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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

March 2010

## New Secretary/Treasurer Elected

At the March meeting we accepted nominations to fill the vacant Secretary/Treasurer's position. Cheryl Craig the only nominee and was elected unanimously. Glad to have you aboard, Cheryl!

Along with our new officer, we have a new club information line. The new number is 501-602-2228.

## Range and Match News

George Craig made a motion at the March meeting to install a security light (known as a "night watcher") on the range, if First Electric will run the power line for free. The monthly cost of the light would be around \$35.00. The motion passed, but this will require a separate notification mailing to all club members before it can be voted on at a future club meeting.

Also, a motion was made to purchase two motion target stands (they hold paper or cardboard targets) for use in IDPA and three-gun matches. The total cost is \$450.00 (\$200.00 each plus \$50.00 for shipping). The motion was seconded and passed.

## Political Candidates Invited

A motion was made, seconded and passed at the March meeting to invite political candidates to come to our meetings, share their views, and entertain questions from the members. Two candidates were present at the meeting and spoke to the club after the motion was approved: Jeremy Hutchinson, who is running for State Senate in District 22, and Colonel Conrad Reynolds, who is running for the U. S. Senate.

John Arellanes, who made this motion, sent us the following additional information:

"After the May 18, 2010 primary elections, the Benton Gun Club will host a monthly non-partisan format for the candidates in the General Election to introduce themselves and have a question and answer period. Invitations will begin with the June 14, 2010 meeting and end with the October 11, 2010 meeting. Due to time constraints, there will be only four scheduled speakers per meeting and each candidate will have approximately ten minutes.

"The following candidate positions will be extended an invitation: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, U.S. Senator, U.S. Congressional Districts, Secretary of State, and Commissioner of State Lands. This list represents eighteen potential speakers. We will extend invitations to as many of the State Senators and State Representatives as possible that represent the members of Benton Gun Club in their districts in the event the above candidates do not respond.

"The invitations will be extended after the Primary Election and reservations of the available dates for speakers will be on a first-come/first-served basis. Club members are encouraged to attend these meetings and participate in the exchange of ideas and free speech."

## NRA/ILA Donation Motion

The club gets a small commission from each NRA membership and renewal that is handled through the club. Each year we entertain a motion to donate these commissions to the NRA/ILA. The commission amount this year is \$2,800.00. The motion to make the donation was made, seconded and passed at last month's meeting, and was confirmed by a follow-up vote at the March club meeting.

## Five-Year Planning Committee Meeting Held

The five-year strategic planning committee held its second meeting on March 1. Ideas brought up for discussion included putting in underlayment and gravel to help with the mud and installing an electronic gate system (but this one is too expensive for serious consideration at this time). They also discussed requiring club members to keep their membership IDs visible at all times, for security purposes, and looked at a request to improve the skeet facilities. None of these are being put forth as motions yet, they're just being discussed and considered. We also want to hear from you. Send your ideas for what you want the club to focus on over the next five years by email to George Craig at [craig@artistotle.net](mailto:craig@artistotle.net), or mail your ideas to the club P. O. box, attention "Five-Year Committee."

## Rifle For Sale

George Craig is selling a Remington 223 Model 700 SPS Tactical with 20-inch H Ber. And Sy. overmolded stock for \$650.00. If you are interested contact George Craig at 351-4948.

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

### 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

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

## **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.

## **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.

## **Youth Director Wanted**

We are looking for a person (or persons) to plan and coordinate youth-focused shooting and training activities for the club. If you would like to volunteer, please contact one of the club officers.

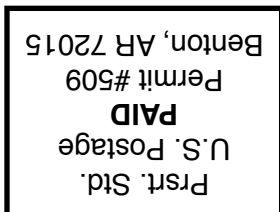
## **New Members**

We welcomed 24 new members at the March meeting. They are Curtis Evans, Bernard (B.J.) Raysor, William (Grant) O'Neill, Robert Davis, Elbert (Ray) Burkhalter, Kenneth (Wayne) Brooks, Jerry Baldwin, Cheryl Mays, Ashley Bernard, Ken Saffold, Ray Green, Jerry Brown, Robert Bryson, Paul Gulledege, Scott Ray, Robert Green, Jeremy Adams, Michael Cowling, Mike Rinehart, Larry Vint, Bryan Wahrmond, Randy Hayden, Nancy Carlton, Clay Milks. 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..



**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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