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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

July 2013

Range and Match News

Paul Stiedle reported that the offer for the land north of Range 7 has been faxed to Alcoa. The offer is for 134 acres at \$300.00 per acre.

In other range news, club member Arthur Helmkamp has negotiated with a family to post the “no trespassing” signs along the club property perimeter for \$450.00. The signs and the purple paint markings will be placed at 100-foot intervals, per state law. A motion was made, seconded and passed to pay \$450.00 for the work. The paint and signs will be purchased from Barricade Banners and Signs.

Also, we’d like to express our thanks to the person who painted the range gate. We don’t know who you are, but we noticed and we do appreciate your efforts!

And finally, last month we approved a motion to help sponsor 4-H member Austin Odom as he competed in the Shotgun World Cup in Granada, Spain. Austin sent the club a note describing his experience:

“I sincerely appreciate the donation that was given to me for my trip to shoot the 2013 ISSF World Cup in Granada Spain. I had a great time and saw a lot of scenery, two days into the trip I got really sick and on the first day of competition I was told by the doctor on staff at the range that I need to be in a hospital with my tonsils out yesterday, but of course I didn’t go, I continued to shoot and ended with a score of 119 of 125, a personal best in a 125 target match.

“This opportunity was a great experience, one that can never be replaced. I appreciate everything y’all have ever done for me, without the Benton Gun Club and all the members who care about me I never could be where I am today, and I never would have found the opportunity.

“This trip was a once in a lifetime opportunity, but I hope it’s just one of many for me. Thank you.

“If anyone should want to view video and see the score reporting they should go to www.issf-sports.org.”

Club member Dale Lester followed his progress, and reported that Austin tied for 4th place. Congratulations, Austin!

Savage Arms Shoot Planned

Paul Stiedle received a request from Savage Arms sales representative Zach Fler to host a shoot at our range. Mr. Fler would bring an assortment of Savage Arms rifles and Hornady ammunition for members to shoot for free. A motion was made, seconded and passed to host the shoot. George Craig will get in touch with Mr. Fler and arrange a date to present to the club membership for consideration.

July 4 Swap Meet A Success

Our annual 4th of July swap meet was a success. The turnout was so great that all of the shooting tables were full and members had to set up their own tables. See you all again next year!

September Air Rifle Match Rescheduled

Charles Sullivan, match director for the air rifle match, made a motion to move the September 7 match to August 31, on range 2. The motion was seconded and passed.

3-Gun Match Set for August

Edward Emrich made a motion at the July club meeting to hold a 3-gun match on August 10 at 8:00 a.m. on ranges 1, 4B, 5 and 6. The motion was seconded and passed, and the cost will be \$20.00 per person.

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

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Club Meetings

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

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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.

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.

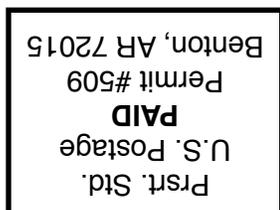
New Members

We welcomed six new members at the July meeting. They are Jay Agee, Chad Crabill, David Dawson, Benny Hardage Jr., Richard Macheay, and Erin Qualls. 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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