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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

April 2010

Range and Match News

Last month's motion to install a security light on the range was been withdrawn due to cost. We learned that it would cost something like \$14,000.00 to have the line installed.

In other news, we've sought additional bids for installing target board poles for ranges 3 and 4B, but the proposed costs were still considered prohibitive. As an alternative, a motion was made, seconded and passed to allow some club members to give it a try. Our thanks to these members for volunteering their time and effort for this very labor-intensive task.

Also, a motion was made to have a sign installed at the front gate, at a cost of \$220.00. The motion was amended to lower the cost to zero after new club member Curt Henry of Signs Now volunteered to donate the sign. The motion was seconded and passed, and the club extends its thanks to Curt for his generous donation.

We discussed the previous matter of installing some sort of fence between Mount Olive Road and Range 1. There was a suggestion to plant a row of a certain variety of tree, but this idea was tabled after it was discovered that these trees would require extensive watering and care during the first 15 weeks after planting.

George Craig presented two motions based on ideas submitted to the five-year planning committee. The first motion was to reinstall target boards on range 3 at the distances of 10- and 25-yards. The motion was seconded and passed.

George's second motion was to address the mud problems by installing underlayment and SB2 gravel on ranges 3 and 4A, extending from the firing line out to the target boards. The club will supply the labor but the materials will cost approximately \$1,100.00, plus a bit for diesel fuel. The motion was amended to round up the cost to a maximum of \$1,500.00 to cover taxes and other unforeseen variables. The motion was seconded and passed but will require a follow-up vote at the May club meeting. (The money for this expense will come from the maintenance fund.)

Finally, Greg Sullivan presented a plan for range 1 improvements, including the pit area at the 600-foot distance, target carriers and berms. Since Greg is not an engineer he requested a letter from the club releasing him from any liability related to the design of these improvements. A motion was made, seconded and passed to provide him with this letter, and the plans will now be sent out for bids.

Ladies-Only CCW Class

Cheryl Craig will be holding a CCW class for female club members (or spouses of male club members) at 8:00 a.m. on May 22 on the shotgun range. The cost will be \$40. If you are interested, please contact Cheryl at 351-7294. (The motion proposing this class was approved at the April club meeting.)

Speaking of CCW licensing, club member James Squires asked us to remind all members that he still does CCW renewals. Please contact him if you need to renew.

July 4th Event Planned

George Toney made a motion at the April club meeting to once again hold a July 4th family event at the range. The motion was seconded and passed. This year we'll also be holding a swap meet. The festivities will be held on range 4B. Range 4B will be closed to shooting at 9:00 a.m. that morning, and range 4A will be closed to shooting at 3:00 p.m. in the afternoon. Watch for more details in future issues of the newsletter and on the club website.

NRA Membership Confirmation

Club members are reminded that they need to send a copy of their NRA membership card or a copy of the mailing label from the NRA magazine to the club P. O. box. If not they will be sent a renewal form for the following club membership year.

Any Day Is A Work Day

There's no reason to wait for an official work day to help keep the range in shape. Please help police it. If you see someone leaving behind some trash, ask them politely to pick it up. Sometimes all it takes is a gentle nudge to help people remember that we are all responsible for the condition of our range.

Range property continues to be destroyed on all ranges. Club members are reminded that they are equal owners of club property, and this continued destruction is costing all club members. If you see someone

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

Club Meetings

Meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Econo Lodge in Benton (I-30 Exit 117).

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destroying club property please get a license plate number and contact one of the club officers.

Change Your Address? Let Us Know!

If you change your mailing address or your email address please let us know. The club secretary reports that a few 2009 renewals have been returned marked "Moved, no forwarding address." He's also noticed that some 2009 renewals have a different email address from the one we have on file. To ensure that you keep informed of club activities, please file a "change of address" request with the post office when you move, and let us know when you get a new email address.

Youth Director Wanted

We are looking for a person (or persons) to plan and coordinate youth-focused shooting and training activities for the club. If you would like to volunteer, please contact one of the club officers.

Please Observe All Range Rules

Anyone observed violating the club range and safety rules is subject to dismissal from the club. New members, make sure that you know what type of firearm may be used on each range. If you don't know, read your bylaws.

Shotgun shooters on the shotgun range (range 7) should use #4 shot or smaller. Shotgun slugs and shot larger than #4 are absolutely against the rules on this range, but may be used on all other ranges with the exception of the silhouette range (range 2).

Someone has caused severe damage to some of the target board posts on the plinking range. Hidden,

motion-sensitive security cameras have been installed to find out who is doing this. James Squires once again asks that shooters PLEASE stop shooting at the posts. If you need a practice target, contact James and he'll get you one.

We'd also like to remind club members not to move target stands closer to the sheds or pads. All target stands must be placed directly in front of a designated berm or backstop. Failure to comply with this rule, or any other range rule, may result in revocation of your membership.

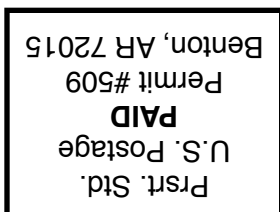
New Members

We welcomed 20 new members at the April meeting. They are Barbara Nix, Ray Hirscheider, Todd McCutcheon, Nick Klein, Douglas Williams, Tommy Nolen, Scott Davio, Ronald Osburn, Michael Thompson, Billy Lawson, Rick Webber, Matt Hayden, Brian Warner, Jason Brown, Edward Cones, Randy Johnson, Ryan Pennington, Daniel Arnold, Garret Broussard, Curt Henry. Welcome to the club, folks!

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



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