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Benton Gun Club Newsletter November 2012

Range and Match News

Not much to report this month. A follow-up vote was held on last month's motion by Greg Sullivan which proposed a budget of \$3,520.00 for the BGC Spring Regional Silhouette Tournament to be held in April on ranges 1 and 2. The motion to confirm the October vote for the budget was made, seconded and passed. See September's newsletter for more details about the specifics of the match.

Oh, one more thing: our thanks to Rex Gismond for saddling up once again and filling in for Cheryl, who was unable to attend the November meeting.

Match Directors Meeting Held

At the November meeting, Paul Stiedle briefed the club on the results of the annual match directors meeting and dinner which was held on October 22. The match directors worked out the 2013 match schedule and discussed concerns and range updates. The cost of the dinner was \$196.73.

2013 Match Schedule Set

The aforementioned 2013 match schedule was presented to the club at the November club meeting. A motion was made and passed to accept it. The schedule will be published on our web site and will also be mailed out with the January issue of the newsletter.

Renewal Time Is Here

Membership renewal notices for 2013 have been mailed to all members. Current members will have until February 11, 2013 to return their club membership/NRA renewals and avoid paying the \$100 range maintenance fee. The range lock will be changed after the January club meeting. Only members who have paid their dues for 2013 will have the correct key. If you have changed addresses and have not notified the club secretary/treasurer then you may not receive your renewal notice. If you have changed your address, or if you have not yet received your renewal notice, please email the club secretary at spurs.2000@yahoo.com.

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!

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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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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 November meeting. They are Mark Batek, James Griffin, Justin Lareau, Lee Lessenberry, Donald Morgan, Kevin Owen, Anthony Ridgley, John Roberts, Josh Rogers, Dave Ryan and Jerry Tully. 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 item comes from the NRA-ILA web site, www.nraila.org. Reprinted with permission.

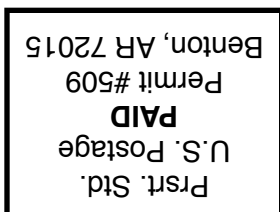
Bill Advances to Stop EPA from Regulating Ammunition

When Congress reconvened [in early November], one of the first items the U.S. Senate voted on was S. 3525, "The Sportsmen's Act of 2012." As we reported [previously], S. 3525 is an essential piece of legislation focused on the expansion and enhancement of hunting, recreational fishing and shooting on federal public land. But it's more than that.

Of critical importance is the fact that, in addition to promoting land access, S. 3525 would amend the "Toxic Substances Control Act" to prevent this and future administrations from using the Environmental Protection Agency to eliminate the right of hunters, shooters and anglers to use traditional ammunition and fishing tackle. The bill would amend the law to clarify that the EPA does not have the authority to regulate shot, bullets or sport fishing equipment.

The bill also allows for the importation of polar bears legally taken from approved populations in Canada before the 2008 ban.

The bill now awaits a vote on final passage, which is scheduled for Monday, November 26.



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