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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

August 2015

Newsletter Editor Wanted

After 15+ years, ye olde editor is hanging up his spurs, and we're looking for someone to take over as newsletter editor beginning in January. If you're interested in the position, please contact one of the club officers, or if you have questions about how the newsletter is produced, please contact the editor.

Range and Match News

In range news, President Paul Stiedle reported that a club member has seen the sign on the gate about a funeral at Mt. Olive Cemetery. The service was scheduled for two hours. Should lengthy funeral services become an issue we will look into posting a notice on the website or forum.

Also in range news, Paul reported that he hasn't heard anything about the cameras for the 600-yard F-class match on range 1. (See the February newsletter for more information on this newly-approved match.) The cameras are in high demand, so we will follow up on this and report back.

In other range news, the new Conex container is on site. The new locks will be installed this month so it will be put into use soon.

In match news, President Stiedle reported that the first BPCR .22 silhouette match was held this month and went very well.

And finally, a reminder that John Arellanes has given us pocket-sized copies of the U.S. and Arkansas Constitutions. They are currently available from club match directors at the range, and are free for the asking.

2016 Dues Increase Proposed

As we do every year in August, we open the floor to motions regarding the club dues for the coming year. A motion was made to increase the dues to \$80, with a discount price of \$64 for those over age 65. The motion was seconded and passed, and there were no other motions. A vote on the increase will be held at the September meeting.

We are also looking into accepting credit and debit card payments (in addition to checks, cash, and money orders) for 2016 renewals. Card payment processing will require some fees, but the proposed dues increase should sufficiently cover those costs.

Rifle Classes Scheduled

We are holding some basic NRA rifle classes on September 19, and October 17, as approved by the club in February. The classes will be held on ranges 6 and 4B

from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The cost will be \$30.00 per class, with a family discount. Rifles, ammo and materials will be provided. Bring your lunch.

A Safety Reminder

Just a reminder that range safety is every member's responsibility! Keep this in mind every time you are at the range. Just a few things to think about: when you are on any range and there are other members setting or removing targets downrange **DO NOT HANDLE ANY FIREARMS, NO MATTER WHAT!** This would seem like common sense but for some reason there are members that seem to think that it is okay to handle their rifles while other members or down range just because they have their bolt open or out of the gun. Keep in mind that if you were the person downrange you would have no idea that the firearm the person under the shed is handling has the bolt removed. It is just good SAFETY and manners to not touch or handle your firearms in any way while others are downrange and is Rule #1 on the Clubs Range Rules!

Also it is incumbent upon all members to get the name of persons who may violate these safety rules and report them to the club officers as soon as possible. If you could get a photo of them and their vehicle this would help us in ID'ing them and addressing these issues.

So please help to keep our range a fun and safe place to shoot! <http://www.bentongunclub.org/files/BGC-RangeRules-2011-06-27.pdf>

Reminder About CMP

We'd like to remind club members that we belong to the Civilian Marksmanship Program. Purchasers of surplus rifles (such as the M1 Garand) must be members of a CMP-affiliated club like ours. Our CMP ID number is 41055. For details on what is available for sale, how to order and provide proof of membership, and for information on other CMP services, visit their website at www.odcmp.com.

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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

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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.

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. 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. 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. Ignorance is no excuse. A reminder, and we cannot say this strongly enough, full-auto fire on the range is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**.

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.

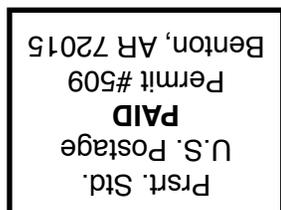
New Members

We welcomed 16 new members at the August meeting. They are Michael Carter, Charles Collins, Jimmy Corley, Michael Court, James Echols, Dennis Fullington, Ryan Hanley, Dustin Holley, Joseph Little, John Osifchin, Dwayne Page, Steven Reeves, Bobby Tompkins, Warren Williams, James Wise and Bill Waldemayer. Welcome to the club!

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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