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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

August 2012

Range News

Paul Stiedle reported at the August club meeting that work on range 5 has begun. The work includes putting gravel on the parking lot and stabilizing the back side of range 5 with dirt and rock to elevate the drainage and reduce the standing water problem. The work was proposed and voted on in June and confirmed with a follow-up vote in July. Drawings and details of the plans are posted on the club website and forums.

Vice-president George Craig asked if Greg Sullivan had prepared the maps for the land at the top of the hill that might be a location for a potential club house, but Greg was not present at the meeting.

In other range news, Paul reported that there may be some land for sale or lease in Lonoke County that we might be able to use for a 1,000-yard range. Paul asked if the members would like him to look into it. The members asked about the terms of a lease, such as requirements to return the land to its original condition and perform lead cleanup. Paul said those items could be negotiated in a contract. After discussion the members agreed to have Paul look into this option further. We'll have more details at a future club meeting.

Bylaws Violation

Paul Stiedle reported that he was called to the range the week before the August club meeting concerning a club member who was conducting qualifications on the range for a concealed carry license class. He met with this member and his students and told the member that no one may conduct a class on the range without a vote by the membership at a regular monthly meeting, as laid out in our club bylaws. This member was in violation of that clause of the bylaws and was asked to leave. Our bylaws clearly state that only events sponsored by, approved by, or run by the club may be held on club property. The club range is not for loan, rent, or lease to any other organization without club notification and approval. A violation of these conditions can be grounds for termination of club membership.

Club Dues Unchanged in 2013

Paul opened the floor at the August meeting for motions concerning what the club dues should be set at in 2013. It was felt that there was no need to raise them, and a motion was made to keep the annual dues at their current rate of \$75.00 for regular members and \$60.00 for members aged 65 or older. The motion was seconded and passed, and a follow-up vote next month is not required.

Candidates Scheduled to Speak

We have received responses from several political candidates who have accepted our invitation to speak to our members and answer questions.

Mr. Kim Hammer and Ms. Barbara Nix will speak at the September club meeting, and Congressman Tim Griffin will speak at our October 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 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.

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Range and Club Information Hotline501-602-2228

Club Meetings

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

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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.

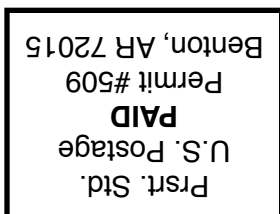
New Members

We welcomed 23 new members at the August meeting. They are Lex Dobbins, Brandon Downard, Joe Dreher, Steve Carlton, Tony Clifton, Dwayne Davis, Brandon Harklau, Adam Ingle, Chuck King, Jr., Bernard McIntyre, Sam McIntyre, David Mitchem, Jimmy Mitchem, David Ramsey, Wesley Reynard, Dewey Scott, Timothy Scott, Wade Scott, Nathan Stratton, Thomas Taylor, Toby Talley, Jerry Taylor, and Michael Vangundy. 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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