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Benton Gun Club Newsletter • October 2007

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Range and Match News

Due to a lack of a sufficient number of entrants, the Law Enforcement Challenge Match to benefit Special Olympics has been cancelled. Entry fees have been refunded to the teams that had signed up so far. If the match is rescheduled for a future date, you'll read about it here.

In other news, the dirt work for the berm on the 600-yard range has still not been started. We currently do not have a firm start date, so be sure to call the club information line to make sure we're open BEFORE you drive out to the range. (Choose option 4 to get the current status.) All ranges will be unavailable for use while this dirt work is underway. They'll be working from daybreak until 4:30 p.m. on weekdays. The ranges will be available for use after 4:30 p.m. and all day during the weekends. This dirt work is expected to take less than two weeks.

It was also reported that there has been damage to some of the target board posts on the plinking range. The post at 25 yards has been shot and half, and the post at 10 yards has almost been shot in half. James Squires is checking into the cost of installing 3/8-inch AR-500 steel on the front side of all posts on this range. Since this is a maintenance item the work can be done without a vote by the membership, as long as it does not exceed \$1,000.00.

In match news, Ryan Reed made a motion to hold a carbine match, featuring three classes of competition, following the IDPA match on October 28. The entry fee will be \$10. This motion was seconded and passed.

Also, Frank Bray made a motion to spend up to \$950.00 to send representatives to the SHOT Show in Las Vegas to solicit sponsorship for prizes to be given out at the 2008 Smallbore Rifle Silhouette Arkansas State Championship match (a.k.a., The Midsouth Classic). The motion was seconded and passed.

Frank also made a motion to budget up to \$5,673.67 for expenses for this match. This motion was also seconded and passed. By the way, this year's match had 94 competitors and income of \$8,695.00.

Finally, SWAPWA sent a letter to the club requesting a 15-foot wide easement to install power poles to run electricity to service the new water tower. A motion was made, seconded and passed to grant the easement.

2008 Dues Set

At the September meeting we accepted motions for setting the amount for the club dues in 2008. One motion was made and passed, to raise the dues to \$75.000 per year. This

motion was then presented to the club at the October meeting for a final vote. After much discussion of the pros and cons, the vote was held. The motion passed by a vote of 22 to 12. The new rate will go into effect in January.

2008 Club Officers Elected

The vote was held at the October club meeting for club officers for 2008. The nominees, submitted at the September meeting, were Paul Stiedle for president, Pat Holsted for vice-president, and Rex Gismond for secretary-treasurer. A motion was made, seconded and passed to elect these fine gentlemen to another term. Congratulations, fellas!

BGC To Be Honored By NRA

As reported in a previous issue, the Benton Gun Club was the number two club in the country for NRA recruiting in 2006. To honor this achievement, John Bailey of the NRA-ILA will attend the November club meeting to present the club with an award acknowledging our efforts. We hope you'll be there!

More Range Storage Considered

Revisiting an item from last month, a motion was approved at the October club meeting to purchase a 40-foot conex container for storing match and range materials. This second container will be placed near the plinking range. The cost will be \$1,600.00 plus \$450.00 for delivery from Memphis. As required by club bylaws, before this expenditure can

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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

be made it must be ratified by a follow-up vote at the November club meeting.

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. The date for the meeting will be announced soon. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Paul Stiedle at 517-0756.

Want To Be An Instructor or Match Director?

If you are interested in becoming an NRA-certified instructor or a match director for 2007, please contact Paul Stiedle at 517-0756. We can always use more help putting on the matches. Some of them have grown quite popular, and some of the existing match directors can use an extra hand.

Match Director Dinner Planned

A motion was approved at the October club meeting to host a match directors' dinner to set the club match schedule for 2008. The date of the dinner has yet to be determined. What's that? You say you want to be a match director? Well, you're reading the right newsletter! See the previous item for details.

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 re-

sult in revocation of your membership.

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 13 new members at the October meeting. They are Lewis King, Sherman Sparks, Jeremy Hughes, Ezell Simmons, Patrick Benca, P. O. Williams, David Hines, Jarion Stevens, Ryan Rook, Alan Rook, Bobby McAllister, Jimmy Houge, and Jay Wagon. 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 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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