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Benton Gun Club Newsletter December 2014

Range and Match News

Club president Paul Stiedle reported that he has not spoken with Alcoa's representative about our land purchase recently.

Paul also reported that Brownell's has backed out of sponsoring the shooting expo that we are taking part in next August. The event promoter is in the process of seeking other sponsors.

In range news, the trees on the left side of the road leading down into the range have not been trimmed yet, but this will be done soon.

In other range news, we held a follow-up vote on David Habig's motion from last month to purchase a 40x8x8 Conex container, to be placed on the island beside range 4, to alleviate overcrowding in the existing Conex units. The cost will be \$2,800.00, plus tax and \$100 for delivery. The club will be responsible for leveling. The motion was seconded and passed on the follow-up vote and is now confirmed.

In match news, two recent events drew good crowds. The IDPA-sanctioned match, a 4-stage event held on range 5 on November 29, drew 40 participants. And the half-scale small bore rifle match held on November 22 on range 2 attracted 15 competitors. Thanks to everyone who came out, and we hope you had fun!

In other match news, the Battle in Benton match, approved last month for May 16, 2015, will be posted to the IDPA web site as soon as it has been approved.

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.

Match Schedule Correction

Enclosed with this newsletter (if you get it by mail, that is) you will find page two of the 2015 match schedule, which was accidentally omitted when page one was mailed out recently. The full schedule can also be found on the club's website. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Range Gate Lock Changed

Club president Paul Stiedle would like to remind all members that a new gate lock was installed on the *outside* of the gate after the new-member orientation on Saturday, December 13. The lock on the *inside* of the gate and the locks on the first aid boxes will be changed after the January 12 club meeting. All 2014 locks will be removed following the January 12 meeting. You should be receiving your 2015 keys before all of these locks are changed.

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.

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

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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.

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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. 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.

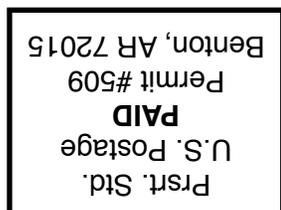
New Members

We welcomed 16 new members at the December meeting. They are Jessica Bradshaw, Jerry Bryant, Scott Byrd, Steven Campbell, Ryan Dawson, Randy Garrett, Kerry Gilson, Jeremy Harris, Jerry Harris, Bob Herron, Shawn Lindsey, William Malloy, Carter Norman, David Poe, Jake Sky-Eagle, and Jessie Trigleth. 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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