

Range and Match News

In range news, Paul Stiedle said that he made contact with the representative of Alcoa, Pat Keogh, for information concerning their responsibility for the water drainage issues on range 7. Pat told Paul that they would take care of the problem.

Paul also reported that he has drafted a letter to Alcoa inquiring about purchasing additional land for the club. The letter was read to the members present, and a motion was made, seconded, and passed to send the letter. Paul also let the club know that he has located another 40-ft. Conex to purchase and have delivered. This purchase was approved at a previous club meeting.

Dan Wagner made a motion to purchase six shelves for Conex 6 and two shelves for Conex 1, at a cost not to exceed \$2,400.00. The motion was seconded and passed, but will require a follow-up vote for confirmation.

Dan Wagner also made a motion to purchase and install one 17-ft. roll gate with trolley and one 21-ft. gate with trolley for range five. These would be installed between Conex containers 5 and 6 for the purpose of securely housing the two trailers that the club owns, so that they may be kept on our property. Two estimates were presented, one from Bill's Fence Company for \$2,508.00 and one unofficial quote from Ingle Fence Company for \$2,476.00. The motion was made to purchase and install the equipment from Bill's Fence Company. The motion was seconded and passed, but will require a follow-up vote for confirmation.

In other range news, Paul also mentioned that the long-postponed meeting with the Central Arkansas Gun Club concerning their commitment to contribute up to \$20,000.00 for constructing target carriers for range one has been postponed indefinitely, in light of last month's decision to discard the previous range one construction motions.

Speaking of range one-related matters, Mr. Kitchens withdrew his motion made last month to set aside 50% of the club's annual income or \$50,000.00, whichever is less, for a fund for purchasing additional land to build a 1,000-yard range. A similar motion was resubmitted by Dan Wagner, with the change that it be a general land acquisition fund for additional ranges, and not dedicated solely for the purposes of creating a 1,000-yard range. The motion was seconded and passed, but will require a follow-up vote at the August club meeting for confirmation.

Lloyd Sloan made a motion to purchase and install a double carport for range 2, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00. The motion was seconded and passed, but

will require a follow-up vote for confirmation. Lloyd also made a motion to purchase two sets of four large wind flags, at a cost of \$160.00 plus \$25.00 delivery charge each, for use by the club for the Old Friend's matches, prone matches, the small bore rifle matches, and others. The motion was seconded and passed.

Moving on to range seven, Dale Lester withdrew last month's motion to spend \$32,000.00 for construction of a trap house and field with a skeet overlay, due to concerns about the shot fall impact area.

In match news, vice-president George Craig reported that the first Old Friend's Saturday match had eight shooters in attendance.

James Squires announced that he was canceling the rimfire CMP matches for the rest of the year due to lack of participation.

In other match-related news, Paul Stiedle presented income and expense data for our pistol-related matches. Since 1994, the pistol shooters have reported gross income of \$40,922.22, netting the club \$38,197.64. IDPA matches have netted \$10,364.66. This is in response to a club member's concern that the club was spending too much money on pistol targets.

One last item, not directly related to matches or the range: Dale Lester made a motion to increase the salary for the secretary/treasurer position by \$200.00 monthly. The motion was seconded and passed, but will require a follow-up vote for confirmation.

July 4 Family Event

The Family Day on July 4 was attended by 53 people. The swap meet opened at 9:00 a.m., with lots of items being bought and sold. Thanks to everyone who attended and especially to those who made it all happen. We're looking forward to making this an annual event.

Bylaws Changes Approved

The special bylaws meeting was held on July 27, for the purpose of voting on the proposed bylaws changes previously distributed to the membership. The proposed changes were read, along with the minutes of the

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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).

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meeting. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the changes and the minutes. All club members will be receiving the new set of bylaws via a mass emailing thru Benchmark, our new email server. Those members who do not use email may request a copy of the bylaws to be sent to them via regular mail.

4-H Youth Finish Strong

Ron Matlock with the Saline County 4-H Youth group reported on the awards that the kids won at the Arkansas 4-H Youth Hunter Education Challenge, held in June. The junior team placed second in muzzleloader and the senior team placed second in shotgun. Both teams placed 5th overall, against fields of 18 and 19 teams, respectively. Blake Ward received the 1st-place individual trophy for shotgun, with other team members placing 4th and 10th individually in each of the eight disciplines. Congratulations to all of the participants!

Mr. Matlock again thanked the BGC for our donation which allowed 4-H to purchase better equipment and ammunition for the youth shooters. The next competition was held July 15-16 and will be reported on at a future club meeting.

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.

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.

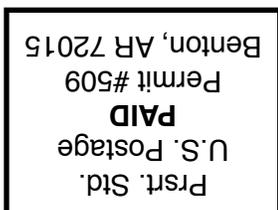
New Members

We welcomed 15 new members at the July meeting. They are Anthony Boyer, Brooks Calhoun, James Hickman, Stephen Hudson, Rusty Hyde, Ted McCain, Josheph Marti, Peyton Murphy, Jason Neeley, William Smith, Joshua Timmerman, Robert Valentine, Dan Snellback, Chuck Wilson, and William Young. 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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