

# Windage

Benton Gun Club Newsletter

July 2012

## Range News

Club member Dan Wagner made a motion for a follow-up vote on last month's motion to spend \$14,800.00 to gravel the parking lot on range 5 and stabilize the back side of range 5 with dirt and rock to elevate the drainage and reduce the standing water problem. Half of the expense will be paid from the range maintenance account and the other half will be paid from the BGC regular account. The motion was seconded and passed for the second vote and is now confirmed. Drawings and details of the proposed work are posted on the club website and forums.

In other news, James Squires reported that the turnout for the July 4 swap meet was great, but the fireworks were cancelled due to the county burn ban.

Paul Stiedle reported that we received a note and a backpack from the USA Junior shooting team as a thank you for our recent \$1,000.00 donation. The backpack was given away as a door prize at the July club meeting. The lucky winner was Terry Gaines. Speaking of thank you's, we also received a note from the NRA-ILA thanking us for our donation.

## Match Schedule Change

At the July club meeting Harold Bradshaw announced that the As-Issued Service Rifle match will be moved to the first Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m. starting in September. He also announced that the Centerfire match will be moved to the first Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m. starting in September. Harold will be taking over from George Toney as match director.

## 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](mailto: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 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

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### Club Meetings

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

### Officers

President .....Paul Stiedle (517-0756)  
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berm or backstop. Failure to comply with this rule, or any other, may result in revocation of your membership.

## New Members

We welcomed 14 new members at the July meeting. They are David Benefield, Edward Cones, Lee Crawford, Christopher Gentry, Russell Gilbert, Michael Haley, Michael Hall, Timothy Kile, Allen Nash, Bert Parker, David Parker, Bryan Thomas, Marcus Turley, Time Ward, and Curtis Wood. 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.

## News from the NRA-ILA

The following items come from the NRA-ILA web page, [www.nraila.org](http://www.nraila.org). Reprinted with permission.

### ***New Report Shows Right-to-Carry Boom***

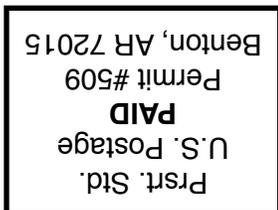
A new report by the U.S. Government Accountability Office confirms that the number of Americans exercising the right to carry firearms for personal protection is skyrocketing.

GAO investigators gathered information from state authorities nationwide about the number of permits issued, eligibility requirements for those permits, and the extent to which states recognize permits issued by other states. The researchers also conducted a more in-depth review of nine selected states. While information on eligibility requirements and reciprocity is easily available online (for example, on NRA-ILA's "Gun Laws" page), some of the statistical information in the report is remarkable.

With hard numbers or estimates from all but three of the 49 states that have laws allowing for issuance of carry permits, the GAO reports that there were about 8 million active permits in the United States as of December 31, 2011. That's about a million more than previous estimates by scholars.

The report also includes calculations of permit holders as a percentage of the population. Although the numbers for some states are skewed by issuance of nonresident permits, the GAO's figures show that in two states-- Georgia and South Dakota--more than one in 10 adult residents have carry permits. Several other states come close; five percent or more of Kentucky, Tennessee and Wyoming residents have permits.

Of further note is the report's discussion of how law enforcement officials can verify the validity of permits. As the report explains, many states make permit information easily available to law enforcement in other states, either directly or through information sharing networks. This should help ease concerns raised by some lawmakers during last year's debate on H.R. 822, the "National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act."



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