

# Windage

Benton Gun Club Newsletter

October 2016

## Club and Range News

In club news, a motion was passed to continue meeting at Smith Family Funeral Home next year.

President Howard announced the formation of the Range Improvement Committee. This committee is being formed to help streamline and simplify the process of making changes to the range based on the topographical survey we now have. We are looking for volunteers to serve on this committee. Anyone interested in participating should contact Lucas Howard for more information.

In range news, we are working on getting the broken bench rest on range 3 fixed. It should be fixed in the upcoming month.

The trees along the road have been trimmed and visibility has improved. Everyone is happy with the work done.

The road will be recrowned and the surrounding ditches cleaned as soon as weather permits and we can get someone in to do the work.

Lucas Howard reported we are completing a scope of work to be provided to companies/contractors for bids on the land clearing and drainage issues. As soon as this is complete, we will forward it for formal bidding. Also, we may need to consider a lead control holding pond in the future. We will also look into whether the property is already condemned from mining, by EPA standards. If so, we should be exempt from needing such holding pond.

The annual match director's dinner was held October 18. Match schedules for the upcoming year were handed in.

Kim Crutchfield reported the target boards he requested last month for the Old Friend's match have been put up and are working well. This allows for more shooters and doesn't create issues for those shooting longer distances.

The steel for the wall stands for matches on range 5 has been ordered and should be ready soon. Edward Emrich reported the estimate was low, but we found a more affordable vendor. The \$500 request in the motion will be more than enough to complete 25 steel wall bases.

## Election Day

Tuesday November 8. Exercise your right to vote by casting your ballot. This is your opportunity to have a say in what happens to your town, your state, and your country.



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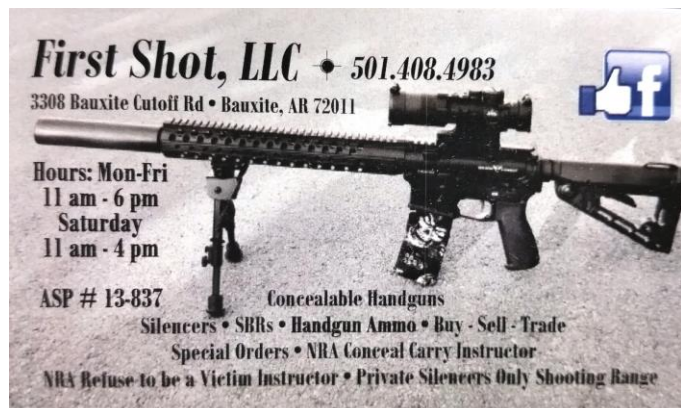
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## Club Meetings

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.

You are not limited to the number of guests you can bring to the range, but Bylaws specify 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

## 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 12 new members at the July meeting. They are: Ralph Bring, Sr., John Falco, Wesley Ferguson, Robert Gaddis, Brad Guthrie, David Johnson, Phillip Lay, John Mcgee, Dan Shisler, Mark sims, Mark Spohrer, and Baylee Stephens. 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.

### Gun Shows

Nov 5-6	Little Rock Gun and Knife Show	Little Rock, AR
Nov 19-20	Harrison Gun and Knife Show	Harrison, AR
Nov 19-20	Searcy Gun Show	Searcy, AR
Nov 25-27	Springdale 3-Day gun Show	Springdale, AR
Dec 3-4	Fort Smith Gun and Knife Show	Ft. Smith, AR
Dec 10-11	G&S Conway Gun Show	Conway, AR

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