

Range and Match News

In range news, Paul Stiedle reported at the October meeting that the falling plate and shotgun equipment has been moved into the new Conex container. It is now in use, but some leveling will still be needed to complete the install. We greatly appreciate all those who helped get the container set up and the equipment moved in.

Paul also reported that there was another fire near the range last month, this one occurring in the woods behind ranges 4B and 5. Multiple fire departments responded and the blaze was soon contained. The most likely cause was ricochets off of rocks due to the dry weather we've had.

We have a lot of match-related news to report this month. First up, Paul reported that we are still waiting on the cameras for the new 600-yard F-class match on range 1. A work day will be scheduled soon to get posts set for the targets. The work day will be announced at the club meeting, on the club website, and here in the newsletter.

Next up, Lucas Howard reported that he heard back from Glock regarding holding GSSF action pistol matches on our range next year. The matches have been set for January 16-17, March 5-6, and December 3-4. Lucas will be bringing a motion for match expenses in the coming months. The projected cost should not exceed \$950.00.

Dan Wagner reported that he received the final piece of equipment (an amp) ordered as a backup for falling plate matches. They will be testing it over the next few weeks. The cost was under \$130.00.

In other match news, Greg Sullivan made a motion to hold the Mid-South Regional Silhouette Match on ranges 1 and 2 on April 8-10, 2016. The ranges will be closed to other activities on these dates. The match fee will cover entry, meals, and target setters. Greg will present a more detailed budget in the upcoming months. The motion was seconded and passed.

And Ryan Reed made a motion to purchase four Black Sheep competition clay launchers for use in the three-gun matches. Each thrower costs \$199.00, plus shipping. The total cost for all four would be \$796, plus shipping. The motion was seconded and passed.

And finally, Charlie Baxter reminded everyone at the meeting about the upcoming shotgun match on October 31 at 9:30 a.m.

2016 President Elected

A vote was held to elect the new club president for 2016. Craig Bowlby received 18 votes, and Lucas Howard received 45 votes. Lucas will be installed as the new

president at the December club meeting. Congratulations, Lucas.

New Newsletter Editor Volunteers

Paul Stiedle reported at the October meeting that Jerry Watts has stepped forward to become the new club newsletter editor. He will take over beginning with the January issue. Our sincere thanks to Craig Boyd for providing this service for so many years. *(It's been my pleasure. —Ed.)*

2016 Meeting Location Selected

At the October meeting Paul informed members that we need to vote on where to hold the club meetings in 2016. Our current location, Smith Family Funeral Home, charges \$800.00 per year. A motion was made to continue using the same venue. The motion was seconded and passed.

IMR Powder Recalled

Attention, reloaders: IMR is recalling IMR 4007SSC powder in one- and eight-pound containers with lot numbers 10130139, 10131139, 10429139, 10430139, 80425139, and 80426139. IMR says the powder may become unstable due to rapid deterioration which could result in spontaneous combustion. IMR says to stop using the powder and fill the containers with water. Contact information: IMR Powder Company, 6430 Vista Drive, Shawnee, KS 66218. e-mail help@imrpowder.com. Website: imrpowder.com. Phone 1-800-622-4366 or 1-913-362-9455, fax 1-913-362-1307. (Thanks to club member Rex Gismond for passing along this alert.)

Safety Reminder

Range safety is every member's responsibility! Keep this in mind every time you are at the range. Just a few things to think about: when you are on any range and there are other members setting or removing targets downrange DO NOT HANDLE ANY FIREARMS, NO

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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

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MATER WHAT! This would seem like common sense but for some reason there are members that seem to think that it is okay to handle their rifles while other members or down range just because they have their bolt open or out of the gun. Keep in mind that if you were the person downrange you would have no idea that the firearm the person under the shed is handling has the bolt removed. A cease fire should be called and all weapons should be holstered or racked before anyone attempts to go downrange. It is just good SAFETY and manners to not touch or handle your firearms in any way while others are downrange and is Rule #1 on the Clubs Range Rules!

Also it is incumbent upon all members to get the name of persons who may violate these safety rules and report them to the club officers as soon as possible. If you could get a photo of them and their vehicle this would help us in ID'ing them and addressing these issues.

So please help to keep our range a fun and safe place to shoot! [http://](http://www.bentongunclub.org/files/BGC-RangeRules-2011-06-27.pdf)

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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.

Club members are reminded that they are equal owners of club property. 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 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!

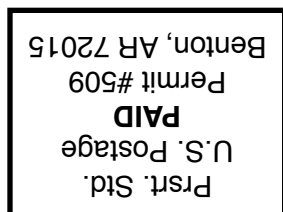
New Members

We welcomed 16 new members at the September meeting. They are Jonathan Blair, Rob Carr, Andy Cobb, Craig Comish, David Dean, Charles Farris, Gary Hollis, Shawn Langlais, Carlos Lopez, Jim McIntyre, Tina McMillan, Jim Morgan, Dunstan Perera, Joe Pruden, Susan Segura, and Mickey Shultz. Welcome to the club!

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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