

# Windage

Benton Gun Club Newsletter

August 2011

## Range and Match News

In range news, Paul Stiedle reported that we are still waiting to hear back from the representative of Alcoa, Pat Keogh, to learn when they will fix the water drainage issues on range 7. We're also still waiting to hear from them regarding our inquiry about purchasing additional land for the club.

Paul also reported that the 40-ft. Conex he located recently was delivered to range one on August 8. (This purchase was approved at a previous club meeting.) Some of the Conex containers require painting and we would happily accept help from anyone who would like to volunteer to do the work. If not, we will schedule a work day for the entire club membership.

In other news, a follow-up vote was held on Dan Wagner's motion from last month to purchase six shelves for Conex 6 and two shelves for Conex 1, at a cost not to exceed \$2,400.00. The motion was approved.

A follow-up vote was also held on Dan's motion to purchase and install one 17-ft. roll gate with trolley and one 21-ft. gate with trolley for range five. These would be installed between Conex containers 5 and 6 for the purpose of securely housing the two trailers that the club owns, so that they may be kept on our property. They will be purchased from and installed by Bill's Fence Company at a cost of \$2,508.00. The motion was approved.

While Dan was on a roll, a follow-up vote has held on his motion from last month to set aside 50% of the club's annual income or \$50,000.00, whichever is less, for a land acquisition fund for additional ranges, beginning in 2011. The motion was approved. (You're three for three, Dan!)

A follow-up vote was also held on Lloyd Sloan's motion from last month to purchase and install a double carport for range 2, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00. The motion was approved. Oh, and the wind flags that Lloyd requested we purchase (in a motion approved last month) have been delivered and are already in use.

One last item from last month: A follow-up vote was held on Dale Lester's motion to increase the salary for the secretary/treasurer position by \$200.00 monthly. The motion was approved.

In match news, Randy Haydon made a motion for the club to sponsor a half-scale silhouette YMCA Father/Grandfather-Daughter/Granddaughter match on range 2 on October 1, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. There will be no entry fee. NRA rules will be in effect, and it will be open to all club members who would like to participate with their daughters/granddaughters who are under the age of 18. Randy Haydon and George Toney will be the match

directors. The YMCA will purchase food for the girls but if you would like to participate in lunch after the event please bring your own food. The motion was seconded and passed.

## Club Dues Unchanged in 2012

Harold Smith made a motion at the August club meeting to keep the membership dues at \$75.00 for 2012. The motion was seconded and passed.

## Arkansas Youth Finish Strong at Junior Events

Austin Odom, 16, of Benton, Arkansas, won the bronze medal on August 1st at the National Junior Olympics Shotgun Championships. Odom is a junior at Benton High School and a 2010, 2011 member of the Junior Olympic Shotgun team. The match was held at the National Shotgun Range in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Odom competed with over 100 competitors ages 14 to 20 from around the country. Competitors attended this shoot by invitation only based on recent score performance. Odom finished the regular match in a three-way tie for third place with two college sophomores and managed to surpass their scores in the final to win the bronze.

In olympic trap, competitors shoot five regular rounds of 25 clay targets. The top six competitors then shoot a final sixth round of 25 clay targets for the opportunity to settle the top six places. Based on this final round the match results are determined. After the conclusion of the finals, Odom won the bronze medal. Matthew Gossett (2011 men's national champion of Springville, Alabama) took home the silver medal and Olympic Training Center resident athlete Collin Wietfeldt (Hemlock, Michigan) took home the gold medal. Gossett and Wietfeldt have both traveled internationally as members of the USA shooting world cup teams.

In July, members of the Saline County 4-H youth shooting group took home multiple awards in an event

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### 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).

### Officers

President .....Paul Stiedle (517-0756)  
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held in Ferndale on July 15-16. 300 participants shot along with Austin Odom, who took first place in shotgun with a perfect score. Senior Joe Nolen took first place in the .22 pistol event, and the junior team took third place in air pistol and archery.

## By-Laws Distributed

Paul Stiedle reminded the membership that the recently updated club bylaws have been posted on the club website and have been sent to all members with a valid email address. You may print a copy for your records, or you can pick up a hard copy at the club meetings. Those members who do not attend meetings may request to have a copy of the bylaws sent by regular mail.

## 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.

## 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.

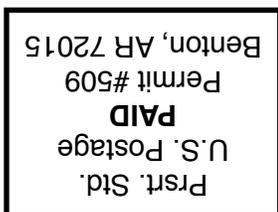
## New Members

We welcomed 15 new members at the August meeting. They are James Bagley, Clay Beckett, Patrick Boyd, Thomas Buekhalter, Jon Lindemann, Eric Marcotte, Tony Marvin, John Osifchin, Jason Plaxco, Mark Riabie, Tim Pry, Kenneth Schmidt, Terry Simmons, Dale Tanner and John Turner. 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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