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Benton Gun Club Newsletter

October 2011

Note! Meeting Location Change

At the October club meeting a motion was made and passed to hold our November club meeting at Peaceful Haven Funeral Home, 322 North Market, in Benton. As discussed last month, we are looking to move our meetings to a new location with better facilities. The cost for using Peaceful Haven would be the same that we pay now, but with more parking and a nicer facility with bathrooms. We are meeting there in November to see how we like it, but there is no commitment.

Range and Match News

Cheryl Craig would like to remind everyone that the club will sponsor a member spouse/female concealed carry license class on Saturday, October 29, on Range Six, beginning at 8 a.m. Lunch will be served. Call 351-7294 to reserve your seat for the class.

Paul Stiedle reported that he will contact the Saline County judge about having Mt. Olive Cutoff graded to smooth out the ruts, and added that there is nothing new to report at this time about obtaining additional land from Alcoa. In match news, Paul reported that the Princess match held on October 1 had a great turnout of participants.

A follow-up vote was held on Clay Odom's motion from last month to purchase a Promatic clay target thrower for the shotgun shooters, cost not to exceed \$5,500.00. The machine would be purchased from Promatic of Gower, Missouri, and it would be used on Range Seven. The motion was confirmed and is now passed.

In match news, a motion was made and seconded to charge a minimum fee of \$5.00 for all matches. There was much discussion. Some were worried that large families would not be able to afford the extra cost, and others were concerned that raising fees to this level would effectively eliminate one of the key benefits of club membership, namely discounted match fees. A vote was then held and the motion failed.

Vice-President George Craig, chairman of the 5-year planning committee, reported that the committee met again on October 3rd. They discussed getting bids to clear land for a pavilion and parking lot at the top of the hill, on land northwest of the water tower, which is where water and electricity would come from if we ever build a clubhouse or require water and electricity someday. They also discussed leveling the land across from Range Three for additional parking for overflow traffic during the IDPA matches. More information will be forthcoming.

Club News

Paul Stiedle asked for a motion from the floor to hold a follow-up vote on last month's motion to have the club establish a fiscal year ending on October 31. This is to accommodate removing the land acquisition funds from the general fund prior to next year's renewal dues being deposited. This proposal does not conflict with any club by-laws. The motion was confirmed and is now passed.

We are also pleased to report that club member and junior shooter Joe Nolen was voted "Shotgun Sportsman of the Year" by the club's shotgun shooters. Congratulations, Joe!

In other club news, a member asked about having a concealed-carry class for club members in the future, but no motions or plans were put forth at this time.

2012 Officers Elected

Each year at the October club meeting we elect a new president and vice-president to serve the club in the coming year. Last month Paul Stiedle was nominated for President and George Craig was nominated for Vice-President. There were no other nominations, and both nominees accepted. A motion was made to install the nominees for these positions. The motion was seconded and passed. (Per the recently revised by-laws, the position for Secretary-Treasurer will now be voted on in May.)

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.

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Club Meetings

The November 14, 2011 club meeting will be held at Peaceful Haven Funeral Home, 322 N. Market, in Benton.

Officers

PresidentPaul Stiedle (517-0756)
Vice-PresidentGeorge Craig (351-4948)
Secretary-TreasurerCheryl Craig (602-2304)
Range & Safety OrientationJames Squires (847-2147)
Youth Director.....Culley Majors (870-260-2824)

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.

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.

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!

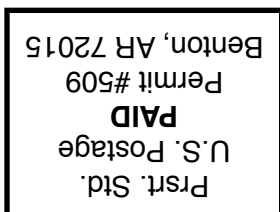
New Members

We welcomed 23 new members at the October meeting. They are Brad Bridges, Thomas Burnette, Lee Chavis, Jr, Phillip Depriest, Jason Dodd, Brandon Dostert, Richard Fleming, Jason Freeman, Jason Gavin, Todd Gavin, Jeff Jacobs, Todd Hall, Kenneth Hargis, Robert Johnson, Shannon Leach, Michael Lowry, Joe Pranger, Jr, Rickey Simpson, Richard Straley, Richard Thomas, David Virden, Matthew Wells, and Dustin Wheeler. 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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