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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

May 2011

Range and Match News

The meeting with the Central Arkansas Gun Club concerning their commitment to contribute up to \$20,000.00 to the Benton Gun Club for the construction of target carriers for range 1 had to be postponed due to their April match being cancelled. The meeting will be rescheduled at the earliest opportunity.

A follow-up vote was held for last month's motion to purchase two additional 40-foot Conex containers for ranges 1 and 5 at a cost not to exceed \$8,500.00. This price will include the construction of pads under the units. (Russell Brown will be the contractor for the pad construction.) The follow-up vote was successful and the motion is now passed.

In match news, a motion was made, seconded and approved to hold a falling plate pistol fun match on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. On the first Tuesday competitors can use any sights, and on the third Tuesday they will shoot iron sights. The matches will be held at 6:00 p.m. and the fee will be \$2.00. The match directors will be Dan Wagner and Larry Reynolds. The first match will be held on May 17 and the last match will be August 16.

In range news Dale Lester reported that plans for the trap house for range 7 are nearing completion and will be presented soon. He also reported that he has received feedback from Arkansas Soil Conservation Services on how to solve our drainage problems on that range. (Paul Stiedle added that he will contact Alcoa to determine their responsibilities concerning the range water drainage.)

Bylaws Meeting June 27.

The proposed Bylaws changes have been emailed to all members with current email addresses, and sent by regular mail to everyone else. If you haven't received your copy yet, please contact the club secretary, Cheryl Craig, or you can read them on the club website.

The next order of business is to hold a meeting to consider and vote on the proposed changes. A motion was made and approved to schedule this meeting for June 27 at 7:00 p.m., at our regular meeting location. Note that this is an extra meeting, held on a different night from our regular monthly club meeting.

Range One Vote Planned

A motion was made, seconded and passed at the May meeting to pull the Range 1 construction motion back off the table and bring it up for its second vote at the June club meeting. (The motion was originally made and approved for the first time late last year, and requires a second vote for final confirmation.)

This came up after much discussion that began when club member Dale Lester inquired if the club had enough money to construct the trap house for Range 7 and still have enough money to cover the budget already allotted for Range 1 construction. Paul Stiedle stated that if we have enough funds we can do both, as long as we keep working capital in the account to cover our expenses.

Dale asked if this would conflict with our bylaws since Range 1 construction has been voted on, and then asked when the issues with range 1 construction would be resolved. Paul said that this would not conflict with the bylaws. He also said that he would like to look into hiring a real estate agent to find the club additional property where we could build 600-yard and 1,000-yard ranges so that the club could hold NRA approved matches.

The members held a lot of additional discussion on the Range 1 project, including concerns about increases in the costs of the contractor. The general feeling seemed to be that since it has been so long since the project was first voted on and no starting date has been set, the delay in construction has held up any new projects being brought before the membership.

May Odds and Ends

Cheryl Craig reported that six people attended the April NRA basic pistol course. All passed, and a great time was had by all.

We received a letter from Clay Odom on behalf of the Saline County 4-H youth shooting program, thanking us for our recent donation of \$2,606.00.

James Squires has been looking into finding cheaper plaques for our matches, and reported that we could get laminate plaques for \$6.00 each. We will continue researching and will present our options at next month's meeting.

And a request to all members: please DO NOT shoot tracer ammo into the grassy hillside. As you can imagine, it leads to problems in dry conditions. Tracer ammo is okay when shooting in front of dirt backstops.

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Club Meetings

Meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Econo Lodge in Benton (I-30 Exit 117).

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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.

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.

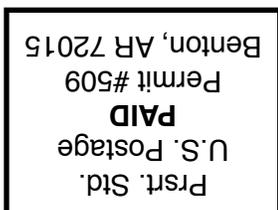
New Members

We welcomed 20 new members at the May meeting. They are Michael Bek, Stephen Boyle, Michael Brooks, Mark Charette, Ms Becky Denison, Todd Dillard, Danny Francois, Charles Gentry, David Habig, Richard Hamlin, Pat Harris, Gregory Hathcote, William Kennedy, Phillip Kokinos, John Metcalfe, Jon Pingel, Shane Powell, Bert Rhoad, Douglas Rogers, and Lawrence Welborn. 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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