

Range and Match News

As of the May meeting, work had been delayed on range 4A due to the heavy rains we've been having. It may have started by now. Please be aware that while the dirt work is going on all ranges will be closed during weekdays from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The ranges will be open on Saturday and Sunday. Always be sure to call the club information line at 315-3071 to get the status of the range before driving out. That's a long way to go and not be able to shoot.

In other news, a follow-up vote was held on last month's motion came from Greg Sullivan, who requested that we purchase a full set of high-power rifle silhouette animals at a cost not to exceed \$3,200.00. The motion was approved.

Also, a motion was made to move the range 4 carport to range 5. It currently gets very little use. Adding it to the carport on range 5 will be more productive. The motion was seconded and approved.

Finally, a motion was made to purchase five large and ten small IDPA targets at a cost of \$950.00. This motion was also seconded and approved.

In range news, a motion was approved to continue holding the service rifle matches for the remainder of the year. Beginning in June, they will move from the third Saturday to the first Sunday and will continue through December. The cost is \$5.00. CMP rules will apply and will be posted on the club website.

Work Day May 30

We will hold our next work day on Saturday, May 30, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. There will be plenty to do, so please come out and help us keep your range in top condition. Hope to see you there.

Speaking of maintaining the range, please help police it. If you see someone leaving behind some trash, ask them politely to pick it up. Sometimes all it takes is a gentle nudge to help people remember that we are all responsible for the condition of our range.

We are also looking for some young, strong maintenance people to help keep the range in shape. A lot of the folks who do the regular care of the range are getting older and they can't do all of this hard work forever. If you're interested in helping, please contact club president Paul Stiedle.

July 4th Family Event Planned

A motion by George Toney was approved at the May club meeting to host a family cookout event at the range on July 4th. This is a non-shooting event, and range 4 will be closed during the activities (from around noon until the early evening). You'll need to bring your own food and fireworks. We'll have more details on the website or in future issues of the newsletter.

Change Your Address? Let Us Know!

If you change your mailing address or your email address please let us know. The club secretary reports that a few 2009 renewals have been returned marked "Moved, no forwarding address." He's also noticed that some 2009 renewals have a different email address from the one we have on file. To ensure that you keep informed of club activities, please file a "change of address" request with the post office when you move, and let us know when you get a new email address.

New Online Feature Offered

We now have another way for you to keep up with what's happening in the club. We've started a discussion group, hosted by Yahoo.com. It's free and it's easy. Just go to the club web site at bentongunclub.org, scroll to the bottom and look for the "Subscribe to Benton Gun Club Online" box. Then enter your email address and click on the "Join Now" button. That's all there is to it.

Youth Director Wanted

We are looking for a person (or persons) to plan and coordinate youth-focused shooting and training activities for the club. If you would like to volunteer, please contact one of the club officers.

Please Observe All Range Rules

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.

Shotgun shooters on the shotgun range (range 7) should use #4 shot or smaller. Shotgun slugs and shot larger than #4 are absolutely against the rules on this range, but may be used on all other ranges with the exception of the silhouette range (range 2).

Someone has caused severe damage to some of the target board posts on the plinking range. Hidden, motion-sensitive security cameras have been installed to find out who is doing this. James Squires once again asks that shooters PLEASE stop shooting at the posts. If you need a practice target, contact James and he'll get you one.

We'd also 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.

New Members

We welcomed 13 new members at the May meeting. They are Milton Ray, Marcus Ray, Kevin Perry, Philip Anthony Bucolo, Anthony Boyer, Todd Adams, James Patterson, Phillip Phelps, William "Rusty" Mooney, Robert Burnett, Marcus "Larry" McNabb, Selina Earsa, Keith Holland. 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.

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Range and Club Information Hotline..... 501-315-3071

Club Meetings

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

Officers

President..... Paul Stiedle (517-0756)
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Range Maintenance Officer..... Bob Elrod (778-2165)
Range & Safety Orientation..... James Squires (847-2147)

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.

News from the NRA-ILA

The following items come from the NRA-ILA web page, www.nraila.org. Reprinted with permission.

Bi-Partisan Congressional Majority Moves To Restore 2nd Amendment in National Parks

[On May 20] NRA-backed legislation to restore the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens in national parks and wildlife refuges passed in the U.S. House of Representatives by an overwhelming bipartisan majority of 279-147, including 105 democrats. This was a major repudiation of the gun control community's anti self-defense agenda.

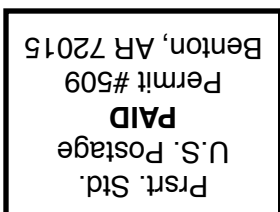
The current Department of Interior (DOI) regulations were amended by the Bush Administration in 2008, allowing law-abiding citizens to defend themselves by carrying a concealed firearm in national parks and wildlife refuges. However, early this year, a federal district court in Washington, D.C. granted anti-gun plaintiffs a preliminary injunction against implementation of the new rule. The NRA has been working for the past several years in the regulatory, legal, and legislative arenas to achieve this policy change.

“It has been an NRA priority to change the old, outdated rule, and we are pleased that Congress passed this critical legislation,” said Chris W. Cox, NRA’s chief lobbyist. “This step brings clarity and uniformity for law-abiding gun owners visiting our national parks and wildlife refuges. NRA will continue to pursue every avenue to defend the American people’s right of self-defense.”

This bill provides consistency across our nation’s federal lands and puts an end to the patchwork of regulations that govern different lands managed by different federal agencies. In the past, only Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service lands allowed the carrying of firearms, while National Parks and Wildlife Refuges did not.

This move restores the rights of law-abiding gun owners who wish to transport and carry firearms for lawful purposes on most DOI lands and makes federal law consistent with the state law in which these lands are located.

“This common-sense measure, offered by Senator Tom Coburn (R-OK), gives law-abiding gun owners the option of protecting themselves in our federal parks and refuges. We appreciate the efforts and leadership of Senators Max Baucus (D-MT), Mike Crapo (R-ID) and Representative Doc Hastings (R-WA) in ensuring a legislative remedy to amend out-of-date regulations and restore the Second Amendment rights of American gun owners,” concluded Cox.



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