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Benton Gun Club Newsletter • February 2007

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Range Land Sale Update

Here's an update on the proposed sale of one acre of our property to Sardis Water Association Public Water Authority. (See the December 2006 and January 2007 newsletters for more details.)

Letters and voting cards have been sent to all people who were members of the club as of January 2, 2007. SWAPWA is covering all costs of this mailing. If the sale goes through, they will also cover all closing costs. George Rhode and Pat Holsted are the co-chairmen of the committee overseeing this project. Two-thirds of the membership would have to approve the sale before it could take place.

February Work Day Held

The club held a work day on February 3, with approximately 15 people taking part. Our thanks go out to everyone who helped out. Your efforts help make the Benton Gun Club range better for everyone.

Range and Match News

A follow-up vote was held at the February meeting to confirm the January motion to send a contribution to the NRA-ILA. (Confirmation votes are required for any expenditure exceeding \$1,000.00.) This contribution will come from the commissions that the club received last year for NRA memberships that were handled through the club. The total amount of the contribution will be \$3,156.00.

In other news, George Rhode reported that Herman Reeves has completed the clean-up work on lower range 2.

Also, the storage shed in Bryant has been cleaned out. All equipment and club materials have been moved to the conex container located on the range. All match directors have been given a key to the conex unit.

Finally, a motion was approved to spend up to \$1,000.00 for props for use at USPSA matches.

Bylaws Committee Planned

We will put together a bylaws review committee sometime during the year to add to and/or update the drawings of lower ranges 2 through 7 and upper range 1. The committee will also clean up any errors in our current bylaws. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Paul Stiedle at 888-2930.

Special Olympics Event Planned

Recently, club president Paul Stiedle was contacted by a

representative from the Arkansas Special Olympics, to see if we would be interested in hosting some sort of benefit event. It was left to us to determine what sort of event it would be.

At the February meeting, a motion from George Craig was approved to hold a Law Enforcement Challenge Match. This will be a 5-stage match, open to law enforcement personnel only. The public will be invited to watch the event. The event will use four of the lower ranges and will be held in late May or early June. The entry fee will be \$20 per person (two-man teams). All proceeds will go to Special Olympics and will remain in the state.

Want To Be An Instructor?

If you are interested in becoming an NRA-certified instructor, please contact Paul Stiedle at 888-2930.

Webmaster Wanted

The club is looking for someone to maintain and update the club website. Pat Holsted is acting as the interim webmaster until a permanent replacement is found. If you have experience with web site maintenance and are interested in helping keep the club's web site up to date, please call Pat at 766-4942.

Club Info Line Is Not A Hot-line

This is just a little reminder to let you know that the club information line is not monitored around the clock. It is

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Range and Club Information Hotline501-315-3071

Club Meetings

Meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Ramada Inn in Benton (I-30 Exit 117).

Officers

President Paul Stiedle (888-2930)
Vice-President George Rhode
Secretary-Treasurer Rex Gismond (315-3071)
Range Maintenance Officer Bob Elrod (778-2165)
Range & Safety Orientation..... James Squires (847-2147)
Youth Program Coordinator .. Chuck Anderson (602-2971)

Range Subcommittee

Chairman Pat Holsted (766-4942)
Smallbore Rifle and Pistol Silhouette, Falling Plate Rifle ...
..... Frank Bray, Jr. (653-0630) or Jim Wood (847-9244)
High Power Rifle Open
Pistol Larry Egger (803-9002)
Rifle, up to 200 Yards..... Open
Shotgun..... James Squires (847-2147)
Plinking Range Open

checked daily, but please be aware that it may be a while before someone has a chance to listen to your message and get back to you.

Please Observe All Range Rules

Paul Stielde reported that someone shot a hole in the toilet seat of one of the portable toilets at the range. That person needs to send a money order for \$25.00 to cover the cost of a replacement. The person may remain anonymous.

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.

We'd 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 range rule, may result in revocation of your membership.

Also, if you decide to burn trash in the barrels on the range, please check first to make sure a state, county or local burn ban is not in effect.

New Address? Let Us Know!

If you change your address, telephone number or e-mail provider please send the changes to the club post office box or e-mail us at bgc139@yahoo.com. You can also submit updates by calling the club information line at (501) 315-3071 and leaving a message with your name and a description of what you want changed. This will allow the club secretary to update the club files so you won't miss something important.

Also, if you were expecting to get this newsletter by e-

mail but instead received it in your regular mail, then either we don't have your e-mail address on file or the one we have for you is incorrect. If you would like to get the newsletter by e-mail, or if you want to switch back to regular mail, please send a message to us at bgc139@yahoo.com and we will change your newsletter delivery method. However, please note that for the next few issues the newsletter will be sent via regular mail only.

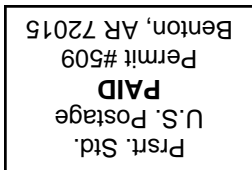
New Members

We welcomed 24 new members at the February meeting. They are John Ketcham, Richard Beirne, David Cannon, Mark Gibson, Patrick Willyard, David McCorkle, Patrick Heffner, Thomas Waldron, Roger Cox, Kendall Henson, Jonathan Warner, James Brunet, Lance Van Zant, Douglas Beaty, Harvey Yates, Cayce Shelnut, John Greer, Larry Tyner, Jess Griffin, Kenneth McCool, Kenneth Anschutz, Nicholas Avery, Nicholas Stehle, and Bill Harding. 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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