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I. MISSION STATEMENT

The objective of this Club is to provide fellowship with individuals interested in the promotion of shooting sports and firearm safety; also to promote and defend the right to bear arms as protected by the Second Amendment to the United States of America Constitution.

II. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Membership in the Club shall be open to any person who is concerned with the same objectives, minimum age eighteen (18). Applicant must fill out and sign statement on application form which states: **“I certify that I am a citizen of the United States of America; that I am not a member of any organization which advocates force or violence to overthrow the government of the United States of America; that I have never been convicted of a felony or a crime of violence and that if admitted to the Benton Gun Club, Inc. I will abide by the “Governing Rules and Bylaws of the Benton Gun Club, Inc. dated 06/27/2011 and I will fulfill the obligations of good sportsmanship and good citizenship. I will be responsible for any guest that I bring to the Range for safety rules and regulations.”**
- B. An applicant for membership must attend the Club meeting at which his/her membership is considered.
- C. Acceptance of prospective members will be by a simple majority vote of the members present and submission of application, dues and NRA membership information. Applicants may not be present during discussion of and voting on their application.
- D. All prospective members must attend a Club approved range and safety orientation session at the range, prior to attaining membership; they will be issued a membership card and a key to the range at this time. Current members may be required to attend future range and safety orientation sessions as the Club body sees fit.
- E. Prospective members joining in December & paying a full year’s membership fee will receive their membership card & key after attending range and safety orientation.
- F. Any member that does not renew his/her membership by the February meeting will be considered to have allowed his/her membership to lapse and must apply for membership under the same rules as a new applicant.
- G. All Club members are required to be current members of the National Rifle Association (NRA) through the Club membership year. Proof of NRA membership and expiration date must be submitted when joining or renewing Club membership (unless previously proven expiration date is still valid, such as a 5 year or Life). If a member’s NRA membership expires during the Club membership year the member must renew their NRA membership through the Club at time of renewal or provide proof that their NRA membership has been extended through the Club membership year.
- H. A Club membership is a family membership for parents and their minor children (under 18). Club membership shall be in the name of the joining member (the person who fills out the application form and is accepted for membership). Minor children and guests must be accompanied by and under control of a parent or another Club member.
- I. Termination of membership may be for the following reasons:
 - 1. Repeated failure to observe range rules and/or Club bylaws.
 - 2. Willful or malicious damage to Club property and/or range.

3. Falsification of membership application and/or failure to carry out obligations agreed to in the membership application.
4. Termination of membership may only be by a majority vote at two (2) Club meetings. Should a majority vote for termination at the first meeting, range privileges shall be suspended until the second meeting. The second meeting shall be held as soon as the general membership can be notified (not later than two (2) meetings after the original meeting). A majority vote at this meeting will terminate membership. The accused member will be notified and have the right to be present at both meetings.

J. Dues

1. Membership dues for the next year will be discussed at the regular meeting in August and voted on if there is no change. Proposed changes will delay the vote until the regular meeting in September.
2. New members joining the Club October 1st. or later will pay 40% of the annual dues.
3. Dues are for a calendar year from January 1st through December 31st. and are due on or before January 1st. each year. The range lock will be changed after the January meeting of each year.
4. Any member of the Armed Forces called away for active duty will have their Benton Gun Club, Inc. membership dues waived and (if applicable) their NRA yearly membership dues will be paid by the Benton Gun Club, Inc.
5. Any new members joining the Club or previous members who have let their membership expire will have to pay a range maintenance fee of \$100.00. These funds will be placed in a separate account from the general funds and will only be used for range maintenance items.
6. Any new member at the time of joining the Club who is 65 years of age or older will only have to pay 80% of the Club dues for that membership year. Existing members who will be 65 years of age or older on or before January 1st of each new membership year will only have to pay 80% of that years membership dues.

III. MEETINGS

- A. A minimum of ten (10) members or 10% membership (which ever is less) is required for a quorum to conduct business. At least one of those members present must be a Club officer.
- B. Regular Club meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month, unless cancelled by the Board of Directors. Meetings cancelled may be rescheduled by posting notice on the Benton Gun Club website and/or forum.
- C. Members are encouraged to attend.
- D. The meeting time and location will be based on the availability of a meeting room.
- E. Meetings will be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.
- F. Written minutes for each meeting will be kept by the Club Secretary/Treasurer.

IV. OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

- A. The three Club officers are: President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer. Candidates for President and Vice-President will be nominated from the floor by the members at the September meeting. The election of these Officers will be conducted at the October meeting. The nomination for Secretary/Treasurer would be in May and elections in June.
- B. The term of office shall be January 1st through December 31 st. for the Club President and Vice-President officers. The term of office for Sec./Treasurer shall be from July 1st starting 2012, and run through June 30th of the next year. This will keep the position from being shuffled during the membership renewal process.

