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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

January 2012

New Meeting Location

Just a reminder that we are now holding our monthly club meetings at Peaceful Haven Funeral Home, 322 North Market, in Benton. We will be meeting at this new location throughout 2012.

Range and Match News

Club president Paul Stiedle reported that he spoke with a representative from Alcoa who said that there may be land available for sale to the northwest past range 7. No more details are available at this time, but the representative will be touch with Paul at a later date. Paul also reported that the new target thrower has been tested. It's working great and was used for the January shotgun match.

In other range news, Paul reported that the new shot timers approved at last month's meeting have been delivered and are already being used.

Locks Changed

The inside gate lock and the locks for the trauma boxes have been changed. All range locks are now using the 2012 keys, so you no longer need to keep your 2011 keys.

Candidates to Speak to Club

A motion was made by John Areallance at the January meeting to invite political candidates running for office in 2012 to speak at our club meetings. Club members will have the opportunity to meet the candidates and ask questions. Candidates will be invited after the primaries have been held. The motion was seconded and passed. John will have more details at a later date.

It's Membership Renewal Time

2012 club membership renewals are now due. If you have not received your renewal please contact the secretary/treasurer. It can be sent by email to you and you can print it yourself, fill it out, and return it to the club P. O. box along with your payment. If your NRA membership comes due before the end of 2012 you must renew that along with your club membership. Remember that renewing your NRA membership through the club entitles you to a \$10.00 discount. (\$25.00 versus \$35.00.) If you have changed your address and the club secretary has not received a change of address your renewal may not have gotten to you.

PLEASE NOTE: the grace period for renewing your club membership without having to go through the range

and safety orientation again is February 13. After that, you have to rejoin as a new member.

Range Maintenance Position Filled

Paul Stiedle reported that we have filled all vacancies on the range maintenance committee, so we're good to go for this year.

Paul adds: "A big THANK YOU to all of the range maintenance guys! I hear a lot of compliments on the appearance of our range. Please keep up the good work."

New By-Laws Available

Paul Stiedle would like to remind the membership that the recently updated club bylaws have been posted on the club website and have been sent to all members with a valid email address. You may print a copy for your records, or you can pick up a hard copy at the club meetings. Those members who do not attend meetings may request to have a copy of the bylaws sent by regular mail.

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, 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

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Club Meetings

The monthly club meetings are held at Peaceful Haven Funeral Home, 322 N. Market, in Benton.

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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 the November 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.

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!

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.

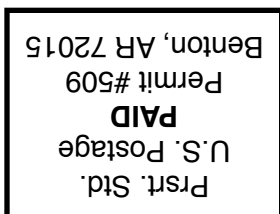
New Members

We welcomed 25 new members at the January meeting. They are Steve Anderson, Patrick Baker, Robert Bell, Fred Cato, Rick Cromwell, George Foster III, Nick Gann, Scott Hansen, Chris Heil, Lauren Heil, Josh Inmon, Steven Keller, Jacob Layson, Mark Lee, Brad Newcomb, John Pearson, Charles Phillips, Jeff Porter, Matthew Ragland, Michael Ray, Andrew Talbot, Joseph Thryselius, Thomas Vinzant, Danny Wagner, Aubrey Witcher, and Kyle Yount. 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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