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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

January 2010

Range and Match News

Range 4A is complete except for the target boards. If all goes well, this range should be open by February 1.

In other news, Patrick Holsted presented contractor quotes for upgrading the target posts on Range 3 (Plinking range) and Range 4B (Benchrest range), as described in last month's newsletter. The work will entail inserting 4x4 steel tubing 18" into the ground, into which 4x4 wood posts will be inserted. Target boards will be added on Range 4B at 25, 50 and 100 yards. The bid for both ranges was \$3599. The motion was seconded and passed, and a confirmation vote will be required at the February meeting. There was also much discussion about the durability of this new system and consistency with the target systems on the other ranges.

A motion was made to donate \$30.00 to the Arkansas Sheriffs' Youth Ranch. The motion was seconded and passed.

The approved motion from last month to research adding swinger targets to Range 3 has been retracted due to safety concerns regarding potential ricochets from the metal targets.

Paul reported that four contractors have been chosen to fulfill the range maintenance contract (see last month's newsletter for details). They are all club members, and will begin work on a weekly rotating basis on January 31.

Also, George Craig reported that the five-year strategic planning committee (approved at last month's meeting and described in the December newsletter) has not had any meetings yet.

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.

January Three-Gun Match

The club will hold a tactical three-gun match on January 30 at the range. This will be an action-style pistol, rifle and shotgun match. Shooters will use all three guns for most of the stages, but some of them might be rifle- or shotgun-only stages. The rules and CoFs are posted on the club forum at <http://bentongunclub.org/smf/index.php?topic=173.0>. Please note that ranges 1, 4B, and 5 will be closed on January 29 for match setup.

Message From the Vice-President

As your new Vice-President, I would like to give you a little information on my shooting background. I have

been around firearms all my life. My father was an NRA life member and instructor, so I started at a very early age. I have been a competitive shooter since the age of 12. I know and understand how important it is to start our young people out with correct manner and training in shooting. I was lucky enough to become a member of the Arkansas State High Power Rifle team as a junior shooter, remained on that team as a senior shooter for ten years, and attended the National Matches at Camp Perry for ten years. If you have not been to Camp Perry, I highly recommend the trip for any shooter. As a college student, I was a member of the Arkansas Tech Rifle team. After becoming a law enforcement officer, I became involved in practical police shooting and have attended the National Practical Police Championship matches several times. I retired from the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office in 2004 after 23 years of service and worked 10 years as an officer with the West Memphis Police Department. I am currently a Federal Court Security Officer for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas.

The Benton Gun Club is on track to being one of the finest gun clubs in the mid-south. To make that mark, we must all work together for the best of the club. In the last several years we have had several major construction projects on the ranges and still have some construction to be done. These projects, whether on the range of your choice or another range, are important to all members. I am willing to work with all members to see improvements made to the ranges and benefit to all members.

I look forward to working with everyone in the club. If I can be of any assistance to you, please call or make contact with me and I will do the best that I can to help you.

Be safe and good shooting. –George W. Craig, Vice-President, Benton Gun Club

New Website Feature

Our website, bentongunclub.org, now features a forum, for discussing anything related to the club. There

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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)
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Range Maintenance Officer.....Bob Elrod (778-2165)
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are separate areas for each match. You'll find a link on the front page of the site.

Membership Renewal Notice

It's membership renewal time. Please keep the following information in mind:

1) 2010 renewals were mailed out by the end of October 2009. If you didn't receive yours please call the Club phone and leave your name and address.

2) The label on your newsletter will show the status of your club membership: "NS9" after your name means that you have not had your Range and Safety orientation and you will NOT receive a 2010 renewal until this is

done. A "9" after your name means that the club has not yet received your 2010 renewal as of the print date of the newsletter. A "10" after your name means that the Club HAS received your 2010 renewal and your club membership is in good standing.

3) If you check "YES" on your renewal form concerning email, that means that you elect to go to the club web site and read the club newsletters there, instead of having it mailed to you. We will no longer be delivering the newsletter via email.

The gate lock was changed on January 11, 2010.

5) Any member that does not renew before the February 8 club meeting will have to rejoin as a new member and will be required to pay the \$100.00 range maintenance fee.

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.

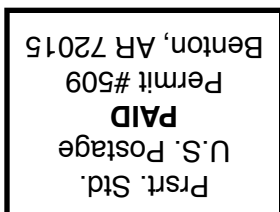
New Members

We welcomed 26 new members at the January meeting. They are Benton Tipps, Michael Carter, Dick Heil, Allen Oates, Joe Naramore, Timothy Staley, Roy Spann, David Rhoads, James Milford, Earl Smith, Donald Walker, Phillip Jones, Jim Sloan, Luke Rogers, Rick McNeill, Dawn Creekmore, Kenneth Boheler, John Arellanes, James Tramel, Floyd Adams, Tracy Trusty, Cliff Bordon, Ron Faubion, Robert Brady, Tim Woolford and Nicholas Chudolij. 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.



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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