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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

July 2008

## Range and Match News

Rex Gismond reported at the July meeting that the club's insurance carrier has modified our policy. We will need to report a change in the number of club members if the count increases or decreases by 5%. We will also need to report a count that includes all members, not just those who are active.

In other news, Hugh Burnett made a motion to change the starting time for the high power rifle silhouette match from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. This motion was seconded and passed.

Also, the Tuesday night air rifle match has been cancelled for the rest of the year.

Finally, Ryan Reed made a motion to hold an IDPA classifier match on August 9 at 8:00 a.m. The cost will be \$10.00 per gun. The motion was seconded and passed.

## July 4th Family Event A Success

We hosted a family cookout event at the range on July 4th. About 25 people showed up and had a good time enjoying fireworks and barbecue.

## August Work Day Set

We will hold our next club work day on August 30, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. It is very important to have a good club turn out for this one. We need to accomplish a few tasks:

1. Range 1 needs to be walked from end to end and all large rocks need to be picked up.
2. Range 3 needs to have all large rocks picked up and all excess steel and brass cases raked up.
3. Range 2 needs to have all brass cases raked and picked up.
4. Range 6 needs to have the grass cut and grass killer sprayed on the whole range.

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!

## Item to Trade

Club member Jim Gwin has a Leupold 12-40x60 tactical mil-dot reticle spotting scope, with Leupold compact tripod, as-new in box, that he would like to trade for a new or as-new Remington 504 or Ruger 7717 target grey stainless in mach 2. If you are interested, please contact Jim by phone at 413-7752 or by email at [scopedopeoptics@comcast.net](mailto:scopedopeoptics@comcast.net) or [jgwin@voegelemci.com](mailto:jgwin@voegelemci.com).

## 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.

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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)

## New Members

We welcomed four new members at the April meeting. They are Sidney Foggo, Jimmy Garrett, Brian Henley and Greg Wright. 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.

## News from the NRA-ILA

The following items come from the NRA-ILA web page, [www.nraila.org](http://www.nraila.org). Reprinted with permission.

### ***Department of the Interior Extends Deadline for Comments Regarding Right-to-Carry in National Parks and Wildlife Refuges Until August 8.***

For two months, we have been asking NRA members and gun owners to submit comments in support of allowing law-abiding citizens to carry their legally-owned firearms in national parks and wildlife refuges--and tens of thousand of you have done so. The deadline to submit comments expired on June 30--or so we thought.

Rather than closing the proscribed comments period as scheduled and moving toward finalizing this federal regulation, U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka (D-Hawaii) and U.S. Representative Raul Grijalva (D-Arizona), succeeded in delaying the implementation of the final

rule by bullying the Department of the Interior (their respective congressional subcommittees have oversight of national parks) to extend the deadline for comments an additional 30 days! In a letter to Secretary Kempthorne, Senator Akaka and Representative Grijalva asked that the public comment period be extended, citing the recent decision in the District of Columbia v. Heller.

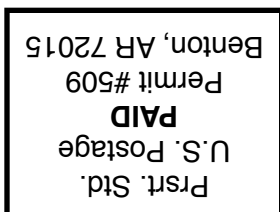
In truth, however, now that the Supreme Court has affirmed that the Second Amendment guarantees an individual right, it is more important than ever that we move toward final resolution on this matter and extend the most basic right of self-defense to law-abiding citizens visiting national parks and refuges.

While we disagree with the decision to extend the comments period on this issue, it is now more important than ever that we give the anti-gunners what they profess to want--additional comments. Gun owners, Right-to-Carry permit holders, and all Second Amendment supporters must deluge the Department of the Interior with comments in support of this proposal! The new deadline for submitting comments is August 8, 2008.

Please submit your comments on-line at <http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocumentDetail&o=090000648053d497> (Select the icon next to "Add Comments") or in writing to:

Public Comments Processing  
Attn: 1024-AD70  
Division of Policy and Directives Management  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 222  
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Please act today and forward this information to your family, friends, and fellow firearm owners!



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