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Benton Gun Club Newsletter November 2015

Range and Match News

Let's get started this month with some match news. Jeff Morse reported that Sam Davis was the winner of the October 31 shotgun match. About ten shooters turned out to brave the weather.

Paul Stiedle reported that the new Black Sheep competition clay launchers for the 3-gun match have been ordered. Jerry Watts reported that he spoke with Ryan Reed, who told him that the launchers should be in within a week.

In other match news, Jeff Morse made a motion to add additional shotgun matches in November and December. These would take place on the same Saturday of the month as the other shotgun matches, at the same time and with the same directors. The motion was seconded and passed. And in related shotgun match news, Jeff requested a new battery for the clay thrower. The cost will be taken from the range maintenance account.

Another match motion was made by Lucas Howard for a statewide NSSF-sanctioned rimfire match on June 11, 2016 on range 5, with a proposed budget of \$2,800.00. There will be a drawing for prizes, funded by the entry fees. The motion was seconded and passed.

And finally, Jerry Watts made a motion to hold a USPSA match on range 5 at 1:00 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of each month. Larry Vint will serve as assistant match director. USPSA affiliation dues will cost \$145.00 annually. The motion was seconded and passed.

In range news, Lloyd Sloan made a motion to place temporary target boards at 150 yards on range 4B for use in the Old Friends match. The motion was seconded and passed.

2016 Match Schedule Set

The 2016 club match schedule was presented at the November club meeting for review and approval. A motion was made to accept the schedule as presented. The motion was seconded and passed, and the new schedule will be distributed to all club members soon.

Renewal Notices Being Mailed

Membership renewal notices will be sent out before the end of November. If you receive your club newsletter via email you'll receive your renewal notice the same way. Email renewal notices will be sent from the address bentongunclub2073@gmail.com. This email address is for renewal purposes only and should not be used for communicating with club officers or other club business. If you receive a printed newsletter, your renewal form will be mailed to you. Instructions will be provided for the new electronic payment option as well as the

standard cash/check/money order options we have always used.

Safety Reminder

Range safety is every member's responsibility! Keep this in mind every time you are at 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 MATTER 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. A cease fire should be called and all weapons should be holstered or racked before anyone attempts to go downrange. 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 Clubs 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>

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.

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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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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.

Club members are reminded that they are equal owners of club property, and any damage 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 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 a 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).

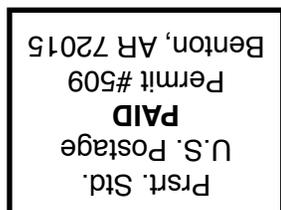
We'd also like to remind club members not to move target stands closer to the sheds or pads. All target stands must be placed directly in front of a designated berm or backstop. Failure to comply with this rule, or any other, may result in revocation of your membership.

Info For New Members

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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