- C. Any Club Office may be proposed to be vacant by the membership for non-performance of duties by a majority vote of the members present at a regular Club meeting. The Officer(s) concerned will be notified in writing of this action. Notice of this action will be published in the monthly newsletter. At the next monthly meeting, members may vote to remove and replace the Officer(s) by a two-thirds vote. Vacancies by resignation will be filled by an election at the next monthly Club meeting after notification to all Club members.
- D. The Board of Directors is comprised of the three elected Officers. The Secretary/Treasurer may be paid an amount determined by the Club.
- E. The Club Treasurer shall be bonded at a level determined by the Club. The bonding fee shall be paid by the Club. Two signatures are required on all Club checks, one of which will be the Secretary/Treasurer; the other signature shall be either the President or Vice-President. Bank statements must be audited at least annually. Frequency of the audit and selection of the auditor(s) will be at the discretion of the Club members.
- F. The club Secretary/Treasurer shall be authorized to issue checks for routine items i.e.: NRA dues, fees and match supplies, AR&PA fees, routine range supplies (target boards, paint, locks etc.) and match supplies (trophies, plaques, pins etc.), and insurance. Expenditures in excess of \$1000.00 (except for range maintenance items) that are approved at a club meeting must be approved at the next regular Club meeting before the funds can be spent and the membership must be notified before the 2nd vote is taken. Funds for items or projects may not be subdivided at one meeting to evade this restriction. All other expenditures shall be authorized by a vote of the Club membership. Any expenditure in excess of \$25.00 shall be by check. A receipt shall be required for any Club expenditure.
- G. A written financial report will be given at the monthly meeting by the Secretary/Treasurer with details of income and expenditures. He/she will also furnish an annual Treasurers report at the February meeting.

V. RANGE RULES

- A. All persons on the range will be subject to the current range rules which are attached to and are part of these bylaws at page 17. Members are responsible for ensuring that family members and/or guests are familiar and comply with all range and safety rules.
- B. Range rules will be posted on all ranges along with pertinent range use information
- C. It is the Match Directors duty at Club sanctioned matches to enforce the range rules. Match directors have the authority to ask any person(s) to leave the range for violating the range rules, unsportsmanlike like conduct or offensive language and these violations must be reported to the Club officers in a timely manner. At all other times, any Club member(s) that observe other Club member(s) violating any range rules should bring it to the attention of the offending member(s) and, this violation should also be reported to the Club officers in a timely manner (the Club officers will need the violators name(s), what was done, vehicle type, color and tag number if available.) Serious infractions and repeat offenders will be brought to the attention of members at a Club meeting for possible disciplinary action, including expulsion from the Club (see Section II. H).

VI. SCHEDULED EVENTS

- A. Club sponsored shooting will be open to the public unless otherwise specified. Non-members may participate as guests of the Club after signing a liability wavier.
- B. A match fee will be collected for each event unless otherwise stated. All match fees will be given to the Secretary/Treasurer in the Club approved "Benton Gun Club Match Report" folder/envelope within thirty (30) days after the match. If a match is canceled due to rain, lack of competitors, etc., a Benton Gun Club Match Report folder/envelope will be turned in so stating. This will not be required if a match is canceled at a Club meeting.
- C. Events will commence and end at the direction of the Range Officer or Match Director.
- D. Any disputes concerning the rules of a non-outside sanctioned event; i.e. scoring, target utilized, placement or any other matters pertinent to the event will be decided by a jury appointed by the Match Director.

- E. Rules of the sanctioning body will apply at all matches sanctioned by outside organizations, such as the NRA, IDPA, etc.
- F. Only events sponsored by, approved by, or run by the Club may be held on Club property. The Club range is NOT for loan, rent, or lease to any other organizations without Club notification and approval.

VII. ORGANIZED AND INFORMAL SHOOTING

- A. For purpose of clarification, organized shooting consists of any match and /or competition that were approved by the club at any regular meeting. Informal shooting consists of all other types of shooting; i.e., practice, sighting in or any other type of shooting that does not fall under the term "Organized Shooting".
- B. Any match or regularly scheduled competitive shooting event requires Club approval. Any changes require Club approval. A match may be canceled in the case of an emergency and/ or weather as determined by the Match Director(s).

VIII. SECURITY

- A. The range gates must be locked at all times except during work days, match days or orientation.
- B. Non-members (guests) must be accompanied by, and in the presents of a club member when using the range for informal shooting. Guests using the range on a regular basis for informal shooting should be encouraged to join and help support the Club.
- C. Uninvited non-members who enter and wish to use the range will be informed of the private Club status. If they wish to join, they should be told how to submit an application at a Club meeting or visit our web site at "www.bentongunclub.org".
- D. A member who loans his/her key to a non-member or a minor child is subject to loss of membership (member's spouse may use his/her key).
- E. Members should carry their membership card and be prepared to show it if asked by another member.

IX. MAP OF THE BENTON GUN CLUB INC. RANGE

- A. A detailed and accurate map to the Club with GPS coordinated is a part of these bylaws as page 16.
- B. A detailed and accurate range drawing dated 06/27/2011 defining the different ranges by number and name are a part of these bylaws as pages 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15.

