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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

July 2016

Club and Range News

In club news, nominations were opened for the position of Secretary/Treasurer for 2017. A nomination was made for Sarah Hendrix to continue serving. There were no other nominations. A vote will be held at next month's meeting.

Edward Emrich reported that the PPR (propeller plate rack) has been delivered and works great. It was used in this month's 3-Gun match.

Ed Forte reported we are out of match plaques. We will order some more.

The progress of the excavation work was reported on by George Craig and Lucas Howard. We are waiting on an Agricultural Engineer's report. We have received the preliminary draft and are awaiting the final. Two loads of gravel are going to be delivered and spread on range 6.

Harold Bradshaw reported the the new F-Class match has been very popular and running smoothly. So far, almost \$3000 under the approved budget. Harold also made a motion to move the start times of this match to 11am. This motion passed.

Jerry Watts made a similar motion to move the USPSA start time to 9am for July and August due to the heat. This motion passed. Another motion to purchase 4 large MGM Poppers was made by Jerry. The total cost would not exceed \$900. This, too, passed.

David Habig made a motion to get an advance of \$1000 for costs associated with the IDPA sanctioned match in September (Battle-N-Benton III). This will be reimbursed to the club through registration fees for the match. This motion passed.

Edward Emrich made a motion to hold an all shotgun 3 gun match on September 24, 2016 at 8am. Setup would be on the 23rd. This passed.

David Habig renewed a motion from last month to discontinue depositing half of any funds from new members or matches into the land fund. The land fund will remain intact. Since we can not locate property to purchase, future money could be better used if held in the working accounts. This final vote passed.

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.

HIGH POWER RIFLE SILHOUETTE

A sport imported from Mexico in the 1950's, High Power Silhouette uses steel silhouette targets of life-size animals, the chicken at 200 meters, pig at 300 meters, turkey at 375 meters and desert sheep ("ram") at 500 meters. Ten shots at each distance. All shooting is done standing (offhand.) There are two categories of rifle, the "standard" (or "heavy" or "silhouette") rifle (up to 10 lbs, 2oz) and the Hunting rifle (up to 9 lbs.) Sights are unlimited and most shooters use scopes between 12 and 24 power. The hunting rifle trigger must lift 2 pounds. The standard rifle trigger is unlimited. A "hit" must knock the target from its rail. The 500 meter ram weighs approximately 52 pounds. 7-08 and the various 6.5mm cartridges are popular. No magnums or bullets under .243 diameter are allowed.

Each shooter may have the assistance of a spotter on a spotting scope to call bullet strikes, give wind and mirage advice, and keep score.

Course of fire is two, five-shot strings at each bank of ten targets. Commands are "Ready," after which the shooter has 15 seconds to load and aim before the command of "Fire." After 2 1/2 minutes to fire five shots, the "Cease Fire" command is followed by 30 seconds of rest before the second five-shot string. One shot is fired at each of the 40 targets. If shot number two of a string hits target number three, it is counted as a miss. No less a marksman than Lones Wigger calls HP Silhouette the toughest challenge in the shooting sports. There has never been a perfect score of 40.

Our matches are held every third Sunday (except Father's Day) from March to September at 9:00 am. Match Co-directors are Hugh Burnett (501 225-0259) and Alston Jennings (501 228-7806.)

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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 22 new members at the July meeting. They are: Thomas Adkins, Scott Alford, Robert Britton, Jeffrey Buck, Dempsey Butler III, Aaron Casteel, Chad Chronister, Todd Davis, Zach East, Denver Harrison, William Hill, Cindy Kyser, Steve Lawson, Steven Ray, John Riggs, Barry Robinson, Kevin Smith, Victor Thomas, Brinson Williams, Charles Wilson, William Young, and Brian Yuen. 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 are not afraid to entrust the American people with unpleasant facts, foreign ideas, alien philosophies, and competitive values. For a nation that is afraid to let its people judge the truth and falsehood in an open market is a nation that is afraid of its people. — John F. Kennedy

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