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Benton Gun Club Newsletter • October 2006

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Range and Match News

The 2006 Arkansas State Smallbore Rifle Silhouette Championship match was a huge success. More than 60 competitors from five states took part, taking home \$7,500.00 in prizes. Out thanks for everyone for their help and support. Results can be found on the club website. Frank Bray is already looking ahead to next year, and made a number of motions at the October club meeting.

The first motion was a request for \$1,200.00 for the Smallbore Rifle Silhouette regional match to be held on March 17, 2007. The motion was seconded and passed, and a follow-up vote will be held at next month's meeting.

The next motion was a request for \$750 to cover the expenses of sending club member George Rhode to the January SHOT show in Florida. This gun show is where we promote the Smallbore Rifle Silhouette state championship match and recruit sponsors who donate the prizes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Frank's third motion was a request to budget \$4,500.00 for the 2007 state championship match. This motion was tabled pending a final tabulation of the expenses for this year's match.

In other news, James Squires made a motion to purchase an electronic target thrower for the shotgun range, at a cost of \$750.00. The motion was seconded and passed.

Pat Holsted made a motion to purchase a "Texas Star" rotating steel target at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00. The motion was seconded and passed. (As it turns out, the actual cost was \$593.00.)

Pat also made a motion to have the club join the U.S. Practical Shooting Association, so that we may hold sanction USPSA matches at the range. Membership costs \$65.00 per year. The motion was seconded and passed. We hope to have a number of USPSA-approved matches on next year's schedule.

Finally, a motion was made to host a match director's dinner to set the schedule for 2007. This motion was also seconded and passed. Paul Stiedle will coordinate the plans.

2007 Dues To Remain Unchanged

Last month at the September club meeting, two motions were made regarding club dues for 2007. These motions were voted on at the October meeting. The motion to raise the dues to \$75.00 was defeated. The motion to keep the dues at \$60.00 was passed.

2007 Club Officers Elected

Is we do every month in October, we held the vote for the

2007 club officers. The nominations were held last month. Unfortunately, vice-president nominee Pat Holsted announced that he would not be able to serve, and withdrew his name. Paul Stiedle opened the floor for a replacement, and George Rhode was the lucky nominee. A vote was then held, and your 2007 officers will be Paul Stiedle (president), George Rhode (vice-president), and Rex Gismond (secretary-treasurer). Congratulations, gentlemen.

Thanks To Gun Show Volunteers

Paul Stiedle would like to thank everyone who helped operate the club table at the September gun show. We appreciate your time and your support.

Special Olympics Event Proposed

Paul Stiedle was contacted by a representative from the Arkansas Special Olympics, to see if we would be interested in hosting some sort of benefit event. It's entirely up to us to determine what sort of event it would be. As you may or may not know, all proceeds from such an event would remain in the state. If you have ideas or would like to help, contact Paul at 888-2930.

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

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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)
Secretary-Treasurer Rex Gismond (315-3071)
Range Maintenance Officer Bob Elrod (778-2165)
Range & Safety Orientation..... James Squires (847-2147)
Youth Program Coordinator .. Chuck Anderson (602-2971)

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

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 January 2007 to retake it. You **MUST** have your membership card with you when you take the orientation.

Please check your address label on this issue of the newsletter for your re-orientation status. If you see "06" after your name, it means that you have taken the orientation. If you see "NS06" after your name it means that you have NOT taken the orientation and you will not receive a 2007 membership renewal form. If you think there has been a mistake, send a copy (front and back, showing the safety officer's signature) of your membership card to the club P. O. box.

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 seven new members at the October meeting. They are Robert Lamkin, Stephen Gideon, Jason Miller, Keith Short, Ms. Lindsay Mitchell, Ian Crawshaw and Jeffrey Foster. 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.

For Sale

Club member Craig Burke is offering a Sig Sauer P220 .45 semi-automatic for sale. It comes with the box and papers, three factory magazines, Bianchi Accumold paddle holster, and a double-magazine pouch. Everything is in like new condition, for \$650.00. If you are interested, contact Craig at 860-4273 (7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) or 778-2567 (5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.).

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