X. CONSTRUCTION AND USAGE OF RANGES

- A. Any reconstruction and /or usage changes of the ranges will require a change in the bylaws.
- B. The temporary use of the ranges listed for purposes other than those originally designated is allowed, provided that:
 - 1. There is no conflict with the Range Rules.
 - 2. No permanent construction or reconstruction of any type will be allowed and range must be returned to the original condition immediately upon completion of shooting.
- C. **Range #1. The High Power Rifle Range.** This range was constructed for but not limited to high power rifle shooting with berms placed at 200, 300, 385, 500 meters and 600 yards. Rails for the Cowboy Lever Action Matches at 50, 100, and 150 meters placed forward and right of the concrete pad. These rails are for the use of the Cowboy Lever Action Matches.

- D. **Range #2. The Silhouette Range.** This range was constructed for silhouette competition firearms. The range is restricted to .22 caliber rim fire rifles and pistols: and center fire pistols legal for NRA Hunter Pistol competition: and center fired lever action rifles as defined by the NRA Rifle Silhouette rule book, Section 3.1.3,3(b) Pistol Cartridge Cowboy Lever Action Silhouette. Dirt Berms placed at 100, 125, 150 and 175 for the 1/5 Scale Swinging Silhouettes.
- E. **Range #3. The Long Plinking Range.** This range was constructed for any legal firearm unless restricted by the Bylaws, and /or Range Rules with target boards at 10, 25, 50, 100 and 200 yards. This range will never hold any matches or organized events so as to always be open to the membership.
- F. **Range #4A. The Short Plinking Range.** This range was constructed for any legal firearm unless restricted by the Bylaws and /or Range Rules with target boards at 10, 25 and 50 yards. This range will never hold any matches or organized events so as to always be open to the membership.
- G. **Range #4B. The General Rifle Range.** This range was constructed for general rifle, pistol, and shotgun shooting. Any legal firearm unless restricted by the Bylaws and /or Range Rules may be used on this range.
- H. **Range #5. The Action Range.** This range was constructed for the Action Shooting Sports and has been divided into small individual ranges. Typical use of these ranges would be for, but not limited to, holding and conducting matches similar in nature to IDPA, IPSC, and Three Gun Matches, etc. Firearms used on these ranges are not restricted to caliber or gauge as long as full compliance with all Benton Gun Club, Inc. Range Rules.
- I. **Range #6. The Falling Plate Range.** This range was constructed for falling plate pistol and has double plate rails for plate targets. There are also auto reset plate racks. Concrete pads are placed at 15, 17.5, 20, 25 and 30 yards. No rifles or long range pistols may be used on this range. No center fire rifle cartridges are to be used on this range. No targets are to be placed on the concrete shooting pads.
- J. **Range #7. The Shotgun Range.** This range was constructed for shotgun shooting ONLY. Shot size must be #4 or smaller. A concrete walkway has 7 firing positions. Buckshot and slugs may not be used on this range. No pistol or rifles are to be used on this range.

