

# Windage

Benton Gun Club Newsletter

May 2015

## Range and Match News

In range news, the motion to purchase a new Conex container for \$2,800.00, approved in December, has been withdrawn by David Habig. The current local price for the size container that we want is \$4,000.00, and we haven't been able to find one at the approved price. David made a new motion to purchase a new Conex for \$4,000.00, including delivery. The motion was seconded and passed, but will require a follow-up vote at the next club meeting to be confirmed.

Speaking of Conex containers, we found graffiti spray-painted on the containers on ranges 5 and 6 a few weeks ago. It looks like some youths hopped the fence and found some paint inside. The graffiti has since been painted over. Rex Gismond proposed having signs made up for all Conex containers that read, "No firearms or ammunition stored in this container." President Paul Stiedle said he would follow up and have some made.

In other range news, club member Ed Forte requested that some gravel work be done to deal with the drainage issue on range 4B. Paul Stiedle reported that this has already been discussed and that gravel is on site. We're just waiting until the ground dries out some before doing the work.

Also, the new mobile plate racks, approved for purchase in April, are complete and will be transported to the range soon.

In match news, the new timers approved last month for use in falling plate matches have been received and placed in the appropriate storage unit. And the old timer has been sent to Conway for evaluation for possible repair.

In other match news, club member Charlie Baxter made a motion to hold an old-fashioned "Turkey Shoot" on range 7 on May 18 at 9:30 a.m., with an entry fee of \$5.00. He requested \$100.00 to purchase snacks and drinks, as well as a ham and a turkey to be given away as match prizes. The motion was second and passed.

In additional match news, Greg Sullivan reported that the regional match was a success. We had shooters from all over the country and the match managed to come in under budget by \$600.00. The match ended with a profit of just under \$600.00.

Mark Ward reported that the 4-H youth shooters visited the range during a 1/4-scale match and thoroughly enjoyed learning from and watching the shooters. One of the young ladies in the group has been invited to participate in the upcoming 4-H national competition. Paul Stiedle congratulated her on behalf of the club membership.

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 Change Meeting Scheduled

The bylaws review committee met on Monday, April 27. All proposed changes have been finalized and will be mailed to all members in the coming weeks. A special bylaws change meeting will be held on June 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Smith Family Funeral Home where we will vote on the proposals. No other business will occur at this meeting.

## July 4th Swap Meet

A motion was made and approved at the May club meeting to hold the annual 4th of July swap meet on range 2 this year due to matches occurring that day. It will start around 8:00 a.m. and will end when everyone is done. Fireworks may be fire off on range 4B after the meet, weather permitting.

## Secretary/Treasurer Nominations

Nominations were opened at the May meeting for candidates to serve as Secretary/Treasurer for the upcoming year. A motion was made to nominate Sarah Hendrix to continue serving. The motion was seconded and passed. A motion was then made, seconded and passed to close the nominations. A vote to fill the position will be held at the June meeting.

## Rifle Classes Scheduled

We are holding some basic NRA rifle classes on June 27, September 19, and October 17, as approved by the club in February. 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

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Range and Club Information Hotline.....501-602-2228

### Club Meetings

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

### Officers

President .....Paul Stiedle (517-0756)  
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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 MATER 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 Club's 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>

### **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.

### **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. Ignorance is no excuse. A reminder, and we cannot say this strongly enough, full-auto fire on the range is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**.

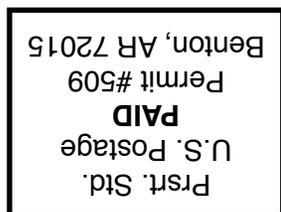
### **New Members**

We welcomed 14 new members at the May meeting. They are Harry Broadwell, Kelly Caldwell, Justin Harney, Don Houff, Jeff Hurley, Tim Kreiner, Kerry Murphy, Robert Robinson, Tara Rogers, Doug Simpson, William Tweedy, and Greg Vanlandingham. 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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