

# Windage

Benton Gun Club Newsletter September 2010

## Range and Match News

In range news, George Toney made a motion to have four 3-foot-wide berms added to range two at 100, 125, 150, and 175 yards. They'll be located on the north side, which is currently unused, and will be used as backstops for the new swinger targets used by the Old Friends match. (Also known as the "old timers" match.) The motion was seconded and passed but will require a confirmation vote at the October meeting.

George also reported that the revised plans for range one have been prepared. David Mayfield described the plans, reporting that the work will be divided into two phases. Phase one would include the backstop berm and phase two would cover the pit area. The pit would be capable of supporting ten targets, but target carriers would be installed at a later time. A motion was made, seconded and passed to send the plans out for bids.

In other news, George Craig reported on activities by the Five-Year Planning Committee. He reported that two accidental discharges were brought to his attention, and proposed that we purchase and install a trauma first aid kit on range four, in a locked box, for emergency use only. The kit will contain instructions and appropriate materials, and will be assembled with the assistance of a doctor who is a member of the club. More details will be presented at the next club meeting. George also suggested having a range safety officer present at the range on Saturdays, to help prevent future accidental discharges. (James Squires suggested that we should train additional range safety officers to fill this need. This will be discussed in more detail at a future club meeting.)

George also discussed needed roadway improvements, such as crowning the road and improving the drainage ditches, and suggested that we need to remove silt at the back of ranges two through seven, to improve the drainage there. Other Five-Year Planning Committee items discussed were the need to stake out the area for a possible clubhouse or pavilion, in order to obtain bids on having it cleared, and possibly updating our range rules to require that all members have their ID card visible at all times. This latter suggestion is spurred by the fact that some people have been sneaking onto the range, under the assumption that it is open for anyone to use on match days. While it's true that matches are open to the public, general use of the range is limited to club members and their families only. George brought up the idea of having the club purchase a badge laminating machine, to make the ID cards more durable, but the general consensus was that this was something that club members could handle on their own.

In match news, Greg Sullivan made a motion to extend the cowboy silhouette matches from November

20th to December 18th. The motion was seconded and passed.

Also, Leroy Squires made a motion to hold an NRA-approved fifth-scale tournament on March 18-19, 2011. The cost will be \$50.00 per entry, with practice time on Friday, March 18 and the match itself on Saturday, March 19. Lunch and dinner on Saturday will be provided. This motion included a request for \$2,000.00 advance money for match preparations, but these funds will be reimbursed by match entry fees. The motion was seconded and passed. More details will be presented at the next club meeting.

Last but not least, Culley Majors, the club's Youth Director, made a motion to hold an NRA youth class at 8:00 a.m. on October 16, for ages 12-18. The class will be held on range 4B, with a \$20.00 deposit per student. The NRA basic rifle shooting course will be taught, and the rifle and ammo will be provided. This class will be limited to four students. The motion was seconded and passed.

## 2011 Officers Nominated

At the September club meeting the floor was opened for nominations for club officers for 2011. Paul Stiedle was nominated for President, George Craig was nominated for Vice-President, and Cheryl Craig was nominated for Secretary-Treasurer. All three accepted, and there were no other nominations. The elections will be held at the October club meeting.

## Match Directors Dinner

A motion was made, seconded and passed to allow Paul Stiedle to host a dinner for match directors and to set the 2011 match schedule. The dinner will be held on October 18 at 6:00 p.m. at Brown's Country Kitchen.

## FYI: Ruger Repairs

Bob Elrod asked us to pass along some information related to repairs of certain Ruger firearms. He says they will no longer repair the Mini 14 (with 180-series serial

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### 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)

numbers), the .44 mag carbine, or the 10-22 magnum. Instead they will offer to replace them with a similar model. If you need more details, check Ruger's website, or call Bob at 860-2165.

## 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 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 a 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 one of the club officers.

## Please Observe All Range Rules

Anyone observed violating the 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).

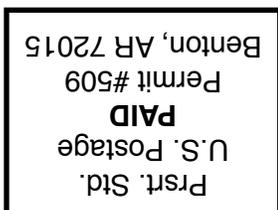
We'd also like to remind club members not to move target stands closer to the sheds or pads. All target stands must be placed directly in front of a designated berm or backstop. Failure to comply with this rule, or any other range rule, may result in revocation of your membership.

## New Members

We welcomed 20 new members at the September meeting. They are Leonard Bennett, Raymond Hughes, Christy Bray, Roger Bullard, Jerry Clark, Allan Crump, Jared Culp, Gary Elliott, John Evans, Mark Graddy, Charles Johnson, Michael Kiersey, Kerry Murphy, James Nash, James "Steve" Norman, William "Bill" Perkins, David Powell, James Smith, Thomas Snoddy, and Paul Washington. Welcome to the club, folks!

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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