

September Meeting Rescheduled

Due to conflicts with the schedules of the club president and the secretary/treasurer, the September club meeting is being moved to the 3rd Monday, September 15. The location is the same as always. This rescheduling was voted on and approved at the August club meeting.

Range and Match News

Club president Paul Stiedle reported that he has spoken again with Alcoa's representative concerning our wish to purchase the land north of range 7. There was no news, and no news is good news when it comes to Alcoa. Paul also would like all members to know that the club is still looking for other acres to purchase so that the club can expand and build new ranges. If you know of land for sale please contact Paul at the number below. If we cannot find the land ourselves we may consider hiring an agent to find land for us.

In other range news, Paul reported that club member Frank Put has rebuilt some shooting stools on his own time. Along with Paul we would like to express our thanks for his work on behalf of the club.

In match news, Paul reported that the 3-gun match held on August 9 went well. The match went quickly and ended in time for members to use the ranges that evening.

In club news, Paul reported that we are in the process of securing a large bond for the club finances, covering up to \$350,000.00. In order to secure the bond, we would need a third party club member (a non-officer) to audit and reconcile the financials. We are looking for interested parties and will pay \$100.00 per audit/review. Interested members should contact one of the club officers for more details.

In other news, the 4-H has a junior auxiliary-sponsored youth skeet tournament coming up. For more information, contact Mark Ward with the 4-H.

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.

Candidates Speaking at September Meeting

State Auditor candidate Andrea Lea and Land Commissioner candidate Mark Robinson will be speaking at the September 15 club meeting and taking questions from the membership.

Coming up at the October club meeting, we'll hear from 2nd District Representative candidate French Hill,

Lieutenant-Governor candidate Tim Griffin, and Attorney General candidate Leslie Rutledge.

We'd like to thank Land Commissioner candidate John Thurston for attending the August meeting.

Club Invited to Participate in Shooting Expo

"Attention, members. We (the club) have been invited to partner with a promoter on a 'Competitive Shooting Conference & Expo Demo Day'. This event is designed the same as the SHOT show format in Las Vegas with vendor booths showcasing new products and seminars. The event in Little Rock will be free for BGC members and you will be able to visit our range in your own vehicle and participate in the range demos at no cost. The only cost to club members will be any classes/seminars you sign up for. (\$25.00 each.) This conference will bring in 20 of the best completion shooters in the country to hold seminars at the State House Convention Center in Little Rock. If we accept this offer we will be providing parts of our range as a demonstration areas for shooting gear manufacturers from all over the country. We will have a BGC Range Officer present to oversee these demo days as safety will be priority number one. Please attend our next club meeting on September 15 to discuss and approve this proposal. The promoter has agreed to attend to answer any questions. You may also contact me or him directly before this meeting. His e-mail is jmason@rexhibit.com. This event will require some volunteers. This event is scheduled for August 28-30th, 2015. Thank you." -Paul C. Stiedle

Here are some additional details: we have reviewed our bylaws, and such a sponsorship would be allowed. In addition to range volunteers, we would most likely have to provide some additional portable toilets. The event promoters would also provide the club with an indemnity insurance policy.

Dues Remaining Unchanged

At the August meeting the club considered the question of how to set dues for the coming year. A

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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.

Officers

PresidentPaul Stiedle (517-0756)
Vice-PresidentGeorge Craig (351-4948)
Secretary-Treasurer.....Sarah Hendrix
Range & Safety OrientationJames Squires (847-2147)
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motion was made to keep membership and maintenance fees at the current amounts of \$75/\$60 and \$100, respectively, with the same 40% discount after October. The motion was seconded and passed.

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!

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.

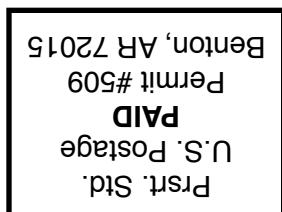
New Members

We welcomed 18 new members at the August meeting. They are Shane Ashcraft, Jerry Brown, Rusty Byrne, James "Allen" Cooper, Ron Fenton, Jerald Greuel, Bradley Harp, Jesse Hughes, Philip Kneib, Lawrence Lewis, Tim Linton, Damon McKelvy, Anthony Quenga, Jr., James "Jim" Rogers, John Rogers, Holden Shoemaker, Scott Smith, Bernard Stokes, and Derek Wacaster. 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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