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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

February 2010

Secretary/Treasurer Position Open

Bryan Hendricks has resigned as secretary/treasurer as of January 28. Rex Gismond has graciously volunteered to help out (briefly) until we elect someone else. We will accept nominations and elect someone for the position at the March club meeting. (Note: at the February meeting we thought we would have to wait until April to elect the new secretary/treasurer, but that is incorrect. We can accept nominations and hold the vote at the March meeting.)

Range and Match News

Range 4A is officially open! We hope you enjoy using it, and please be sure to let us know what you think of it.

In other news, the motion from last month to spend \$3,599.00 to upgrade the target posts on Range 3 and Range 4B has been withdrawn. The contractor had to bow out due to other commitments, and the next nearest bid was over \$2,000.00 higher. This motion will be submitted at a later time.

In match news, a motion was made, seconded and passed to move the March 27 IDPA match to March 20 at 3:00 p.m. (There's a regional match on the 27th that conflicted with our match.)

Also in match news, the January three-gun match was cancelled due to weather. This match will be rescheduled at a future date.

And finally, there was some discussion at the February meeting about range security. George Toney proposed keeping the range gate closed at all times, even on match days. It would be a hassle, but it's something we might have to look at. We also discussed revisiting the idea of erecting a fence between the road and range one. No motions were made, this was just discussion and is being presented here for information purposes. Paul Stiedle encourages the match directors and all club members to give us their input. As always, we want to hear from you.

Five-Year Planning Meeting Held

The five-year strategic planning committee held its first meeting on January 28. The ideas they discussed included finishing range one, building a clubhouse, getting power and water to the range, and paving the road on the range. However, they very much want to hear from YOU. We would like you to write down the top five things, in order, that you want the club to focus on over the next five years. Email your list to George Craig at craig@artistotle.net, or mail it to the club P. O. box,

attention "Five-Year Committee." The next meeting of this committee will be held at the Western Sizzlin' in Benton on March 1 at 7:00 p.m.

NRA/ILA Donation Motion

The club gets a small commission from each NRA membership and renewal that is handled through the club. Each year we entertain a motion to donate these commissions to the NRA/ILA. The commission amount this year is \$2,800.00. The motion to make the donation was made, seconded and passed, but will require a follow-up vote at the March club meeting.

New Range Phone Number

The number for the club information line has changed. You can now get club information, range status, or leave messages for us at 501-332-5558 or 877-332-5558.

New Website Feature

Our website, bentongunclub.org, now features a forum, for discussing anything related to the club. There are separate areas for each match. You'll find a link on the front page of the site.

Any Day Is A Work Day

There's no reason to wait for an official work day to help keep the range in shape. 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.

Range property continues to be destroyed on all ranges. Club members are reminded that they are equal owners of club property, and this continued destruction is costing all club members. If you see someone destroying club property please get a license plate number and contact one of the club officers.

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Range and Club Information Hotline.....501-332-5558

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

PresidentPaul Stiedle (517-0756)
Vice-PresidentGeorge Craig (351-4948)
Secretary-Treasurer.....OPEN
Range & Safety OrientationJames Squires (847-2147)

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.

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).

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.

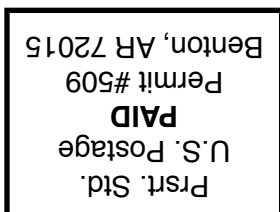
New Members

We welcomed 30 new members at the February meeting. They are Cheryl Craig, Wayne Giesbrecht, James Mullenax, William Hudman, Paula Ronza, Lonnie Morrow, Dustin Deaton, Tony Gober, Archie Simmons, James Pierce, Daniel Rucker, Robert Bellamy, Jason Ronza, Jerry Burgess, Jesse George, Culley Majors, Kent Greer, Kelly Greer, Daniel Headrick, Steven Brooks, Craig Bratton, Fletcher Allen, Robert Haynie, Thomas Browning, John Menard, Brian Giovannini, James Blevins, Alan York, Chris Holmes, and Michael Littleton. 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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