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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

June 2014

Range and Match News

There's still nothing new to report regarding Alcoa's response to our offer for the land north of range 7. Club president Paul Stiedle 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 he has received a quote from Sizemore Metal Products to replace the shed roof on range 2 and a bid from the contractor, Darrin Smith, to demolish the old roof and replace it with the new panels. The cost will be \$7,192.80 for materials and \$1,400 for labor. This is a range maintenance item and will be scheduled when weather permits. Check the club website for the exact dates. This range will be closed during construction.

In other range news, the sidewalk construction on range 4-A has been completed. The only thing remaining is installation of grates over drain areas.

In match news, match director David Habig reported that 99 shooters participated in the IDPA sanctioned match "Battle in Benton", held in April. David said that very participant received a prize, and that the food catered by Riverside Grocery and Catering was fantastic. He says next year should be even bigger and better, and he already has shooters calling and asking when next year's match will be held. We'll announce that information here and on the club website, just as soon as it's determined.

In other match news, Lloyd Sloan made a motion to discontinue the Old Friends silhouette matches and fill those dates with the regular target matches. 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.

Secretary/Treasurer Elected

At last month's meeting we were introduced to three candidates for the position of Secretary/Treasurer for the club in 2014-2015: Sarah Hendrix, Jennifer Rook and Stan Miller. The election was held at the June meeting. Each candidate presented their qualifications and then a vote was taken via paper ballot. The votes were tallied by club vice-president George Craig and match director Dan Wagner. The winner was Sarah Hendrix. Her term will begin July 1. Congratulations, Sarah.

4th of July Swap Meet Set

A motion from Lloyd Sloan was approved at the May club meeting to once again hold our 4th of July swap meet on range 4B beginning at 9:00 a.m. Members may bring their goods for swap or sale. Tables are available on a first-come, first-served basis, but you may bring your own. You may bring your own food and cookout. You may bring fireworks, too (provided there is no county burn ban in effect on July 4), or just bring your families and watch. The fireworks show will begin at dark.

2015 Mid-South Regional Match Set

Club member Greg Sullivan made a motion to hold the 2015 Mid-South Regional Silhouette Championship Match on April 10-12, 2015. This match will use ranges 1 and 2 on those dates. The fee will be \$55 or \$60 per person, and the match directors will be Hugh Burnett (high power) and Harold Smith (small bore). Total cost to host this match is estimated at \$3,500.00. The motion was seconded and passed.

Candidates Invited to Speak

Club member John Arellane has drafted invitations to be sent to political candidates following the primaries on June 10. They will be invited to speak and take questions 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.

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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

PresidentPaul Stiedle (517-0756)
Vice-PresidentGeorge Craig (351-4948)
Secretary-Treasurer (thru June 30) Cheryl Craig (602-2304)
Secretary-Treasurer (as of July 1)Sarah Hendrix
Range & Safety OrientationJames Squires (847-2147)
Youth Director.....Culley Majors (870-210-6756)

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. And if you see someone destroying club property please get a license plate number and contact a club officer.

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.

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!

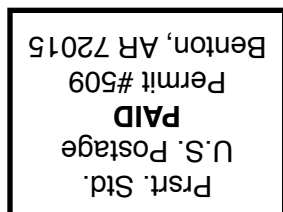
New Members

We welcomed nine new members at the June meeting. They are Brett Alberty, Roger Finney, Andy Goldthorp, George Holcolm, Bobby Hudgens, Mark Loose, Carlos Lopez, Robert Sproles, and Paul Tull. 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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