

***CENTRAL KANSAS GUN CLUB  
OF RENO COUNTY, INC.  
PO Box 584, Hutchinson, Kansas 67501-0584  
February, 2018 Newsletter***

**Notice!! Annual memberships are due April 30. Between April 30 and May 15 there is an additional \$50 late fee. Renewal forms are in the March newsletter. After the drop dead date of May 15, you've lost your membership. Fair warning!**

**Quotation of the month:**

Writing of the .375 Holland and Holland Magnum rifle:

“Undoubtedly one of the deadliest weapons in existence. I've had five of these rifles – two doubles and three magazines – and have fired more than 5,000 rounds of .375 magnum ammunition at game. One of them accounted for more than 100 elephant and some 411 buffalo, besides rhino, lions and lesser game.”

From: *African Rifles and Cartridges* by:

John Taylor 1904 – 1969. Professional African Hunter.

**Dues Increase:** The Board has, reluctantly, voted to raise dues to \$125. This has not been done lightly. However, the financial comfort zone we have operated within for some time now has begun to narrow. Part of this is due to the economy, of course, but other factors are in play as well. Range maintenance is a constant cost issue, and as we look down the road at coming projects we find that if we continue with present dues we will see our ready cash dwindle. We do not want to return to the bad old days of scrimping along month-to-month. Nor do we want to tap our Certificates of Deposit. Be assured that we are in no financial distress by any means, but the Board feels that a \$25 increase will help finances without imposing an undue burden on any member. We constantly try to provide range improvements leading to a great club for all the members. Dues are how we do that.

**Speaking of Which:** as we enter this membership renewal cycle at a slightly higher dues rate the renewal and membership application forms will change a bit, with a couple of new things to watch for. Consider this a heads up early alert about this. Old habits die hard, so for the sake of both the Secretary and the Treasurer don't overlook the new \$125 figure. Renewal notice and forms will be in the March newsletter as usual. But because this is a new renewal process and we are doing it on a trial basis **do not send your dues in until April 1 this year!!** Please!! Moreover, the forms will now contain the option to pay dues electronically. **This is not mandatory!! OK?** You can still pay dues as you always have if you have no way to use the new option. Be aware that there will be *two* payment option lines: one for those paying on time and one for those having to pay the late penalty. This is not complicated or scary. Just be sure to read the form. To recap:

**Dues are now \$125.**

**There is now an optional electronic payment method.**

**Do not send dues until April 1. That will foul things up badly!**

Change is not always fun, folks, but this should be painless. We will all get through this together.

**Proposed Projects:** here are some examples of the nuts and bolts of range upkeep, maintenance and improvement for the near future to help put the dues increase in perspective. Executive Officer Dennis Chambers ramrods all this stuff and does so while being a careful custodian of the club funds. Here is Dennis's list of *proposed* projects for 2019 and just beyond. He has mentioned this order of doing things, subject to change.

**These should be done this year**

**Replace 50-yard berm on sight-in range**

**Targets for Cowboy Action, rimfire and 3-gun.**

**Cowboy range props.**

**Action Pistol Lane 2 Canopy.**

**Action Pistol Falling Plate Canopy.**

**Asphalt around clubhouse.**

**Remove tree on Action Pistol Lane 2.**

**Repair protection berm north end of Cowboy Action range.**

**These should be done as money is available**

**Electronic gate key system.**

**In-Motion target system.**

**Tractor with mower and bucket.**

**New .22 range.**

Dennis has made cost estimates, but they do not appear here only because costs vary widely over time and Dennis should not be held responsible for estimates that might change. We will say, however, that in total these costs exceed \$50,000 over the near future. These are some of the things, but not the only things, that justify the dues increase. If you see Dennis around the range (he practically lives here) a small thank you might be in order.

**Range Maintenance Building:** The new building is up and ready to be finished out. Executive Officer Dennis Chambers and member Matt Bachmann have taken this in hand and report that the electric system will be installed first followed by finishing the concrete floor with an epoxy coating for ease of cleaning. Dennis reports that some members have already donated power tools, work tables and other items with which to furnish the shop. Many thanks to those folks. If you have anything of this nature to donate, please contact Dennis at (620) 664 – 7004 or e-mail him at [casttackle@cox.net](mailto:casttackle@cox.net).

**Work Day:** Dennis has scheduled our next work day for March 23 from 8 AM till noon. You are reminded that Dennis is now posting projects or work that needs done on the message board in the Cowboy Action area. Check this board and coordinate with Dennis if you want to help out but can't make the scheduled work day. This will be much appreciated.

**Hunter Education:** Members Frank Triffet and Terry Dean will conduct their next Hunter Ed class March 16 at the clubhouse and north ranges from 8 AM to 5 PM. Anyone needing the class should contact either Frank at (620) 665-7851 or Terry at (620) 966 – 5052 or e-mail him at [trdeal5357@yahoo.com](mailto:trdeal5357@yahoo.com).

**Concealed Carry Class:** member Joe McCarville will teach another

CCW class at the clubhouse March 9 from 8 AM to 5 PM. Bring your sidearm, appropriate ammunition and a sack lunch. Cost is \$75, but Joe drops it to \$65 for club members, law enforcement and military folks. If you do not yet have a sidearm Joe usually has one you can qualify with, but do check that with Joe when you sign up. You can reach Joe at joediane\_mccarville@hotmail.com. Don't forget to include the underscore line in Joe's e-mail address.

**Shotgun:** Pretty slow this time of year. Larry Meadows reports that the recent water sealing job on the trap houses went well with the exception of a leak on one of the trap machine posts in the pit. The contractors came out immediately and sealed it, explaining that they simply overlooked it first time around. Nice job by the contractors. Well done.

