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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

March 2014

Club Secretary/Treasurer Wanted

From Paul Stiedle: "Attention all members. The club is in need of a new Secretary/Treasurer. Cheryl has informed me she will be stepping down at the end of her current term. We thank you, Cheryl, for your service and devotion to the Club. This position is a time-consuming job, but it is a paying job. We have a job description and if you are interested please send me an e-mail (pstiedle@msn.com) and I will send the details to you. Term of office is July 1 to June 30. We will need to nominate a qualified person at the May meeting to be elected in June."

Range and Match News

Nothing new to report this month regarding Alcoa's response to our offer for the land north of range 7.

In range news, the handicap benches, approved at the January club meeting, have been built and installed on ranges 1 and 4B.

Also, Edward Emrich made a motion to purchase three more rifle auto-target resets for the 3-Gun matches, at a cost of \$405.00. The motion was seconded and passed.

In other range news, Greg Sullivan made a motion to purchase up to 20 "lightly used" tables from the Knights of Columbus at a cost of \$10 each for use at the range for various events. These tables are not for personal use and will not leave the club property. The motion was seconded and passed.

Greg also reported that he has not been able to contact the contractor regarding the replacement of the roof on range 2.

In match news, James Squires made a motion to purchase a pallet of clays from the Blue Rock Shotgun club at a cost not to exceed \$750.00. The motion was seconded and passed.

In club news, the 2013 year-end match report was circulated to members present at the March club meeting. A motion to accept the report was seconded and passed. If you would like to see the report, please contact one of the club officers or match directors.

In other club news, a follow-up motion and vote was held on last month's motion to donate the \$4,191.00 in membership renewal commissions that we received from the NRA (for memberships renewed through the club) to the Saline County 4-H club. The money will help them with expenses related to their youth shooting sports programs. The motion was seconded and passed, thus confirming last month's motion.

And finally, a reminder that John Arellanes has pocket-sized copies of the U.S. Constitution. They are

free to all club members and are available at the regular monthly club meetings.

NRA Rifle Course Scheduled

The club voted on and approved a motion by club member Cully Majors to teach a basic NRA rifle course for the following dates: May 17, July 12 and 26, Aug. 9, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, and Dec. 13. The cost is \$45 per person, and you will be responsible for your own lunch and drinks. The classroom portion will be on range 6 starting at 8:00 a.m. The shooting part will be on range 4B, but 4B will NOT be closed to other shooters. The expected finish time will be 5:00 p.m. If you want your youth to take the class, a parent or guardian must be present. Contact Cully Majors (his number is listed below) for further instruction, or sign up online at the NRA website. Each class will hold four persons.

Shotgun Match Set

The club voted on and approved a motion by club member Edward Emrich to hold an all-shotgun action match on ranges 4B, 5, and 6 on April 5, starting at 8:00 a.m. No limit on the number of participants. The cost will be \$20 per person.

Is Your 2014 Range Key Working?

Paul Stiedle reported at the January meeting that he has received several calls from members saying that their 2014 keys are not working in the new locks. He has tried some of the keys in question and he had to work them to get them to open the locks, and others worked fine. If you have a key that doesn't open the 2014 lock please contact one of the club officers to arrange for a replacement key. They will swap out your bad key for one that works.

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

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Range and Club Information Hotline501-602-2228

Club Meetings

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

Officers

PresidentPaul Stiedle (517-0756)
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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.

Range Orientation Volunteers Wanted

We are looking for club members who would be interested in helping with the range orientation sessions for new members. If you are interested, please contact one of the club officers. Thank you!

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. Remember: we are all responsible for the condition of our range.

Address Changed? Let Us Know!

If you change your address please let us know. To 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. Thanks!

Please Observe All Range Rules

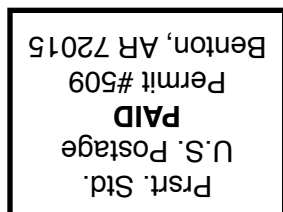
Anyone observed violating the club range and safety rules is subject to dismissal from the club. New members, make sure that you know what type of firearm may be used on each range. If you don't know, read your bylaws.

New Members

We welcomed 34 new members at the March meeting. They are J. Brian Adams, Robert Bench, Chris Bentz, Steven Bray, Melvin Brewer, Paul Brown, Justin Bulloch, Nick Coe, Cory Couch, Shawn Douglas, John Evans, Andy Garcia, Michael Gerstner, Gary Henningsen, Mark Henningsen, Alan Johnston, Dennis Jones, Brad McCray, Rick Meyer, Paul Norris, Paul Pakis, Robert Pinkston, Eric Renfroe, Scott Shearer, Greg Spann, Taylor Thompson, Victor Thomas, Keith Tully, Larry Tyner, Keith Vaughan, Steven Velek, Rex Whittington, Jimmy Wilson and Davie Zakrzewski. Welcome to the club, folks!

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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