

# Windage

Benton Gun Club Newsletter

February 2011

## Range and Match News

David Mayfield reported that a date has not yet been set for a meeting with the Central Arkansas Rifle Association concerning their commitment to contribute up to \$20,000.00 to the Benton Gun Club for the construction of target carriers for range 1. He will work on that next month. Pat Holsted asked about the shooting distance for the pits, and David said that the pits would be at 575 yards. Questions were raised about the differences between an NRA registered match and an NRA approved match being held on range 1 after these improvements are made. This will be researched and brought back to the next club meeting.

In other range 1 news, Paul Stiedle reported that a range 1 work day was held on February 12, at which the target rails for the Cowboy lever action rifle match were installed.

We also discussed the range roadway conditions. A member reported that on Saturday the 12th several vehicles got stuck and had to be pulled out by other club members. It was recommended that an engineering firm (possibly Greg Sullivan's firm) be hired to propose a solution to our road problems. Pat Holsted said that the road should be our number one project to address before any other items were approved. Paul Stiedle said that the road would be fixed, either permanently or temporarily, as quickly as possible.

In other news, our youth director made a motion to hold an NRA basic rifle course on range 4B on Saturday, March 19, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The cost will be \$40.00 per person. The motion was seconded and passed.

In match news, Ryan Reed made a motion to hold the remainder of this year's multi-gun matches on range 6, due to the drainage problems on range 5, which are interfering with the matches. The motion was seconded and passed.

Also in match news, a motion was approved to hold an "introduction to trap shooting" match on February 27. We'll report on the results next month.

Finally, Pat Holsted made a motion to purchase target materials for the multi-gun match. This will include five flash targets at \$275.00 each, four digital flash targets at \$600.00 each, and 20 lollipop targets. The total for all will be \$3,100.00. The motion was seconded and passed, but will require a follow-up vote at next month's club meeting before it can be enacted. A club member suggested that club members be given first choice of open slots at the multi-gun matches, but Pat Holsted stated that the match directors will give out slots on a first-come, first-served basis.

## February Odds and Ends

Here are other bits of news from the February meeting that your humble editor has no category for:

Lanyards and plastic holders for club membership cards are available for \$1.50. See Chuck Anderson at a club meeting to pick one up. Some of the match directors also have some available.

Chuck Anderson also has pocket-sized editions of the U. S. Constitution available to all club members. See him after a meeting to get one for yourself.

Paul Stiedle reported that in the past the club has donated the commissions we receive from NRA memberships to the NRA-ILA. The total received for 2010 was \$2,606.00. A motion was made to donate half of this money to the NRA-ILA. The motion was seconded but did not receive enough votes to pass. Another motion was made to donate all of the money to the NRA-ILA. This motion was seconded but also failed to receive enough votes to pass.

Harold Smith made a motion to have an all-weather roadway built on the range and that this should be our number one priority. Paul Steidle said he could not accept this motion until the range 1 target pit modification motion was removed from the table.

And finally, a club member who works for MedFlight suggested that the coordinates for the range be placed in the boxes that will hold the trauma kits. If MedFlight is needed to airlift a wounded person from the range, the first responders would have to call in this information. All members present agreed to this suggestion.

## Bylaws Committee Meeting Scheduled

The Bylaws Committee will hold one more meeting on March 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Western Sizzlin' in Benton to discuss changes to our bylaws. All club members are welcome to attend these meetings.

If you would like to propose a change to the club bylaws, please send it to the club P.O. box or email us. You must include the specific wording of the change you

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### Club Meetings

Meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Econo Lodge in Benton (I-30 Exit 117).

### Officers

President .....Paul Stiedle (517-0756)  
Vice-President .....George Craig (351-4948)  
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Range & Safety Orientation .....James Squires (847-2147)  
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want made to the bylaws. That is, quote the text of the section you want changed, amended with your proposed update.

## Range Safety Officer Class

We will hold range safety officer/chief range safety officer classes on March 5 and 6 at the Comfort Inn in Bryant. The class will start at 8:00 a.m. and the cost is \$150.00 each for the RSO and CRSO classes. If you are taking the CRSO class to upgrade from RSO you will also have to take an Instructor Development Class, at a cost of \$60.00, if you haven't already had that class. This class will be available at the same time as the other classes. Class room time will be 10 hours, spread over both days, and some homework time will also be

required. A motion was made and approved at the January club meeting for the club to pay up to \$350.00 to cover the cost of the classroom, if a free alternative cannot be found.

## Club Library Opened

We have launched our club lending library. It will offer training DVDs and video tapes for use by all club members. The first item obtained is a DVD featuring a CMP training program. Ed Forte will be our librarian. Items will be available for check out at regular club meetings, and the loan period will extend until the following club meeting. A form will be used to track library loans, and club members will have to put down a \$20.00 deposit when checking out an item. If the item is not returned in a timely manner, the deposit will be used to purchase a replacement item. More details about how the library will function will be presented at the next

meeting. A motion was made at the February meeting to purchase ten additional training tapes at a cost of \$100.00. The motion was seconded and passed.

## 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](mailto:patrick@shooters101.com), or call him at 501-766-4942.

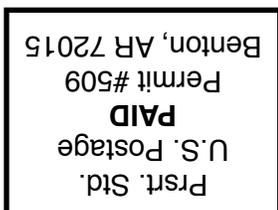
## New Members

We welcomed 17 new members at the February meeting. They are Donald Balch, Jason Bonnette, Joe Bratton, Joe Campbell, Carlos Carter, Frank Green, Drew Harris, Donnie Holdcraft, Charles Jerry, Ms. Kim Kees, Dustin Klipfel, Zachariah Mcnamara, Larry Mougeot, James Roberts, Kendell Snyder, and Kelley Wilson. 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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