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Benton Gun Club Newsletter November 2008

Range and Match News

Al Alberius, club member and NRA certified Senior Training Counselor, presented a number of NRA certificates to club member James Squires. James was presented with certifications as Chief Range Officer, Pistol Instructor, and Personal Protection in the Home instructor. Congratulations, James!

In other news, the club members have approved the 2009 match schedule and work day schedule. The schedule will be included in the December issue of the club newsletter.

2009 Officers Elected (Mostly)

At the October club meeting we elected our club officers for 2009. Paul Stiedle was elected as president and Pat Holsted was elected as vice-president. There were no candidates for secretary-treasurer, so that position remains open. As noted in the item below, Rex Gismond is retiring as secretary-treasurer at the end of this year. We really need someone to step forward and volunteer for this position. We leads us to the next item...

New Club Secretary-Treasurer Sought

Our current (and long-standing) secretary-treasurer, Rex Gismond, is stepping down at the end of this year. We are seeking someone to fill this post for us in 2009.

We plan to post a job description on the club website, but generally speaking we need someone willing to dedicate the time to maintaing the club finances and membership records. Computer skills are a must, and Benton residency would be a plus (since that's where the club post office box is). A retired individual would be preferred. We may also look at dividing the workload and splitting this office into two positions.

If you are interested in serving the club in this capacity, please contact one of the current club officers at the numbers listed below.

2009 Renewals

The 2009 membership renewals have all been sent out. If you have not received your renewal form, leave your name and address on the club answering machine (315-3071) and another form will be sent to you.

Please remember that if you do not renew before the February meeting you will be considered a new member and will be required to pay the \$100 range maintenance fee when you rejoin. Club memberships are for a calendar year, running from January 1 through December 31.

If you're a new NRA member be sure to include a copy of your NRA membership card or the address label from your NRA magazine with your club renewal form. This is required to confirm your membership in the NRA. If you don't include this information, your club renewal form will be returned.

From now through January the newsletter will be sent by regular mail only. If "NS8" appears after your name on the label then you have not taken the Range and Safety Orientation and will not be sent a 2009 renewal form. If a "9" appears after your name then the Club has received your 2009 renewal and a new gate key will be mailed to you during the last week of December. An "8" behind your name indicates that the Club has not received your 2009 renewal as of the date this newsletter was printed.

The front gate lock will be changed to the 2009 lock on December 8, 2008. The 2009 gate keys will be mailed on December 22, 2008. The back lock will be changed on January 1, 2009. Try your 2009 key before you toss your 2008 key. The 2009 key is the reverse of the 2008 key. The 2009 key will not fit the 2008 lock, and vice versa.

Renewal checks for 2009 will not be deposited until January 2, 2009. January and February 2009 checks will be deposited when they are received.

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.

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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 (315-3071)
Range Maintenance Officer..... Bob Elrod (778-2165)
Range & Safety Orientation..... James Squires (847-2147)

Meeting Venue for 2009

A motion was made at the October club meeting to continue holding our meetings at the Econo Lodge in 2009. The motion was tabled after it was reported that another location may be available at less cost. After additional research it was determined that the other option did not suit our needs. Therefore, 2009 club meetings will remain at the Econo Lodge in 2009.

Rimfire Falling Plates Available

We have three sets of 22-caliber rimfire plates available to club members. They are 7 inches in diameter, 1/4-inch thick, six plates per set. The price is \$20.00 per set. Please leave a message on the club information line if you are interested in buying a set.

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 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.

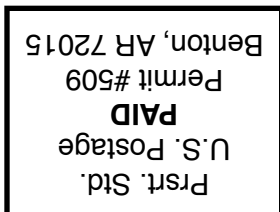
New Members

We welcomed five new members at the November meeting. They are Jeff Blain, David Boyle Jr., Troy Engnath, Jeff Nicholas, and Kenny Hunter. 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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