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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

May 2017

Club News

In club news, president Lucas Howard announced that this year is a Bylaws Review year. A committee will be formed to review and/or make changes to our club bylaws. If you wish to participate by being a member of the bylaws review committee, you may contact Lucas Howard. Bylaw Review Committee meetings will start the end of May. The Bylaws Meeting, member's opportunity to vote on any revisions brought through committee, will most likely be in Late June.

In other club news, Dan Wagner reported the 22 silhouette match ammo trays are beginning to deteriorate. This will be covered by the maintenance account as soon as we figure out who made them or has a pattern. Please let Dan know if you have the plans or a pattern.

Jeff Morse reported that the Clays match has purchased its generator and hope to test the setup soon. This came in under their \$1600 budget.

George Toney made a motion to hold a 600yd Benchrest Match on June 17 from 9-11am, which is immediately before the scheduled F-class match. Match fee will be \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members. This motion received a second and was passed.

Dan Wagner reported the website still lists some retired directors as a point of contact. We will review the website and get this updated as soon as possible.

Kim Crutchfield asked that we refresh members on the gate rules. Lock it behind you unless a lock is missing. A missing lock means a match or maintenance is happening.

George Toney asked that we also remind everyone to put a range back the way is meant to be after using it for a special purpose.

George Craig asked that we remind all members that you are not allowed to post signs on any ranges. Signs are only to be posted following a passed motion at a club meeting. The "No Shooting Beyond This Point" sign on Range 1 will be removed immediately, because there is no by-law stating any point on Range 1 which you may not fire. A fresh set of range rules will be installed on each range following this year's bylaw meeting.

It had been reported that there has been some damage to the roof over the firing line on Range 3. We will have that repaired as soon as possible, hopefully within the next week.

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!

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

Jun3-4	G&S Conway Gun Show	Conway, AR
Jun24-25	Saline County Gun&Knife Show	Benton, AR
July 29-30	Hot Springs Lions Club Gun..	Hot Sprng, 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!

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

New Members

We introduced 8 new applications for membership. They are: Travis Edwards, Gary Higgins, John McAllister, Robert Metzgar, Anthony Soto, Chuck Thompson, Zachariah Watson, and Scott Yakoubian. Welcome to the Club!

Please note: all new members must attend a range and safety orientation before using the range. You are not a full-fledged member until this is completed. Upon completion of orientation at the range, new members will receive membership cards and get keys. New members also need to send, to the club PO box, a copy of your NRA card or the mailing label from the magazine when it arrives.

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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