

# Windage

Benton Gun Club Newsletter

May 2010

## Range and Match News

A motion was made to reinstall some target boards on range 3, at distances of 10 and 25 yards. The boards will be 16 feet wide at each distance. This type of change requires that we notify everyone via the newsletter and will be voted on at the June club meeting. It will require a two-thirds majority vote in order to be passed.

Also, a follow-up vote was held on last month's approved motion to install underlayment and gravel on ranges 3 and 4A. The follow-up vote passed.

In other news, the range 1 plans presented at last month's meeting are being sent out for bids. If you would like to submit a bid, please contact us.

We also had three match-related motions. The first was to hold falling plate matches at 6:00 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month on range 5, from now through the first week of September. Jeremy Reeves and Paul Stiedle will be the match directors, and the entry fee will be \$2.00. The second motion was to hold an "old timer's" match on range 4B on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 9:00 a.m. Lloyd Sloane will be the match director, and the fee will be \$3.00. The third motion was to add additional rails on range 2 to accommodate half-scale animals, at a cost of no more than \$500.00. All of these motions were passed.

## Requesting Bylaw Change Submissions

We are collecting submissions for changes to the bylaws. We have not formed a bylaws committee yet, so no vote will be held any time soon, but we need to start collecting ideas. If you would like to submit a change, please send it to the club P.O. box or email us. You must include the specific wording of the change you want made to the bylaws. That is, quote the text of the section you want changed, amended with your proposed update.

## Five-Year Committee Update

George Craig reported on items discussed at the most recent meeting of the Five-Year Planning Committee. They mentioned the need for a bylaws committee meeting, as discussed above. They also looked into obtaining solar-powered skeet target throwers. These machines cost about \$2,500.00, and the solar panels are \$100.00. The club members expressed interest in this idea, but no formal motion was made. More detailed research will be done and a motion will probably come at a future club meeting.

## Time For A Clubhouse?

We are looking into the idea of building a 40x60 clubhouse at the range. If you are in the metal building construction business please get in touch with us. We'd like a bid for the whole shebang: foundation, insulation, fully finished interior -- everything. Maybe a pavilion, too. Such a building would be used for club meetings, classes, special events, etc.

## Thanks from NRA-ILA

We received a very nice thank you letter from the NRA-ILA, expressing appreciation for our recent donation. They requested that all members contact their congressional representatives at 202-224-3121 and urge them to support pro-second amendment legislation.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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

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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)  
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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.

## **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 range rule, may result in revocation of your membership.

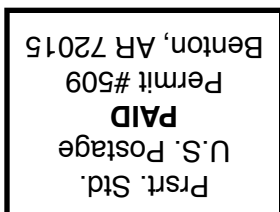
## **New Members**

We welcomed 11 new members at the May meeting. They are Nathan Crouch, Randal Johnson, Ryan Kennedy, Ronald Hardee, Danny Bowden, William Nossner, William Godbold, Jacob Feldman, David Holliman, Rob Lusk, and Ronald Beckwith. 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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