spent some time visiting with John. Thanks for coming to see us, John, and thanks for all of the great work you do at the NRA.

2008 Meeting Location Chosen

As required by the club bylaws, the club president asked the members to consider where we should hold our meetings in 2008. A motion was made, seconded and passed to continue holding the meetings at the Ramada Inn in Benton.

2008 Match Schedule Set

As is also required by the club bylaws, the club president presented the 2008 match schedule to the members at the November club meeting. The dates for the matches were read out loud, and motions were made, seconded and passed for each of them. The schedule will be included in the December newsletter. We have some new ones next year, so be sure to take a look. Please note that we will not be holding a USPSA match in 2008 because no one wanted to be the match director. If a director is found, this match will be rescheduled.

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. Read your bylaws.

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.

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.

Lost and Found

Club member Dale Lester lost a St. Christopher necklace piece (without a chain) on the upper rifle range between stations two and four on Sunday morning, November 4, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. It has his initials (DLL) on the back side. It is pewter in color and is the size of a quarter. It has no monetary value but he has had it since 1982. If anyone has seen it, please call Dale at 501-210-0119 or 501-517-3685.

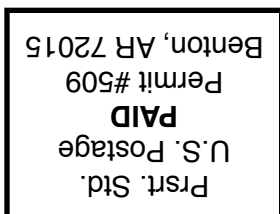
New Members

We welcomed four new members at the November meeting. They are Janie Raschke, Jacob Martin, Brent Anderson, and Gary Larkin. 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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