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Benton Gun Club Newsletter September 2012

Range News

Paul Stiedle reported at the September club meeting that work on range 5 is complete. The contractor also smoothed out the range roadway and spread gravel. The new berms were spread with grass seed to stabilize them, and the sighter berms for range 2 were enlarged.

Vice-president George Craig asked if Greg Sullivan had prepared the maps for the land at the top of the hill that might be a location for a potential club house. Greg was not present at the meeting, but has told Paul Stiedle that he would start work on that.

Also, Paul Stiedle said that he had spoken with the owner of the land for lease in Lonoke County. The owner said he would visit with his brother concerning the lease and get back to Paul. Nothing further has been discussed as of this date.

In other range news, a motion from the floor was made to have the 4x4 posts on ranges 4A and 4B placed inside buckets that have been fitted with a 6-inch PVC pipe and then filled with cement. The buckets would be placed in holes in the ground. This would make it easier to replace the posts when needed. The motion included paying someone to build the cement buckets for the club. The motion was seconded and passed.

Finally, it was reported that trespassers have been spotted on the range collecting brass. These persons will be sent a letter stating that trespassers will be prosecuted. If you observe this activity please contact one of the officers whose phone numbers are posted at each range. If you can, get the license number from their vehicle.

In match news, David Habig, IDPA match director, made a motion to have a portable toilet installed on range 5, due to the number of people participating in the IDPA match. The motion was seconded and passed.

Also, Harold Smith made a motion to have the 2nd BGC Spring Regional Silhouette Tournament on April 12, 13, and 14, 2013. It will be held on ranges 1 and 2. These ranges will be open for practice on Friday, April 12. The high-power match will be held on Saturday, April 13, for two 40-round matches starting at 2 pm. The small bore match will be held on Sunday, April 14, for two 60-round matches. Extra portable toilets will be required on both ranges. The match directors will be Hugh Burnett (high-power) and Harold Smith (small bore). Match director Leroy Squires has moved his regular match from the 2nd week in April to the 3rd week. Harold stated that he would present a budget for this tournament at the next regular monthly club meeting in October. The motion was seconded and passed.

Candidates Speaking to Club

Several political candidates have accepted our invitation to speak to our members and answer questions. Mr. Kim Hammer and Ms. Barbara Nix spoke at the September club meeting, and Congressman Tim Griffin will speak at our October club meeting.

Match Directors Meeting Set

At the September meeting, President Stiedle opened the floor for a motion to hold the annual match directors meeting and dinner on October 22, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at Brown's Country Kitchen. The motion was made, seconded, and passed.

2013 Officers Nominated

President Stiedle opened the floor for nominations for the positions of club president and vice-president for 2013. A motion was made to nominate George Craig for vice-president and Paul Stiedle for president. No other nominations were made and the nominations were closed. The motion was seconded and passed.

Renewal Time Is Approaching

Membership renewal notices for 2013 will be mailed out the first week of November. Current members will have until February 11, 2013 to return their club membership/NRA renewals and avoid paying the \$100 range maintenance fee. The range lock will be changed after the January club meeting. Only members who have paid there dues for 2013 will have the correct key. If you have moved or changed addresses and have not notified the club secretary/treasurer then you will not receive a renewal notice. Please email your address changes to spurs.2000@yahoo.com.

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

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Range and Club Information Hotline501-602-2228

Club Meetings

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

Officers

PresidentPaul Stiedle (517-0756)
Vice-PresidentGeorge Craig (351-4948)
Secretary-TreasurerCheryl Craig (602-2304)
Range & Safety OrientationJames Squires (847-2147)
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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 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. And if you see someone destroying club property please get a license plate number and contact a club officer.

Change Your Address? Tell Us!

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).

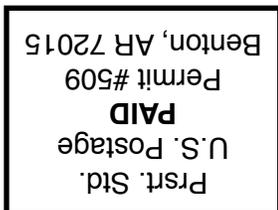
We'd also like to remind club members not to move target stands closer to the sheds or pads. All target stands must be placed directly in front of a designated berm or backstop. Failure to comply with this rule, or any other, may result in revocation of your membership.

New Members

We welcomed 13 new members at the September meeting. They are Christopher Brown, Wade Casleton, Dennis Denison, Joel Hamilton, Ms. Sharon Hendrix, Andy Forga, Delmas Knight, Jr., Kevin Layman, Marc Matthews, Bill Stoecker, Steve Street, Kit Williams, and Lance Wilson. 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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