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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

February 2012

New Meeting Location

Just a reminder that we are now holding our monthly club meetings at Peaceful Haven Funeral Home, 322 North Market, in Benton. We will be meeting at this new location throughout 2012.

Range and Match News

Club president Paul Stiedle reported that he has not spoken with the representative from Alcoa during the last month. The last time he visited with him he said that there may be land available for sale to the northwest past range 7. Further discussions will be forthcoming.

Paul also reported that the remaining vacancy on the range maintenance team has been filled.

Cully Majors made a motion to change the Ruger rimfire match schedule. Matches will now be held on Jan. 14, Feb. 11, March 10, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, and Dec. 8 (the 2nd Saturday of the month) at 9:00 a.m., and April 21, May 19, June 16, Oct. 20, and Nov. 17 (the 3rd Saturday of the month) at 11:30 a.m. after the speed steel match. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dale Lester made a motion to purchase clay targets from Blue Rock in bulk for the shotgun range. The price for the pallet (63 cases per pallet, 135 targets per case) will be \$661.50. This comes to 8 cents per target. The new Conex will provide storage for the pallet. The cost will include \$20.00 for fuel to get the targets to the range for a total of \$681.50. The motion was seconded and passed.

Greg Sullivan made a motion to hold a range maintenance day for range 1 prior to the tournament in April. The first warm week in March will be the scheduled date. Range 1 will be closed during that time for maintenance. The closing time will be published on the web site for shooters to view. The motion was seconded and passed.

Club Donation Proposed

Paul Stiedle asked the club members to consider donating the \$2,971.00 in commissions the club received for NRA renewals in 2011 to Benton High School ROTC and the Saline County 4-H youth shooting group. Club member Rex Gismond requested that we send this money to the NRA-ILA for support of the Second Amendment rights group. The members will be asked to make a decision and vote on this action next month.

Candidates to Speak to Club

John Areallance reported that he is working on the invitation letter that will be sent to candidates who win the primary elections. Candidates will be invited to speak

during an available time slot at one of our regular club meetings. Club members will have the opportunity to meet the candidates and ask questions. John will keep us informed regarding the wording of the invitation and provide further information at upcoming meetings.

New By-Laws Available

Paul Stiedle would like to remind the membership that the recently updated club bylaws have been posted on the club website and have been sent to all members with a valid email address. You may print a copy for your records, or you can pick up a hard copy at the club meetings. Those members who do not attend meetings may request to have a copy of the bylaws sent by regular mail.

BGC T-Shirts For Sale

We are taking orders for Benton Gun Club t-shirts. If you are interested please go to our forum at <http://bentongunclub.org/smf/index.php?topic=642.0> for more information, or send an e-mail to Pat Holsted at patrick@shooters101.com, or call him at 501-766-4942.

NRA Membership Confirmation

Club members are reminded that if their NRA membership information changes, they need to send a copy of their NRA membership card or a copy of the mailing label from the NRA magazine to the club P. O. box. If not they will be sent an NRA renewal form for the following club membership year.

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

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Club Meetings

The monthly club meetings are held at Peaceful Haven Funeral Home, 322 N. Market, in Benton.

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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.

Change Your Address? 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.

Shotgun shooters on the shotgun range (range 7) should use #4 shot or smaller. Shotgun slugs and shot larger than #4 are absolutely against the rules on this range, but may be used on all other ranges with the exception of the silhouette range (range 2).

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.

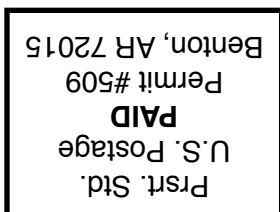
New Members

We welcomed 27 new members at the February meeting. They are Garran Barker, Lee Bowser, Pat Brain, Patrick Carr, Tony Contorno, Lynn Cook, Michael Cox, Tom Crow, Justin Franklin, Brian Frazee, Donald Gatten Sr., Less Griffin, Steven Hawkins, Shawn Hipskind, Eric Hull, Lawrence Jefferson, Chance Lemons, Jonathan Long, Michael Martens, James McCullough, Dennis McMullen, Mike Overstreet, Richard Rowland, Thomas Siegler, Richard Solomon, Clint Williams, Chuck Word, and Aaron Yates. 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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