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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

June 2016

## Club and Range News

In range news, Edward Emrich renewed the motion from last month to purchase a new MGM Propeller Plate Rack for USPSA and 3 Gun matches. This second vote passed. The cost should not exceed \$1550.

George Craig and Lucas Howard are still working on getting bids for drainage work on ranges 5, 6, & 7, as well as quotes for grading the road and improving its drainage.

Dan Wagner is still working on a method to lock the front gate open during matches and range orientation. He should have more information soon.

Mark Ward reported that the 4H youth participated in an NRA sanctioned match last week. The 4H Saline County Shooting Sports shooters brought home a 1<sup>st</sup> place finish, three 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes, and a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish. Congratulations to all the youngster that participated!

Thanks to all that helped out and participated in NSSF Rimfire Match. The match was a big success with 38 entrants.

Paul Stiedle made a motion to stop depositing half of any funds from matches or new members to the Land Fund. The Land Fund will remain untouched, as we are unable to locate land to buy. Future monies could be more useful in working accounts. This motion passed, but will require an additional vote at the next club meeting.

## NRA Lifetime Membership Sale!

Through the end of July, a lifetime membership in the NRA is only \$500 (normally \$1000), that's a discount of \$500. You may take advantage of this deal through Benton Gun Club at the next meeting or you can go through the NRA. Contact the club secretary for more information.

## 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 Courses

Benton Gun Club will be holding NRA Basic Rifle Courses 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.

## USPSA

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 1pm, Range 5, Match fee- \$15

USPSA matches are pistol matches with stages that may require up to 32 rounds to complete. We use standard USPSA and IPSC cardboard targets, and a lot of steel targets. Most stages will require drawing a holstered pistol, reloads, and movement. Stages are fast-paced and can be completed any way the shooter can within the rules, safely, of course!

We set up 6 stages each month. 2 are usually big courses with high round counts, 2 more are medium courses with round counts around 20, a short course, and a classifier (published stages used for classification purposes for USPSA members). Most matches require 120-150 rounds, but you may want to bring about 200, sometimes the steel seems to dodge your shots.

In addition to the pistol and ammo, you will need a holster and magazine pouches, spare magazines (2-5), and a belt to hold them all up. As long as you and your gun are safe, we can help you with getting to know the sport. We welcome new shooters of all skill levels.

For more information, please email:  
USPSA@bentongunclub.org

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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 19 new members at the June meeting. They are Brad Boyce, Amy Butler, Clay Carson, David Gombrich, Scott Hansen, Kevin Lloyd, Charles McGee, Don Morehead, Arthur Outlaw, Michael Pratt, Walter Reynolds, Benny Rinke, Sarah Rinke, Mike Rogers, James Salter, Todd Smithson, Bobby Teague, Randi Thomas, and Richard Zakrzewski. 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.

*America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.*

*Abraham Lincoln*

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