

# Windage

Benton Gun Club Newsletter November 2014

## Range and Match News

Club president Paul Stiedle reported that he has not spoken with Alcoa's representative about our land purchase since the last club meeting.

In range news, as first reported in September, the club approved a motion to co-sponsor a shooting expo next August. (See last September's newsletter for more information.) Paul reported that confirmation and contracting from Brownell's, the event's major sponsor, is still in progress.

In other range news, last month we approved a motion to remove some trees from the side of the road leading down into the range, to improve visibility. The trees have not been removed yet, but this will be done soon.

In match news, a motion was made to hold a half-scale small bore rifle match on November 22, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on range 2. The motion was seconded and passed.

In other match news, David Habig made a pair of motions. The first was to hold the Battle in Benton match on May 16, 2015, on ranges 4B, 5 and 6. Range 4B will close Thursday afternoon and ranges 5 and 6 will be closed Wednesday through Friday, for setup. This will not conflict with any other scheduled matches. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Habig's other match motion was to hold an IDPA-sanctioned match on November 29. This will be a four-stage match held on range 5, and will not conflict with any other scheduled matches. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Habig made one last motion to purchase a 40x8x8 Conex container, to be placed on the island beside range 4, due to overcrowding in the existing Conex units. The cost will be \$2,800.00, plus tax and \$100 for delivery. The club will be responsible for leveling. The motion was seconded and passed, but will require a second vote at the December meeting for confirmation.

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.

## 2015 Match Schedule Approved

At the November club meeting, Paul Stiedle presented the finalized 2015 club match schedule. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the schedule. The schedule has been mailed to all club members. If you didn't receive your copy, contact the club secretary or check our website.

## 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](http://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 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

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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

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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**.

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.

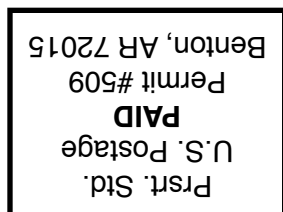
## **New Members**

We welcomed 11 new members at the November meeting. They are Robert "Maynard" Bowers, Ryan Elliott, Shaun Elliott, Carl Foreman, Justin Foster, Darrell Maddox, Jerry Pinzon, Jeff Sharp, Robert Sharp, David Singleton, and Tom Scott. 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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