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Benton Gun Club Newsletter November 2011

New Meeting Location

At the November club meeting a motion was made and passed to continue holding our monthly club meetings at Peaceful Haven Funeral Home, 322 North Market, in Benton. We will be meeting at this new location throughout 2012.

Range and Match News

Cheryl Craig reported that the female concealed carry license class held on Saturday, October 29 had twelve students. She said we have some hotshot lady shooters who are looking to put our IDPA course to the test!

Paul Stiedle reported that the road has now been graded from Mt. Olive Cutoff to our gate, and added that there is nothing new to report at this time about obtaining additional land from Alcoa.

In other news, the Promatic clay target thrower for the shotgun range has been received and assembled and is awaiting testing.

In match news, Greg Sullivan made a motion to hold a regional silhouette match in April of 2012. This will be a high power rifle and small bore rifle silhouette match, with current NRA match rules in effect. Ranges 1 and 2 will be utilized from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on April 21 (Range 1) and April 22 (Range 2). Setup will occur on April 20 from noon to 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$55 for each day, and the match directors will be Hugh Burnett for high power and Harold Smith for small bore. The motion was seconded and passed.

In other match news, Cheryl Craig reported on George Craig's behalf that the Old Friends match for November and December have been cancelled. The match will resume in January.

2012 Match Schedule Approved

The club match director's meeting was held on October 17 and had a record turnout. It's good to see so much interest in hosting quality matches for the Benton Gun Club.

The finalized schedule was presented to the club at the November club meeting. The members voted on and approved each match, and the new schedule will appear in next month's Windage and on the club website. We hope you'll come out and give some of our matches a try in 2012!

Range Maintenance Opening

The club is looking for a new range maintenance person to replace one who is resigning. The job requires one week per month for approximately four to six hours.

The pay is \$100.00. Interested applicants (club members only, please) should contact Paul Stiedle at 501-517-0756. This job will begin in January.

Paul adds: "A big THANK YOU to all of the range maintenance guys! I hear a lot of compliments on the appearance of our range. Please keep up the good work."

By-Laws Distributed

Paul Stiedle reminded the membership that the recently updated club bylaws have been posted on the club website and have been sent to all members with a valid email address. You may print a copy for your records, or you can pick up a hard copy at the club meetings. Those members who do not attend meetings may request to have a copy of the bylaws sent by regular mail.

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.

NRA Membership Confirmation

Club members are reminded that if their NRA membership information changes, they need to send a copy of their NRA membership card or a copy of the mailing label from the NRA magazine to the club P. O. box. If not they will be sent an NRA renewal form for the following club membership year.

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.

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Club Meetings

The monthly club meetings are held at Peaceful Haven Funeral Home, 322 N. Market, in Benton.

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Range property continues to be destroyed on all ranges. Paul Stiedle reported at the November club meeting that our gate sign has been shot multiple times. 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.

Change Your Address? Let Us Know!

If you change your mailing address please let us know. Some membership renewal notices and newsletters have been returned to us marked "Moved, no forwarding address." Each returned item costs the club 44 cents. To ensure that you keep receiving the newsletter and stay informed on club activities, please file a "change of address" request with the post office when you move, and let the club secretary know, too.

The same goes for changed email addresses: please send us note when you switch email addresses so that we can update our records. Thanks!

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).

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, may result in revocation of your membership.

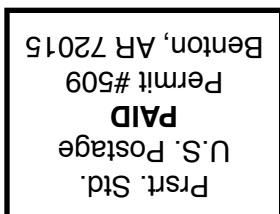
New Members

We welcomed seven new members at the November meeting. They are Sam Ault, Kenneth Floyd, David Hardison, Robert Harp, Mark Holley, Pham Liem, Randy Outlaw, and Jeremy Sears. 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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