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Benton Gun Club Newsletter • September 2006

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Range and Match News

As mentioned last month, a motion was approved at the August club meeting to budget \$4,200.00 for the 2006 Arkansas State Smallbore Rifle Silhouette Championship. This motion was confirmed by a second vote at the September club meeting. The match was held on September 16-17, and we hope to report on the results in the next issue of the newsletter.

In other news, the storage unit that was recently approved by the members has been installed near range #5.

Also, a motion was approved to place six temporary target boards on the bench rest range. We will install three 2x8 boards at 50 yards and three 2x8 boards at 100 yards.

Finally, a proposal was made to hire a maintenance firm to clean our range on a monthly basis, at a cost of approximately \$1,000.00 per month. No vote was held on this proposal; it was merely brought up for discussion and future consideration.

2007 Club Dues Vote Scheduled

Every year at the September club meeting we discuss the club dues for next year, opening the floor for suggestions. This year, two motions were made: one to raise the dues to \$75.00, and another to keep the dues at \$60.00. Both of these motions will be voted on at the October club meeting.

2007 Club Officer Nominations

President Paul Stiedle opened the floor at the September club meeting for nominations for officers for 2007. A motion was made and passed to nominate the current club officers to server again in 2007. No other motions or nominations were made.

Deer Hunter Open House

The club members have approved a motion by James Squires to hold an open house sight-in day for deer hunters. The open house will be held October 7 from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Archery Range Proposed

Club member Dan Wagner is interested in starting an archery range. If you're interested, please contact him at 316-4133 or via email at dwagner@yahoo.com. Unfortunately he's misplaced the list of people who've contacted him since the August meeting, so please do so again.

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 2006 to retake it. You **MUST** have your membership card with you when you take the orientation.

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.

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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

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.

New Members

We welcomed seven new members at the September meeting. They are Tim Boyett, Robert Bruton, David Mayfield, Donald Norton, Maurice Stovall, Jerry Taylor, and John Taylor. 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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