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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

February 2013

Range and Match News

In range news, Drew Certain made a motion to complete the steel and gravel walls on range 5, at a cost not to exceed \$6,000.00. The motion was seconded and passed. The funds will come from the range maintenance account, so no follow-up vote is required. Please note that range 5 will be closed when this work takes place. A notice will be posted on the club website when the work is scheduled.

In other range news, A follow-up vote was held concerning last month's motion to purchase 100-120 acres of land, located to the north of range 7, from Aloca for \$300.00 per acre. The motion was seconded and passed for the second vote and is now confirmed.

Also, there was nothing new to report regarding last month's motion to hire a company to install "no trespassing" signs along the range perimeter. Rex Gismond will report back to us when he has found a company for this work.

In match news, the pallet of shotgun clays recently purchased from Blue Rock Gun Club has been delivered. A big thanks to the Saline County 4-H youth group for providing the labor to unload and stack the clays.

Culley Majors reported that one person has signed up so far for the NRA basic rifle class, approved at last month's club meeting. The class will held on March 23 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and will cost \$45.00 per person. Classwork will be held on range 6, and the shooting portion will be held on range 4B.

Greg Sullivan reported that the range 1 berm repair work, approved at last month's meeting, has been completed.

In club financial news, the 2012 year-end balance sheet was distributed to the members present at the February meeting. The balance sheet was reviewed, and a motion was made, seconded and passed to accept it.

Friends of NRA Banquet Set

Chris Wherry announced that the 2013 Greater Little Rock Friends of the NRA Banquet and auction will be held on April 13, at 6:00 p.m., at Embassy Suites, 11301 Financial Centre Parkway, in Little Rock. Tickets are \$50.00. Additional details will be posted on our club website.

Coleman Visits the BGC

As announced last month, Curtis Coleman, who is running for governor of Arkansas, visited the club at the February meeting. He spoke about the U. S. Constitution, and invited members to contact him via his website at www.curtiscoleman.com.

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 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.

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Range and Club Information Hotline501-602-2228

Club Meetings

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

Officers

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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

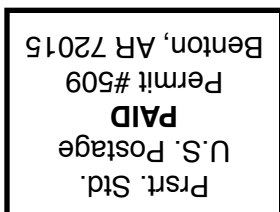
We welcomed 62 new members at the February meeting. They are Ms. Jessica Akins, Wallace Asay, Nick Barner, Scott Blankenship, Jeffery Bloom, Robert Branch, Zeke Brinsfield, Keith Byrd, Ricky Caldwell, Drew Cannetella, John Casey, Curtis Coleman, Zachary Cheatham, Mike Cruse, Lamont Cornwell, Tim Covey,

Shane Dougan, Lem Dreher, Ms. Holly Elliott, Tom Fleming, Jim Flowers, Matt Glover, Ms. Rhonda Glover, Mark Gore, Kelsey Groff, Scott Heer, David Hicks, Tom Hinz, Christopher Hodo, Jason Holder, David Hunter, Kevin Hughes, Brian Jansen, Jeffery Kaluza, Richard Kirby, Steve Littleton, Brian Lowrance, Matt McBryde, Gregory McDaniel, Jason McKeller, Rick McPherson, Jacob Martin, Keith Mayo, Donald Miller, Eric Miller, Clint Norland, Marvin Padgett, David Ratliff, Shaun Roberson, Glenn Sago, Chris Sandmann, Ms. Tammy Schmidt, John Stillman, Joe Snow, Jonathan Stehle, Travis Strickland, Lance Sullenberger, Jerry Sullivan, James Ward, Michael Ward, Thomas Williams, and Chris Young. 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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