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Benton Gun Club Newsletter • April 2007

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Range and Match News

Greg Sullivan presented plans for the high power rifle silhouette range (the 600-yard range) at the April meeting. This will be a huge project, our most ambitious yet. This range will be situated on the upper level of our property, requiring the construction of a large 8- or 10-foot berm to block it from the lower ranges. The total estimated cost, including berm, drainage, backstops, shed, parking, and gravel road, comes to approximately \$75,000.00 to \$88,000.00. A motion was made to allocate \$45,000.00 for phase one of the project, which would cover the cost of the main berm construction. (The rest would be covered in a second phase next year.) The motion was seconded and passed.

Because of the size of this initial allocation, a follow-up vote is required at the May 14 club meeting.

In other news, a motion was made to require all club members to wear their badges while on the range, as an aid to identification and confirmation of membership. After a brief discussion, it was decided to table this motion and take it up at the upcoming bylaws meeting.

Finally, the land sale deal with Sardis Water Association Public Water Authority (SWAPWA) was closed on March 26. They would like to once again express thanks to the members of the club for approving the sale. No date has been announced for the start of construction, but it may begin sometime this fall.

As an additional thank you to club members, SWAPWA donated a \$200 gift certificate to Gander Mountain. The drawing for this certificate was held at the April meeting, and the winner was...Albert Hall. Congratulations, Albert!

Finally, we would like to thank Superior Spring Clutch & Gear and Heavy Duty services for donating the evening meal held after the Smallbore Rifle Silhouette Regional match. We appreciate your support.

Lost & Found

Club member Gary Higgins found a steel target on the plinking range in March, and he'd like to see it returned to its rightful owner. If you're missing a target or know someone who is, call Gary at (501) 847-1713.

Thanks from NRA-ILA

The club recently made a donation to the NRA-ILA, and they sent us the following letter:

"Dear Mr. Stiedle:

"On behalf of the National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action (NRA-ILA), I would like to thank you and

the members of Benton Gun Club, Inc. for your generous contribution and for your continued support. Through your actions you have proven to be true champions of our Right To Keep and Bear Arms and hunting heritage. Rest assured, this overwhelming gift will be put to good use, and the strength of your commitment has reinforced our efforts. Because of your leadership, and because organizations like yours are willing to stand up and be counted, we are able to better preserve our freedoms and protect the Second Amendment.

"Once again, please pass along our gratitude to your fellow members at Benton Gun Club, Inc. and thank them for all they have done to protect our Second Amendment freedoms. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

"Sincerely, Chris W. Cox."

(Mr. Cox is the chief lobbyist for the NRA.)

Bylaws Committee Planned

We will put together a bylaws review committee sometime during the year to add to and/or update the drawings of lower ranges 2 through 7 and upper range 1. The committee will also clean up any errors in our current bylaws. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Paul Stiedle at 517-0756.

Special Olympics Event Update

As we've mentioned previously, the club will be hosting a Law Enforcement Challenge Match, to benefit Special Olym-

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Range and Club Information Hotline501-315-3071

Club Meetings

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

Officers

President Paul Stiedle (517-0756)
Vice-President George Rhode
Secretary-Treasurer Rex Gismond (315-3071)
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Range & Safety Orientation..... James Squires (847-2147)
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Range Subcommittee

Chairman Pat Holsted (766-4942)
Smallbore Rifle and Pistol Silhouette, Falling Plate Rifle ...
..... Frank Bray, Jr. (653-0630) or Jim Wood (847-9244)
High Power Rifle Open
Pistol Larry Egger (803-9002)
Rifle, up to 200 Yards..... Open
Shotgun..... James Squires (847-2147)
Plinking Range Open

pics. This will be a 5-stage match, open to law enforcement personnel only. The public will be invited to watch the event. The event will use four of the lower ranges, and is now tentatively scheduled for the second Saturday in September. The entry fee will be \$20 per person (two-man teams). All proceeds will go to Special Olympics and will remain in Arkansas.

George Craig reported at the April club meeting that current sponsors include Armor Holdings, Crews Uniforms, and Remington Arms. He is also in need of volunteers. If you have questions or would like to help out, please contact George at 351-4948.

Want To Be An Instructor?

If you are interested in becoming an NRA-certified instructor, please contact Paul Stiedle at 517-0756.

Webmaster Wanted

The club is looking for someone to maintain and update the club website. Pat Holsted is acting as the interim webmaster until a permanent replacement is found. If you have experience with web site maintenance and are interested in helping keep the club's web site up to date, please call Pat at 766-4942.

Club Info Line Is Not A Hot-line

This is just a little reminder to let you know that the club information line is not monitored around the clock. It is checked daily, but please be aware that it may be a while before someone has a chance to listen to your message and get back to you.

New Address? Let Us Know!

If you change your address, telephone number or e-mail provider please send the changes to the club post office box or

e-mail us at bgc139@yahoo.com. You can also submit updates by calling the club information line at (501) 315-3071 and leaving a message with your name and a description of what you want changed. This will allow the club secretary to update the club files so you won't miss something important.

Also, if you were expecting to get this newsletter by e-mail but instead received it in your regular mail, then either we don't have your e-mail address on file or the one we have for you is incorrect. If you would like to get the newsletter by e-mail, or if you want to switch back to regular mail, please send a message to us at bgc139@yahoo.com and we will change your newsletter delivery method. However, please note that for the next few issues the newsletter will be sent via regular mail only.

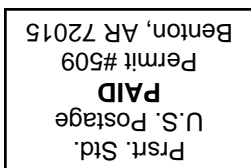
New Members

We welcomed 15 new and returning members at the April meeting. They are Alan Holmes, Marcus McNeice, Mark Finney, Buzz Smith, Mike Culver, Bryan Flynn, Carroll Flynn, Les Elmore, Michael Kelly, Scott Smith, Rogers Davis, Dennis James, Doug McCarty, Phillip Howell, and Dennis Puhalski. 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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