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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

May 2012

Range and Match News

First, a follow-up on a couple of items from last month. Paul Stiedle that the underlayment for range 4B has not been ordered yet. He also reported that the club received a letter from the University of Arkansas, thanking us for our donation to the Saline County 4-H club.

In other news, John Arellane presented a draft of the letter that will be sent to Arkansas political candidates, inviting them to speak at the club. The letter will be going out after all of the runoff elections are held.

In match news, Greg Sullivan reported on the 2012 Mid-South Regional match. He also made a motion to reimburse Mason Sickel \$315.66 for leads from the welding machine that was reported stolen during the match. The motion was seconded and passed.

And finally, our thanks to Rex Gismond for filling in for Cheryl Craig as secretary/treasurer at the May meeting.

2012 Secretary/Treasurer Nominations

At the May meeting, Paul Stiedle opened the floor for nominations for the office of secretary/treasurer for the coming year. Cheryl Craig was nominated. No other nominations were made.

Important Safety Reminder

Paul Stiedle reported that persons have been down range while people on the firing line have fired shots. We would like to remind all members that it is YOUR responsibility to make sure the range is clear when going down range to post targets. You need to declare to others on the firing line that you need to go down range. Also, if you are on the firing line you must MAKE SURE that the range is clear of persons before sending bullets down range.

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.

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.

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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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Secretary-TreasurerCheryl Craig (602-2304)
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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 19 new members at the May meeting. They are Scott Aten, Brian Barnett, Steven Bray, Thomas Brown, Timothy Daley, Marcus Daily, Troy Dempsey, Christopher Dodson, Duke Boyne, Larry Foster, Joseph Hodges, Jeff Holder, Monty Johnson, Dennis Sapp, Chris Sebelius, Kendrick Thomas, Lars Turpen, David Warrington, and Blake Weindorf. 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.

News from the NRA-ILA

The following items come from the NRA-ILA web page, www.nraila.org. Reprinted with permission.

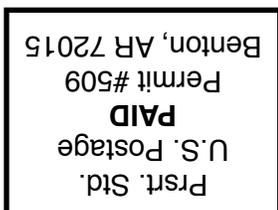
Right to Keep and Bear Arms Constitutional Amendment Will be on the Ballot in November

Fairfax, Va. – The Louisiana Senate has passed Senate Bill 303, a constitutional amendment protecting the right to keep and bear arms, by a 34 to 4 vote. This bill passed in the state House by a 77 to 22 vote last week and will now be placed on the ballot in November for voters to ratify. If approved by voters, it will be the most cogent and comprehensive pro-Second Amendment state constitutional amendment in the nation. Forty-four states have provisions in their constitutions protecting the right to keep and bear arms.

“There’s no stronger pro-Second Amendment Governor in the country than Governor Bobby Jindal and NRA is truly grateful for his leadership in ensuring passage and preserving the potency of this substantive constitutional amendment,” said Chris W. Cox, executive director of NRA’s Institute for Legislative Action.

Senate Bill 303 improves the current provision in the state constitution and provides Louisianans the strongest and most comprehensive constitutional language of any state, guaranteeing the right to keep and bear arms in Louisiana for future generations.

“The NRA would also like to thank state Senator Neil Riser and state Representative Christopher Broadwater for their tireless leadership efforts in support of this amendment and for their resolute efforts in ensuring broad bi-partisan support for this measure in the Legislature,” Cox concluded.



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