

# Windage

Benton Gun Club Newsletter

November 2016

## Club and Range News

In range news, President Howard reported that the scope of work for use in getting drainage/land work bids is complete and will be disbursed to potential bidders. Bids will be required to include a complete plan for improvement as well as a schedule for maintaining. The deadline for bids to be turned in is December 31, 2016.

A discussion regarding allowing more than 1 shooter from each discipline to participate on the Range Improvement Committee took place. We will get with Kim Crutchfield (committee head) to see if interest and number of volunteers mandates such an allowance.

A huge thanks to Dr. Watkins for providing the form to repair the broken bench on Range 3!

Patrick Holstead made a couple motions regarding Range 4B. One is to move the carport covering closer to the firing line and pour concrete to make a covered parking space. This will be for use by our disabled members and should cost less than \$1000. The other was to purchase a shed to be placed on 4B, near the road, to store match supplies. This cost would be less than \$1000. Both motions passed.

In match news, Dan Wagner made a motion to hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> NSSF Rimfire Match on April 1<sup>st</sup> on Range 5. This motion passed. A budget of \$1200 will be brought before the club next month for a second vote due to being greater than \$1000. This budget is for set-up and prizes.

David Habig made a motion on behalf of Jerry Watts to hold a monthly USPSA match on December 18<sup>th</sup> (normal day falls on Christmas). This motion passed.

The 2017 Match Schedule was presented for review. A few minor contact info changes were made and the schedule was accepted by club membership.

Patrick Holsted reported on the carbine class held last month. 12 signed up, 5 were club members. Some of the others were from out of state. The feedback on the class and range was positive. We are looking at hosting more of these classes in the future. The next is in mid-May.

We will be adding a services directory to the forum. If you have services to offer club members, you can list them there in lieu of running ads in the newsletter due to a motion to stop ads from appearing in the newsletter.

## Membership Renewal

Renewal forms will be mailed out around Thanksgiving. Members that elected to receive the newsletter electronically will receive their renewal via email with directions for electronic renewal via PayPal.

## Club Website

Steve Turner is stepping down as the webmaster for the club website. Patrick Holsted will be taking over for now, until we find another. If you are interested, please let Lucas and Patrick know.

Patrick Holsted brought up the idea of looking for a service to host the website and forum. This could enhance the experience by it running more smoothly and maintained more closely. He advised we would need a new laptop dedicated to the website and forum if we keep doing it the current way.

Patrick also brought up the posting of club activities and sensitive information on the forum and Facebook. These are not secure areas for discussing club matters, like safety issues. Lost firearms definitely do not need to be publicly posted. These guidelines will be followed from now on.

## Safety at the Range

Safety at the range is everyone's business! Never handle a firearm when someone is downrange. You need to have eye and hearing protection readily available. These must be worn when near a firing line. Steel targets must be placed at appropriate distances for the weapon. These may seem like common sense to most, but it's worth repeating.

You are not limited to the number of guests you can bring to the range, but Bylaws specify you shouldn't bring more than you can safely monitor. If you are unable to do so, your guest will be asked to leave club property. Per the Bylaws as of 6/22/2015; bump firing, fanning the trigger, and the use of bump fire stocks is prohibited

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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..... Lucas Howard (412-5853)  
Vice-President.....George Craig (351-4948)  
Secretary-Treasurer.....Sarah Hendrix  
Range & Safety Orientation.....James Squires (847-2147)  
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## Pistol Training Class

This 1-day pistol course is presented by Patrick McNamara, who spent twenty-two years in the United States Army in a myriad of special operations units. When he worked in the premier special missions unit, he became an impeccable marksman, shooting with accurate, lethal results and tactical effectiveness. McNamara has trained tactical applications of shooting to people of all levels of marksmanship, from varsity level soldiers and police officers who work the streets to civilians with little to no time behind the trigger. His military experience quickly taught him that there is more to tactical marksmanship than merely squeezing the trigger.

Utilizing his years of experience, McNamara developed a training methodology that is safe, effective and combat relevant. This methodology encourages a continuous thought process and demands accountability. The course provides complex battle drills that are ambiguous in nature to encourage quick thinking and decisive action.

Training is conducted on the range and focuses on advanced refinement of the basic fundamentals of marksmanship. Utilizing a building block learning model, TAPS combines the pressures and dynamics of competitive shooting and tactical application. While course of instruction is on the firing range, the TAPS training approach also translates into training venues outside the range.

The course offering includes the following:

- Lecture on proper weapons handling and safety
- Development of Performance Based Training courses of fire
- Communications considerations
- Mind set and focal cognition drills
- Conduct a diagnostic course of fire
- Refresh the fundamentals and grouping exercises
- Conduct individual and collective complex courses of fire which are ambiguous in nature to encourage quick thinking and decisive action
- Other topics covered and practiced are; target discrimination, movement into position, immediate action drills, ballistics 101, transitions, magazine changes, multiple target engagements and shooting on the move.

May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Range 4B  
500 rounds each for pistol and carbine.  
\$550

To register or for more info, email  
Train@bentongunclub.org

### Gun Shows

Dec 3-4	Fort Smith Gun and Knife Show	Ft. Smith, AR
Dec 10-11	G&S Conway Gun Show	Conway, AR
Dec 31-Jan 1	R.K. Gun show	Little Rock, AR
Jan 7-8	G&S Conway Gun Show	Conway, AR
Jan 7-8	R.K. Springdale Gun Show	Springdale, AR
Jan 14-15	G&S Mt. Home Gun Show	Mountain Home, AR
Jan 28-29	Hot Springs Lions Club Gun Show	H.S., AR

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