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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

January 2011

## Range and Match News

A report was made at the January meeting on the recent road repair expenditures. The total cost was \$5,378.63, about \$2,700.00 under budget. Unfortunately, the ruts are back after the snowy weather. A longer-lasting fix will involve gravel and other maintenance and expenditures. Unfortunately we had several inches of rain and snow right after the range road work was completed and we realize that a longer-lasting fix is going to be required. The additional maintenance and expenditures are being researched at this time.

In range one news, the high-power silhouette rails have been installed. A motion was made and approved to install the rails for the Cowboy shoot on February 12, weather permitting. We've scheduled a work window of 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

In other range 1 news, Marshall Kendall of Hydro-Seed is currently working on his licensing. We'd also like to make a correction: the \$20,000.00 gifted to the club for construction of the range 1 target frames was gifted by the Central Arkansas Rifle Club, not the Central Arkansas Shooters Association, as reported last month. Paul Stiedle has asked to meet with the CARC officers before accepting their offer. And the range 1 plans should be posted on the website by the time you read this.

Also, the trauma kits have been delivered, but we don't have the ammo cans yet. (The kits will be stored in the ammo cans, which will be mounted on the range sheds.)

In other news, a motion was made and passed to start a library of training DVDs, for use by all club members. They'll be available at club meetings. The first item obtained is a DVD featuring a CMP training program.

Speaking of the CMP, George Toney is conducting a CMP survey. If you're interesting in participating, please contact George at 224-5194. Also, a motion was made and approved to renew the club's CMP membership at a cost of \$30.00.

In match news, the dates for the Cowboy Lever-Action Rifle match will be March 27, May 22, June 26, July 24, August 28, and September 25. Start time will be approximately 1:00 p.m., and the fee will be \$5.00.

## Bylaws Committee Meetings Scheduled (New Dates!)

Due to a scheduling conflict, the dates for the the Bylaws Committee meetings have changed. The Committee will meet on February 17, February 24, and 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 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.

## Meeting Minutes Review

A motion was made by George Toney to conduct a review of the minutes from our past club meetings. The intent is to capture any rules or usage restrictions or guidelines that may or may not currently be reflected in our bylaws or range rules documents. The motion was seconded and passed.

## Renewal Time Is Running Out

The grace period for renewing your club membership will expire as of the February club meeting. If you do not renew before then you will have to join as a new member and will also have to pay the \$100.00 range maintenance fee.

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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)  
Secretary-Treasurer.....Cheryl Craig  
Range & Safety Orientation .....James Squires (847-2147)  
Youth Director.....Culley Majors (870-260-2824)

## **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.

## **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. 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.

## **Change Your Address? 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!

## **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.

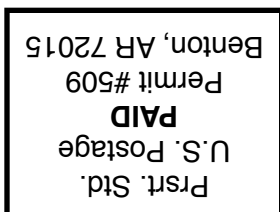
## **New Members**

We welcomed 13 new members at the January meeting. They are Kurt Goodell, Barron McKinley, Jim Norris, William Morgan III, Casey Cross, Beau Thornton, Wade Reaves, Terry Thornberry, Wayne Downey, Dean Runnels, Robert DeStefano, Stephen Shirron, and Adam Ostrem. 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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