

# Windage

Benton Gun Club Newsletter

October 2010

## Range and Match News

In range news, a follow-up vote was held on last month's motion to add four 3-foot-wide berms to range two. The motion passed. The new berms will be used as backstops for the new swinger targets used by the Old Friends match.

A follow-up vote was also held on last month's motion to advance \$2,000.00 for the NRA-approved fifth-scale tournament on March 18-19, 2011. The motion passed.

In other range news, five contractors have looked at range one, but no bids have been received yet.

George Craig reported on activities by the five-year committee. The make-up of the range trauma kit (mentioned in last month's newsletter) is still being designed. There was another accidental discharge at the range, which occurred while a club member was holstering his weapon. (The injury was not serious.) George also reported that the location for a possible clubhouse has not been marked off yet. James Squires also reported that he is still looking into plans for holding a class to train additional range safety officers.

In match news, a motion was made to purchase a new set of targets for the Cowboy Pistol match. The set includes 64 targets and will cost \$995 complete, no welding required. The motion was seconded and passed.

Also, George Toney presented the match application for the Old Friend's 1/5-scale silhouette match for range 2, to be held on the even Thursdays of the month at 9:00 a.m. The cost will be \$3.00 for members and \$5.00 for non-members.

A motion was also made to continue the speed steel match past September and through the end of the year. The motion was seconded and passed. Jacob Feldman and Drew Certain will be the match directors.

And finally, it was reported that tire tracks have been found on one of the berms on range 4B. No one needs to be reminded that this sort of thing is a no-no, and it's extremely unlikely that this was done by a club member. Please keep your eyes open, and report any such activity or other vandalism to a club officer, match director, or range safety officer.

## 2011 Meeting Location Chosen

A motion was made to continue holding our club meetings at the Econo Lodge in Benton. The motion was seconded and passed.

## 2011 Officers Elected

At the September club meeting the following candidates were nominated: Paul Stiedle for President, George Craig for Vice-President, and Cheryl Craig for

Secretary-Treasurer. At the October meeting a motion was made, seconded and passed to elect all three. Congratulations, folks!

## Badge Holders Available Soon

A motion was made and approved at the October club meeting to sell lanyards and plastic badge holders at cost to club members. The price will probably be around \$1.50, and for now they will be distributed by match directors and range safety officers, and possibly at the monthly club meetings. We will be obtaining 300 to start at a cost of no more than \$600.00, and they will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. If there is sufficient demand we will get more.

The idea is that we can wear our membership cards around our necks, making it easy for us to identify club members. If your membership card is not visible and someone from the club asks to see it, please don't be offended. It's up to each of us to make sure that the range is used by authorized persons only. ("Authorized" includes non-members who are participating in club matches.)

## Requesting Bylaw Change Submissions

We are collecting submissions for changes to the bylaws. We have not formed a bylaws committee yet, so no vote will be held any time soon, but we need to start collecting ideas. If you would like to submit a change, please send it to the club P.O. box or email us. You must include the specific wording of the change you want made to the bylaws. That is, quote the text of the section you want changed, amended with your proposed update.

## 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.

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Range and Club Information Hotline .....501-602-2228

### 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

President .....Paul Stiedle (517-0756)  
Vice-President .....George Craig (351-4948)  
Secretary-Treasurer.....Cheryl Craig  
Range & Safety Orientation .....James Squires (847-2147)  
Youth Director.....Culley Majors (870-260-2824)

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. 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!

## **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.

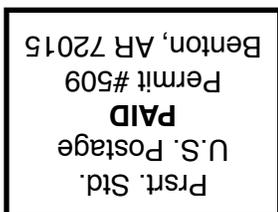
## **New Members**

We welcomed 14 new members at the October meeting. They are Jimmy Hobby Jr., William Grizzard, Rickey Steele, Kaleb Poston, Timothy Hodge, Gideon Mecum, Russell Baker, Robert Graham, Albert Morales, Gene McClugage, Jeff Ward, John Watson, Mark Breeding, and David Brown. 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.



**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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