

# Windage

Benton Gun Club Newsletter

July 2010

## Range and Match News

The new target boards for range 3, approved at last month's meeting, have been installed. The boards are at distances of 10 and 25 yards.

In other news, we received a second bid for the range 1 project. The first bid was for \$89,000.00 and the second was for \$78,000.00. After much discussion, a motion was made and passed to table the current plans for range 1, pending further study and analysis, as these bids are much higher than anticipated. A second motion was made and passed to formally decline each of these bids.

In match news, two motions were approved to move two upcoming IDPA matches. The August match has been moved to August 21 at 3:00 p.m. The September match has been moved to September 18 at 3:00 p.m. In addition, motions were made and passed to purchase two new shot timers at a cost of \$259.90 and to purchase two 10x10 canopies at a cost not to exceed \$180.00. The canopies will be available for use at all matches.

In other range-related news, a motion was made to switch out our 2-yard dumpster for a 4-yard dumpster, since we're repeatedly filling the 2-yard one to overflowing. The cost will be \$70.00 per month, plus tax, and it will be emptied twice a month.

And last but not least, a motion was made and passed to get estimates on clearing a two-acre area for a potential clubhouse. Note that this is just an approval to seek estimates, not to have the work done.

## July 4th Event

The July 4th family event was a great success. We had a really big turn out and everyone had a lot of fun. Our sincere thanks to the Squires family for providing the food.

## New Club Youth Director

Our new youth director sent us the following introduction to himself:

"My name is Culley Majors and I am an NRA Certified Instructor. I understand the importance of safety with firearms and the enjoyment they can bring you. I look forward to instructing those who are interested. I will instruct my students to approach a firearm with knowledge, skills, and attitude. Thank you and please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. God Bless the United States of America! Sincerely, Culley Majors, NRA Certified Instructor."

Thanks for volunteering, Mr. Majors!

## Requesting Bylaw Change Submissions

We are collecting submissions for changes to the bylaws. We have not formed a bylaws committee yet, so no vote will be held any time soon, but we need to start collecting ideas. If you would like to submit a change, 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.

## Time For A Clubhouse?

We are looking into the idea of building a 40x60 clubhouse at the range. If you are in the metal building construction business please get in touch with us. We'd like a bid for the whole shebang: foundation, insulation, fully finished interior -- everything. Maybe a pavilion, too. Such a building would be used for club meetings, classes, special events, etc.

## NRA Membership Confirmation

Club members are reminded that 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 a 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. 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

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Range and Club Information Hotline .....501-602-2228

### 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)  
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Range & Safety Orientation .....James Squires (847-2147)  
Youth Director.....Culley Majors (870-260-2824)

destroying club property please get a license plate number and contact one of the club officers.

## **Change Your Address? Let Us Know!**

If you change your mailing address or your email address please let us know. The club secretary reports that a few 2009 renewals have been returned marked "Moved, no forwarding address." He's also noticed that some 2009 renewals have a different email address from the one we have on file. To ensure that you keep informed of club activities, please file a "change of address" request with the post office when you move, and let us know when you get a new email address.

## **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).

Someone has caused severe damage to some of the target board posts on the plinking range. Hidden, motion-sensitive security cameras have been installed to find out who is doing this. James Squires once again asks

that shooters PLEASE stop shooting at the posts. If you need a practice target, contact James and he'll get you one.

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 range rule, may result in revocation of your membership.

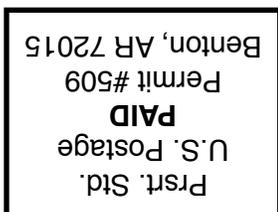
## **New Members**

We welcomed 14 new members at the July meeting. They are George Birdsong, Adolph Geyer, Robert Clark, Terry Gaines, Lazar "Scott" Pierre, Jr., Kevin Zaitz, Chuck Davis, Jim Looney, Richard Parsons, John Barnett, John Gillespie, Everett Smith, Brian Jennings, and Craig Bowlby. 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.



**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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