

Range and Match News

We're still working on preparing the offer to Alcoa for the land north of Range 7. Greg Sullivan will let us know when it's ready. And we haven't scheduled the work day to install "no trespassing, violators will be prosecuted" signs along the range perimeter, and to construct the cement buckets to hold the posts for the target boards on ranges 3, 4A, and 4B. A few of the buckets have been built and installed by the range maintenance personnel, but not all of them. We'll keep you posted as these projects proceed.

Also, the work on Range 5, to finish the steel walls, has been completed. The gravel fill has yet to be installed.

In other range news, a member reported last month that the new earthen berm on Range 1 at 200 meters has a crack in it. After inspection, it appears it's just settling of the dirt and the integrity of the berm is not at risk.

Also, club president Paul Stiedle introduced Michael McMahan of Advanced Recycling Solutions, who spoke about reclaiming the lead and copper from our berms. Mr. McMahan explained his company's part in the process and what would take place. There were many questions from the members and much discussion concerning range down time, the cost of returning the berms to specifications, permits, etc. This idea has been tabled for now, pending further research.

A follow-up vote was held on last month's motion to donate the \$3,738.00 we received in 2012 to the Saline County 4-H club. The follow-up vote passed and the motion is now confirmed. Speaking of the 4-H club, Mark Ward reported that their youth group took sixth place in the Arkansas Game and Fish tournament. Wish them luck as they go on to the state tournament!

James Squires reported that the Introduction to Shotgun Day had a low turnout. Only five people attended, as the weather was cold and rainy.

In match news, Greg Sullivan reported that the 2013 April Mid-South Regional tournament came in under budget. He reported that there were 54 shooters, including some from out of state for the NRA high power and small bore matches.

And finally, we'd like to thank club member Bob Jernigan for contacting the county road crew and having them gravel Mount Olive Cutoff. If you see Bob, please be sure to thank him again.

2013-14 Secretary Nominated

President Paul Stiedle opened the floor at the May meeting for nominations for club secretary-treasurer for the next year. Harold Smith made a motion to nominate Cheryl Craig, and the motion was seconded. There were

no other motions and nominations were closed. The vote to elect our secretary-treasurer will be held at the June club meeting.

July 4 Swap Meet Set

A motion was approved at the May club meeting to once again hold our 4th of July swap meet on range 4B. You may bring your own BBQ and fireworks (provided there is no county burn ban in effect on July 4) and the swap meeting will start at 9:00 a.m.

NRA Rifle Course in July

The club approved a motion by Culley Majors at the April club meeting to hold another NRA Basic Rifle course on July 13th, with class work to be held on range 6 and the shooting portion to be held on range 4B. The class will start at 8:00 a.m. and will cost \$45.00 per student.

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

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Club Meetings

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

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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.

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.

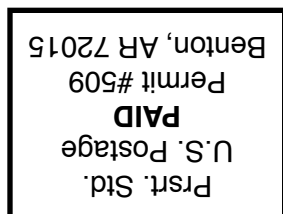
New Members

We welcomed 14 new members at the May meeting. They are Jim Battreal, Ed Bishop, Chuck Bolin, Dustin Campbell, Hunter Douglas, Butch Ivy, Nicholas Ivy, Shannon Kemp, Buzz May, Jeffery Pataky, Wade Permenter, William Pollock, Scott Rasmussen, and Paul Wells. 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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