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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

June 2010

Range and Match News

A follow-up vote was held on last month's motion to reinstall some target boards on range 3, at distances of 10 and 25 yards. The boards will be 16 feet wide at each distance. The motion was approved.

In other news, we have received one sealed bid for the work on range 1, but we have not opened it yet. We will wait until we have two more bids before opening any of them. If you would like to submit a bid, please contact us.

Also, the new range sign donated by Curt Henry of Signs Now has been installed at the front gate by James Squires and George Craig. Thank you, gentlemen!

In other news, the steel target rails for range 2 have been cut, but they have not been installed yet.

We're also proud to announce that we have a new Youth Director, Culley Majors. He has already received his NRA training and is ready to get started.

Finally, Cheryl Craig reported that the ladies-only concealed carry class was a success. Eight women participated. We have already received requests to hold another class, but we will wait for cooler weather before scheduling the next one.

July 4th Event

We will be holding a July 4th family event at the range. This year we'll also be holding a swap meet. The festivities will be held on range 4B. Range 4B will be closed to shooting at 9:00 a.m. that morning, and range 4A will be closed to shooting at 3:00 p.m. in the afternoon. There will be fireworks, too!

Requesting Bylaw Change Submissions

We are collecting submissions for changes to the bylaws. We have not formed a bylaws committee yet, so no vote will be held any time soon, but we need to start collecting ideas. If you would like to submit a change, please send it to the club P.O. box or email us. You must include the specific wording of the change you want made to the bylaws. That is, quote the text of the section you want changed, amended with your proposed update.

Five-Year Committee Update

George Craig reported on activities of the Five-Year Planning Committee. The new posts have been set on range 4B, and target boards have been erected. Thanks to club members James Squires, Leroy Squires, Gerald Kitchen, and Dale Morris for their hard work, and thanks to First Electric for digging the post holes.

George also reported that we have received no bids for the club house, and that we will have to clear a 100-yard by 300-yard area for the club house and parking lot.

Candidate Invitations Sent

John Arellanes has sent invitations to candidates running for office to come speak to our members on meeting nights. No one appeared at the June meeting, but state representative Dawn Creekmore reported on current activities in the state legislature.

Time For A Clubhouse?

We are looking into the idea of building a 40x60 clubhouse at the range. If you are in the metal building construction business please get in touch with us. We'd like a bid for the whole shebang: foundation, insulation, fully finished interior -- everything. Maybe a pavilion, too. Such a building would be used for club meetings, classes, special events, etc.

NRA Membership Confirmation

Club members are reminded that 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 a 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. 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 one of the club officers.

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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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Change Your Address? Let Us Know!

If you change your mailing address or your email address please let us know. The club secretary reports that a few 2009 renewals have been returned marked "Moved, no forwarding address." He's also noticed that some 2009 renewals have a different email address from the one we have on file. To ensure that you keep informed of club activities, please file a "change of address" request with the post office when you move, and let us know when you get a new email address.

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).

Someone has caused severe damage to some of the target board posts on the plinking range. Hidden, motion-sensitive security cameras have been installed to find out who is doing this. James Squires once again asks that shooters PLEASE stop shooting at the posts. If you

need a practice target, contact James and he'll get you one.

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 range rule, may result in revocation of your membership.

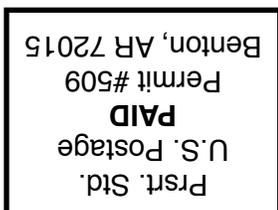
New Members

We welcomed nine new members at the June meeting. They are Stephen Coleman, Eddie Garrett, Carl Griffith, Clifford Haynes, Hector Hernandez, Michael Jones, Nathan Fureigh, Daniel Sullivan, and Rory Tipton. 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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