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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

August 2016

Club and Range News

In club news, Rex Gismond made a motion to return the price of dues back to last year's (\$75) with the same discounts for seniors. This motion passed.

Another motion passed electing Sarah Hendrix to her current position for the next year.

John Arellences made a motion to purchase pocket sized US Constitutions to be handed out on behalf of the club. The motion passed for a cost of \$500.

In Range news, gravel was spread on range 6 to help the mud issue. George Craig and Lucas Howard reported that Russell Brown Construction will lay gravel on the road for a temporary fix. Once the weather cooperates, more permanent fixes will be discussed and estimates gathered for the road, ditches, and parking areas. If you know anyone interested in these jobs, have them contact Lucas or George.

Our sign was stolen, but found. George Craig reported it should be back in place within the week.

In match news, motions were passed to rescheduled the pistol matches scheduled for the 4th weekend. Kim Crutchfield made the motion to move the USPSA match to August 21 at 9am. David Habig made the motion to move the IDPA match to October 29th.

Paul Stiedle made a motion to modify the language of a passed motion from July concerning the \$1000 for the IDPA sanctioned match Battle-N-Benton III. The money will be used to fill the prize table and promote the event, not a "loan" to be paid back. The Amount will be deducted from the total income of the match. This motion passed.

Gun Shows

Aug 27-28 Fort Smith Gun and Knife Show
Aug 27-28 Texarkana Gun and Knife Show
Sept 10-11 AGCCC Little Rock Gun and Knife Show
Oct 1-2 Saline County Gun and Knife Show
Oct 15-16 Conway Gun Show
Oct 22-23 Little Rock Gun and Knife Show

Benton Gun Club Website

Be sure to check out our website, 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.

Speed Steel-

3rd Sat. 8am (summer)

9am (winter)

Match fee- \$5

Speed Steel is a shooting competition that was created by former club presidents Paul Stiedle and Patrick Holsted. They came up with speed steel as a way to shoot and practice on weekends with no matches.

Speed Steel is an action pistol match that is a test of speed and accuracy with a centerfire pistol. It emphasizes the basics of handgun shooting: drawing from a holster and firing on steel targets of various sizes, shapes and configurations. Speed Steel emphasizes the need to maintain a good sight picture through the shot.

We normally shoot 5 stages with up to 15+ targets from 10-25 yards, maybe a few longer shots. There is a lot of shooting with very little reset. All courses are timed. A shot timer will give the start signal and record the time for every shot. Your time will be your last shot fired. This adds a certain amount of pressure. This adds a bit of pressure to the shooting experience. It is good gun handling experience that may help us all shoot well under pressure.

Speed Steel is primarily intended for centerfire pistols. Eye and hearing protection are mandatory. You will also need a strong-side holster that fits your gun, mag pouches for at least 2 magazines, and a minimum of 4-5 magazines. Typical matches require 100-130 rounds of ammunition. You will need more if you miss. We run a cold range. Meaning, no loading the gun unless directed to do so by the range officer on that stage.

If you are looking to develop and improve your shooting skills, then you will benefit greatly from the challenge of shooting Speed Steel. Come join us for some fun shooting while improving your gun handling skills.

For more information, contact Drew Certain at drewcertain@comcast.net

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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)

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 must be worn when near a firing line. Steel targets must be placed at appropriate distances for the weapon. These may seem like common sense to most, but it's worth repeating.

Just a reminder: You are not limited to the number of guests you can bring to the range, but Club Bylaws specify you should not bring more than you can safely monitor and control. If you are unable to do this, your guest will be asked to leave club property.

2016 NRA Basic Rifle Course

Benton Gun Club will be holding NRA Basic Rifle Course 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. 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.

New Members

We welcomed 8 new members at the August meeting. They are: W. Hoyt Akins, Don Burford, William Hard, John Howlett, Jr., Kevin Jones, Jason Timmons, Charly Worlow, and Warren Williams. 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.

"We electors have an important constitutional power placed in our hands: we have a check upon two branches of the legislature, as each branch has upon the other two; the power I mean of electing at stated periods, one branch, which branch has the power of electing another. It becomes necessary to every subject then, to be in some degree a statesman: and to examine and judge for himself of the tendencies of political principles and measures. "

John Adams

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