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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

March 2011

Range and Match News

A date has now been set for a meeting with the Central Arkansas Gun Club (we identified them as “Central Arkansas Rifle Association” in last month’s newsletter, but we’re told that is incorrect) concerning their commitment to contribute up to \$20,000.00 to the Benton Gun Club for the construction of target carriers for range 1. Club president Paul Stiedle and vice-president George Craig will meet with them on April 17 at 2:00 p.m. on Camp Robinson Range 13.

We’re also pleased to report that the range road conditions are vastly improved. We had 1,000 tons of gravel installed and spread out. The work was paid for out of the range maintenance fund at a cost of \$14,113.36.

In other range news, the trauma kit storage boxes have been painted and will be installed on ranges 1, 3 and 4 once the red crosses have been added. If all goes according to plan, they should be in place by the time you read this.

Also in range news, a motion was made to purchase two additional 40-foot Conex containers for ranges 1 and 6 at a cost not to exceed \$7,000.00. The motion was amended to place one of the units near range 5 instead of range 6. The unit currently on range 5 will be moved near it so that an exterior storage space can be created between them. (At a future date the space between the units will be fenced in with rolling gates, but that expense is not part of this motion.) The motion was seconded and passed but will require a follow-up vote at next month’s meeting.

Also in range news, there was additional discussion about the shooting distance for range 1, based on the planned location for the target pits at 575 yards. The NRA does allow some variance, but not as much as 25 yards. It was reported that shooting at reduced-size targets a range of 500 yards is permissible. We also discussed the possibility of moving the firing position back 25 yards.

In match news, the “introduction to trap shooting” match held on February 27 was a great success. We had 27 shooters and we even came out ahead on expenses. A proposal is being assembled for building a regulation trap facility and will be presented at a future club meeting.

And finally, a follow-up vote was held on last month’s motion to purchase target materials for the multi-gun match. This will include five flash targets at \$275.00 each, four digital flash targets at \$600.00 each, and 20 lollipop targets. The total for all will be \$3,100.00. The follow-up vote was successful and this motion is now officially passed.

March Odds and Ends

Ron Matlock, Saline County Extension agent and representative for the county 4-H youth group, made a plea to club members for assistance purchasing equipment for their youth shooting programs. A motion was made to donate the \$2,606.00 we received in NRA renewal commissions to their group. The motion was seconded and passed but will require a follow-up vote at next month’s meeting.

A motion was made for a one-time extension of the membership renewal grace period to after the April club meeting, due to the delay in delivery of the January and February newsletters. After discussion it was pointed out that such a change is not permitted under the current bylaws, so the motion was withdrawn.

A club member reported that some other shooters picked up their weapons and pointed them downrange while he was retrieving his targets. Whoever did this, SHAME ON YOU! Not only is it against range rules, it’s dangerous and downright stupid. All club members are asked to report any such offenses to a club officer. If you can get a name or at least a license plate number, that would help.

The Benton Gun Club was notified that we were the number 4 NRA recruiter in 2010.

The 2010 club income/expense and year-end balance sheet were presented to the membership. Motions to accept both items were made, seconded and passed.

Lastly, the club members were asked if they wanted to make a donation to the Arkansas Sheriff’s Youth Ranch. No one made a motion, so no vote was taken.

More Bylaws Committee Meetings Scheduled

The Bylaws Committee will hold two additional meetings, on March 31 and April 14, at 6:30 p.m. at Western Sizzlin’ in Benton to continue discussing proposed changes to our bylaws. All club members are welcome to attend these meetings.

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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.....Cheryl Craig
Range & Safety OrientationJames Squires (847-2147)
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If you would like to propose a change to the club bylaws, please send it to the club P.O. box or email us. You must include the specific wording of the change you want made to the bylaws. That is, quote the text of the section you want changed, amended with your proposed update. As soon as they are ready all proposed changes will be made available on the club web site.

Range Safety Officer Class Held

We had ten students attend the range safety officer/ chief range safety officer classes on March 5 and 6 at the Comfort Inn in Bryant. Just over half of them became CSROs and are now certified to train new RSOs. Let one of the club officers know if you are interested, and we can put you in touch with one of them.

BGC T-Shirts For Sale

We are taking orders for Benton Gun Club t-shirts. If you are interested please go to our forum at <http://bentongunclub.org/smf/index.php?topic=642.0> for more information, or

send an e-mail to Pat Holsted at patrick@shooters101.com, or call him at 501-766-4942.

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 a club officer.

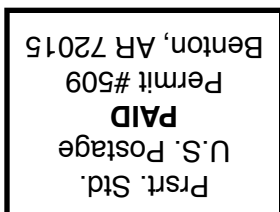
New Members

We welcomed 43 new members at the March meeting. They are Jerome Williams, Buddy Lattin, Payton Baker, David Stills, Mark Ward, Marilyn Cheatham, Norman Beth, Stan Brown, Ed Seamands, Scott Smith, Peter Offerman, John Woodruff, Jarred Nallet, Cody Ferguson, James Dye, Andrew Woodard, James Stephens, Walter Hart, Mark Greeleaf, Jr., John Pense, Mark Couch, Todd Gilmore, David Lewallen, Jonathan Miller, Randy Smith, David Smith, Ben Toman, Paul Hurley, Shannon McAlister, Jeffrey Clements, Mike Hart, Brian Barnett, Christina Jurdan, Samuel Milazzo, Jeremy Davis, Paul Wynne, Craig Bratton, Bill Mathews, Glen Ward, Janet Richmond, Andrew German, Robert Ryan, and Jeffrey Plunkett. 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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