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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

October 2009

Range and Match News

Pat Holsted reported that the recent rains continue to hold up dirt work on ranges 4A and 4B, however we have managed to pour the pads and do a bit of other work. At the time of the club meeting, all ranges were open pending the resumption of the dirt work, but as of this writing things have been drier so they might be working again by now.

Please remember that while the dirt work is going on all ranges will be closed during weekdays from 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. The ranges will be open on Saturday and Sunday. Always be sure to call the club information line at 315-3071 to get the status of the range before driving out. That's a long way to go and not be able to shoot.

In other news, Paul Stiedle reported that over a dozen match directors attended the annual match directors' meeting on October 5 at Brown's Country Kitchen. The match schedule was worked out and will be presented to the club members at the November meeting.

George Toney made a couple of motions at the October meeting. The first was to reduce the fee of rifle match fees to \$3.00 for members and \$5.00 for non-members. (The fee for silhouette matched will remain the same.) The second was to get reimbursed \$86.70 for range materials. Both motions were seconded and approved.

George also announced that the club will offer paper targets to club members at cost. They will be available at club meetings as well as from match directors at the range during match events.

In addition, a motion was made to change the CMP match fee to \$5.00 for fathers and sons, \$3.00 for other members, and \$5.00 for non-members. The motion was seconded and passed.

Finally, Pat Holsted made a motion that we purchase another Conex storage container to be placed between range 3 and 4A. It will be a 20-foot model with doors and each end and will be used to store target boards and related supplies. The cost will be \$3,100.00, which includes delivery. The motion was seconded and passed, but will require a follow-up confirmation vote at the November club meeting.

New Website Feature

Our website, bentongunclub.org, now features a forum, for discussing anything related to the club. There are separate areas for each match. You'll find a link on the front page of the site.

2010 Officers Elected

At the October meeting we elected the club officers for 2010. The nominees were Paul Stiedle for president,

George Craig for vice-president, and Bryan Hendricks for secretary-treasurer. All nominees were elected.

Membership Renewal Notice

It's getting close to membership renewal time. Please keep the following information in mind:

1) 2010 renewals will be mailed out by the end of October, if you don't receive yours call the Club phone and leave your name and address.

2) October through January the newsletter will be delivered by regular mail only, no e-mail.

3) The label on your newsletter will show the status of your club membership: "NS9" after your name means that you have not had your Range and Safety orientation and you will NOT receive a 2010 renewal until this is done. A "9" after your name means that the club has not yet received your 2010 renewal as of the print date of the newsletter. A "10" after your name means that the Club HAS received your 2010 renewal and your club membership is in good standing.

4) If you check "YES" on your renewal form concerning email, that means that you elect to go to the club web site and read the club newsletters there, instead of having mailed to you.

Any Day Is A Work Day

We held our most recent work day in May, but 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. 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 one of the club officers.

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Range and Club Information Hotline.....501-315-3071

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

PresidentPaul Stiedle (517-0756)
Vice-PresidentPat Holsted (766-4942)
Secretary-Treasurer.....Bryan Hendricks
Range Maintenance Officer.....Bob Elrod (778-2165)
Range & Safety OrientationJames Squires (847-2147)

We are also looking for some young, strong maintenance people to help keep the range in shape. A lot of the folks who do the regular care of the range are getting older and they can't do all of this hard work forever. If you're interested in helping, please contact club president Paul Stiedle.

Change Your Address? Let Us Know!

If you change your mailing address or your email address please let us know. The club secretary reports that a few 2009 renewals have been returned marked "Moved, no forwarding address." He's also noticed that some 2009 renewals have a different email address from the one we have on file. To ensure that you keep informed of club activities, please file a "change of address" request with the post office when you move, and let us know when you get a new email address.

Youth Director Wanted

We are looking for a person (or persons) to plan and coordinate youth-focused shooting and training activities for the club. If you would like to volunteer, please contact one of the club officers.

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).

Someone has caused severe damage to some of the target board posts on the plinking range. Hidden, motion-sensitive security cameras have been installed to find out who is doing this. James Squires once again asks that shooters PLEASE stop shooting at the posts. If you need a practice target, contact James and he'll get you one.

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 range rule, may result in revocation of your membership.

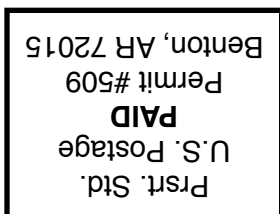
New Members

We welcomed 12 new members at the October meeting. They are Jeff Coppock, Larry Morgenstern, Bob Kirkpatrick, Shane Sheppard, Garland Ashley, Tony Meyer, Dennis Gray, Terry Mithcell, Ricky Quattlebaum, Mike Wood, Robert Johnson and Phillip Snodgrass. 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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