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Benton Gun Club Newsletter • August 2006

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Range and Match News

Paul Stiedle and Pat Holsted looked at the refrigerated trailer that was offered to the club at a price of \$1,000.00 for use as a storage unit. (See last month's issue for details.) They reported that the trailer would need a lot of work and recommended that the club proceed with the other option of purchasing a 40' conex shipping container. This option was approved last month.

In other news, Frank Bray reported on the upcoming 2006 Arkansas State Smallbore Rifle Silhouette Championship, which will be held on September 16 and 17. Frank reported that the budget would be \$4,200.00. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the budget.

Also, Pat Holsted made motions to move the dates for a couple of upcoming matches. He proposed that the September 16 Speed Steel match be moved to September 30, and that the September 23 IDPA match be moved to September 16. Both motions were seconded and passed.

Finally, Greg Sullivan made a presentation on extending our current 300-yard range (upper range #1) to 600 yards. The design of the range is not quite done, but it's close. Greg will be contacting various contractors to get quotes for the dirt work.

BGC Number One In Recruiting

The Summer 2006 issue of the NRA Recruiter newsletter lists the Benton Gun Club as the top recruiter. Congratulations to us!!

Archery Range Proposed

Club member Dan Wagner is interested in starting an archery range. If you're interested, please contact him at 316-4133.

BGC At September Gun Show

The Benton Gun Club has been given a free table for the gun show scheduled for September 16-17 at the state fairgrounds. We are looking for volunteers to man it in shifts throughout the weekend. If you would like to help out, please contact Chuck Anderson at 602-2971.

Items For Sale

Club member Ben Sansing is offering the following items for sale:

Remington model Seven .223 bolt-action carbine, with 18-in. bbl. Blued with laminated wood stock. Includes Tasco

3-9x40 scope mounted and sighted in. Excellent condition. \$600 OBO.

Savage model 170 deluxe .30-30 pump rifle, with 22" bbl. Blued, with walnut stock. Includes 4x scope, mounted and sighted in. Excellent condition. \$275 OBO.

Thompson-Center pistol scope, 2.5-7x with lighted reticle. Blued, excellent condition. \$185 OBO.

.338-cal bullets, 643 count. Nosler and Hornaday, 200-210-225 gr., assorted, in boxes. \$180 for all, or may be purchased separately.

Thompson-Center Encore barrel only, .223 Remington, 12", blued, no sights. Excellent condition. \$165 OBO.

If you are interested in any of these items, contact Ben at 315-3441 or 303-0520, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Ben says he may also be interested in trades, and is looking for the following items: T/C GZ frame; S&W, Colt, Ruger, Webley, other fun handguns; cowboy guns; AR-15; C&R guns; or what have you.

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.

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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 (888-2930)
Vice-President Pat Holsted (766-4942)
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Range Maintenance Officer Bob Elrod (778-2165)
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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

Safety Re-Orientations Required

As mentioned previously, the club is requiring all members to go through the safety orientation again. The range has changed a lot in the years since the orientation sessions were begun, and it was felt that everyone could use a refresher.

The re-orientation will be required for all members who were in the club as of May 2005. (Any members who joined after that have already received an updated version of the orientation.) Members will have until the end of 2006 to retake it. You **MUST** have your membership card with you when you take the orientation.

James Squires will be at the range to give the re-orientations on the first and third Saturday of each month at 2:00 p.m., and on the second Saturday of each month at 11:00 a.m. In addition, the following people are also administering re-orientations, and will be available after club matches: J. L. Squires, Jr., Leroy Squires, Rex Gismond, Mark Boeckman, Pat Holsted (at noon following the monthly IDPA matches), Paul Stiedle, Larry Morgan, John Watkins, and Bill Morris.

To make arrangements for retaking the safety orientation at some other time, contact James Squires at 847-2147.

NOTE TO THOSE WHO ARE GIVING ORIENTATIONS: After you give a member the re-orientation, please sign and date the back of his or her membership card. We need this as a double check in case an attendance sheet is lost.

Please Observe All Range Rules

Someone has been using high-powered rifles on lower range 2. This range is for **smallbore rifles only**. 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.

We'd 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 range rule, may result in revocation of your membership.

Also, if you decide to burn trash in the barrels on the range, please check first to make sure a state, county or local burn ban is not in effect.

New Members

We welcomed 14 new members at the August meeting. They are Jeff Jones, Roland Gasmena, Jason Hooper, Scott Newcomb, Josh Ellison, Keith Duplissey, Russell Hubbard, Darren Compas, Gary Higgins, Scott Long, Sam Mills, Greg Mann, James Reinmiller, and Floyd Lancaster. 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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