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Benton Gun Club Newsletter December 2012

Range and Match News

It was another fairly quiet month at the BGC.

Paul Stiedle reported that he spoke to the rep from Alcoa about purchasing 70-73 acres of land to the north of range 7. They have requested a survey of the land that they will get to us so we can look it over and decide if we want to make an offer on it. There was nothing new to report about the land in Lonoke.

In other range news, Rex Gismond made a motion to hire someone to install signs along all of our property lines that read "No trespassing, violators will be prosecuted." They distance between signs will conform to state law. The signs along Mt. Olive Cutoff may be more closely spaced, since range 1 parallels the road and is very close to it. There may be some variance in spacing due to line-of-sight requirements.

This motion has been made because persons have been observed entering club property from areas that are not currently posted with signs indicating that they are entering private property. The motion was seconded and passed.

In match news, James Squires made a motion to purchase a pallet of shotgun shells from Blue Rock Gun Club, for use in our shotgun matches, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00. The motion was seconded and passed.

Renewal Time Is Here

Membership renewal notices for 2013 have been mailed to all members. Current members will have until February 11, 2013 to return their club membership/NRA renewals and avoid paying the \$100 range maintenance fee. The range lock will be changed after the January club meeting. Only members who have paid their dues for 2013 will have the correct key. If you have changed addresses and have not notified the club secretary/treasurer then you may not receive your renewal notice. If you have changed your address, or if you have not yet received your renewal notice, please email the club secretary at spurs.2000@yahoo.com.

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.

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.

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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.

Officers

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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 30 new members at the December meeting. They are Rick Briggs, Dan Bohn, David Cole, Darrell Daniels, Ms. Shelly Engstrom, Michael Garrett, Henry Giggelman, Brian Golden, Joel Green, Harold Haley Jr., Gary Hunnicutt, Barry Kingston, Jerry Kyle, Phillip Morhead, Lyn Melton, Arron Oncken, Jason Osborne, Bob Peavy, Ms. Georganna Repogle, Ray Roberts, Bob Sanders, Fred Savage, Corey Tinkle, Andy Traffanstedt, Julian Tunno, Dan Tursky, Roger Weldon, Matthew Wiltshire, Joshua Womack, and Tony Zimmerman. 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.

News from the NRA-ILA

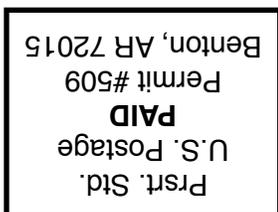
The following item come from the NRA-ILA web page, www.nraila.org. Reprinted with permission.

Federal Court Strikes down Illinois' total ban on carrying firearms for self-defense outside the home or business

Fairfax, Va. – The United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit ruled that Illinois' total ban on carrying firearms for self-defense outside the home or business is unconstitutional. The case involves lead plaintiff Mary Shepard, an Illinois resident and a trained gun owner, who is licensed to carry a concealed handgun in both Utah and Florida. The National Rifle Association is funding this case. The Illinois State Rifle Association is a co-plaintiff in this case.

“Today’s ruling is a victory for all law abiding citizens in Illinois and gun owners throughout the country,” said Wayne LaPierre, Executive Vice President of NRA. “The court recognized that the text and history of the Second Amendment guarantee individuals the right to carry firearms outside the home for self-defense and other lawful purposes. In light of this ruling, Mary Shepard and the people of Illinois will finally be able to exercise their Second Amendment rights.”

In today’s decision, Judge Richard Posner ruled that Illinois’ ban on carriage is unconstitutional. The Judge went on to say, “One doesn’t have to be a historian to realize that a right to keep and bear arms for personal self-defense in the eighteenth century could not rationally have been limited to the home. . . . Twenty-first century Illinois has no hostile Indians. But a Chicagoan is a good deal more likely to be attacked on a sidewalk than in his apartment on the 35th floor.”



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