

Range and Match News

In range news, Paul Stiedle reported that we still haven't made any headway with Alcoa on purchasing additional land. Patience is a virtue, they say.

In other range news, the purchase of the new Conex container, approved in December, is still in progress and should be in place soon. Another person has been appointed to spearhead the project.

Also, the new mobile plate racks, approved for purchase last month, are nearing completion. They will be picked up sometime in May.

In match news, Lucas Howard made a motion to apply for holding a GSSF (Glock Sport Shooting Foundation) action pistol match in 2016. It would be held on ranges 5 and 6 on a Saturday and Sunday, dates to be determined. The motion was seconded and passed.

In other match news, David Habig made a motion to purchase three new timers, to be used in Ruger rimfire, falling plate, IDPA, speed steel, and three-gun matches. The timers are \$120.00 apiece, for a total of \$360.00, plus shipping and/or taxes. The motion was seconded and passed. In a related motion, Dan Wagner requested that we look into repairing the existing timer used for the falling plate matches. This motion was also seconded and passed.

In other news, Paul reported that committee members from Mt. Olive Cemetery are working up a sign proposal for the club. This sign would be posted on the gate during graveside funeral services and will ask club members to refrain from firing for a short period of time. This is not a club rule, just a courtesy we are extending to our neighbors who may be grieving.

And finally, a reminder that John Arellanes has pocket-sized copies of the U.S. and Arkansas Constitutions. They are free to all club members and are available at the regular monthly club meetings.

Bylaws Review Meeting Held

As announced at the February meeting, we are reviewing the club bylaws this year. A review committee consisting of club members held a meeting in March, and the next meeting is being held on Monday, April 27, at Bass Pro Shops. Paul Stiedle hopes to present the final recommendations for changes after this meeting.

Rifle Classes Scheduled

We are holding some basic NRA rifle classes on June 27, September 19, and October 17, as approved by the club in February. The classes will be held on ranges 6 and 4B from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The cost will be

\$30.00 per class, with a family discount. Rifles, ammo and materials will be provided. Bring your lunch.

A Safety Reminder

Just a reminder that range safety is every member's responsibility! Keep this in mind every time you are at the range. Just a few things to think about: when you are on any range and there are other members setting or removing targets downrange **DO NOT HANDLE ANY FIREARMS, NO MATTER WHAT!** This would seem like common sense but for some reason there are members that seem to think that it is okay to handle their rifles while other members or down range just because they have their bolt open or out of the gun. Keep in mind that if you were the person downrange you would have no idea that the firearm the person under the shed is handling has the bolt removed. It is just good SAFETY and manners to not touch or handle your firearms in any way while others are downrange and is Rule #1 on the Clubs Range Rules!

Also it is incumbent upon all members to get the name of persons who may violate these safety rules and report them to the club officers as soon as possible. If you could get a photo of them and their vehicle this would help us in ID'ing them and addressing these issues.

So please help to keep our range a fun and safe place to shoot! <http://www.bentongunclub.org/files/BGC-RangeRules-2011-06-27.pdf>

Reminder About CMP

We'd like to remind club members that we belong to the Civilian Marksmanship Program. Purchasers of surplus rifles (such as the M1 Garand) must be members of a CMP-affiliated club like ours. Our CMP ID number is 41055. For details on what is available for sale, how to order and provide proof of membership, and for information on other CMP services, visit their website at www.odcmp.com.

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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.

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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 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!

New Members

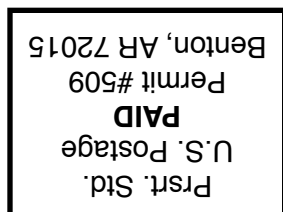
We welcomed 21 new members at the April meeting. They are Paul Akers, Robert Berryman, Lee Boardman, Rafael Escalante, Troy Hartz, Rickey Kinley, James Kirk, Lee Lessenberry, John Lott, Robert McChain, Shane Martin, David Montes, Wesley Russell, Chris Scroggins, Gregory Simmons, Cody Sims, Porter Sims, Coy Sullivan, Bob Theel, Justin Turner and Joe Wise.

Welcome to the club!

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.



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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