

## Range and Match News

As reported last month, the members approved a measure to make an offer to Alcoa to buy the land north of range 7 at a cost of \$300.00 per acre. We're still working on preparing the offer.

And we're also planning a work day to install "no trespassing, violators will be prosecuted" signs along the range perimeter, and to construct the cement buckets to hold the posts for the target boards on ranges 3, 4A, and 4B. We'll keep you posted.

Also, the work on Range 5, to finish the steel walls, has been completed. We still have to fill them with gravel, but we'll let you know when that gets scheduled.

In range news, a member reported that the new earthen berm on Range 1 at 200 meters has a crack in it. This could lead to rapid erosion of the berm. Greg Sullivan said that he would look into it prior to the upcoming spring tournament.

In club news, Paul Stiedle reminded the members that in years past the club has donated the commissions it receives for NRA membership renewals made through the club. A motion was made from the floor to donate the \$3,738.00 we received in 2012 to the Saline County 4-H club. The motion was seconded and passed.

In other news, a motion was approved at the April club meeting to spend \$250.00 on shotgun shells for the April 27th Introduction to Shotgun Day. (See below for details.) Any shells left over will be donated to the Saline County 4-H club.

And finally, Paul Stiedle reported that he has contacted Missouri Bullet Company about registering the club with them, as a service to our club members. He will let us know when they get back to him.

## Shotgun Day in April

We are holding an Introduction to Shotgun Day on April 27, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., on range 7. The cost is \$3.00 per person. This event will be open to the public. Clays and shotgun shells will be provided.

## NRA Rifle Course in July

The club approved a motion by Culley Majors at the April club meeting to hold another NRA Basic Rifle course on July 13th, with class work to be held on range 6 and the shooting portion to be held on range 4B. The class will start at 8:00 a.m. and will cost \$45.00 per student.

## Candidates to Speak to Club

The club approved a motion by John Arellane at the April club meeting to send invitations to political candidates following the primaries in May. They will be

invited to speak and take questions at regular club meetings in June, July, August and September. Spots will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, with a 10-minute speech time limit per candidate.

## 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](mailto: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 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. Paul Stiedle reported at a previous club meeting that our gate sign has been shot multiple times. 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.

## Address Changed? 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

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

### Club Meetings

The monthly club meetings are held at Peaceful Haven Funeral Home, 322 N. Market, in Benton.

### Officers

President .....Paul Stiedle (517-0756)  
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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.

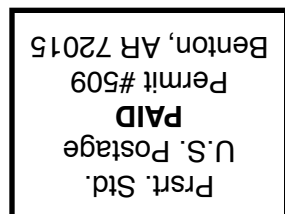
## **New Members**

We welcomed 18 new members at the April meeting. They are David Branton, Michael Callahan, Steve Cruse, Kim Crutchfield, Patrick Daley, Gerard Delatte, Ty Foreman, Ms. Tiffany Gray, Gerald Griffin, Jonathan Hall, Samuel Herring, Ms. Amber Humes, Parker Jones, Mike Montgomery, Ms. Gabrielle O'Shea, Joe Palmer, Fred Sanders, and Ralph Wilmoth. 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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