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Benton Gun Club Newsletter November 2013

Range and Match News

Nothing new to report this month regarding Alcoa's response to our offer for the land north of range 7.

In match news, a follow-up vote was held on Harold Smith's motion from last month to hold a 2014 Mid-South Regional high-power rifle silhouette and small-bore rifle silhouette match on April 11-13, 2014, with a budget of \$3,632.00. The motion passed on the second vote and is now approved. Range setup will occur on April 11 from noon to 6:00 p.m., and matches will be held from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on April 12 and 13. The ranges used by this match will be closed to members on these dates (unless you are shooting in the matches, of course). The cost is \$55.00 per match, and the match directors will be Harold Smith and High Burnett. (Estimated revenue for the match is \$3,520.00.)

In range news, we have purchased and installed 60 new plastic barrels for use on range 5. (The purchase was approved last month.) These barrels are not target boards! They are used to simulate walls for the stages of the IDPA and multi-gun matches. Please do not shoot at these barrels.

And finally, a reminder that John Arellanes has copies of pocket-sized copies of the U.S. Constitution. They are free to all club members and are available at the regular monthly club meetings.

2014 Renewals Going Out Soon

We'd like to remind all members that renewal notices for 2014 will be going out in November. Please make sure you have let us know if your address has changed this year. Otherwise, you will not receive a renewal notice. If you have questions or updates, please contact the club secretary, Cheryl Craig, at spurs.2000@yahoo.com, or call the club voicemail line and leave a message.

2014 Match Schedule Approved

At the November club meeting, Paul Stiedle presented the 2014 match schedule that was prepared at the recent match director's meeting. A motion was made and passed to accept the schedule. The 2014 schedule will be included in the December newsletter and posted on our website.

Range Orientation Volunteers Wanted

We are looking for club members who would be interested in helping with the range orientation sessions for new members. If you are interested, please contact one of the club officers. Thank you!

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.

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

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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.

Officers

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may be used on each range. If you don't know, read your bylaws.

New Members

We welcomed six new members at the November meeting. They are Sean Guerrero, Clark Hopper, Jason Jones, Oliver Kelzenburg, Jeffrey Stewart, and Michael Wulf. 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 items come from the NRA-ILA web page, www.nraila.org. Reprinted with permission.

Democratic Senators Oppose U.N. Arms Trade Treaty

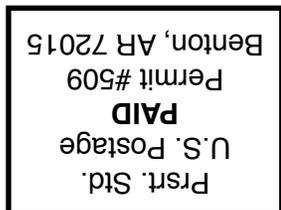
[In October], four members of the U.S. Senate sent a letter to President Barack Obama, Secretary of State

John Kerry and the United Nations with the clear message that the U.N. Arms Trade Treaty will not be ratified. Earlier this year, the U.N. adopted and President Obama directed Secretary Kerry to sign this treaty, which does not exclude civilian arms from its scope and therefore directly threatens the Second Amendment.

“This letter sends a clear message to President Obama and Secretary Kerry that the Arms Trade Treaty will not receive the 67 votes in the U.S. Senate necessary for ratification,” said Chris W. Cox, executive director of the NRA’s Institute for Legislative Action. “On behalf of our 5 million members, the NRA would like to thank those who signed this letter for their principled stand in defending the Second Amendment freedoms of all law-abiding Americans against this attempt by the U.N. to undermine American sovereignty.”

Sens. Jon Tester (D-MT), Max Baucus (D-MT), Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND), and Joe Donnelly (D-IN) sent a letter to President Barack Obama saying, “because of unaddressed concerns that this Treaty’s obligations could undermine our nation’s sovereignty and the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding Americans, we would oppose the Treaty if it were to come before the U.S. Senate.”

This joins the bipartisan effort of 50 fellow Senators and 181 members of the U.S. House who sent letters to the President stating their opposition to the ATT earlier this month.



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