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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

February 2014

## Range and Match News

There's nothing new to report this month regarding Alcoa's response to our offer for the land north of range 7.

In club news, the 2013 year-end balance sheet was presented to members at the February club meeting. After some questions and discussion about some of the expenses, a motion to accept the report was made, seconded and passed.

In other club news, a motion was made to donate the \$4,191.00 in membership renewal commissions that we received from the NRA (for memberships renewed through the club) to the Saline County 4-H club. The money will help them with expenses related to their youth shooting sports programs. The motion was seconded and passed, but will require a follow-up vote for confirmation at the March club meeting.

Speaking of the 4-H, club member Mark Ward introduced us to first year 4-H youth shooter Austin Permenter, who won a silver medal, bronze medal, and a 4th place finish at the Arkansas State Junior Olympics. Austin was selected to compete in pistol and rifle at the Junior Olympics national championship in Colorado this April. A motion was made to sponsor Austin with a donation of \$1,000.00. This motion was seconded and passed. Mark also reported that Austin Odom has been assigned to the U. S. Army Marksmanship Unit Shotgun team at Fort Benning, Georgia.

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. John also would like to encourage members to review changes to Arkansas code 5-73-120 in Act 746 (available at <ftp://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/acts/2013/Public/ACT746.pdf>) and reminds everyone that their are several open-carry walks upcoming in the state.

## Is Your 2014 Range Key Working?

Paul Stiedle reported at the January meeting that he has received several calls from members saying that their 2014 keys are not working in the new locks. He has tried some of the keys in question and he had to work them to get them to open the locks, and others worked fine. If you have a key that doesn't open the 2014 lock please contact one of the club officers to arrange for a replacement key. They will swap out your bad key for one that works.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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

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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

President .....Paul Stiedle (517-0756)  
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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.

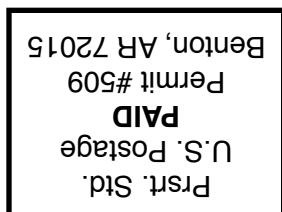
## New Members

We welcomed 18 new members at the February meeting. They are Jimmy Anthony, Rodney Arent, Ed Clements, Ken Covington, Time Fidler, Jim Keys, Craig Leone, James McCalister, Richard McConnell Jr., Carson McKnight, David Mills, Philip Plischke, Benson Schneider, David Shaffer, Troy Sims, Ms. Tiffany Stock, Jason Tullis and Eric Wingard. 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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