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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

October 2008

Range and Match News

Patrick Holsted reported that the grant request he filed with the NRA range grant program has been accepted. We have received a check for \$2,500.00, which will be used for building the plinking range.

In other news, George Toney reported that the range 1 committee held a meeting and discussed maintenance and safety issues, and noted that club member Arthur Helm Kemp cut the grass for the recent prone rifle match. He also reported that another gun club has donated five target carriers for use at 200, 300 and 600 yard matches. They were donated with the stipulation that if they are not used they are to be passed on to another club.

Also, George Toney presented the requirements for installing pull-down target carriers on range 1. His preliminary estimate of the cost is \$20,000.00. He then made a motion to proceed with development of a plan to install pull-down target carriers at 200, 300 and 600 yards. The motion was seconded and passed.

George also made a motion that range 1 be next in line for funds to build the 600-yard pull-down target pit and install the necessary berms, etc. The motion was seconded and passed.

In other news, Paul Stiedle reported that the match directors dinner was successful, and the schedules for 2009 have been completed.

2009 Officer Nominations

Paul Stiedle opened the floor for nominations for club officers for 2009. Paul Stiedle was nominated for president and Pat Holsted was nominated for vice-president. The secretary-treasurer position received no nominations. The officer elections will take place at the November club meeting. 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.

New Matches

George Toney made a motion at the October club meeting to hold "as issued" military service rifle matches on range 1 on March 21, April 18, and May 16 at 8:00 a.m. The cost will be \$5.00, and the match directors will be George Toney and Leroy Squires. The motion was seconded and passed.

Also, Pat Holsted made a motion to hold a carbine match on ranges 4 and 5 on Saturday, December 6 at 9:00 a.m. The match will consist of 200 rounds and the cost will be \$10.00. The motion was seconded and passed.

2009 Renewals

The 2009 membership renewals have all been sent out. Seniors age 65 and over are entitled to a 20% discount. 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.

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.

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

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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)

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.

Work Day

We will hold our next club work day on November 16, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Please contact Patrick Holsted at 501-766-4942 or Paul Stiedle at 501-517-0756 and let them know if you can make this work day. Please tell all club members that you see and request them to be present. We hope you'll come out and help us keep your range in tip-top shape!

New 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 maintaining 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.

Students to Use Range

James Squires made a motion at the October meeting to allow Harmony Grove High School students and their instructors to use our range for teaching the

students about the proper use and safe handling of shotguns. Before using the range the school will need to provide the club a copy of their insurance policy. A club range and safety officer will be present when the students are using the range, and the school will need to supply us with the dates they would like to use the range. The motion was seconded and passed.

Meeting Venue May Change

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. We'll have more details at next month's meeting.

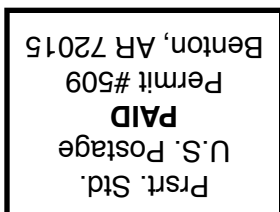
New Members

We welcomed six new members at the October meeting. They are Greg Barber, Steve Biggers, Michael Cox, Brenda Hansen, Nathan Hughes and Hershhal Parker. 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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