

Range and Match News

There's still nothing new to report regarding Alcoa's response to our offer for the land north of range 7. Club president Paul Stiedle would like all members to know that the club is still looking for acres to purchase so that the club can expand and build new ranges. If you know of land for sale please contact Paul at the number below. If we cannot find the land ourselves we may consider hiring an agent to find land for us.

In range news, Greg Sullivan reported that he has not made contact the contractor regarding the replacement of the roof on range 2, but Rex Gismond has volunteered to get in touch with them.

Greg also made a motion to purchase three new sets of cowboy silhouette targets at a total cost of \$820.00. The motion was seconded and passed.

In other range news, Paul Stiedle reported that we have received a bid from landscaping company Copper Canyon, Inc. to spend \$1,640.00 to replace the existing retaining wall on range 1, which has eroded due to use. Paul also reminded everyone that the concrete walkways on range 4-B are scheduled for work. These ranges will be closed to shooting on range workdays to perform these repairs and upgrades.

In April we approved a motion to purchase a pallet of clay targets from Blue Rock Shotgun Club. George Craig reported that they have been delivered and the 4-H shooters unloaded them into the storage unit. The 4-H shooters are using our range on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the summer. Speaking of the 4-H, Austin Permenter, the young lady that the club sponsored in the USA shotgun competition in Colorado, presented the club with a plaque thanking us for our sponsorship.

In match news, Greg Sullivan reported that the Mid-South Regional tournament, which had 53 shooters, made a profit of \$101.20. In other match news, Paul Stiedle reported that 99 shooters participated in the April IDPA-sanctioned match.

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.

Secretary/Treasurer Nominees Named

At the May meeting we accepted nominations for the Secretary/Treasurer position. (Current secretary/treasurer Cheryl Craig is stepping down after her current term expires in June.) Sarah Hendricks, Jennifer Rook, and Stan Miller introduced themselves as candidates for the position. The floor was opened for nominations and all three candidates were nominated and seconded. No

other nominations were made and the floor was closed. The election for our new secretary/treasurer will be held at the June club meeting.

NRA Rifle Course Scheduled

The basic NRA rifle course, approved at last month's club meeting, still has spots available. The dates are 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.

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

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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.

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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.

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.

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.

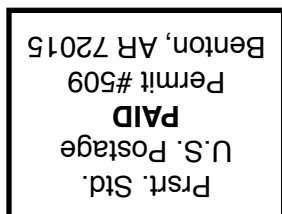
New Members

We welcomed 11 new members at the May meeting. They are Gary Boiger, Jeremy Creel, Darryl Harding, George Heer, David Hill, Joshua Jackson, James Lyons, Mark Miller, Doug Mize, Hess Robertson, and Tom Victory. 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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