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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

October 2014

## Range and Match News

Club president Paul Stiedle reported that he has not spoken with Alcoa's representative about our land purchase since the last club meeting. He also would like all members to know that the club is still looking for other acres to purchase so that the club can expand and build new ranges. If you know of land for sale please contact Paul at the number below. If we cannot find the land ourselves we may consider hiring an agent to find land for us.

In range news, club member Ed Forte requested that some trees be cut down along the left side of the road leading down into the range, to make it easier to spot oncoming cars. Paul Stiedle said that could be done and paid for out of the range maintenance account.

In match news, Paul reported that the match directors' dinner was held on September 29th at Brown's. A finalized schedule will be presented at the November club meeting.

In other news, as reported last month, the club approved a motion to co-sponsor a shooting expo next August. (See last month's newsletter for more information.) Paul reported that he hasn't heard anymore details about the event. James Mason, the event promoter, is awaiting confirmation and contracting from Brownell's, the event's major sponsor.

And finally, a reminder that John Arellanes has pocket-sized copies of the U.S. and Arkansas Constitutions. They are free to all club members and are available at the regular monthly club meetings.

## Elections Held for 2015 Club Officers

At the September meeting, we nominated Paul Stiedle to serve as president and George Craig to serve as vice-president in 2015. At the October meeting a motion was made to elect both nominees. The motion was seconded and passed. Congratulations, gentlemen!

## Candidates Speak at October Meeting

This election season we have invited and heard from several political candidates at our club meetings. At the October meeting, we were visited by 2nd District Representative candidate French Hill, Lieutenant-Governor candidate Tim Griffin, Attorney General candidate Leslie Rutledge (represented by Steve Dillon), and Land Commissioner candidate Mark Robertson. Each candidate spoke for ten minutes and took questions from our members. Thanks to all candidates for taking the time to visit with us.

## 2015 Meeting Location Unchanged

Each year at the October meeting we vote on where to hold our club meetings in the coming year. Paul Stiedle recommended that we continue to meet at Smith Family Funeral home. A motion to that effect was made seconded and passed.

## 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](http://www.odcmp.com).

## 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 Hotline.....501-602-2228

### Club Meetings

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

### Officers

President .....Paul Stiedle (517-0756)  
Vice-President .....George Craig (351-4948)  
Secretary-Treasurer.....Sarah Hendrix  
Range & Safety Orientation .....James Squires (847-2147)  
Youth Director.....Culley Majors (870-210-6756)

## 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 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.

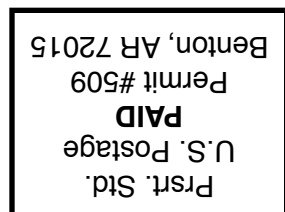
## New Members

We welcomed 26 new members at the October meeting. They are Aaron Allen, Gary Bradberry, Andy Davis, William Eichler, Christopher Gigstead, George Gorman, Randall Green, Michael Jones, Timothy Lamb, Michael Lemley, Matthew McElhaney, David Morrison, Billy Mountjoy, Nick Parker, William Peery, Daniel Pranger, Jeremy Pranger, Donny Russell, Kevin Scott, Charles Smith, Wasson Snow, Aaron Turner, Michael Van Bokhoven, Andrew Ward, Randy Wilhite, and Warren Woodham. 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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