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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

August 2010

Range and Match News

First, a correction: in last month's newsletter we reported that the September IDPA match had been moved to September 8. The correct date is September 18.

In match news, the "old timer's" match has been extended through the end of this year. It's held on the first and third Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m. on range 4B.

In range news, it was reported that the gravel is in place on ranges 3 and 4. All of the underlayment has been used up but there is some gravel left over. Our thanks to our great team of volunteers who worked hard to get all of this installed. We may have to fine tune the gravel distribution a little bit, to get the drainage right, so please don't fill in any low places.

Also, a motion was made and approved to purchase one set of swinger targets at a cost of \$65.00 for use in the "old timer's" match.

Finally, the range 1 committee reported that they have come up with a new, less costly design that will still achieve the desired goals. The target pits will be 75 feet closer to the firing line, which eliminates a lot of dirt work. The new plan also removed the use of some concrete and some other dirt work. Detailed plans will be drawn up and presented to the club at the next club meeting.

2011 Club Dues Set

The club approved a motion to keep the club dues unchanged in 2011. The dues will remain at \$75.00 in 2011.

Requesting Bylaw Change Submissions

We are collecting submissions for changes to the bylaws. We have not formed a bylaws committee yet, so no vote will be held any time soon, but we need to start collecting ideas. If you would like to submit a change, please send it to the club P.O. box or email us. You must include the specific wording of the change you want made to the bylaws. That is, quote the text of the section you want changed, amended with your proposed update.

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 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.

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

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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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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

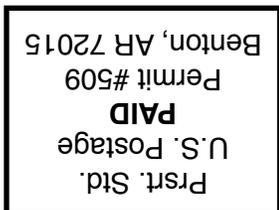
We welcomed 10 new members at the August meeting. They are Darrin Griffith, Robert Griffith, James Kelley, David Witherow, Zach Witherow, Quentin

Markland, Brian Bramlette, Sherry Gilbert, James Harrell, Steve Hargis. 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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