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Benton Gun Club Newsletter November 2010

Range and Match News

The big range news from the November meeting covers the work for building out range one. Three bids were presented to the club for consideration. Each required a bit of deciphering in order to figure out cost breakdowns for the two proposed phases, but we managed. Herman Reeves bid \$59,000.00 for phase one (the 40-foot-wide version) and \$78,000.00 for phase two (the 70-foot-wide version). The bid from Redstone was \$47,455.75 for phase one. (They did not bid on phase two.) The bid from Marshall Hydro-Seed was \$55,000.00 for phase one and \$63,300.00 for phase two. After much discussion a motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the bid from Marshall Hydro-Seed for the phase two version of the work. This item will require a follow-up vote at the December club meeting for final approval. It must receive a two-thirds majority in order to pass. There was also some discussion about the state certification of the contractor, and this will be researched and brought before the membership at the December club meeting.

In other range news, a motion was made at the November meeting to hire Marshall Hydro-Seed to repair the road on the range. The cost will be \$8,145.00, and will include crowning, packing, and drainage maintenance, from the gate down to range seven. They will also grade the parking lots on each range, clear the ditch behind range two all the way to range seven, and level the area to the east of the range road behind range three so that it can be used for overflow parking. The work will take 3-4 days, but as of this writing the start date is unknown. The motion was seconded and passed.

Also, a motion was made to install a pavilion behind range three. The motion was seconded, but it did not get passed.

In match news, a motion was made to extend the cowboy match to include a new discipline, lever action cowboy rifle, with shooting to be held on range one. This match calls for target rails to be installed at 50, 100, and 150 meters, arranged in such a way that the safety berm on the right side of the range will serve as a proper backstop. It will cost \$300.00 to install the rails. This motion was seconded and passed, but a follow-up vote will be required at next month's meeting for final approval, since this constitutes a permanent change to the range. As with the other range one work described above, this motion will require a two-thirds majority in order to pass.

In other news, the club approved a motion to install three trauma kits on ranges one, three and four, at a total cost of \$450.00. They will be secured in mounted ammo cans, with a lock keyed to match the range gate key. Please note that these are for serious emergencies only,

and are not to be used as general first-aid kits for every random little boo-boo. If we find that they are misused, vandalized, or abused, we will lock them up so that only match directors and range safety officers have access to them.

And last but not least, George Craig made a motion to conduct a little gardening experiment by planting two 50-square-foot patches of bermuda grass on range two. This is an experiment, a study to see if we can get grass to grow on the range. The motion was seconded and passed. Good luck, George!

2011 Match Schedule Set

Paul Stiedle and 18 match directors met at Brown's for the annual match director's dinner and to work up the 2011 match schedule. The schedule was presented to the members at the November club meeting and approved. The schedule will be posted on the web site and will also be included in the December issue of the newsletter.

2011 Membership Renewals Mailed

By the time you read this, or very soon thereafter, all membership renewal forms for 2011 should be in the mail. If you don't receive yours within a couple of weeks, please leave a message on the club information line with your name and phone number or your email address, and we'll get back to you. Be sure to include your mailing address in your message, just in case it's changed and we haven't been notified.

Range Maintenance Position Available

We have an opening in the range maintenance group. This is the gang that handles all of the day-to-day maintenance of the range. If you're interested, please contact the club president, Paul Stiedle, at 517-0756.

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Range and Club Information Hotline501-602-2228

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

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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.

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.

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.

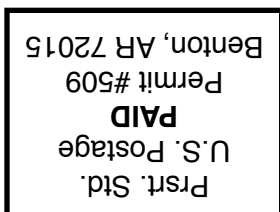
New Members

We welcomed eight new members at the November meeting. They are Mark Altom, Mike Howard, Richard Fresquez, Michael Moriconi, Casey Cole, Gary Hinson, Lauren Brewer, and Robert Powell. 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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