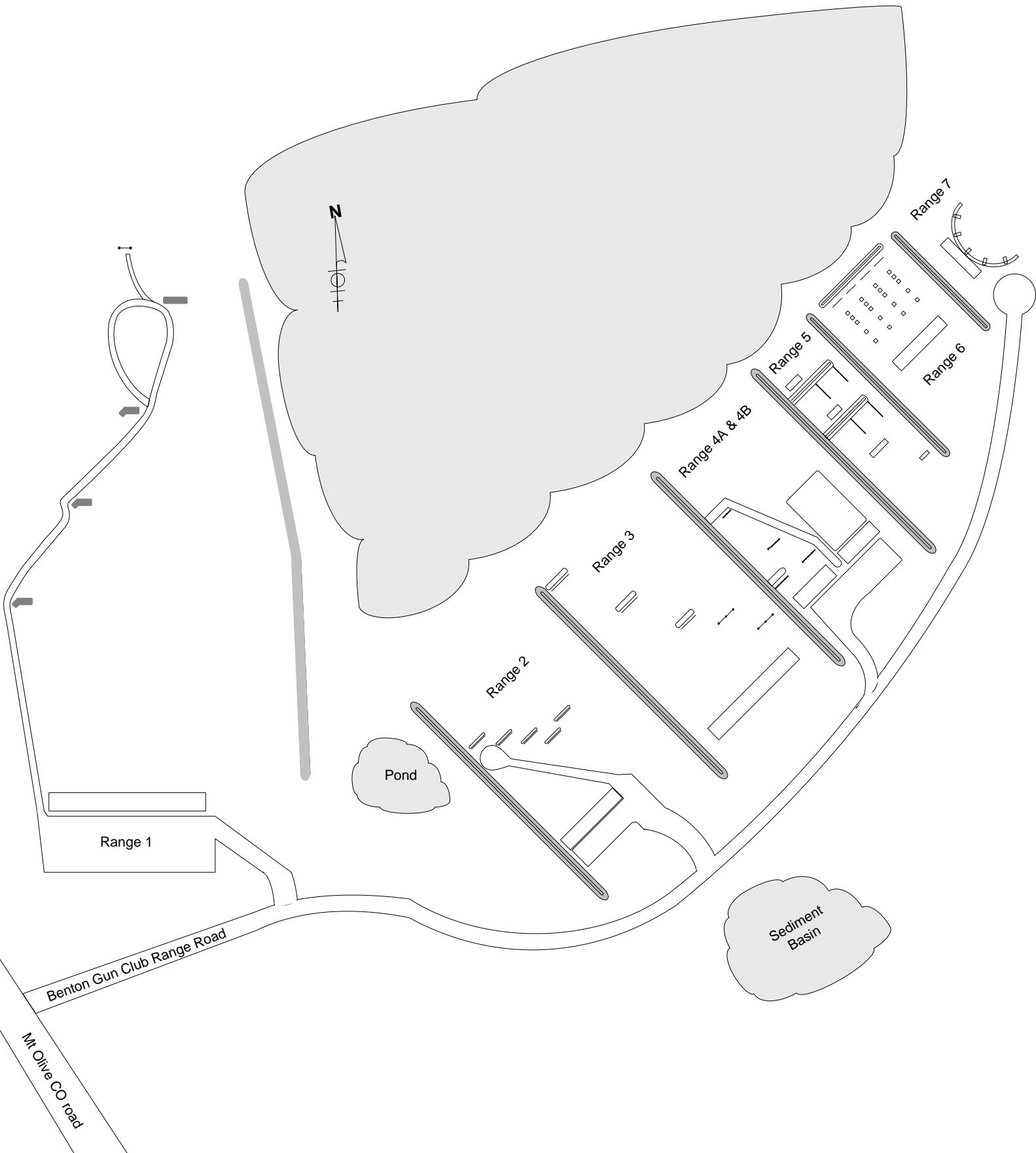
XI. CLUB REAL ESTATE AND PROPERTY

- A. Club real estate can only be sold or disposed of by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all current members of the Benton Gun Club, Inc.
- B. Club property is to be used for Club approved functions only. It may not be borrowed or loaned out. Exception: Ransom Rest.

XII. AMENDMENTS AND CHANGES TO RULES AND BYLAWS

- A. These rules and bylaws may be changed by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at a meeting called for the purpose of changing the Rules or Bylaws. Notices of the meeting will be sent to the membership for this event. All members will be given a copy of the Bylaws and Range Rules upon joining and again upon any effective changes.
- B. Proposed changes to the Bylaws, Range Rules or Range Layout Maps should be written or typed with the section, sub-section, Range Rule(s), or Range Layout Map(s) clearly identified. Proposal should indicate whether the change is an addition, deletion or clarification. Changes may be presented at any time for consideration at the next Bylaws committee review.
- C. A bylaws review (open to all members) will be done every odd year in the months of February, March, and April and a special bylaws change meeting scheduled afterwards if necessary. All members will be notified of any proposed changes prior to the special bylaws meeting.

- D. A special bylaws change meeting can be called by the membership for a specific change at any regular club meeting if approved by a majority of the members present and provided all above subsections are in compliance. This meeting date and subject matter will be announced to all members in a special mailing by postcard. This meeting date not to exceed 2 months from first vote. Repeated requests in the same calendar year for change of same bylaw will not be allowed.





600
Target Board

500
Meter Berm

390
Meter Berm

300
Meter Berm

Pipe in ground for placing
temporary target boards
300 Yards

200
Meter Berm

Pipe in ground for placing
temporary target boards
200 Yards

Silhouette rails at 50,
100 & 150 meters.



Shed

Benton Gun Club

The High Power Rifle Range

This range was constructed for but not limited to high power rifle shooting with berms placed at 200, 300, 400, 500 meters and 600 yards.

