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Benton Gun Club Newsletter September 2014

Range and Match News

Club president Paul Stiedle reported that he has not spoken with Alcoa's representative about our land purchase since the last club meeting. He also would like all members to know that the club is still looking for other acres to purchase so that the club can expand and build new ranges. If you know of land for sale please contact Paul at the number below. If we cannot find the land ourselves we may consider hiring an agent to find land for us.

In range news, David Habig made a motion to purchase four canopies for club use to shade participants in club matches when needed. The cost for all four would be \$365.00, plus tax. The motion was seconded and passed.

In club news, Paul reported that he has obtained a large bond for the club finances, covering up to \$350,000.00. The same accountant that prepares our tax returns will provide quarterly compilations to meet the review and audit requirements. She will charge \$450.00 a year for this service.

In match news, Paul pointed out (on behalf of match director Greg Sullivan, who was not present) that our April Mid-South Regional Championship match conflicts with the April 2015 Wanenmacher Tulsa Arms Show. Greg asked that we move our match date to April 17-19, 2015. A motion was made, seconded and passed to move the match date.

And finally, a reminder that John Arellanes has pocket-sized copies of the U.S. and Arkansas Constitutions. They are free to all club members and are available at the regular monthly club meetings.

Nominations Held for 2015 Club Officers

At the September meeting the floor was opened for nominations for the positions of club president and vice-president for 2015. Motions were made to nominate Paul Stiedle for president and George Craig for vice-president. No other nominations were made, and motions to close the nominations was seconded and passed. The votes for these positions will be held at the October club meeting.

Candidates Speaking at October Meeting

This election season we have invited and heard from several candidates at our club meetings. Coming up at the October meeting, we'll hear from 2nd District Representative candidate French Hill, Lieutenant-Governor candidate Tim Griffin, Attorney General candidate Leslie Rutledge, and Land Commissioner

candidate Mark Robertson. Each candidate will speak and then take questions from our members.

We'd like to thank State Auditor candidate Andrea Lea for speaking at the September meeting.

Club Invited to Participate in Shooting Expo

Club president Paul Stiedle reminded the membership that the club has been approached about co-sponsoring a 3-day shooting conference & expo to be held in Little Rock in August 2015. He then introduced James Mason (jmason@rexxhibit.com), the event promoter, to give a more thorough explanation of his plans should the club participate. Extra porta-potties as well as water for attendees would be provided at his company's expense. The club would have range officers on hand to supervise all events onsite. Club members would be able to freely access the range as usual, and three ranges would remain open and unused by the expo through the 3 days. An indemnity insurance policy would be provided for the club during the event, and all people attending the range exhibition will be provided a copy of the range rules prior to entering the range. A motion to to participate and co-sponsor the event was made, seconded and passed.

Reminder About CMP

We'd like to remind club members that we belong to the Civilian Marksmanship Program. Purchasers of surplus rifles (such as the M1 Garand) must be members of a CMP-affiliated club like ours. Our CMP ID number is 41055. For details on what is available for sale, how to order and provide proof of membership, and for information on other CMP services, visit their website at www.odcmp.com.

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

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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

PresidentPaul Stiedle (517-0756)
Vice-PresidentGeorge Craig (351-4948)
Secretary-Treasurer.....Sarah Hendrix
Range & Safety OrientationJames Squires (847-2147)
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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.

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. 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. 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.

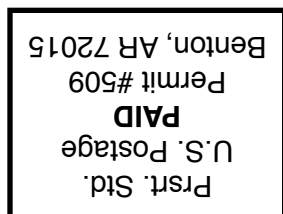
New Members

We welcomed 11 new members at the September meeting. They are James Birch, Benjamin Carlyle, Michael Everhart, Jessy Gilliam, Chad Hefton, Greg Iosbaker, Fred McMillan, Tim McRae, David Slack, Britton Turner, and Scott Wofford. 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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