

Range and Match News

We finally heard something from Aloca regarding our offer for the land north of range 7. Club president Paul Stiedle spoke to their representative and was told we will be moved to the top of the pile. Paul would like all members to know that the club is still looking for acres to purchase so that the club can expand and build new ranges. If you know of land for sale please contact Paul at the number below. If we cannot find the land ourselves we may consider hiring an agent to find land for us.

In range news, Paul reported that the construction on range 2 has been completed. The announcement never made it to the club website as the shed roof replacement took less than six hours during the middle of the week. The work on range 4-A has also been completed with the installation of the grates over all drain areas.

In match news, club member Harold Smith made a motion to move the September 6 air gun silhouette match to Sunday, September 14, at 1:00 p.m., to resolve a conflict with another match. The motion was seconded and approved.

Also in match news, the 4-H youth shooters participated in a match earlier this month. All of the students performed very well. Further information is available on their website.

One more match announcement: club member Ryan Reed made a motion to add a 3-gun match to be held on Saturday, August 9, on ranges 1, 4-B, 5 and 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. These ranges will be closed on the afternoon of Friday, August 8, for set up. The ranges will be open for regular club usage as soon as possible after the match. The match fee will be \$20 per person. The cost of holding the match will be only \$50.00, as the club already has all necessary equipment. This motion was seconded and passed.

In other news, Mr. Reed made a motion to cancel the August 9 NRA Basic Rifle course. The motion was seconded and passed.

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.

4th of July Swap Meet Held

Paul Stiedle reported that the annual 4th of July swap meet was a success. Most members completed their swaps and sales within a few hours. Afterwards, those present enjoyed watching the fireworks being set off by club members.

Candidate Speaks at July Meeting

Dennis Milligan, a candidate for Arkansas state treasurer, spoke to club members at the July meeting about his campaign and made himself available for questions. More candidates will be speaking at upcoming regular club meetings.

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.

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

Club Meetings

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

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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.

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 19 new members at the July meeting. They are Shane Ashcraft, Jerry Brown, Rusty Byrne, James "Allen" Cooper, Ron Fenton, Jerald Greuel, Bradley Harp, Jesse Hughes, Philip Kneib, Lawrence Lewis, Tim Linton, Damon McKelvy, Anthony Quenga Jr., James "Jim" Rogers, John Rogers, Holden Shoemaker, Scott Smith, Bernard Stokes, and Derek Wacaster. 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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