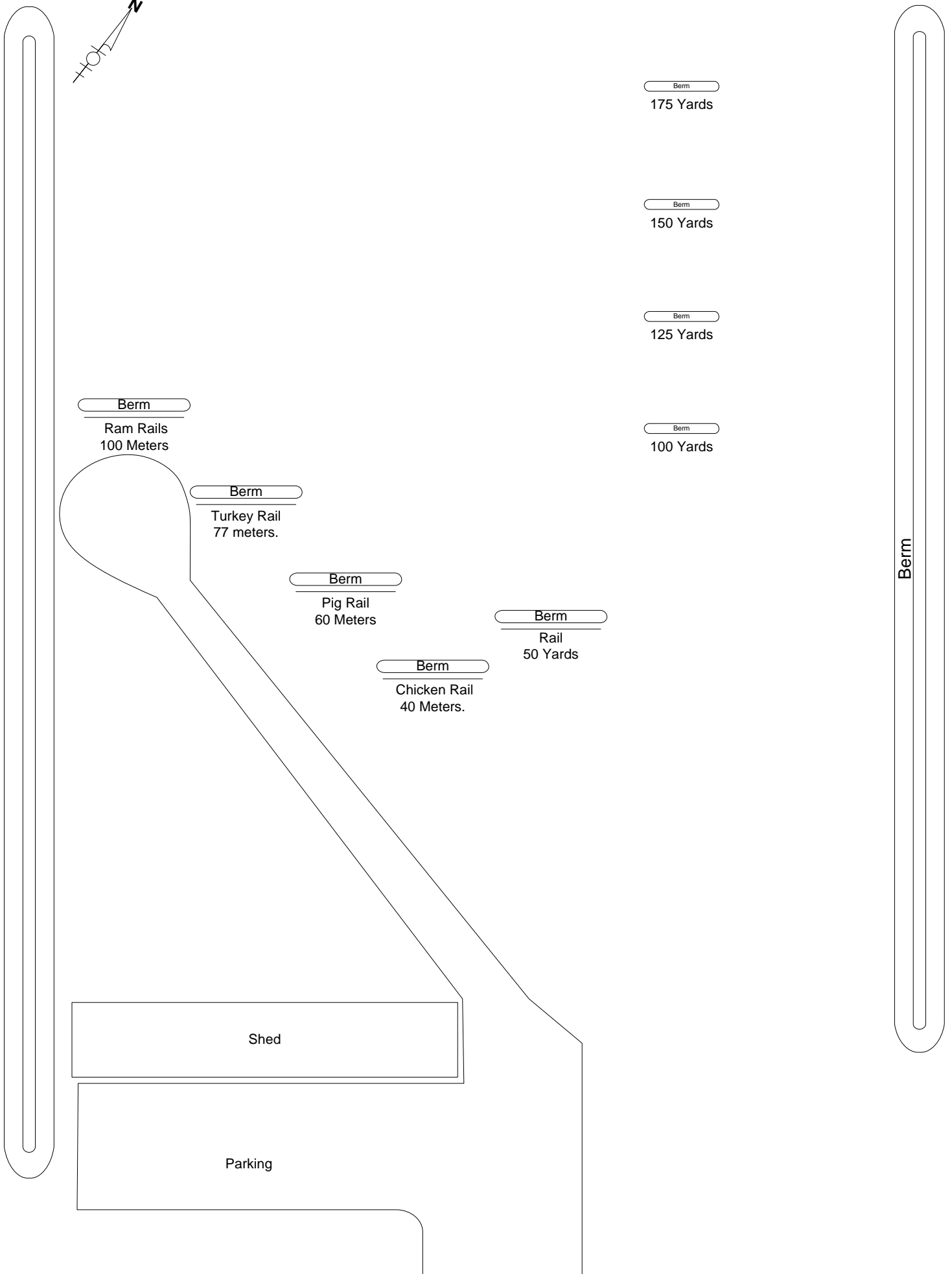
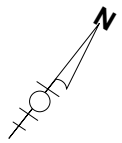
Date: 06-27-2011
Range 1

Benton Gun Club

The Silhouette Range

This range was constructed for Silhouette competitions. This range is restricted to firearms used for Silhouette Rim Fire, Air Rifle and Cowboy competitions.

Date: 06-27-2010
Range 2



Berm
Ram Rails
100 Meters

Berm
Turkey Rail
77 meters.

Berm
Pig Rail
60 Meters

Berm
Chicken Rail
40 Meters.

Berm
Rail
50 Yards

Berm
175 Yards

Berm
150 Yards

Berm
125 Yards

Berm
100 Yards

Berm

This range was constructed for any legal firearm unless restricted by the club Bylaws and/or Range Rules. There are targets boards at 50, 100 and 175 yards. This range will never hold any matches or organized events so as to always be open to the membership.



Berm

175 Yds.



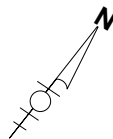
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100 Yds.



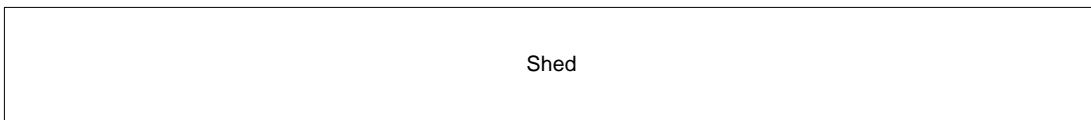
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50 Yds.

