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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

April 2016

## Club and Range News

After a couple postponements, we were finally able to have our April Club Meeting on April 25.

The motion to permanently add a portable toilet between ranges 4A and 4B was renewed by Jerry Watts, as this expense is greater than \$1000, it required 2 votes. A second was heard and the vote was in the affirmative.

Dan Wagner made a motion to hold another GSSF match next year on the first weekend in March 2017. This passed with a budget of \$950. This is a result of Glock offering us the same weekend due to the success of this year's GSSF match.

Ed Forte inquired about brooms going missing. Rex Gismond volunteered to get some more for the club. This will be a range maintenance expense. Please remember, the brooms on the firing lines are there so you can sweep your casings off the concrete, use them and return them so the next members will be able to do the same, thank you.

Ed Forte also wanted to remind members that if the gate is open and the lock is missing, it's because a match director has it. Dan Wagner will see about getting a sign made that will reflect this. All our organized matches are open to the public, the public can't get to the match if the gate is closed (they may not know to check if it's actually locked).

## Safety at the Range

Safety at the range is everyone's business! Never handle a firearm when someone is downrange. When at the range, you need to have eye and hearing protection readily available. These must be worn when on a firing line, if you are the one shooting or not. Steel targets must be placed at appropriate distances for the weapon used. These may seem like common sense to most, but it's worth repeating. Make safety at the range your business, too!

## Intro to Practical Shooting

USPSA will be holding a beginner's class on practical shooting, aka action pistol competition. This will consist of class time and live fire. Lunch will be provided. Students will need a pistol (9mm or larger), magazines (at least 2-4), holster, mag pouches, eye & ear protection, chair, and sunscreen. May 21, 2016 at 10am on Range 5. Cost is \$25, this includes lunch and your first match for free. For more info, contact Jerry Watts (bgc.uspsa@yahoo.com)

## 2016 NRA Basic Rifle Courses

Benton Gun Club will be holding NRA Basic Rifle Courses May 28, June 25, and October 29. Culley Majors, Youth Director, teaches firearm safety as well as instill the attitude, knowledge, and skills necessary to promote an enjoyable time at the range while working toward better marksmanship. The cost is \$30 per student, limit 4 per class. Students need only bring food and drinks for the day, a notepad, and a pen. Rifles and ammunition are provided, as well as targets and study guides. Certificates will be awarded upon completion. Classes start at 8 am on Range 6 with live fire afterward on Range 4B. For more information, contact Culley Majors.



Saturday, June 11, 2016  
8:30-5:00  
Benton Gun Club  
\$30 per entry \$15 for youth

Rimfire Challenge is a fun and easy shooting match. The stages usually have five to seven steel plates, 10 yards to 15 yards from the shooter. The 4 fastest of 5 timed strings will count for score. You will need a semi-auto .22lr rifle and pistol, and it's recommended to have five magazines for each. If you shoot in the cowboy division, you will need a .22lr revolver, a lever or pump action .22lr rifle, and a cowboy hat (it's in the rules). Each competitor must shoot rifle and pistol to be eligible for the prize table.

Rules: NSSF Rimfire Challenge

Divisions: Limited, Open, and Cowboy

Minimum Round Count: 400 rounds

Stages: 5 Pistol and 5 Rifle

Squadding: No Squads, shoot the stages that are not busy!

Lunch: Catered by David's Burgers, \$10 per lunch

Lunch will be available starting around 11:00.

Registration: <http://shootscoreit.com/nssf/match/303/>

Items to bring: folding chairs, sun screen, drinks, snacks, and portable shade if needed.

Match Director: Lucas Howard,  
lhoward@bentongunclub.org

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[www.bentongunclub.org](http://www.bentongunclub.org)

Range and Club Information Hotline.....501-602-2228

### Club Meetings

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

#### Officers

President..... Lucas Howard (412-5853)

Vice-President.....George Craig (351-4948)

Secretary-Treasurer.....Sarah Hendrix

Range & Safety Orientation.....James Squires (847-2147)

Youth Director.....Culley Majors (870-210-6756)

## Critical Carbine Employment (CCE)

Benton Gun Club will be hosting Steve Fisher, with Sentinel Concepts(<http://sentinelconcepts.com>), as he teaches his Critical Carbine Employment 2 course.

Required Equipment:

- A functional and practical carbine or battle rifle chambered in 5.56×45, 5.45×39, 300 Blackout, 7.62×39, 7.62×51.
- A functional and practical handgun chambered in 9mm, .40 cal, or .45 ACP.
- If available, spare weapons systems are also an excellent idea.
- A sling for the rifle.
- An appropriate holster for the pistol
- Hearing Protection, electronic is preferred.
- Wrap around style eye protection.
- A minimum of 600 rounds of rifle, 300 rounds of pistol ammunition.
- A cleaning kit and tools that are compatible with the weapon system(s)
- Each student should have a minimum of 5 working magazines for the rifle, 3 for the pistol.
- Handheld flashlight and or weapons mounted light.

Date: October 15 & 16, 2016

Cost: \$400 per student.

To register or for more information, email:

[training@bentongunclub.org](mailto:training@bentongunclub.org)

## New Members

We welcomed 5 new members at the April meeting. They are Andy Chase, Eric Fredriksson, Dale Hodges, David Miller, and William Thompson. Welcome to the club!

If you are a new club member, please send a copy of your NRA 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.

### Benton Gun Club Website

Be sure to check out our website, [bentongunclub.org](http://bentongunclub.org), for all things Benton Gun Club. Match descriptions and calendars, contact info, and photos are just some of the things you can find. Also check out our forum for the latest conversations on many different topics.

*“The rifle itself has no moral stature, since it has no will of its own. Naturally, it may be used by evil men for evil purposes, but there are more good men than evil, and while the latter cannot be persuaded to the path of righteousness by propaganda, they can certainly be corrected by good men with rifles.”*

— *Jeff Cooper, Art of the Rifle*

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