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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

October 2012

Range and Match News

In range news, Greg Sullivan was asked about the maps for the land at the top of the hill that might be a location for a potential club house. Greg said that he would get that started.

In other range news, Paul Stiedle said there was nothing new to report about the land for potential lease in Lonoke County. He also reported that the new portable toilet for range 5, approved at last month's meeting, has been installed.

Greg Sullivan made a motion to purchase new steel plates (to be made of AR-400 steel) for range 1, at a cost not to exceed \$500.00. The motion was seconded and passed.

In match news, Greg Sullivan presented the budget for the 2nd BGC Spring Regional Silhouette Tournament to be held April 12-14, 2013, on ranges 1 and 2. (This match was approved at last month's club meeting.) The budget total is \$3,520.00. The motion to accept the budget was seconded and passed. See last month's newsletter for more details about the specifics of the match.

Congressman Speaks to Club

Congressman Tim Griffin was our guest speaker at the October club meeting. He spoke about the upcoming elections, what's happening in the house and senate, and took questions from club members.

Match Directors Meeting Set

The annual match directors meeting and dinner will be held on October 22, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at Brown's Country Kitchen. They will be hashing out the proposed match schedule for 2013, and will present it to the members at the next club meeting.

2013 Officers Elected

A motion was made to elect 2013 club officer nominees George Craig (for vice-president) and Paul Stiedle (for president). The motion was seconded and passed.

2013 Meeting Location Unchanged

A motion was made to hold our monthly club meetings in 2013 at the current location, Peaceful Haven Funeral Home, 322 N. Market, in Benton. The motion was seconded and passed.

Renewal Time Is Approaching

Membership renewal notices for 2013 will be mailed out the first week of November. Current members will

have until February 11, 2013 to return their club membership/NRA renewals and avoid paying the \$100 range maintenance fee. The range lock will be changed after the January club meeting. Only members who have paid there dues for 2013 will have the correct key. If you have moved or changed addresses and have not notified the club secretary/treasurer then you will not receive a renewal notice. Please email your address changes to spurs.2000@yahoo.com.

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.

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.

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Range and Club Information Hotline501-602-2228

Club Meetings

The monthly club meetings are held at Peaceful Haven Funeral Home, 322 N. Market, in Benton.

Officers

PresidentPaul Stiedle (517-0756)
Vice-PresidentGeorge Craig (351-4948)
Secretary-TreasurerCheryl Craig (602-2304)
Range & Safety OrientationJames Squires (847-2147)
Youth Director.....Culley Majors (870-260-2824)

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.

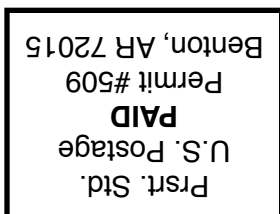
New Members

We welcomed 20 new members at the October meeting. They are David Armstrong, Henry Baldwin, Bill Buford, Charles Cates, Woody Chenault, Dale Collins, Corey Cortez, Ronald Frost, Vincent Godwin, Thomas Hart, Christopher Lusk, Frank Meeks, Charles Roberts, Stephen Ruch, Eric Samson, Sangeeth Sanver, Rick Simmons, Scott Smith, Dennis Tishko, and Paul Willyard. 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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