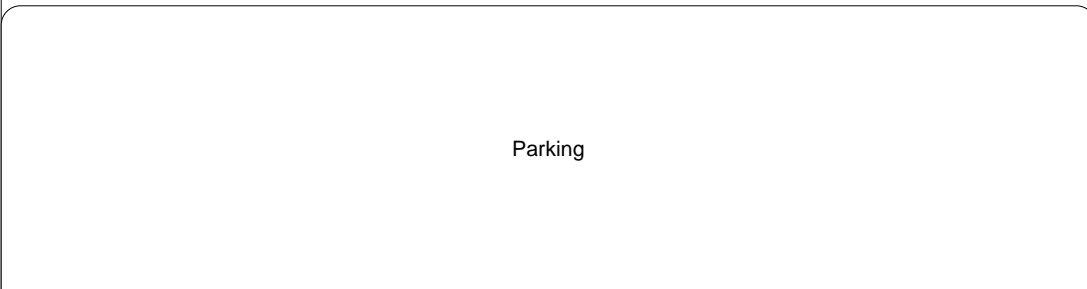


25 Yard
Target Board

10 Yard
Target Board



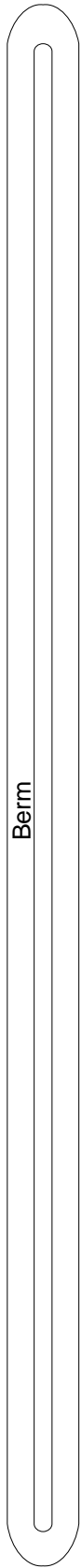
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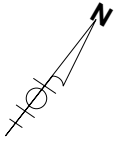
Parking



Berm



Berm

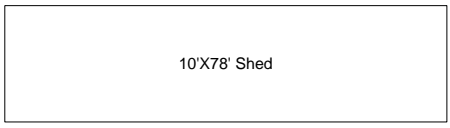


50 Yard
Target Board

25 Yard
Target Board

10 Yard
Target Board

10 Yard
Target Board



10'X78' Shed



Parking

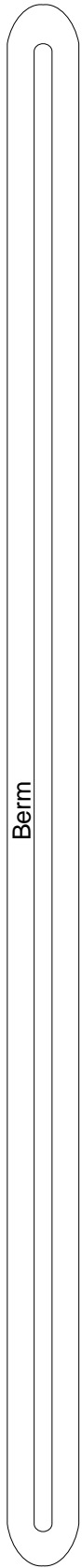


Benton Gun Club

The Short Pinking Range

This range was constructed for any legal firearm unless restricted by the club Bylaws and/or Range Rules. There are targets boards at 10, 25 and 50 yards. This range will never hold any matches or organized events so as to always be open to the membership.

Date: 06-27-2011
Range 4A



Berm

Target Board
100 Yds.

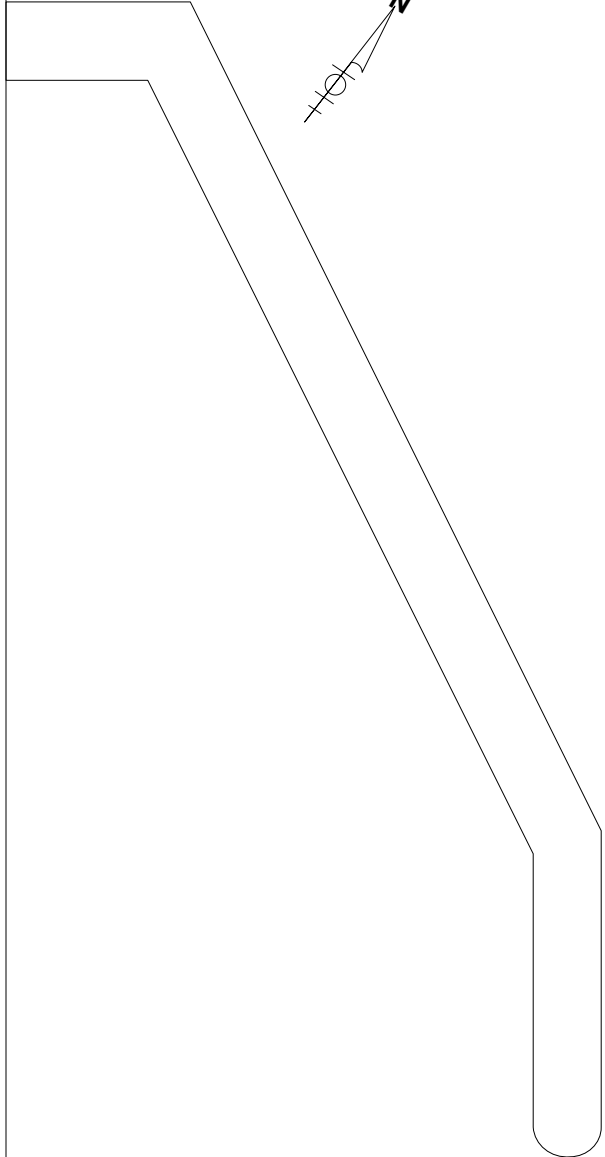
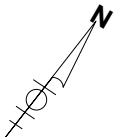
Target Board
50 Yds.

Target Board
25 Yds.

