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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

November 2017



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Club News

In Club news, a motion was made to approve the match calendar for 2018 with a few minor modifications, corrections, and updated information. This motion passed. You will be seeing the updated calendar on the club's website (www.bentongunclub.org).

President Craig reminds match directors that 2018 plaques can be ordered and picked up at Superior Trophies. They will bill the club.

President Craig reported that some work has been done behind ranges 5-7. A drainage ditch has been dug, and it seems to be working well to keep water from collecting on those ranges.

President Craig also reported on the land deal with Alcoa that's in the works. Since last month's meeting, Alcoa has indicated an intention to get a contract prepared and sent over. Larry Reynolds modified last month's land deal motion to include all 96 acres we are interested in. The maximum per acre price will remain at \$500. The modification to the motion was seconded and passed. This will require a second vote at next month's meeting.

Help Wanted

Vice president Majors announced that the club needs a 4th range maintenance person. Duties include: replacing target boards, emptying trash cans, mowing/trimming, and things of that nature. The way it works is it's a 4-person rotation. Each person does the range maintenance for a week. This is easily accomplished within a single day. That works out to just one day a month. Oh, and you will get paid \$125 to do it.

You can help with mundane tasks that must be done and get some cash to boot. If you are interested (I don't see how anyone couldn't be), you can contact Culley Majors (crm762@yahoo.com).

Gun Shows

Dec2-3 G&S Conway Gun Show Conway,AR
Dec2-3 Fort Smith Gun and Knife Show FortSmith,AR
Dec9-10 The Hunting,Outdoor,GunShow LittleRock,AR
Dec22-24 GunTraders/Ozarks3-day GunShow F'ville,AR
Dec30-31 RK Little Rock Gun Show LittleRock,AR
Jan6-7 G&S Conway Gun Show Conway,AR
Jan13-14 G&S M'tnHome Gun Show M'tnHome,AR
Jan20-21 HotSprings LionsClub GunShow HotSprgs,AR



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.

At this month's meeting, a newspaper clipping was brought in from Oct. 10. In Chickasaw County, Iowa, a stray bullet from a nearby shooting range, less than a mile away, struck a young boy visiting an apple orchard with his parents. The article says he was in stable condition after undergoing surgery.

Tragic events like this can be prevented. Every bullet that exits the barrel of a gun must go somewhere. All reputable ranges have backstops, berms, or the like. Our club requires all shots to go into approved backstops. Sending one over the berm can lead to a little boy in the hospital.

Let's do all we can to ensure this isn't repeated here. We pride ourselves on being responsible gun owners, and we should! We must also realize that we own every bullet, and what goes up, must come down.

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Club Meetings

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

Officers

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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!

2018 Club Membership Renewals

Attention members: 2018 club membership renewals start soon! Keep an eye out for your renewal forms in your mailbox. The membership period ends December 31, but you have until the February meeting to renew. Don't put it off; it will be too late before you know it.

'Tis the Season...

The holidays are upon us. Many of us will be traveling, entertaining, and shopping over next few weeks. While our minds are on turkeys, hams, stuffing, gifts, and loved ones, there are those out there looking to victimize. Home and auto break-ins rise this time of year, as well as robberies and car-jackings.

This holiday season, don't make yourself an easy target. Keep your head on a swivel out there. Park in well-lit areas, always lock your vehicle, and don't leave valuables visible within your vehicle. When you return to your vehicle, leave! Don't sit there checking your phone; you may be giving a bad guy all the opportunity he needs.

Delivered packages can also be easy for thieves. You may be able to make arrangements with the carrier or a neighbor. Also, after the holidays, thieves could be watching your trash to see what goodies you have inside for them to take.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas!

"Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has plenty; not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some."

— Charles Dickens

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