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Benton Gun Club Newsletter September 2013

## Range and Match News

Paul Stiedle reported that there has been no communication from Alcoa regarding our offer for the land north of range 7. He will check with them to get an update on the process.

In match news, match director Lloyd Sloan made a motion to change the silhouette Old Friend's match held on the 4th week of the month on range 2 to an Old Friend's Bull's Eye match on range 4B. The 2nd Thursday of the month will still be a silhouette match, but the Bulls' Eye match will be held on the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Thursdays of the month. The motion was seconded and passed.

In other news, John Arellanes made a motion to purchase 20 boxes (2,000 copies) of pocket-sized copies of the U.S. Constitution at a cost of \$500.00. John will make these available for free to all club members at the regular monthly club meetings. The motion was seconded and passed.

And last but not least, the 4-H youth shooters presented a plaque to the club in appreciation of our recent donation. They said that without the funds and the use of our range they would not be able to shoot as often. The club members accepted the plaque and appreciation with a hearty round of applause.

## Savage Arms Shoot September 21

Savage Arms sales representative Zach Fler will host a shoot at our range on September 21. Mr. Fler will bring an assortment of Savage Arms rifles and Hornady ammunition for club members to shoot for free. Non-members, and club members who forget to bring their membership card, must sign a waiver to participate. The shoot will be held on range 1 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## Match Director's Dinner October 7

A motion was made and approved at the September club meeting to hold the annual match director's dinner on October 7 at 6:00 p.m. at Brown's Country Kitchen. The match directors will put together the schedule for 2014 and submit it to the club for approval at a future club meeting.

## NRA Rifle Course Scheduled

Cully Majors will hold an NRA Basic Rifle course on September 21. It will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., with the lecture portion on range 6 and the shooting portion on range 4B. The cost will be \$45 per person. You can register at the NRA web site, and Cully Majors will be the instructor. There will be just four seats per class, available on a first-come, first-served basis. The class is open to adults and youths, but youths must

be accompanied by an adult. A \$25 deposit is due prior to class time.

## Range Orientation Volunteers Wanted

We are looking for club members who would be interested in helping with the range orientation sessions for new members. If you are interested, please contact one of the club officers. Thank you!

## 2014 Club Officer Candidates Nominated

The floor was opened at the September club meeting for nominations for our 2014 club president and vice-president. Paul Stiedle was nominated for president and George Craig was nominated for vice-president. With no other nominations being made the floor was closed. The members approved these two nominations, and the vote will be held at an upcoming club meeting.

## 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](mailto: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

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Range and Club Information Hotline .....501-602-2228

### Club Meetings

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

### Officers

President .....Paul Stiedle (517-0756)  
Vice-President .....George Craig (351-4948)  
Secretary-Treasurer .....Cheryl Craig (602-2304)  
Range & Safety Orientation .....James Squires (847-2147)  
Youth Director.....Cully Majors (870-260-2824)

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.

## **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. Renewal notices for 2014 will go out on November 1. 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.

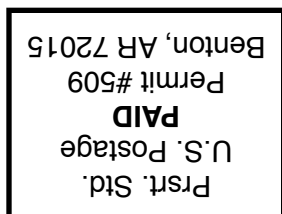
## **New Members**

We welcomed 12 new members at the September meeting. They are Aaron Acklin, John Archer, Chuck Argo, Ray Baggett, Richard Berkshire, William Fikes, Henry Hines, Don Koen, Roy Magers, Stanley Miller, Christopher Sebelius, and David Stills. 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.



**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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