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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

March 2012

New Meeting Location

Just a reminder that we are now holding our monthly club meetings at Peaceful Haven Funeral Home, 322 North Market, in Benton. We will be meeting at this new location throughout 2012.

Range and Match News

President Paul Stiedle reported that the shooting clays approved last month have been delivered and placed in Conex 6. Many thanks goes to Dale Lester, James Squires, and all of the 4-H youth, coaches and parents that helped with the unloading.

In match news, Ryan Reed made a motion proposing the following dates for the multi-gun matches in 2012: April 14, June 9, and November 10. The matches will be on ranges 1, 4B, 5, and range 6, starting at 8:00 a.m. All of these ranges will be closed for these match days. Range 5 will be closed on the days prior to the matches starting at 8:00 a.m. and will reopen on match days at 5:00 p.m. Ranges 1, 4B, and 6 will be closed on the days before the matches starting at 10:00 a.m. and will reopen on match days no later than 5:00 p.m. Entrances to these ranges will be posted as closed, and once shooting has been concluded on a range that range will be reopened for shooting to club members after all props have been removed. Cost of the match will be \$20.00 per person, first come, first served. The match application will be posted on the Benton Gun Club website. This match is open to the public and has a limited number of openings. Estimated cost for holding these matches will be \$100.00. The motion was seconded and passed.

In range-related news, Cully Majors made a motion to conduct an NRA basic rifle marksmanship class on May 6. The class room portion will be on range 6 starting at 9:00 a.m., and the practical portion will be on range 4B after lunch. The cost will be \$40.00 per person. The motion was seconded and passed.

And finally, in other range news, vice-president George Craig made a motion to have a 15- to 20-foot-wide roadway and approximately 30,00 square feet (100 feet by 300 feet) cleared at the top of the hill to the right of the range roadway after you come into our property. This will be for the purpose of inspecting the property if a clubhouse or pavilion were to be built on this location. The money will come from the general fund. The motion was seconded and passed, but a follow-up vote will be required at the April meeting to confirm the vote.

Club Donations Proposed

The club has been considering what to do with the \$2,971.00 in commissions the club received for NRA renewals in 2011. At the February meeting it there were

two proposals: donate the funds to Benton High School ROTC and the Saline County 4-H youth shooting group, or send it to the NRA-ILA for support of the Second Amendment rights group.

At the March meeting the members engaged in much discussion about the issue. The final result was a motion to donate the \$2,971.00 in commissions to the Saline County 4-H group, \$500.00 from the club's general fund to the NRA-ILA, and \$500.00 to the legal defense fund. The motion was seconded and passed, but a follow-up vote will be required at the April meeting to confirm the vote.

Lost and Found

Club member George Toney, Jr. his black vinyl-topped Pearl brand drummer's throne (stool) on Range 4B last July. It has his name all over it. He has posted a message about this on the club forum with no replies, but he's hoping someone who reads the newsletter may know its whereabouts. If found, please call George at 224-5194.

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

The monthly club meetings are held at Peaceful Haven Funeral Home, 322 N. Market, in Benton.

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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. Paul Stiedle reported at a previous club meeting that our gate sign has been shot multiple times. 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.

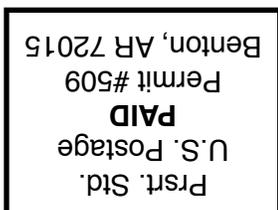
New Members

We welcomed 31 new members at the March meeting. They are Jed Abell, Todd Adams, Terry Bain, Scott Davio, Theresa Dennie, Jerrell Dodson, Betty Ferguson, Doug Fulton, Brad Gilson, Charles Jeffers, Bruce Jones, Erick Lane, Tony Leone, David Milam, Jason Nelson, Harold Pelton, John Richards, Wes Russell, Jim Stroud, David Swanson, Char Tarver, Jerry Tarver, Karen Teatum, Ricky Thacker, Brian Varnell, Frank Walker, Weston Weeks, Ben West, Tommey Wills, Heath Wilson, and Mark Wilson. 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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