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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

April 2014

## Club Secretary/Treasurer Wanted

From Paul Stiedle: "Attention all members. The club is in need of a new Secretary/Treasurer. Cheryl has informed me she will be stepping down at the end of her current term. We thank you, Cheryl, for your service and devotion to the Club. This position is a time-consuming job, but it is a paying job. We have a job description and if you are interested please send me an e-mail (pstiedle@msn.com) and I will send the details to you. Term of office is July 1 to June 30. We will need to nominate a qualified person at the May meeting to be elected in June."

Two people, Sarah Hendricks and Jennifer Rook, have introduced themselves as possible candidates. Nominations to fill the position will be held at the May club meeting.

## Range and Match News

There's still nothing new to report regarding Alcoa's response to our offer for the land north of range 7. Club president Paul Stiedle would like all members to know that the club is still looking for acres to purchase so that the club can expand and build new ranges. If you know of land for sale please contact Paul at the number below. If we cannot find the land ourselves we may consider hiring an agent to find land for us.

In range news, we're getting reports that the handicap benches, recently built and installed on ranges 1 and 4B, are working great. And a member present at the April club meeting asked about putting up hanging targets on the plinking range. Paul Stiedle said he would do some research into that and report back.

In other range news, Paul announced that the range road would be graded and packed (most likely complete by the time you read this) and that range 4-A will be getting concrete walkways to the target boards (it will be closed during this construction). Also, range 1 will be closed for construction of new target boards. You will find this information on the club website.

Also, Greg Sullivan reported that we were able to purchase 14 tables from the Knights of Columbus (in a motion approved last month). They have been distributed to ranges 1 and 2. These tables are not for personal use and will not leave the club property. Greg also reported that he has not made contact the contractor regarding the replacement of the roof on range 2, but he plans to go by the office and will report back next month.

Last month we approved a motion to purchase a pallet of clay targets from Blue Rock Shotgun Club, but due to some logistical issues, we haven't been able to complete this purchase. Club vice-president George

Craig said he would get with someone at Blue Rock and see about getting this wrapped up.

In match news, Greg Sullivan reported that the Mid-South Regional tournament had a great turnout and good weather. And David Habig reported that the upcoming IDPA-sanctioned match has 95 entries from all over the country.

In other news, 4-H shooting coach Clay Odom reported that they will be shooting at the range on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the summer months. 4-H shooter Austin Permenter, the young lady that the club sponsored to attend the USA shotgun competition in Colorado, did very well, but did not qualify for a position on the Junior Olympics team.

And finally, a reminder that John Arellanes has pocket-sized copies of the U.S. Constitution. They are free to all club members and are available at the regular monthly club meetings.

## NRA Rifle Course Scheduled

The club voted on and approved a motion by club member Cully Majors to teach a basic NRA rifle course for the following dates: May 17, July 12 and 26, Aug. 9, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, and Dec. 13. The cost is \$45 per person, and you will be responsible for your own lunch and drinks. The classroom portion will be on range 6 starting at 8:00 a.m. The shooting part will be on range 4B, but 4B will NOT be closed to other shooters. The expected finish time will be 5:00 p.m. If you want your youth to take the class, a parent or guardian must be present. Contact Cully Majors (his number is listed below) for further instruction, or sign up online at the NRA website. Each class will hold four persons.

## Reminder About CMP

We'd like to remind club members that we belong to the Civilian Marksmanship Program. Purchasers of surplus rifles (such as the M1 Garand) must be members of a CMP-affiliated club like ours. Our CMP ID number is 41055. For details on what is available for sale, how to

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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 .....Cheryl Craig (602-2304)  
Range & Safety Orientation .....James Squires (847-2147)  
Youth Director.....Culley Majors (870-210-6756)

order and provide proof of membership, and for information on other CMP services, visit their website at [www.odcmp.com](http://www.odcmp.com).

## 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 behind some trash, ask them politely to pick it up. Sometimes all it takes is a gentle nudge to help people remember that we are all responsible for the condition of our range.

Range property continues to be destroyed on all ranges. Paul Stiedle reported at a previous club meeting that our gate sign has been shot multiple times. Club members are reminded that they are equal owners of club property, and this continued destruction is costing all club members. If you see someone destroying club property please get a license plate number and contact a club officer.

## 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 marked "Moved, no forwarding address." Each returned item costs the club 44 cents. 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.

The same goes for changed email addresses: please send us note when you switch email addresses so that we can update our records. Thanks!

## 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 also 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, may result in revocation of your membership.

## New Members

We welcomed 16 new members at the April meeting. They are Earl Anderson, Mike Anderson, Tom Bailey, Brandon Bassett, Gregory Floyd, Shannon Gilbert, Mark Jesse, Marlin Joiner, Sean Linder, Jim Nyo, Ms. Jamie Putro, Gary Putro, Frank Putt, Ms. Jennifer Rook, Guy Saylor, and Christopher Sebelus. 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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