

Range and Match News

Greg Sullivan presented a map showing the land at the top of the hill that could potentially be the site of a future club house. The map included a 500-600 foot roadway into a cleared area. The map was discussed and will be brought up again at a future meeting when the weather is better.

Paul Stiedle reported that he spoke to the representative from Alcoa about purchasing 100-120 acres of land to the north of range 7. A survey map was presented at the meeting for everyone to look over. A motion was then made to make an offer to purchase the land for \$300 per acre. The motion was seconded and passed, but will require a confirmation vote at the February meeting before becoming final. We've also been looking at some land in Lonoke, but there was nothing new to report about it this month.

With the possible purchase of additional land, last month's motion to put up "no trespassing" signs (see the December newsletter for details) was discussed. The members voted to proceed with placing the signs along the east property line and along Mt. Olive Cutoff. We will hold off installing the signs along the north and west property lines until the additional property is purchased.

In other range news, Greg Sullivan made a motion to fix the berm that holds the rails on range one. The dirt has been shot away from the foundation, undercutting the berm. The estimated cost of repairs is \$4,000.00. The motion was seconded and passed. Since this is a maintenance item, no confirmation vote is required.

In other news, club Youth Director Culley Majors made a motion to hold an NRA basic rifle class on March 23 at a cost of \$45.00 per person. Classwork will be held on range 6, and the shooting portion will be held on range 4B. The motion was seconded and passed.

And finally, Saline County 4-H representative Mark Ward let us know that they have had 45 young shooters sign up this year, almost doubling the membership from 2012.

Curtis Coleman Speaking at February Meeting

At the January meeting, a motion was made to invite gubernatorial candidate Curtis Coleman to speak at one of our club meetings. The motion was seconded and passed. The invitation was sent to Mr. Coleman, who has accepted and will speak at our February club meeting.

In addition, Paul Stiedle read an invitation from club member Steve Carlton. Steve and his wife Nancy have invited all club members to a "meet and greet" with Mr. Coleman at their home, 1001 Lookout Road, in Benton, on January 31 at 7:00 p.m.

Renewal Time Is Almost Over

Membership renewal notices for 2013 have been mailed to all members. Current members will have until February 11, 2013 to return their club membership/NRA renewals and avoid paying the \$100 range maintenance fee. The range lock will be changed after the January club meeting. Only members who have paid their dues for 2013 will have the correct key. If you have changed addresses and have not notified the club secretary/treasurer then you may not receive your renewal notice. If you have changed your address, or if you have not yet received your renewal notice, please email the club secretary at spurs.2000@yahoo.com.

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 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 Hotline501-602-2228

Club Meetings

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

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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.

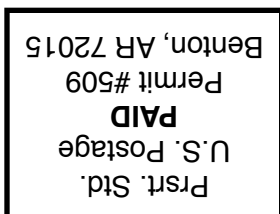
New Members

We welcomed 57 new members at the January meeting. They are Travis Allen, Gary Arflin, Jason Austin, David Baker, Frank Barksdale, Steven Bolin, David Bratton, Barry Coats, Edgar Collins, Maurice Cook, Carlo Corroero, Michael Cowling, Jay Crymes, Johnny Douglas, Carol Eason, Bobby Floyd, Fred Fuller, Gary Gaines III, David Gardner, Phillip Garner, Hank Glenn, Kevin Glowicki, Floyd Gregory, Jeff Hart, Rob Haynie, Thomas Hodges, Jessie Hughs, Michael Jackson, Mitchell Jackson, Joseph Johnson, Steven Jones, Justin Lee, Charley Lindsey, Joseph Lukas, Tonny Keeton, George Mateljan, Kent Middleton, Billy Mountjoy, John Neely, James Pennington, Colt Permenter, Justin Permenter, Leon Pricket, Ms. Sandra Rial, Spencer Riba, Ms. Darlene Rose, David Rowan, Andrew Russell, Charles Sherwood, Steven Skinner, Troy Stiefvater, Scott Turner, Matthew Vernich, Ben West, Carl Wilstrom, Carl Wilson, and Keri Younts. 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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