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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

June 2017



Club News

In club news, president Lucas Howard announced that this year is a Bylaws Review year. A committee has been formed to review and/or make changes to our club bylaws. Proposed changes will be mailed out to all members in the next few weeks. The Bylaws change vote is now scheduled for July 17 at 7pm at Smith Family Funeral Home. All members are welcome to attend and voice their opinions.

In range news, Jerry Watts made a motion to purchase many items from Rangemaster Steel. The cost will not exceed \$4500 to purchase the following items: 2 Tip-Out target stands, 2 Max-Trap target stands, 2 Drop-Turner target stands, 4 Pepper Poppers with bases, 4 Mini-Poppers with bases, 2 vertical H/C for Poppers, 1 horizontal H/C for Poppers, and a storage rack specially designed for the poppers. These props can be used by USPSA, IDPA, 3-Gun, Speed Steel, etc. This motion passed, but will require another vote as it's over \$1000.

Jerry Watts also made a motion (passed) to host a Level II CRO (Chief Range Officer, USPSA) Seminar. The dates are August 19-20. This will be classroom instruction and range exercises on Saturday and Sunday. The expenses are classroom rental and instructor lodging (budget \$400) and \$40 per student to USPSA. We will charge \$60 to take the seminar. \$40 will go to USPSA and the rest will go toward expenses. The net expense to the club will be less than \$400, based on attendance.

Requirements for the seminar are you must be a member of USPSA and have minimum 1 year RO (Range Officer (USPSA) experience. The instructor is Ray Hirst, long-time USPSA shooter and NROI Instructor. He also owns RangeMaster Steel, he's delivering our steel targets. The delivery of the steel covers travel expenses for the seminar.

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 should 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 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



2017 NRA Basic Rifle Courses

BENTON GUN CLUB WILL BE HOLDING NRA BASIC Rifle Courses June 24 and October 28. Culley Majors, Youth Director, teaches firearm safety as well as instill the attitude, knowledge, and skills necessary to promote an enjoyable time at the range while working toward better marksmanship. Students need only bring food and drinks for the day, a notepad, and a pen. Rifles and ammunition are provided, as well as targets and study guides. Certificates will be awarded upon completion. Classes start at 8 am on Range 6 with live fire afterward on Range 4B. For more information or to register, contact Culley Majors, crm762@yahoo.com

Gun Shows

Jun24-25 Saline County Gun&Knife Show Benton,AR
July 29-30 Hot Springs Lions Club Gun.. Hot Sprg,AR
Aug 19-20 Conway Survival Expo Conway, AR

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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)
Youth Director.....Culley Majors (870-210-6756)

Summer is Upon Us

With warmer weather approaching, now is a good time to remind everyone to stay hydrated. When you're out at the range, be sure to bring something to drink with you. We have no concession and the water in the ponds is toxic. It's easy to over-do it, especially when you're having fun plinking or competing in a match.

We always stress gun safety; staying hydrated is just as important. Heat exhaustion and heat stroke are avoidable. Learn to recognize the signs and symptoms, and how to protect yourself. Work smart, play smart, stay hydrated!

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!

New Members

We introduced 26 new applications for membership. They are: Stuart Beggs, Jr., John Bice, Jeff Bickerstaff, Michael Catanach, Richard Clark, Jeffery Cobb, Robert Cunningham, Brian Donham, James Fagin, Jason Fagin, Daniel Gough, Thomas Hart, Randy Henderson, Deborah Kemp, Joshua Kemp, Sunder Krishnan, Steven Lankford, Norbert Matson, Chris Purnell, Charles Robertson, Anthony Simpson, Jack Smith, Robert Troyer, Richard Weiland, Bruce Whitwell, and Darrell Wodds. Welcome to the Club!

Please note: all new members must attend a range and safety orientation before receiving your membership card and key and using the range. You are not a full-fledged member until this is completed.

Also, new members are entitled to shoot one club match per shooting discipline free of charge. Come out and experience the fun of competitive shooting!

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 trash behind, politely ask them to pick it up. Sometimes all it takes is a gentle nudge to help people do the right thing. We are all equal owners of club property and destruction of costs us all. If you see someone destroying club property, please, report them to a club officer.

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