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Benton Gun Club Newsletter • September 2007

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Range and Match News

Paul Stiedle reported that the dirt work for the berm on the 600-yard range has yet to begin. They should be starting very soon, so be sure to call the club information line to make sure we're open BEFORE you drive out to the range. (Choose option 4 to get the current status.) All ranges will be unavailable for use while this dirt work is underway. They'll be working from daybreak until 4:30 p.m. on weekdays. The ranges will be available for use after 4:30 p.m. and all day during the weekends. This dirt work is expected to take less than two weeks.

In other news, the new trash dumpster has been installed on range 5. All burn barrels have been removed, and plastic barrels have been installed in their place and will be emptied periodically into the new dumpster.

Also, George Craig reported (via Paul Stiedle) that we currently have only one team signed up for the Law Enforcement Challenge Match to benefit Special Olympics. We need ten teams in order to hold the match. The deadline for entering is September 21, so if you have friends in a law enforcement agency, be sure they get the word about this exciting match to benefit a great cause. The match is scheduled for October 13, and you can find more details below.

In addition, Dan Wagner reported that he would present the design and layout for the new archery range at the October meeting. He expects that the costs will be modest, in the neighborhood of \$300.00.

Finally, we'd like to thank everyone who turned out for the recent work day. We had over 30 people on hand. We appreciate all of your hard work in helping to keep our range the best in the state!

2008 Dues Vote Set for October

As required by the club bylaws, the floor was opened at the September meeting for motions to change the club dues for 2008. One motion was made and passed to raise the dues to \$75.00 per year. This motion will need to be confirmed at a follow-up vote at the October meeting before it will become permanent. If passed, the new rate will go into effect in January.

2008 Club Officers Nominated

The floor was opened at the September meeting for nominations for club officers for 2008. Larry Morgan made a motion nominating Paul Stiedle for president, Pat Holsted for vice-president, and Rex Gismond for secretary-treasurer. The motion was approved. There were no other motions, so nomi-

nations were closed. The elections will be held at the October club meeting.

BGC To Be Honored By NRA

As reported in a previous issue, the Benton Gun Club was the number two club in the country for NRA recruiting in 2006. To honor this achievement, John Bailey of the NRA-ILA will attend either the October or November club meeting (the date hasn't been set yet) to present the club with a plaque. We hope you'll be there!

More Range Storage Planned

A motion was made at the September meeting to obtain another conex container for storing match and range materials. This second container would be placed near the plinking range. The best price we had at the time of the meeting was \$1,600.00 for a used 40-foot, single-door unit. A club member spoke up and said we might be able to obtain something for a better price from a military auction. The motion was tabled so that we could have time to look into this new option.

For Sale

Ruger Model KM77VT Mark II 25-06 caliber rifle with 26-inch barrel and laminated grey/brown stock. Nikon 7022 scope, 6.5-20 x 44, AO Matte. Rifle only is \$650.00, or rifle and scope together for \$950.00. If you're interested please call Keith at 501-316-0502.

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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)
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

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. The date for the meeting will be announced soon. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Paul Stiedle at 517-0756.

Special Olympics Event

As we've mentioned previously, the club will be hosting a Law Enforcement Challenge Match, to benefit Special Olympics. 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 currently scheduled for October 13. The entry fee will be \$20 per person (two-man teams). All proceeds will go to Special Olympics and will remain in Arkansas. If you have questions or would like to help out, please contact George Craig at 351-4948. The deadline for entering is September 21.

Instructors and Match Directors Wanted

If you are interested in becoming an NRA-certified instructor or a match director for 2007, please contact Paul Stiedle at 517-0756. We can always use more help putting on the matches. Some of them have grown quite popular, and some of the existing match directors can use an extra hand.

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 listens to your message and gets back to you.

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.

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.

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 13 new members at the September meeting. They are Bobby Lloyd (member number 700!), David Finley, Jay Hestir, Burl Owen, Leo Aday, Christopher Cupan, Chris Holmes, Mark Barney, Dwayne Funderburg, Steven Jones, William Evans, Bret Curry, and Gregory Archer. Welcome to the club, folks!

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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