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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

October 2013

Range and Match News

Paul Stiedle reported that his contact at Alcoa said they will be having a meeting soon to discuss our offer for the land north of range 7. He will get back to Paul with a progress report.

In other news, John Arellanes has obtained copies of pocket-sized copies of the U.S. Constitution. (We approved this purchase at last month's meeting.) They are free to all club members and are available at the regular monthly club meetings.

In match news, Harold Smith made a motion to hold a 2014 Mid-South Regional high-power rifle silhouette and small-bore rifle silhouette match on April 11-13, 2014, with a budget of \$3,632.00. Range setup will occur on April 11 from noon to 6:00 p.m., and matches will be held from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on April 12 and 13. The ranges used by this match will be closed to members on these dates (unless you are shooting in the matches, of course). The cost is \$55.00 per match, and the match directors will be Harold Smith and High Burnett. The motion was seconded and passed, but will require a follow-up vote at the November club meeting for confirmation. (Estimated revenue for the match is \$3,520.00.)

In other match news, IDPA director David Habig presented three motions. The first was to hold an IDPA classification on range 5 on November 30 beginning at 9:00 a.m. This motion was seconded and passed.

David's second motion was to purchase 60 new plastic barrels for use on range 5 at a cost of \$10.00 each for a total of \$600.00, and to dispose of the old barrels at a cost of \$40.00. This motion was seconded and passed.

David's third motion was presented on behalf of Drew Certain, to purchase new steel targets, stands, rails and accompanying hardware for range 5 at a cost of \$850.00. This motion was also seconded and passed.

2014 Renewals Going Out Soon

We'd like to remind all members that renewal notices for 2014 will be going out in November. Please make sure you have let us know if your address has changed this year. Otherwise, you will not receive a renewal notice. If you have questions or updates, please contact the club secretary, Cheryl Craig, at spurs.2000@yahoo.com.

2014 Match Schedule Vote

Our club match directors held their annual dinner meeting on October 7 and hashed out the 2014 club match schedule. The schedule will be presented at the November club meeting for member approval.

Good Times at Savage Arms Shoot

Club vice-president George Craig reported that everyone had a great time at the Savage Arms shoot on September 21. 55 club members and family participated, along with 14 non-members. Our thanks to Zach Fleer for hosting this event.

Range Orientation Volunteers Wanted

We are looking for club members who would be interested in helping with the range orientation sessions for new members. If you are interested, please contact one of the club officers. Thank you!

2014 Club Officers Elected

Last month we accepted nominations for our 2014 club president and vice-president. Paul Stiedle was nominated for president and George Craig was nominated for vice-president. The vote was held at the October club meeting and both candidates were elected. Congratulations, gentlemen!

2014 Meeting Location Unchanged

Paul Stiedle requested a motion from the floor at the October club meeting on where to hold our monthly meetings in 2014. A motion was made, seconded and passed to continue to hold the meetings at our current location of Smith Family Funeral Home.

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

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Range and Club Information Hotline501-602-2228

Club Meetings

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

Officers

PresidentPaul Stiedle (517-0756)
Vice-PresidentGeorge Craig (351-4948)
Secretary-TreasurerCheryl Craig (602-2304)
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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 or email 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.

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.

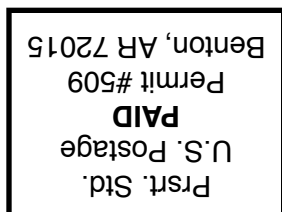
New Members

We welcomed 18 new members at the October meeting. They are Chris Ames, Scott Boatright, Ben, Bill, and Eric Brown, Shelby Chapman, Pat Davenport, Andy Goldthorpe, Michael Handiboe, Tobey Hoffman, Bill James, Joe Lander, David McMahan, Herb Peach, James Rivers, Charlotte Roberts, Casey Wilkins, and Michael Woodworth. 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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