

Range and Match News

Paul Stiedle reported that the offer for the land north of Range 7 has been received and reviewed by Alcoa. Paul's contact tells him the Alcoa board has met and he was told to make it happen. We are now awaiting confirmation of the sale and further instructions. In case you're forgotten, the offer is for 134 acres at \$300.00 per acre.

Paul also reported that the "no trespassing" signs have been posted along the eastern and southern borders of our current property. Thanks to club member Arthur Helmkamp for lining up a family to post them for us.

Also in range news, Paul reported that all of the target board posts and post-supporting buckets have been completed and installed by the range maintenance personnel. The range 5 berms have been filled with gravel but not capped. Also, gravel work was completed on ranges 1, 2 and 6, and the road has been graded and some gravel was installed to smooth out the bumps. One of our maintenance people has asked to have gravel spread in the range 4A walk paths. That will be completed at a future date.

In other news, Paul reported that club member Keith Nash made contact with Missouri Bullet concerning registering the club with their company. Our member passcode is BENTON-GC.

And finally, Austin Odom attended the August meeting to thank us personally for our donation to sponsor him at the Junior Olympics in Spain. He also told us that he took gold in the Colorado National. Congratulations, Austin!

Savage Arms Shoot September 21

Last month we approved a motion to allow Savage Arms sales representative Zach Fler to host a shoot at our range. Mr. Fler will bring an assortment of Savage Arms rifles and Hornady ammunition for members to shoot for free. Club vice-president George Craig spoke to Mr. Fler and arranged a date of September 21 for this shoot, to be held from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on range 1. A motion was made, seconded and passed at the August club meeting to approve this match.

NRA Rifle Course Scheduled

Cully Majors made a motion by way of Paul Stiedle to hold an NRA Basic Rifle course on August 24 and September 21. (Our apologies, the newsletter was not ready in time to publicize the August date.) The motion was seconded and passed. It will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., with the lecture portion on range 6 and the shooting portion on range 4B. The cost will be \$45 per person. You can register at the NRA web site, and Cully

Majors will be the instructor. There will be just four seats per class, available on a first-come, first-served basis. The class is open to adults and youths, but youths must be accompanied by an adult. A \$25 deposit is due prior to class time.

September Air Rifle Match Rescheduled

Just a reminder that last month the club approved a motion to move the September air rifle match. The match will now be held on August 31, on range 2.

2014 Club Dues Set

At the August club meeting each year we review the amount for the annual club dues. A motion was made, seconded and passed to keep the club dues as is for 2014. The dues will remain at \$75 for anyone under age 65, and \$60 for anyone aged 65 or over.

Club Renewals Being Sent Soon

Club membership renewals will be going out in the mail on November 1. If you have moved and have not updated your address with the club secretary, you will not receive a renewal form. Please email the club secretary at spurs.2000@yahoo.com if your address has changed.

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.

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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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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!

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.

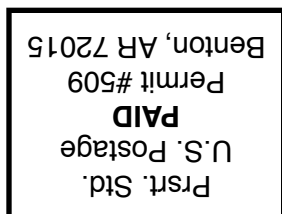
New Members

We welcomed 12 new members at the August meeting. They are Don Babbitt, Philip Benavides, Mark Eikhoff, Brad Elam, Ms. Glynn Garrett, Adrian Lupton, Terrel Milks, William Milks, Larry Ringgold, Robert Theel, Shawn Tyler and John Woodall. 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.



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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