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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

February 2015

## Range and Match News

Club president Paul Stiedle reported that the promoter of the August shooting expo has not been able to obtain a new sponsor, so he is postponing it until 2016. He will contact us if he is able to obtain a sponsor for 2016.

In range news, the new Conex container approved in December has not been purchased yet, but Paul reported that the pad for it has been placed between the falling plate range and the road.

In other range news, Paul reported that 63 cases of targets for the shotgun range have been purchased and stored on the range. He also said that club member Harold Bradshaw was able to locate two new flags for range 1. One is already in use and the other is in storage as a backup. Paul also reported that he had placed 2015 match plaques in the range Conex containers.

Also in range news, club member Rex Gismond inquired about plans for clearing out the ditches and working on drainage at the range. Paul Stiedle said we have that planned, but we are waiting on the weather to dry out the range some.

Paul also reported that Patrick Holsted had painted the gate and repaired the range sign, and thanked him on behalf of the club for his time on this project.

In match news, a follow-up vote was held on last month's motion to approve the budget of \$3,693.00 for the 2015 Rifle Silhouette Spring Regional match. The follow-up motion was seconded and passed. Estimated revenue for the match is \$3,840.00.

In other match news, Lucas Howard made a motion to purchase two mobile plate racks for use in the three-gun, speed steel, and rimfire challenge matches. The cost will be \$4,470.00. They are currently working on finding a location for securely storing the racks. The motion was seconded and passed, but will require a follow-up vote at the March meeting for confirmation.

Also in match news, Greg Sullivan made a motion to move the upcoming Cowboy Lever Action Silhouette match from February 15th to the 22nd on range 1 at 1:00 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed.

In other news, Mark Ward reported that the 4H shooting group held its new members' meeting on January 15th and had a good turnout. They have 17 new members, bringing their number to 35 shooters for this year. He also brought along the group's new trap trailer to let our club members have a look.

Speaking of the 4H, George Craig made a motion to donate the NRA commissions the club earned in 2014, totaling \$3,813.00, to the 4H youth shooting program. The motion was seconded and passed, but will require a follow-up vote in March for confirmation.

One more thing from Paul Stiedle: he announced that he was approached by a committee of members of Mount Olive Cemetery, which is located close to the range. They asked if we would consider limiting firing during times that graveside services are taking place. Paul asks that anyone with constructive feedback or solutions to please contact him.

## Bylaws Being Reviewed

Paul Stiedle announced at the February meeting that we will be reviewing the club bylaws this year. All club members are invited to participate by volunteering for the review committee. Approximately three meetings will be held, beginning in March. To add your name to the list, please contact Paul.

## 2014 Financials Presented

The year-end financial numbers as of October 31, 2014 were presented to the club membership at the February meeting. The year-end match income and expenses were also presented. The Mid-South Tournament numbers did not accurately reflect the expenses from the tournament, so these numbers will be re-presented at the March meeting. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the other financial numbers.

## Rifle Classes Scheduled

The club approved a motion by Culley Majors, the club's youth director, to hold some basic NRA rifle classes on April 18, June 27, September 19, and October 17. The classes will be held on ranges 6 and 4B from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The cost will be \$30.00 per class, with a family discount. Rifles, ammo and materials will be provided. Bring your lunch.

## A Safety Reminder

Just a reminder that range safety is every member's responsibility! Keep this in mind every time you are at the range. Just a few things to think about: when you are

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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)  
Vice-President .....George Craig (351-4948)  
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on any range and there are other members setting or removing targets downrange DO NOT HANDLE ANY FIREARMS, NO MATER WHAT! This would seem like common sense but for some reason there are members that seem to think that it is okay to handle their rifles while other members or down range just because they have their bolt open or out of the gun. Keep in mind that if you were the person downrange you would have no idea that the firearm the person under the shed is handling has the bolt removed. It is just good SAFETY and manners to not touch or handle your firearms in any way while others are downrange and is Rule #1 on the Clubs Range Rules!

Also it is incumbent upon all members to get the name of persons who may violate these safety rules and report them to the club officers as soon as possible. If you could get a photo of them and their vehicle this would help us in ID'ing them and addressing these issues.

So please help to keep our range a fun and safe place to shoot! [http://](http://www.bentongunclub.org/files/BGC-RangeRules-2011-06-27.pdf)

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## 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.

Club members are reminded that they are equal owners of club property. If you see someone destroying club property please get a license plate number and contact a club officer.

## 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.

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.

We'd also like to remind club members not to move target stands closer to the sheds or pads. Failure to comply with this rule, or any other, may result in revocation of your membership.

## New Members

We welcomed 37 new members at the February meeting. They are Jesse Ankney, Chris Ashcraft, Christopher Blet, Brandon Castor, Wesley Darland, William Diamond, Bryan Edmonson, Wirt Franklin, Larry Gaddis, David Garren, Michael Gore, Jason Griffin, Rick Hoyt, Greg Knutson, Michael Lee, David Lehman, Aaron Lindberg, Robert McGough, Danny McNeese, James Maynard, Corey Melton, Doug Nielsen, Christopher Owens, Justin Potter, Bryan Quattlebaum, James Rives, Paul Scott, Steven Setta, Bill Skinner, Michael Slater, Benjamin Smith, Phillip Tibbs, Terry Varnon, Joe Weare, Scott Wilbanks, Conrad Wilson, and Phillip Wood. Welcome to the club!

Please note that all new members must attend the mandatory range and safety orientation before using the range.

Also, all new members are entitled to shoot in one club match per shooting discipline free of charge. Come on out and experience the fun of competition shooting.

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