

# Windage

Benton Gun Club Newsletter

January 2015

## Range and Match News

Club president Paul Stiedle reported that he has not heard anything new about securing a new sponsor for the shooting expo in August.

In range news, the new Conex container approved last month has not been purchased yet. The match directors who will be using it are still working out logistics for its location.

In match news, Harold Smith made a motion to approve the budget for the 2015 rifle silhouette Spring regional match. Estimated expenses will be \$3,693.00, with estimated revenue of \$3,840.00. The motion was seconded and passed, but will require a follow-up vote for confirmation at the February club meeting.

In other match-related news, James Squires reported to the members that we need another pallet of clays for the shotgun range. Paul Stiedle said he will contact the appropriate club members about purchasing a pallet from Blue Rock.

Club member John West reported that the red flag for range 1 is currently missing. Paul Stiedle said he will get a new flag located and purchased. Until such time, any members using range 1 need to drive down to the berms to confirm that nobody is downrange before the begin shooting.

And club member Ed Forte pointed out that we need new match plaques for 2015. Paul Stiedle said he will order those this month.

Paul also reported to all members present at the January meeting that he had fliers available with information regarding an upcoming Arkansas sheepdog seminar.

And finally, a reminder that John Arellanes has pocket-sized copies of the U.S. and Arkansas Constitutions. They are free to all club members and are available at the regular monthly club meetings.

## Range Locks Changed

Please be aware that all 2014 locks have been replaced as of the January club meeting. You will not receive a key for the new locks until you renew your membership for 2015.

## Membership Renewal Window is Closing

If you have not renewed your membership for 2015, you need to hurry! The grace period for current members expires on February 9. If you do not renew before then you will have to rejoin as a new member, go through orientation again, and pay the range maintenance fee.

## New Year of 4H Youth Shooting Sports

Club member Mark Ward spoke at the January club meeting on behalf of 4H Youth shooting groups. If any youngsters are interested in participating this year they should contact him for information.

## 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).

## 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 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.

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### Club Meetings

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

### Officers

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## 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.

Ignorance is no excuse. A reminder, and we cannot say this strongly enough, full-auto fire on the range is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**.

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.

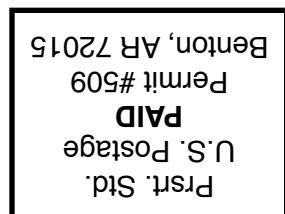
## New Members

We welcomed 30 new members at the January meeting. They are Donnie Adams, Troy Baxley, Brian Berthiaume, Ron Brotherton, John Buckner, Lloyd Cambre, Wayne Casteel, Dwayne Davis, Philip Davis, Stephen Fitzsimmons, William Funk, Eric Garner, Patrick Gregg, Brian Inman, Patrick Jackson, Donald King, Jonathan Kurtz, Robert McFarland, Roy Magers, Lloyd Mayfield, Steven Morrill, William Phillips, Christopher Reynolds, Charles Ridge, Tony Santini, Shane Stovall, Pete Taylor, Ronnie Wehunt, Lee Whiteley, and Jodi Woods. Welcome to the club!

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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