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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

March 2015

Range and Match News

In range news, the purchase of the new Conex container, approved in December, is still in progress. It will be placed between the falling plate range and the road, sometime in the next month or so.

In match news, there was a follow-up vote on the motion made last month to purchase two mobile plate racks for use in the three-gun, speed steel, and rimfire challenge matches. The cost will be \$4,470.00, and the racks will be stored in the corral on range 5. The follow-up vote was successful, confirming the motion.

We also had a follow-up vote on last month's motion to donate the NRA commissions the club earned in 2014, totaling \$3,813.00, to the 4H youth shooting program. The follow-up vote was successful, confirming the motion.

In other news, club president Paul Stiedle thanked the club members who had provided feedback on the recent request made by representatives of Mount Olive Cemetery. As reported last month, they asked that we consider limiting firing during times when graveside services are taking place. It was suggested that the cemetery purchase and maintain a sign to be placed on the range gate, listing the date and time of any upcoming services. They would be responsible for the cost of the sign, and for placing or removing it as appropriate. This is not a rule, just a courtesy we are extending to our neighbors who may be grieving.

Also, club member Justin Permenter announced that the Safari Club International Wildlife Conservation Banquet will be held in April. He distributed information about the event to everyone at the club meeting.

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.

Bylaws Being Reviewed

Paul Stiedle announced at the February meeting that we will be reviewing the club bylaws this year. All club members are invited to participate by volunteering for the review committee. Approximately three meetings will be held, beginning soon. To add your name to the list, please contact Paul.

2014 Financials Updated

The 2014 financial numbers as of October 31, 2014 were presented to the club membership at the March meeting with corrected numbers for a couple of tournaments. The correct income for the Mid-South Regional Tournament was \$101.20 in excess of expenses,

and the correct income for the Battle in Benton was \$638.32 in excess of expenses. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the updated financials.

Rifle Classes Scheduled

The club approved a motion in February to hold some basic NRA rifle classes on April 18, June 27, September 19, and October 17. The classes will be held on ranges 6 and 4B from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The cost will be \$30.00 per class, with a family discount. Rifles, ammo and materials will be provided. Bring your lunch.

A Safety Reminder

Just a reminder that range safety is every member's responsibility! Keep this in mind every time you are at the range. Just a few things to think about: when you are on any range and there are other members setting or removing targets downrange **DO NOT HANDLE ANY FIREARMS, NO MATTER WHAT!** This would seem like common sense but for some reason there are members that seem to think that it is okay to handle their rifles while other members or down range just because they have their bolt open or out of the gun. Keep in mind that if you were the person downrange you would have no idea that the firearm the person under the shed is handling has the bolt removed. It is just good SAFETY and manners to not touch or handle your firearms in any way while others are downrange and is Rule #1 on the Clubs Range Rules!

Also it is incumbent upon all members to get the name of persons who may violate these safety rules and report them to the club officers as soon as possible. If you could get a photo of them and their vehicle this would help us in ID'ing them and addressing these issues.

So please help to keep our range a fun and safe place to shoot! <http://www.bentongunclub.org/files/BGC-RangeRules-2011-06-27.pdf>

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Club Meetings

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

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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.

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.

Club members are reminded that they are equal owners of club property. 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.

The same goes for changed email addresses: please send us note when you switch email addresses so that we can update our records. Thanks!

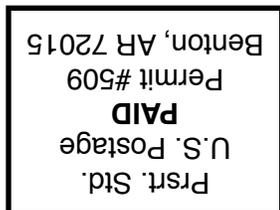
New Members

We welcomed 26 new members at the March meeting. They are George Berg, Russ Britt, Adam Brown, Michael Brown, Ken Brunt, Benny Cox, Jayme Dixon, Donald Dove, Chris Gearhart, James Gregory, Clayton Heien, Amanda Kroger, Robert Lundy, Rick McPherson, Tony Magby, Heath Nix, Luis Olivo, Ralph Spears, Barry Stanton, Howard Stuckey, Randy Tankersley, Curt Verzwylvelt, Burk Weatherly, Timothy White, Chad Williams, Justin Wilson, and Tyler Zeller. Welcome to the club!

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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