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Benton Gun Club Newsletter November 2013

Range and Match News

We have a small bit of news to report this month regarding Alcoa's response to our offer for the land north of range 7. Alcoa's representative told Paul Stiedle that nothing will be done regarding the offer until after the first of the year. We have received a survey of the land, prepared by Garver Engineers and presented to the club at the December meeting by Greg Sullivan. The information was given to Garver Engineers by Alcoa and includes 137.660 acres, and has been deemed accurate enough to use for the purchase agreement.

In range news, club member Ed Forte requested that the roof on range 2 be replaced with an insulated one like those found on the other ranges. Ed said that water drips onto the shooters' equipment and that pieces of the roof have dropped off. Greg Sullivan said he would research it and get back to the club with an estimate.

In other range news, club vice-president George Craig presented the members with an estimate from Red Stone for blacktopping the range road. The estimate was broken into two phases. Phase 1 would pave the road from the front gate down the hill to range 2 at a cost of \$54,212.00. Phase 2 would go the rest of the way to range 7 at a cost of \$50,989.00. Each phase would be finished in three days, during which the range would be closed. The members discussed the estimate, including comparison with the costs of continued grading and graveling of the road. No motion was made. This estimate was presented as information.

In match news, match director David Habig made a motion for the club to sponsor a sanctioned IDPA match called "Battle in Benton" on April 26, 2014. This match will require the use of ranges 4B, 5 and 6, all of which will be closed for set up beginning at noon on April 23. The match will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the cost will be \$65.00 per person. Lunch is included in the match fee, and the match directors will be David Habig and Paul Stiedle. The motion was seconded and passed.

And finally, a reminder that John Arellanes has pocket-sized copies of the U.S. Constitution. They are free to all club members and are available at the regular monthly club meetings.

Secretary Compensation Increased

Dale Lester made a motion at the December club meeting to increase the club secretary's salary by \$300.00 for the three months of renewal season (November, December and January) due to the increase in the workload. (The volume of work triples during these months.) The motion was seconded and passed after some discussion.

2014 Renewals Have Been Mailed

We'd like to remind all members that renewal notices for 2014 have been sent out. Please make sure you let us know if your address has changed in 2013. Otherwise, you will not receive a renewal notice. If you have questions or updates, please contact the club secretary, Cheryl Craig, at spurs.2000@yahoo.com, or call the club voicemail line and leave a message.

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 and how to order and provide proof of membership, and for information on other CMP services, visit their website at www.odcmp.com.

Range Orientation Volunteers Wanted

We are looking for club members who would be interested in helping with the range orientation sessions for new members. If you are interested, please contact one of the club officers. Thank you!

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 Smith Family 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.

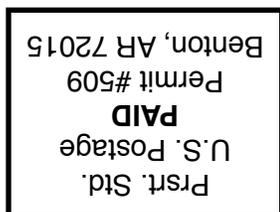
New Members

We welcomed 13 new members at the December meeting. They are Rick Abair, Nicholas Abair, Allen Barnes, Curt Carrigan, Matthew Carter, Jim Erwin, Jr., Tom Hunnicutt, Jr., Mark Kelly, John Nalley, Philip Marsh, Tom Pyron, Josh Tolliver, and Terry Webster. 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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