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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

June 2011

Range and Match News

There were quite a few developments at the June meeting concerning range 1. First, club president Paul Stiedle asked if Kendall Marshall, the contractor who was awarded the construction contract for range 1, was present at the meeting. He was not. Vice-president George Craig announced that he had spoken with Mr. Marshall earlier in the day, who told him that he had yet to receive his contractor's license from the state. A discussion then ensued regarding all of the construction delays for range 1 and the fact that no work has begun since the project was approved in November 2010. Paul Stiedle then mentioned that Alcoa has indicated they may have additional land for us to purchase where we could build a regulation 1,000-yard range. George Toney then withdrew his original motion for the construction of range 1. Finally, David Mayfield made a motion to abolish range 1 construction at this time. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next, a motion was made to allocate 50% of the club's annual income or \$50,000.00, whichever is less, into a fund for the purpose of acquiring land for a 1,000-yard range, starting with this year. The maintenance fund will not be included when calculating the amount to be set aside for the land fund. The motion was seconded and passed, but will require a confirmation vote next month.

In a related matter, the meeting with the Central Arkansas Gun Club concerning their commitment to contribute up to \$20,000.00 to the Benton Gun Club for the construction of target carriers for range 1 was postponed.

Moving on to range 7, Dale Lester made a motion to spend \$32,000.00 to construct a trap house and field with a skeet overlay for the shotgun range. Dale presented plans and construction costs with his motion. Since this is a specialized construction project there was only one bid. The motion was seconded and passed, but will require a conformation vote next month.

In other range news, club president Paul Stiedle said that he has contacted a representative at Alcoa for information concerning their responsibility for the water drainage issues. They said they would look into correcting the problem.

In match news, George Craig made a motion to have an Old Friend's match on the third Saturday of every month at 8:30 a.m. on range 4B. The fee will be \$3.00 per person. This will be a .22 caliber benchrest match. George will be the match director along with Robert Bellamy. The motion was seconded and passed.

Bylaws Meeting June 27

The proposed Bylaws changes have been emailed to all members with current email addresses, and sent by regular mail to everyone else. If you haven't received your copy yet, please contact the club secretary, Cheryl Craig, or you can read them on the club website.

The next order of business is to hold a meeting to consider and vote on the proposed changes. This meeting is set for June 27 at 7:00 p.m., at our regular meeting location. Note that this is an extra meeting, held on a different night from our regular monthly club meeting.

July 4 Family Event

At the June meeting George Toney made a motion, which was seconded and passed, to hold a Family Day on July 4 on range 4B, with a swap meet to begin at 9:00 a.m. Obviously this means that there will be no shooting on range 4B on that day. Families may cook out and shoot fireworks on this range throughout the day.

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

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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).

Officers

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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 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 berm or backstop. Failure to comply with this rule, or any other, may result in revocation of your membership.

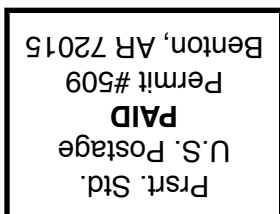
New Members

We welcomed 18 new members at the June meeting. They are David Adams, Scott Bristol, John Campbell, Charles Gunnell, David Henry, Glen Hickey, Richard Holt, Robert Hunt, Lawrence Jacimore, Don King, Tony Leone, Steve Mccarley, Mason Miller, James Mitchell, Curtis Rickard, Buzz Sawyer, Shawn Tobin, and Joe Volpe. 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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