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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

July 2015

## Range and Match News

In club news, President Stiedle reported that the bylaws change meeting took place on Monday, June 22 at Smith Family Funeral Home. All proposed amendments passed except the first, which would have modified the citizenship requirement for membership eligibility. New bylaws will be mailed to all members soon.

In other club news, we will be voting on the amount for 2016 club dues at the August meeting. We are considering going to a partially electronic method of handling membership renewals and we will fully report on this idea at the meeting.

One last club news item: Paul reported that this will be his final year to serve as club president. He will not seek re-election in September when nominations are made.

In range news, Paul reported that we've found a new 8x40 Conex container and we'll be able to get it for only \$2,800.00 plus tax, with no delivery fee. (The purchase of a new Conex was approved at the June club meeting.)

In other range news, Paul was asked if there was any progress concerning our offer to purchase additional range land from Alcoa. He reported that he offered them \$300.00 an acre, but they haven't responded yet.

In match news, we have received the animals for the new BPCR .22 silhouette match that will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the 4th Sunday of every month from July through October. The match fee is \$5.00.

Also in match news, a follow-up vote was held on Harold Bradshaw's motion from the June meeting to hold a 600-yard F-class match on range 1. Initial costs would be \$8,000.00 for supplies, including target cameras, laptop monitors, a generator and additional materials. The goal is to have the match up and running before the end of the year, if we can get the cameras approved and ordered in time. The motion was seconded and passed and the motion is now approved.

In other match news, the Saline County 4-H archery team we sponsored to attend the national competition in Nebraska came in 215th. The 4-H female pistol shooters we sponsored came in 8th, with one of the young ladies coming in 7th overall. Congratulations to all of the competitors!

And finally, a reminder that John Arellanes has given us pocket-sized copies of the U.S. and Arkansas Constitutions. They are currently available from club match directors at the range, and are free for the asking.

## Rifle Classes Scheduled

We are holding some basic NRA rifle classes on September 19, and October 17, as approved by the club in

February. The classes will be held on ranges 6 and 4B from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The cost will be \$30.00 per class, with a family discount. Rifles, ammo and materials will be provided. Bring your lunch.

## A Safety Reminder

Just a reminder that range safety is every member's responsibility! Keep this in mind every time you are at the range. Just a few things to think about: when you are on any range and there are other members setting or removing targets downrange **DO NOT HANDLE ANY FIREARMS, NO MATTER WHAT!** This would seem like common sense but for some reason there are members that seem to think that it is okay to handle their rifles while other members or down range just because they have their bolt open or out of the gun. Keep in mind that if you were the person downrange you would have no idea that the firearm the person under the shed is handling has the bolt removed. It is just good SAFETY and manners to not touch or handle your firearms in any way while others are downrange and is Rule #1 on the Clubs Range Rules!

Also it is incumbent upon all members to get the name of persons who may violate these safety rules and report them to the club officers as soon as possible. If you could get a photo of them and their vehicle this would help us in ID'ing them and addressing these issues.

So please help to keep our range a fun and safe place to shoot! <http://www.bentongunclub.org/files/BGC-RangeRules-2011-06-27.pdf>

## 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](http://www.odcmp.com).

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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.

### Officers

President .....Paul Stiedle (517-0756)  
Vice-President .....George Craig (351-4948)  
Secretary-Treasurer.....Sarah Hendrix  
Range & Safety Orientation .....James Squires (847-2147)  
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## **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.

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. Ignorance is no excuse. A reminder, and we cannot say this strongly enough, full-auto fire on the range is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**. 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.

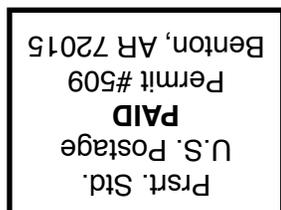
## **New Members**

We welcomed 17 new members at the July meeting. They are Walter Aylor, Mark Ball, Richard Burke, M. Brad Cruse, Jim Garner, Raymond Garner, Coy Hubbard, Landon Humphrey, Parker Johnson, Bob Kestner, James Lee, Francis McCoy, Bob Pagel, Charles Phillips, Burl Rhinehart, John Velasco, and Zach Witherow. Welcome to the club!

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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