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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

March 2013

Range and Match News

In January and February we held votes on a measure to make an offer to Alcoa to buy the land north of range 7 at a cost of \$300.00 per acre. This measure was approved by the membership, and we will now prepare an offer that will be presented to Alcoa.

In other news, there was still nothing new to report regarding February's motion to hire a company to install "no trespassing, violators will be prosecuted" signs along the range perimeter. We may have to schedule a work day in April to post the signs ourselves. We'll keep you posted.

In February a motion was approved to complete the steel and gravel walls on range 5, at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00. Range 5 will be closed on March 18, 19, and 20 while this work is performed.

In other range business, Rex Gismond asked about the construction of the cement buckets to hold the posts for the target boards on ranges 3, 4A, and 4B. This item was approved in September, 2012, but was delayed while we waited for better weather. Paul Stiedle said that he would like volunteers to help with this project now that the weather has improved. Please contact Paul if you would like to help out.

In range news, Paul Stiedle reported that the lock was removed from the Conex container on range 1, and several items are missing. One of the trauma boxes has also been removed. New locks are being installed on all of the conexes. Match directors, if you haven't done so already, you'll have to get new keys from Paul.

And finally, Saline County 4-h representative Mark Ward announced that they have doubled their membership since last year. The 4-H club meets on our range 7 on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., beginning in April.

Shotgun Day in April

James Squires made a motion at the March club meeting to hold an Introduction to Shotgun Day on April 27, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., on range 7. The motion was seconded and passed. The cost is \$3.00 per person. This event will be open to the public and will be announced in *The Saline Courier*. Clays will be provided, but you will have to supply your own ammo.

Friends of NRA Banquet Set

Chris Wherry announced that the 2013 Greater Little Rock Friends of the NRA Banquet and auction will be held on April 13, at 6:00 p.m., at Embassy Suites, 11301 Financial Centre Parkway, in Little Rock. Tickets are \$50.00. Additional details will be posted on our club website.

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 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.

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.

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Range and Club Information Hotline501-602-2228

Club Meetings

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

Officers

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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

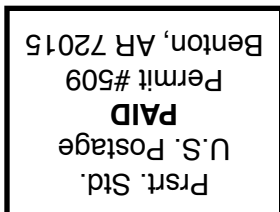
We welcomed 35 new members at the March meeting. They are Jonathan Ballard, Michael Biskey, Jim

Brewer, John Carr, Jonathan Coffman, Clay Derryberry, Dwayne Dwyer, Mark Gray, Ms. Jessica Geurin, Chris Hall, Al Harkins, Larry Harris, Lonnie Harrison, Ms. Deborah Hawkins, Steven Haushahn, Duane Hill, Matthew Holmes, Carroll Jones, Michio Kajatani, Donald Mahan, Michael Pettus, Partick Rhodes, Greg Rinehart, Chris Roe, Mike Roe, Douglas Smith, Ahmed Soliman, Craig Stackhouse, Johnny Wagner, Bryan Watkins, Jerry Watts, Ms. Gina White, Adam Wilson, and Stan 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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