Gravel Area

Shed

Parking

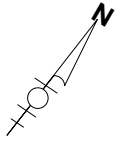


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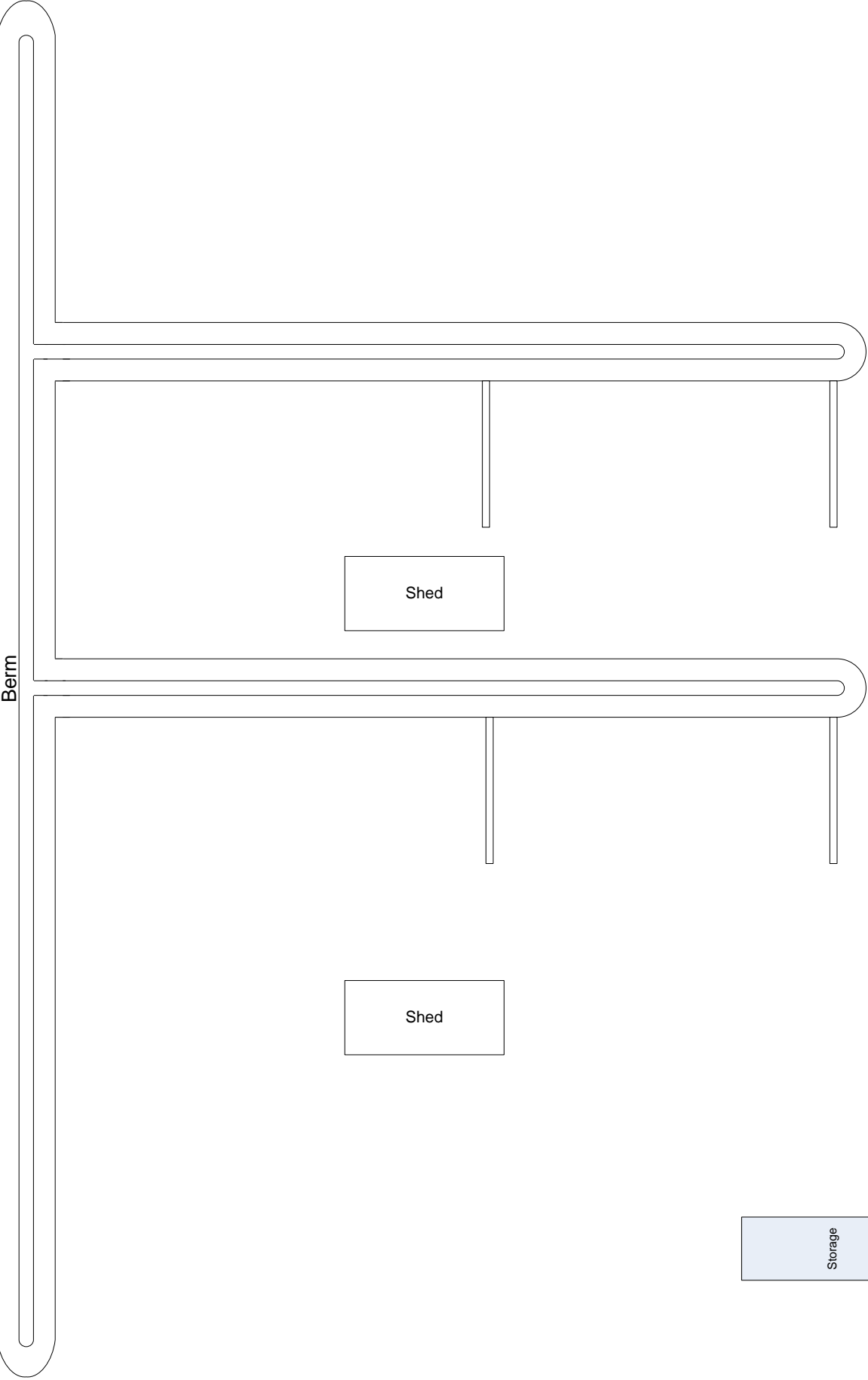
The General Rifle Range

This range was constructed for general rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting and any legal firearm may be used on this range unless restricted by the Bylaws and/ or Range Rules.

Date: 06-27-2011
Range 4B



Berm



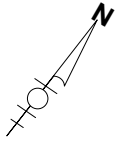
○ Flag Pole

Benton Gun Club

The Action Range

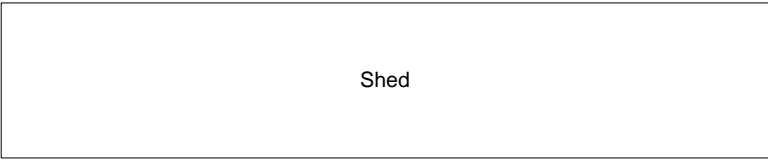
This range was constructed for the Action Shooting Sports and has been divided into individual ranges. Firearms used on this range are not restricted to caliber or gauge so long as they are in full compliance with all Benton Gun Club Range Rules and Bylaws.

