

Range and Match News

Club president Paul Stiedle reminded members that he and Vice-President George Craig will be meeting with the Central Arkansas Gun Club on April 17 concerning their commitment to contribute up to \$20,000.00 to the Benton Gun Club for the construction of target carriers for range 1. The meeting will be held on Camp Robinson's Range 13, and they'll report on it at next month's meeting. (Update: this meeting has been postponed.)

In other range news, the trauma kits have been installed on ranges 1, 3 and 4. Your range gate key will open these locks. The range maintenance personnel will check the kits weekly for usage.

Also in range news, a follow-up vote was planned for last month's motion to purchase two additional 40-foot Conex containers for ranges 1 and 5 at a cost not to exceed \$7,000.00. However, after speaking to the company we've purchased Conex units from before, Paul Stiedle learned that they only had two for sale and that the price has increased. Therefore, last month's motion was nullified and a new motion was made which increases the total cost to \$8,500.00. This price will include the construction of pads under the units. (Russell Brown will be the contractor for the pad construction.) The motion was seconded and passed but will require a follow-up vote at next month's meeting.

In match news, Leroy Squires reported on the Spring Break Silhouette Match held in March. The club fronted \$2,000.00 for this match. (Approved at a previous club meeting.) The match took in \$900.00 from match fees, lunch, and t-shirt sales, but expenses (for target setters, caterers, drinks, trophies and t-shirts) totaled \$2,284.80. We have not sponsored this match in several years so it may take a while for all the shooters to return. Leroy stated that he will start planning next year's match earlier in the year.

Speaking of trophy expenses, we may be looking into finding a new company to make the club plaques. The last order cost us \$18.00 per walnut plaque. We'll see if we can get a better price from our current company using a cheaper material or look for another vendor.

April Odds and Ends

A follow-up vote has held on last month's motion to donate the \$2,606.00 we received in NRA renewal commissions to the Saline County 4-H group. The follow-up vote was successful and this motion is now officially passed.

Dale Lester reported on a meeting with the Arkansas Soil Conservation Commission, who performed a survey of the range to look for solutions to our water drainage

problems. Details on this will be forthcoming, along with a proposal for a trap house on range 7. Paul Stiedle said he would contact Alcoa for information about their responsibilities regarding the drainage situation.

NRA Pistol Course

A motion by Cheryl Craig was approved at the April meeting to hold an NRA Basic Pistol course on April 30 on range 6. The cost will be \$45.00 and will include materials, drinks, lunch and ammunition for the course. The class is limited to ten people and is open to club members and their spouses. Participants may bring their own pistols and ammunition to shoot after passing the course. If you're interested, contact Cheryl at the number below, or sign up online at <http://www.nrainstructors.org/SignupStudent.aspx?id=57223>.

Proposed Bylaws Changes Distributed

Paul Stiedle reported that the April 14 bylaws committee meeting has been cancelled. The proposed Bylaws changes have now been emailed to all members with current email addresses. All other club members will get them by mail. After the members have had a chance to review the proposed changes, Paul Stiedle will announce a special meeting for us to vote on the changes. This will be announced at the May club meeting.

BGC T-Shirts For Sale

We are taking orders for Benton Gun Club t-shirts. If you are interested please go to our forum at <http://bentongunclub.org/smf/index.php?topic=642.0> for more information, or send an e-mail to Pat Holsted at patrick@shooters101.com, or call him at 501-766-4942.

NRA Membership Confirmation

Club members are reminded that if their NRA membership information changes, they need to send a copy of their NRA membership card or a copy of the

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Range and Club Information Hotline501-602-2228

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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mailing label from the NRA magazine to the club P. O. box. If not they will be sent an NRA 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 destroying club property please get a license plate number and contact a club officer.

Change Your Address? Let Us Know!

If you change your mailing address please let us know. Some membership renewal notices and newsletters have been returned to us marked "Moved, no forwarding address." Each returned item costs the club 44 cents. To ensure that you keep receiving the newsletter and stay informed on club activities, please file a "change of address" request with the post office when you move, and let the club secretary know, too.

The same goes for changed email addresses: please send us note when you switch email addresses so that we can update our records. Thanks!

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).

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, may result in revocation of your membership.

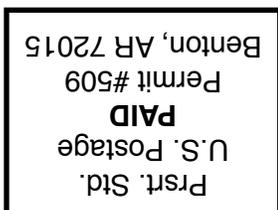
New Members

We welcomed 21 new members at the April meeting. They are Bret Aldridge, Marty Allison, James Elliott, Kelley Geurin, Daniel Godelfer, Mark Horn, Luanne McCarty, Cliff McKinney, Daniel O'Shea, Shannon Parsons, Floyd Potts, David Rhoads, Steven Rice, Steven Roberts, Daniel Sislowski, David Sislowski, Mark Thomas, Doug Varner, Mike Ward, and Ken Zahrt. 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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