

Gun Club inviting public to attend annual meeting

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The Union County Gun Club is inviting the public to attend its annual membership meeting on Thursday, March 3, at 6 p.m. inside the Union County Recreation Sports Center at 519 Industrial Boulevard, next to the Health Department on the Glenn Gooch Bypass.

"We will bring the public and membership up to date as to the progress of acquiring our much-anticipated target range," Gun Club President Paul Clark said.

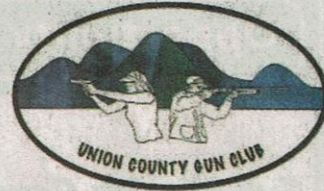
This will be a return for the annual meeting, which did

not take place last year due to concerns over community spread of COVID-19.

Members will be voting on several changes to the Gun Club's bylaws in the meeting. These changes can be found highlighted in red at <http://www.unioncountygunclub.com/>.

Currently, the club enjoys a membership of more than 260 people who have contributed their hard-earned money toward making the range a reality. Money has come by way of dues and donations to go toward the administration of the club and range when the time comes.

Charter members who have yet to pay their annual



dues this year will owe \$35 at the meeting, while new members can join for \$70, though meeting attendance is not necessary to join, as all dues can be paid online. Memberships confer voting privileges in the club.

The Gun Club formed in July 2017 with an enthusiastic group determined to establish a rifle/pistol range for residents. To date, their efforts have

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resulted in the U.S. Forest Service leasing to the Union County Government a 14-acre piece of public land off SR 180 to build the range.

And given the latest news that the Georgia Department of Natural Resources has agreed to increase passthrough federal Pittman-Robertson Act funding from 75% to 90%, the club's overarching goal appears to be

just on the horizon, with the project expected to be re-bid soon for construction likely this year.

For the annual meeting, the Gun Club is hoping to display range designs for public viewing. Key features include independently operated rifle and pistol ranges, sound abatement, full-size bathrooms, climate-controlled meeting and

supply rooms, ample parking and more.

In addition to hours specifically designated for Gun Club members, the public will have access to the range, which will also be able to host charity shoots as well as state-mandated training for law enforcement officers as required by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council.