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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

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APRIL MEETING-CANCELLED

Our regularly scheduled meeting has been cancelled for the month of April in observance of CDC guidelines and the governor’s recommendations against gatherings of more than a certain number of people. Updates on May’s meeting will go out as soon as circumstances allow a decision to be made.

Club News

In club news, the land deal with Alcoa is complete! President Craig and Vice-President Majors signed the paperwork on March 19, 2020. We have purchased 90 acres north of range 7. That brings our total acreage up to 202. A special thanks to Cliff McKinny for handling negotiations with Alcoa!

Keep an eye on the website and Facebook for individual match closures. The range is open for use, but matches are up to the respective match director. We suggest you use common sense at the range. As well as basic gun safety and club rules, please observe the recommendations that are being publicized.

The following matches, so far, have been cancelled for April: Falling Plate Fun Pistol, Air Rifle Silhouette, As-Issued Service Rifle, Sporting Clays, Centerfire Rifle, Hunter Pistol Silhouette, Small-bore Cowboy and Pistol Cartridge Silhouette, Speed Steel, 600yd F-Class (new microphone system testing), High-power Rifle Silhouette, and Lever-Action Cowboy. Decisions on remaining matches will be made by match directors and will reach out in their usual ways.

COVID-19

Last month, we told you about this “new” illness. So much has changed in a month (actually just 16 days from that writing to this one). We’ve gone from 6500 cases nationwide to 240,120. We know have 643 confirmed cases in Arkansas compared to a mere 22 just a few weeks ago. It’s safe to say this has escalated quickly.

Many states have been locked down by their governors. Our governor hasn’t issued any such order as of yet. He has cautioned Arkansans to limit unnecessary travel, maintain social distancing, and avoid large gatherings. Recent reports show that our efforts in the state have flattened the “curve” somewhat. Based on that, Governor Hutchinson doesn’t think we need a “stay at home” order.

Nationwide, we are experiencing an event unprecedented in our history. This is a scary time for many of us. We are all in this together, and we will prevail.

God bless the United States of America!

Safety at the Range

Safety at the range is everyone’s business!

Would it be ok if someone at the range pointed their gun at you? Of course not! Surprisingly, we’ve been getting numerous complaints on unsafe muzzle directing and poor general firearm practices. This is alarming. We always have to be in control and properly maintain muzzle trajectory. Translation- **WATCH WHERE YOU POINT YOUR GUN!**

While you are on the range, you are in charge of safety. If you see someone doing things that seem unsafe, politely let them know and share with them the proper way. They may not know and need to be mentored. If the unsafe behavior continues or you feel uncomfortable about confronting them, take note of any identifying features (name, license plate number, etc.) and notify club officers.

We have all entered into a contract with each other to be safe at the range. This contract is spelled out in the range orientation and club bylaws. We put rules in place to keep everyone safe. When there are well over a thousand members, we must be diligent regarding safety. Let’s strive to have no accidents at the range!

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Club Meetings

The monthly club meetings are held at Smith Family
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Officers

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The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:
The LORD make his face shine upon thee,
and be gracious unto thee:
The LORD lift up his countenance upon
thee, and give thee peace.

-Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he
leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of
righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy
rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of
mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my
cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the
days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the
LORD for ever.

Psalms 23:1-6

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. To ensure that you keep receiving the newsletter, please file a "change of address" request with the post office when you move and let the club secretary know. The same goes for changed email addresses: please send us a note when you switch email so we can update our records.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come.

Thy will be done in earth,

As it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive them that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

The power, and the glory,

For ever and ever.

Amen.

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