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Benton Gun Club Newsletter September 2008

Range and Match News

A Match Directors dinner will be held in October, to set the schedule for the 2009 matches. If you are interested in being a match director, please contact the club president, Paul Stiedle.

In other news, Paul reported that there had been an incident at the range involving someone handling a firearm while another club member was downrange setting targets. A motion was made to put up additional safety signs on all ranges, but the motion was tabled pending clarification of the wording on the signs and the number of signs needed.

Also, related to range safety, club member George Toney reported that he has formed a committee for range 1. They met on September 7, and among other things discussed establishment of a safety flag system for range 1. George and his wife Twilla have donated a red flag for use on the range. When the flag is flying it means that a shooter may be downrange setting targets.

Finally, George Toney made motions to shoot the half-scale smallbore silhouette matches on November 8 and December 13 at 10:00 a.m., and to shoot the smallbore rifle silhouette matches on October 19, November 16 and December 21 at 1:00 p.m. as club matches, at a cost of \$3.00 for members and \$5.00 for non-members. The motions were seconded and passed.

2009 Renewals

The 2009 membership renewals are being sent out at a rate of 30 per day. All renewal notices should be mailed by October 10. Seniors age 65 and over are entitled to a 20% discount.

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.

Work Days

We had a great turn out for the August work day, with almost 30 folks taking part. We had trailers, tractors, bush hogs...all kinds of equipment. Our sincere thanks to everyone who helped out.

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 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 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.

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.

4H Club Report

In September of 2007 the club made a \$500 donation to the Saline County 4H Club youth shooting program. Clay Odom of the 4H club attended the September club meeting to thank us and report on the success the teams have had at shooting events this year. If you would like to help them out in any way, contact the Saline County Extension Agent, Ron Matlock, at 501-303-5672.

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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 Benton Inn 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)

Concealed Carry Class Postponed

We were planning to hold another concealed carry license class this year, but we have a shortage of instructors for the NRA course. We apologize for the change in plans. We'll post news here and on the web site when the situation changes.

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.

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. If you don't know, read your bylaws.

Shotgun shooters on the shotgun range (range 7) should use #4 shot or smaller. Shotgun slugs and shot larger than #4 are absolutely against the rules on this range, but may be used on all other ranges with the exception of the silhouette range (range 2).

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. James Squires once again asks that shooters PLEASE stop shooting at the posts. If you need a practice target, contact James and he'll get you one.

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.

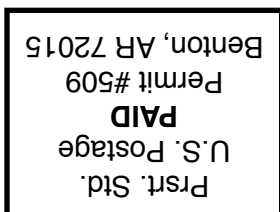
New Members

We welcomed four new members at the September meeting. They are Chris Hamby, James Manees, Bill Spratt, and Paul Wynne. 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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