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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

September 2017



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Club News

In Club news, president Craig announced that Crafton Tull is working on the construction plans to address the drainage issues on ranges 5, 6, and 7 first. We anticipate having those plans very soon.

In other Club news, nominations for the positions of president and vice-president for the upcoming year (2018). When the floor was opened for nominations for president, a motion was made to nominate George Craig for president. No other nominations were submitted. A motion was made to close nominations, it passed. The floor was then opened for nominations for the position of vice-president. A motion was made to nominate Culley Majors to that position. No other nominations were made. A motion was made to close the floor to nominations. It was seconded and passed.

President Craig announced that the match director's dinner will take place on October 23rd at 6:30pm at Brown's Country Restaurant. A blank schedule and notification letter has been sent to all match directors.

President Craig reminds everyone that renewals will begin the end of November. So, keep an eye out for your renewal forms in the mail. Spread the word. Also, anyone that joined in 2017 as a new member but doesn't complete range and safety orientation needs to do so before December 31, or they'll have to re-join next year.

In match news, Drew Warwick made a motion to hold a USPSA match on Range 5 Saturday September 30 at 9am. This motion passed. Set up was Friday the 29th.

Safety at the Range

Safety at the range is everyone's business! Never handle a firearm when someone is downrange. You need to have eye and hearing protection readily available. These should be worn when near a firing line. Steel targets must be placed at appropriate distances for the weapon. These may seem like common sense to most, but it's worth repeating.

Gun Shows

Oct 7-8	Saline County Gun&Knife Show	Benton,AR
Oct 14-15	G&S Hot Springs Gun Show	HotSprngs,AR
Oct 28-29	G&S Conway Gun Show	Conway,AR
Nov 4-5	RK Little Rock Gun Show	Little Rock,AR
Nov 18-19	G&S Searcy Gun Show	Searcy,AR

Ready, Aim, FIRE!?!?!?!?

At our monthly USPSA match this month, just as shooters were gathering for the shooter's meeting before starting our match, some people noticed smoke coming from the trees on the side of the hill downrange from all the ranges. A quick decision was made to stop all action on the entire range and go investigate the source of the smoke. Members shooting on other ranges happily cooperated with requests to "go cold". Several of our USPSA shooters, along with the guys who were shooting on range 3, climbed the hill to check it out.

What was found was a grass fire about 25' diameter. With the help of a fire extinguisher and a lot of stomping, the fire was put out and all the hot spots were snuffed. The range "went hot" at 2pm and eyes were kept on the hill with no more signs of fire. One witness said, "by the time the fire department would've gotten out here, we would've needed them."

Big thanks to all that helped put the fire out!

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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

President.....	Lucas Howard (412-5853)
Vice-President.....	George Craig (351-4948)
Secretary-Treasurer.....	Sarah Hendrix
Range & Safety Orientation.....	James Squires (847-2147)
Youth Director.....	Culley Majors (870-210-6756)

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: please send us note when you switch email addresses so that we can update our records. Thanks!

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 trash behind, politely ask them to pick it up. Sometimes all it takes is a gentle nudge to help people do the right thing. We are all equal owners of club property and destruction of costs us all. If you see someone destroying club property, please, report them to a club officer.

New Members

We introduced 12 new applications for membership. They are: Dakota Ballard, Stetson Blaylock, Kermit Gray, Steve Lucas, Jr., Joe Mauldin, Brian Meyer, John Penn, Rick Riley, Rachel Stacks, Brice Wert, Mike White, and Brant Wright. Welcome to the Club!

Please note: all new members must attend a range and safety orientation before using the range. You are not a full-fledged member until this is completed. Upon completion of orientation at the range, new members will receive membership cards and get keys. New members also need to send, to the club PO box, a copy of your NRA card or the mailing label from the magazine when it arrives.

Also, new members are entitled to shoot one club match per shooting discipline free of charge. Come out and experience the fun of competitive shooting!

2018 Club Membership Renewals

Attention members: 2018 club membership renewals start soon! Keep an eye out for your renewal forms in your mailbox. The membership period ends December 31, but you have until the February meeting to renew. Don't put it off, it will be too late before you know it.

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