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Range and Match News

Greg Sullivan presented two bids for the Phase One work for upper range 1, the 600-yard range. H. Excavating Inc. bid \$85,881.25, and H. Reeves Dirt Work Inc. bid \$62,110.00. One other company, McV Inc., declined to bid. H. Reeves won the bid. The work will begin on August 1. Please remember that some of the lower ranges may be closed for short periods while this work is under way.

In other news, George Rhode, chairman of the Shotgun Range committee, reported that Promatics has offered to help us set up the shotgun range to support additional shotgun sports. (We'll have a high house, a low house, etc.) George has already had some input from club members, for which he is most appreciative. If anyone else would like to be on the committee or suggest an idea, please contact George at georgerhodejr@yahoo.com.

Also, a motion by Dan Wagner was approved to have a special work day on Saturday, June 30 to clear the area for the archery range. The work begins at 8:00 a.m. We need to clear the area of small pine trees and weeds. Anyone with a chain saw or gas-powered weed trimmer is more than welcome! If you can help, please join us on June 30.

Finally, Pat Holsted made several motions to regarding a couple of match dates, all of which were seconded and passed. The June 30 USPSA match has been moved to July 7, and the July 4 IDPA match has been cancelled. In addition, the Law Enforcement Challenge Match to benefit Special Olympics has been rescheduled for October 13. (Details on this match can be found below.) Please make a note of these changes on your match schedule.

Thanks

Leroy Squires would like to thank George and Twilla Toney for their generous support of the Half-scale Silhouette matches. Leroy says, "They brought their portable grill and food so that after the match on June 9 the participants could have drinks and hot dogs. Also, it was my wife's birthday and they were kind enough to bring her a birthday cake. I believe that this added much to the fun and atmosphere of the matches. I believe that participation like this will only add to the fun and the number of participants at our matches."

Leroy goes on to say, "Again, thanks to George and Twilla. I need to also mention that Twilla again shot a perfect 40 in both matches. This shows that the ladies of our club are just as capable as us men!"

Well said, Leroy!

Work Day Scheduled

The next range work day will be August 18, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Please contact one of the club officers if you would like to offer your services, or just show up. We'll find something for you to do!

We'll also have a special work day on June 30 for work on the archery range. See above under "Range and Match News" for details.

New Webmaster

Pat Holsted announced that the club now has a new webmaster, Fred Williams, who will take over maintenance the club web site. Many thanks to Pat for serving as the interim webmaster these past few months.

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 517-0756.

Special Olympics Event

As we've mentioned previously, the club will be hosting a Law Enforcement Challenge Match, to benefit Special Olympics. This will be a 5-stage match, open to law enforcement

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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 (517-0756)
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

personnel only. The public will be invited to watch the event. The event will use four of the lower ranges, and is currently scheduled for October 13. The entry fee will be \$20 per person (two-man teams). All proceeds will go to Special Olympics and will remain in Arkansas. If you have questions or would like to help out, please contact George Craig at 351-4948.

Want To Be An Instructor?

If you are interested in becoming an NRA-certified instructor, please contact Paul Stiedle at 517-0756.

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 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

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.

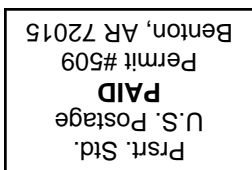
New Members

We welcomed 6 new members at the June meeting. They are John Murphy, Alex Nesterenko, Larry Bontrager, Jason Ballintine, James Mckenzie and Michael Plato. 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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