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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

March 2019



# NRA

## Club News

In club news, Larry Morgan renewed last month's motion to donate \$10,000 to the Saline County 4H Shooting Sports program. This motion was passed and is the 2<sup>nd</sup> vote required in our bylaws.

The youth shooters came by the meeting to show off some of the plaques they've won recently and to say thanks for our support. They also reported that they are looking forward to regional competition upcoming in Bentonville, as well as sending a team to compete in their nationals held in Nebraska. The club let them know we all are very excited for them and extremely proud to be a part of their success.

Vice-president Culley Majors reported that the Glock (GSSF) Match went well and there were no complaints even though it was cold and raining. We had 174 competitors, including 3 junior shooters. Glock has asked that we host another match next year!

Culley Majors also made a motion to move his upcoming NRA Basic Rifle course from April 20 to May 18, as it's Easter weekend. This motion was passed. All the other match details remain the same.

George Craig announced we will be having a match director's meeting on Monday March 25 at the Bass Pro Shop conference room. The purpose is to start doing some planning for range changes and improvements since we did not purchase the adjacent land from Alcoa. Additionally, some shot-fall lines need to be addressed.

Rex Gismond encouraged everyone to get plugged into nraila.org. They'll inform you about any pending issues locally and nationally that affect your rights. This sentiment was seconded by Vice-President Culley Majors as he informed everyone about Arkansas Senate Bill 400 that is being considered to clarify rules on suppressors.

Just a friendly reminder to rack your firearms when people are downrange. Leaving them on the benches doesn't mean the range is fully cleared. Please be considerate to the safety concerns of your fellow members and their guests, you'd expect it.



## Safety at the Range

Safety at the range is everyone's business! Never handle a firearm when someone is downrange. You need to have eye and hearing protection readily available. These should be worn when near a firing line. Steel targets must be placed at appropriate distances for the firearm. These may seem like common sense to most, but it's worth repeating.

You are not limited to the number of guests you can bring to the range, but you shouldn't bring more than you can safely monitor.

If you are unable to do so, your guest will be asked to leave club property. Per the Bylaws as of 6/22/2015; bump firing, fanning the trigger, and the use of bump fire stocks is prohibited

While tannerite (exploding target) is not specifically banned in our bylaws (yet), please be considerate of others as well as potential damage to club property while using it. Some members have been sprayed by the explosive residue and debris on different bays. If you can't consider those around, please, refrain from using it until you are the only one on the range. Also, clean up the mess you create when you are finished. Be safe and courteous, thank you.

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### Club Meetings

The monthly club meetings are held at Smith Family  
Funeral Home, 322 N. Market in Benton.

#### Officers

President..... George Craig (501-351-4948)  
Vice-President..... Culley Majors (870-210-6756)  
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## Address Changed? Let Us Know!

If you change your mailing address, please let us know. Some membership renewal notices and newsletters have been returned to us marked "Moved, no forwarding address." Each returned item costs the club money. To ensure that you keep receiving the newsletter and stay informed on club activities, please file a "change of address" request with the post office when you move, and let the club secretary know, too.

The same goes for changed email addresses: please send us note when you switch email addresses so that we can update our records. Thanks!

## Website updates

Please keep an eye on our website, forum, and Facebook page if you are planning on attending any match or the club meeting. Sometimes things change at the last minute, and these are the tools we use to keep you informed. The last thing we want for you is a wasted trip to the range or arrive at the club meeting just to find out the hard way that it has been postponed.

## New Members

We introduced 18 new applications for membership. They are Hugo Bustamante, Philip Clark, Troy Conrad, Ronald Dressler, James Goodson, Vess Johnson, Roy Karr, Gary Mailhiot, Matt Marshall, Anthony Mayfield, Ken Miller, Steven Moore, William Phillips, Charles Sandor, Brent Sharp, Troy Sims, Allen Talburt, and John Thomas.

Welcome to the Club!

Please note: all new members must attend a range and safety orientation before using the range. You are not a full-fledged member until this is completed. Upon completion of orientation at the range, new members will receive membership cards and get keys. New members also need to send, to the club PO box, a copy of your NRA card or the mailing label from the magazine when it arrives.

Also, new members are entitled to shoot one club match per shooting discipline free of charge. Come out and experience the fun of competitive shooting!

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