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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

August 2011

Range and Match News

In range news, Paul Stiedle reported on a number of items. He said that Alcoa came out to the range and removed the silt from Dam One to the northwest of Range Seven. Hopefully this will alleviate the drainage issues. He also reported that shelves have been built and installed in Conex containers 1 and 6, but that we will have to build more at a later date to accommodate items from matches.

Paul also reported that he has talked with Pat Keough with Alcoa about purchasing additional land for the club to use for additional ranges. Mr. Keough said it could be three or more years before any land would become available for sale. We may be able to purchase the land just north-northwest of Range Seven, for the shot fall from the shotgun range. Paul also said that he will contact the Saline County judge about having Mt. Olive Cutoff graded to smooth out the ruts.

Clay Odom made a motion to purchase a Promatic clay target thrower for the shotgun shooters, cost not to exceed \$5,500.00. The machine would be purchased from Promatic of Gower, Missouri. Discussion on the placement of this machine was brought up and it would be used on Range Seven, with a little twisting of the shooting pads to keep shot fall on our property. Temporary pads would be put down. The motion was seconded and passed, but will require a follow-up vote for confirmation at the October meeting.

In other range-related news, David Mayfield withdrew his motion concerning the Central Arkansas Gun Club donating \$20,000.00 to the club for building target carriers for Range One.

Paul Stiedle asked for a motion for the club to host a match director's meeting on Monday, October 17 at 6:00 p.m. at Brown's Country Kitchen to discuss the 2012 match schedule. The motion was made (sorry, we did not record the name of who made it), seconded and passed.

In match news, Cheryl Craig made a motion to have the club sponsor another member spouse/female concealed carry license class on Saturday, October 29, on Range Six, beginning at 8 a.m. Lunch will be served. The motion was seconded and passed. Call 351-7294 to reserve your seat for the class.

Vice-President George Craig, chairman of the 5-year planning committee stated that the committee met on September 5th. They discussed getting bids to clear land for a pavilion and parking lot at the top of the hill, on land northwest of the water tower, which is where water and electricity would come from if we ever build a clubhouse or require water and electricity someday. They also discussed leveling the land across from Range Three

for additional parking for overflow traffic during the IDPA matches. More information will be forthcoming.

Club News

At the September club meeting Paul Stiedle brought up moving our meetings to a new location with better facilities. A club member has offered the use of his business, Peaceful Haven Funeral Home, in downtown Benton. The cost would be the same that we pay now, but with more parking and a nicer facility with bathrooms. We can meet there to see how we like it without making a commitment. The address is 322 North Market in Benton, and club members are encouraged to go by and introduce themselves and look over the facilities. The owners are Thomas and Tammy Burkhalter.

In other club news, Paul Stiedle asked for a motion from the floor to have the club establish a fiscal year ending on October 31. This is to accommodate removing the land acquisition funds from the general fund prior to next year's renewal dues being deposited. This proposal does not conflict with any club by-laws. The motion was made, seconded and passed, but will require a follow-up vote at the next club meeting for confirmation.

And finally, Mark Ward, coach of the Saline County 4-H Youth Shooting team, presented the club with an autographed photo of the team. He expressed his thanks to the club for our donation and support, and said that they would not have been as competitive or successful without our help. The photo and the results of the team's matches will be posted on the Benton Gun Club website.

2012 Officer Nominations Made

Each year at the September meeting we open the floor for nominations for club officers for 2012. Paul Stiedle was nominated for President and George Craig was nominated for Vice-President. There were no other nominations, and both nominees accepted. Voting for these positions will be held at the October club meeting. (Per the recently revised by-laws, the position for Secretary-Treasurer will now be voted on in May.)

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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

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)

By-Laws Distributed

Paul Stiedle reminded the membership that the recently updated club bylaws have been posted on the club website and have been sent to all members with a valid email address. You may print a copy for your records, or you can pick up a hard copy at the club meetings. Those members who do not attend meetings may request to have a copy of the bylaws sent by regular mail.

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 a club officer.

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!

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.

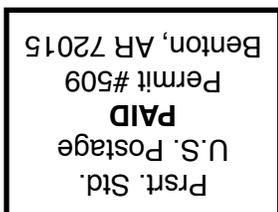
New Members

We welcomed 15 new members at the September meeting. They are John Bates, Erik Temple, Joshua Bobo, Brent Harris, Steve Lawson, Christopher Smith, Daniel Cole, Shane Wilcox, Clifford Yarbrough, Michael Billingsley, Scott Herron, Brandon Wallace, Corey Booth, James Stearns Jr. and Greg Lucus. 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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