

CENTRAL KANSAS GUN CLUB OF RENO COUNTY, INC.
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JANUARY 2007 NEWSLETTER

NEW MEMBERS: Please welcome Joseph McCarville, Tyson McHenry and Kenneth Thode. Membership now stands at 342, another all time high.

CLUBHOUSE CONSTRUCTION: Weather delays and the usual holiday excuses have stood in the way of building erection, but the builder yet again promises to get this finished up this month. We shall see....but the water well is completed. We are accepting volunteer labor for several aspects of the project, and such hours are recordable for Plank Owner status and eligible to work off 8-hour work commitments for new members. To volunteer to help with finish work, contact Jerry Maxfield at 620-663-8666. To volunteer with electrical installation, contact Leland Barnes at 620-662-3989, and to volunteer for HVAC or plumbing installation, contact Greg Dovel at 620-662-3355. Shameless plug: Greg has secured better than wholesale pricing thru his vendor, so if you have HVAC work you need done, you might consider Greg...

PLANK OWNER STATUS: Many thanks to Rex Simpson for contributions at Silver level and Dale Deines for contributions at the Platinum level. You also may join this group by contributing \$50 or 8 hours work for Silver status, \$100 or 16 hours for Gold status and \$200 or 24 hours work for Platinum status.

M1 GARAND RAFFLE: Photo of the rifle has now been posted on the home page of our website www.ckgc.org. Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25, and may be had by mailing funds to the club post office box or calling Harold Mauck at 620-662-7060. This is a pretty nice rifle and some of you are gonna be sorry you missed it.

THANK YOU #1: We have received a very nice thank you card from the local Boy Scouts for their recent use of our range facility.

THANK YOU #2: We have received a very nice thank you from the 4-H organization for letting them use our range for instructor training. They would like you to know that your club's cooperation "contributed directly to 160 adult / youth (junior) instructors being trained and 3,412 Kansas youth being involved in shooting sports last year" and that 4-H is "greatly appreciative of the clubs support and hope everyone realizes what a huge impact their support is having on the shooting sports in Kansas." They would also like to thank us for allowing them to provide firearms training to 312 kids on our facility in 2006. Perhaps it is we who should be thanking them. They work pretty closely with Chief Instructor Bill Dawes, who is also a 4-H instructor, so we ought to be thanking Bill as well.

4-H RANGE CLOSURE: Considering all that, presumably no one should object to the south half of our range being closed for their exclusive use all day on Saturday March 24 and until 12 Noon on Sunday March 25.

CCW TRAINING AT CKGC: Chief Instructor Bill Dawes will offer another concealed carry training class sometime next month, the date of which is still pending. For more information, contact Bill at 620-584-6440.

XO'S CORNER: Executive Officer Trey Owston would like you to know that the bad padlock at the gate is being replaced. Trey also states that we are having some incidences of targets being used that could be potentially offensive to members and/or visitors. If any member insists on using "bad guy" targets, please take these down when you are finished with them. In fact, members should always remove targets after they are finished with them to keep the range policed up and trash under control. Trey has work available for any new member needing to finish up their 8-hour work commitments, and is available at 620-621-6231.

SAFETY ADVISORY: The two bench rests that someone moved to the 600-yard line have been relocated to the plinking range because of concerns about diagonally shooting off the club property. These will be permanently installed there soon, and in the mean time are not to be moved off the plinking range.

WINTER PROGRAMS: Everything except Shotgun remains shut down until March. The 2007 High Power schedule is posted on the website (www.ckgc.org), and schedules for the other programs are pending. The Action Pistol schedule is completed but has not been posted yet; their first match will be March 11.

SHOTGUN PROGRAM: Still shooting every 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday at 1:00 PM, and every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from about 3:30 PM until light conditions fail or the supper dish is heard rattling. Weather permitting of course. They have ample opportunity for new folks to work off their mandatory 8-hour work commitments. Call Dennis Dester at 620-543-2746, Ken Ewing at 620-665-7525 or Steve Seltzer at 620-663-6980 for more information or for work commitment assignments.

COWBOY ACTION RANGE WIDENING: Your cooperation is requested as they work on widening one of their firing lanes, a project that will require zero expenditures of club funds, thank you very much. Schedule is pending at this time.

HPD RANGE CLOSURES: We have not received their 2007 schedule yet. Please be prepared to be flexible if you arrive and they are using the range.

BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS: A fine organization, they're have a fund raising effort selling tickets for a Gun-A-Week raffle, including Browning, Remington,

Benelli, CZ and Beretta rifles and shotguns, and all of these are dandies. Tickets are \$50 each and weekly drawings will start the first week of January '07. Contact Mike Christensen at 316-253-7221 (mchristensen@ksbbs.org), or send your check to Pass It On – Outdoor Mentors, Inc., ATTN Mike Christensen, 310 East 2nd Street, Wichita, KS 67202. Make your check payable to Pass It On – Outdoor Mentors, Inc.

NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION BANQUET: Their Hutch chapter has scheduled their 2007 fund raising event for Saturday February 10 at the American Legion Hall at 730 West 4th Ave. in Hutchinson. Social hour will start at 5:30 PM, dinner at 7:00 and live auction of sporting art and equipment and GUNS! will begin at 8:00. They will also have a variety of games, raffles and silent auction items. NWTF continues to work to re-establish and increase the wild turkey “herd” across the United States, with a heavy emphasis on local habitat. Judging by the wild turkeys wandering about our range at any given moment, they’re doing a whale of a job. NWTF also has a very active youth organization, works closely with Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and has a handicapped hunting program as well. Starting at \$40 for a single, \$50 for a couple and \$10 for Jakes ticket (age 17 & under), a variety of tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available, call Wade Baker at 620-728-0042 or email wadponbak@sbcglobal.net. Wade’s one of our members, too.....

FOR SALE: Contact Ken Ewing at 620-665-7525 if interested in a Mossberg M44US military training rifle, excellent condition with a magazine for \$200; a Beretta 391 trap gun with extra choke tubes, Carey closer, C&H mercury recoil reducer and fancy wood for \$950; and a Winchester Model 12 shotgun for \$175.

FOR SALE: DOCUMENTED M1903 SPRINGFIELD NATIONAL MATCH RIFLE WITH HUTCHINSON HISTORY: A gentleman in Arkansas has contacted us to offer members of this club first refusal for a limited time on a genuine NM Springfield rifle originally sold to Cleveland Wilson Stamey of Hutchinson. Stamey was a general contractor of residential and institutional buildings here in Hutchinson in the 1920’s thru 40’s, including the old school recently torn down to build the new Salvation Army facility, and passed on in the early 1950’s. The rifle has been examined by several nationally known experts on the M1903 rifle, and pronounced all original, and complete with the optional Lyman M48 rear sight that Springfield only installed on special request. Documentation from Springfield Research is included. The rifle is not cheap and at approximately \$3700 is admittedly priced at the top end of value, but you will look long and hard to find another in as nice, all original condition and as well documented, and prices on such are going up every day. “Cleve” Stamey was a member of the old Hutchinson Gun Club, a forerunner of our current organization, and this rifle almost certainly has seen match use at our range, back in the day when men were men, and the M1903 was the current service rifle and dominated high power rifle competition. If you might be a candidate for custody of such a piece, contact the club Secretary at 620-662-7060 or ckgcsec@cox.net and he will have the current owner get in touch with you. The club Secretary surely wishes he could!