Date: 06-27-2011
Range 5



RAILS

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Shed

Berm

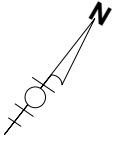
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Benton Gun Club

The Falling Plate Range

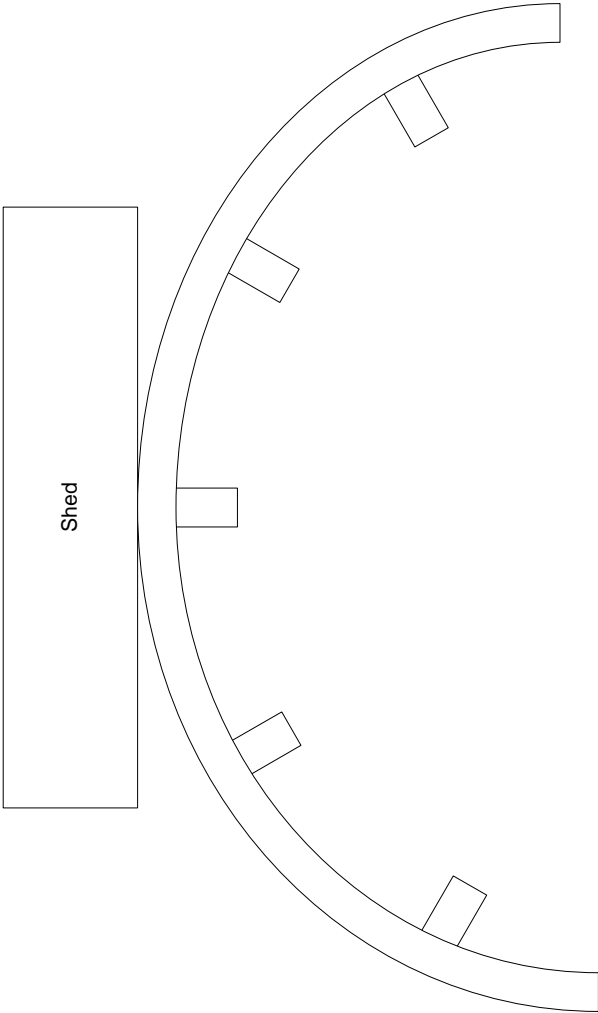
This range was constructed for falling plate matches and has 2 double plate rails and two auto reset plate racks. Concrete shooting pads are placed at 15, 17.5, 20, 25 and 30 yards. No rifles or long range pistols may be used on this range. No center fire rifle cartridges are to be used on this range.

Date: **06-27-2011**
Range **6**



□ □
Target Post
40 yds

□ □
Target Post
25 yds



Berm

Benton Gun Club

The Shotgun Range

This range was constructed for shotgun shooting only. Shot size must be #4 or smaller. Buckshot and slugs may not be used on this range. No pistol or rifles are to be used on this range.

Date: 06-27-2011

Range 7

BENTON GUN CLUB INC. RANGE RULES

PRACTICE SAFETY ***** PRACTICE SAFETY ***** PRACTICE SAFETY

1. All actions must be opened and firearms grounded when anyone is downrange of the firing line, or racked upon request of any shooter. Check, recheck and verify that no one is down range before shooting begins. This is your responsibility as member!
2. A "RANGE OFFICER" will be designated at any organized match and shall give range commands for safe and orderly range operation.
3. Firing is permitted only at targets on the target boards or stands, both of which must be directly in front of Club approved and provided backstops. Shotguns firing #4 common or smaller shot are excluded from this rule. Firing at objects or targets placed on the ground or where bullets will not strike the approved backstop is prohibited. Every effort must be made to prevent a ricochet.
4. Shotgun firing #4 common or smaller shot may be fired at aerial targets, provided the direction is downrange and shot DOES NOT fall on another range which is separated by a safety berm.
5. Firing at glass targets is prohibited. Cans may be used as targets when set on stands directly in front of Club backstops, but must be picked up immediately after firing.
6. Some ranges have restrictions as to type of firearms that maybe fired at certain type of backstops. Please see Bylaws.
7. Shooters will NOT continue to use ammunition which will damage Club targets, target stands or target board supports. Do NOT place your targets materials over any of the upright supports. Do NOT place targets on top of target boards or upright supports.
8. There will be no informal shooting allowed on any range that is holding a scheduled match.
9. Shooters will clear the target boards of their targets upon completion of firing, and keep the range clean of their trash.
10. The range gate must be locked at all times except during work days, match days or safety range orientations.
11. Per our "Bylaws" the range is for use by Club members or guests accompanied by a Club member. The only exceptions are Club matches and Club sponsored events which are open to the public. Your range key is NOT to be loaned to a non-Club member. (Spouses excepted).
12. No alcohol is permitted on the firing line. Shooters wishing to consume alcoholic beverages must be finished with firing for the day and may NOT shoot again after consuming alcoholic beverages. Violators may be suspended by the Match Director until the next Club meeting. If alcohol is consumed, **THE CONTAINERS MUST BE REMOVED FROM CLUB PROPERTY.**
13. Eye and ear protection is strongly recommended when on the firing line, such protection is mandatory when specified by a Match Director and or program.
14. No FULLY automatic weapons may be fired in the FULLY automatic mode.
15. No vehicles may be driven or parked on the concrete firing lines.
16. No hunting is allowed on the Benton Gun Club, Inc. property