

# Windage

Benton Gun Club Newsletter

December 2015

## Range and Match News

In range news, President Paul Stiedle reported that the temporary target boards on Range 4B at 150 yds. for the Old Friends match will be installed as soon as possible. They were installed on December 19. Thanks to Dan and his crew.

In other range news, President Stiedle reported the new 2016 lock will be placed on the road side of the gate. The 2015 lock will remain on the inside of the gate and the emergency boxes until after the January meeting. All locks will be changed at this time.

A motion was made by Drew Certain to have a complete topographical survey of the ranges. The cost will be \$4500. The motion was seconded and passed, but will require another vote at the January meeting, as it exceeds \$1000.

A few maintenance matters: Leroy Squires requested new targets be placed on Range 2, replacing unusable targets. Drew Certain requested 6 new plates, for the Speed Steel match, with an estimated cost of \$120. President Stiedle reported the new battery for the clay thrower will be in the shotgun connex in the next week.

In match news, Lucas Howard reported that the GSSF match has been scheduled for March 5 & 6. He is looking for volunteers to help with setup, as well as Safety and Range Officers. Contact Lucas if you are interested.

A 2<sup>nd</sup> vote was taken on Lucas Howard's motion, from last month, to host a NSSF Sanctioned Rimfire Match. This vote passed. The match will be June 11, 2016, on Range 5. Prizes will be awarded by drawing.

In other match news, President Stiedle reported the new Black Sheep clay throwers have arrived and work great. He also reported the target cameras for the new 600 yd. Match are on backorder.

Lucas Howard made a motion to begin NSSF affiliation. The cost is \$75 per year. The motion was seconded and passed.

Jerry Watts reported the application for USPSA affiliation will be submitted before the end of the month. Match dates are already on the 2016 schedule.

A motion was made by Lucas Howard to purchase 6 Amazon Fire tablets. The total cost would be just under \$300. They would be used for score keeping at the Ruger matches, and be kept by the match directors. The motion was seconded and passed.

## 2016 Club Officers

New club officers were installed at the December meeting. Lucas Howard was installed as President. George Craig was installed as Vice-President

## US Constitutions

Paul Stiedle reported that John Arellanes has brought US Constitutions for Match Directors to distribute. If you are interested in a pocket sized US Constitution, see any Match Director.

## A Safety Reminder

Just a reminder, range safety is every member's responsibility! Keep this in mind every time you are at the range. At the range, when anyone is downrange, DO NOT HANDLE ANY FIREARM, no matter what! Just think, if you were downrange, you couldn't tell if the rifle pointing at you is safe or not. It is just good SAFETY and manners to not even touch your firearms while others are downrange, and is Rule #1 on the club's range rules.

Also, it is incumbent on all members to get the name of anyone violating our safety rules and report them to a club officer. A photo of them or their vehicle could help ID them and address this serious issue.

So, please, help us keep our range a fun and safe to shoot! Copies of all rules and bylaws can be found on our website: [www.bentongunclub.org](http://www.bentongunclub.org)

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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.....Paul Stiedle (517-0756)  
Vice-President.....George Craig (351-4948)  
Secretary-Treasurer.....Sarah Hendrix  
Range & Safety Orientation.....James Squires (847-2147)  
Youth Director.....Culley Majors (870-210-6756)

## 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.

## Address Changed? Let Us Know!

If you change your mailing address or email address, please let us know. Each returned item costs the club money. 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.

## 2016 Renewal Notices

Notices were sent out last month. If you have not received yours and need one, please email [BentonGunClub2073@gmail.com](mailto:BentonGunClub2073@gmail.com) and request a new set of paperwork.

## New Members

We welcomed 29 new members at the December meeting. They are Kenneth Allison, Charles Bagget, Bear Bailey, Andrew Brown, Charles Brown, Charles Burris, Barry Cudd, Keith D'Atrio, Nick Dater, Mollie Devereaux, Michael Dominguez, Brent Fikes, Adrian Garritty, Brandon Grote, Jeffrey Hamm, David Harp, Steve Holland, Jack Keathley, Jonathan Langley Wesley McAda, Daniel Reed, Sangeeth Samuel, Bradley Taylor, T.L. Thacker, John Todd, Charlie Vaugier, Matt Watson, Jonathan Welk, and Bob Williams. Welcome to the club!

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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HORSE, AND A GOOD WIFE.  
- Daniel Boone*

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