**High Power:** Harold Mauck reports competition will resume Saturday, March 30 with a non-approved April Fools Day Match. Match description is a series of question marks, so be prepared for some fun. John Heger will run the match. Work day to follow. For information contact John at (316) 209 – 5466 or Harold at (620) 662- 2012.

**Action Pistol:** Greg Dick reports 4 shooters at the January 13 shoot due to chilly conditions.

- Feb. 10.            1.) Falling Plate Event.  
                         2.) Los Alamitos Event.  
                         3.) Barricade Event.  
                         4.) Moving Target Event ( Modified).

For information contact Greg at (620) 931-7492 or (620) 662-8141

**3-Gun:** Matches will resume shooting the third Sunday of the Month. Set up at 8:30 am, shooting at 10 am. Shooters should show up early to help with range set-up. For information contact Manuel "MC" Comacho at (316) 284-1357 or e-mail him at manuel@mcsportingarms.com.

**Cowboy Action:** On hold momentarily until some target costs can be

determined. Expect to be in action soon. For information contact Chairman Richard Colvard at (620) 727 – 4965 or e-mail him at richie\_reno45@yahoo.com.

**.22 Precision:** Resumes shooting March 10 at 8:30 AM and continues the second Sunday of every month. Jeremy Hitschmann runs the program. Contact him at (316) 288-9034 or e-mail him at jeremyhitschmann@gmail.com.

**Special Note:** Jeremy reports there will be no rimfire precision match on May 12 due to that being Mother's Day. We'll try to remind you as we go along, but it would be a good idea to mark your calendar now.

**.22 Fun Shoot:** Dennis Chambers reports three people shot the January 27 fun shoot. Next shoot will be February 24 and every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 8:30 am on the Cowboy and pistol ranges. Dennis advises Amos Pauley will run the February 24<sup>th</sup> shoot in Dennis's absence. For information contact Dennis at (620) 664 – 7004 or casttackle@cox.net.

**.22 Night Shoot:** Night shoots are held every second Tuesday (two times a month) at 6 PM at the Cowboy Action range. For information contact Dennis as noted above.

**Precision Rifle:** Shoots every third Saturday of the month at 8:30 am. Greg Krebaum runs the program, but be sure to check the club calendar and with Greg. Contact him at (620) 662-7515 or krebaum@sbcglobal.net.

**Nickerson High School Trap Team:** Travis Oden reports the team will resume shooting the 1<sup>st</sup> week of March and will shoot through June, plus qualification shoots. For information contact Travis at (620) 727-4187 or odentravis@hotmail.com.

**Reminder of NHS Fundraiser:** as detailed in last month's newsletter the Nickerson High School Trap Team and the Wild Turkey Federation will join to host a fundraiser for the team February 23 at the Moose Lodge, 1401 East First Street. Doors open at 5 PM. Don't miss this chance to support these young shooters and have a great evening in the process.

**4-H youth programs:** Ray Bartholomew reports they are shooting BB, Air Rifle and Air Pistol sessions on Sunday at their Haven location and are shooting BB at the CKGC clubhouse Tuesday evenings at 6 PM.. They will have Western Heritage practices at the Haven location for the months of January, February and March.

**Boy Scouts:** Matt Bachmann reports little activity at present. More later.

### **Notes From Yesteryear:**

“An elaborate program of Sunday shoots, providing a variety of tests for rifle and pistol marksmen, has been arranged by William Ruddick for members of the Hutchinson Rifle Club. The summer schedule opens next Sunday at the club's outdoor range, three and one half miles north of 30<sup>th</sup> Street on Lorraine. Since last fall efforts have been made to make the range more attractive. About 40 trees have been planted and the range and surrounding territory have been cleared according to a rough landscape pattern. Outdoor firing will continue from the 1<sup>st</sup> of April until the 12<sup>th</sup> of November. Few of the Sunday programs will be alike. The first shoot, April 2, will be for .30 caliber rifles, with 30 shots at the Army “A” targets from a distance of 200 yards. The shots will be fired from a prone position, ten from a standing position, five from a sitting position and five from a kneeling position. Members will compete for qualification medals and the Sears Trophy.

*The Hutchinson News, Wed., Mar 29, 1939, p. 2.*

**For Sale Items:** Anyone having items for sale or trade can send the specifics to Jerry Maxfield at [jrmax@cox.net](mailto:jrmax@cox.net) . If you have no computer please send the item(s) to the club's post office box (584) and they will get to the editor.

**Gun Shows:** These are the nearest ones for the immediate future.

As always, call ahead before making travel plans.

Feb. 23 & 24, Hutchinson. U.S. Weapons Collectors Show. Kansas State Fair Grounds. Sunflower Building. 2000 North Poplar Street. (563) 927 – 8176.

Feb. 23 & 24. Garden City. Sand & Sage Collectors Show. Finney County Fairgrounds. 209 Lake Avenue. (620) 315 – 2369.

Feb. 23 & 24. Salina. Salina Gun Show. Saline County Livestock & Expo Center. 900 Greeley. (785) 823 – 1747.

**NOTE TO CONCEALED CARRY PRACTITIONERS:**

Any show listing the contact number (563) 927-8176 is for R.K. Shows, Manchester, Iowa. They run most of the shows in this area. Be advised they have a no carry policy.

**Parting Shot:**

“.45 ACP. Because shooting twice is just plain silly.”

Attributed to Jeff Cooper 1920 – 2006.

Founder, Gunsite Academy

*Affiliations: National Rifle Association, Kansas State Rifle Assoc., Civilian Marksmanship Program*