

**CENTRAL KANSAS GUN CLUB OF RENO COUNTY, INC.**

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**FEBRUARY 2007 NEWSLETTER**

***NEW MEMBER:*** Please welcome Adam Harper to membership.

***RENEWAL PERIOD:*** Renewal forms will be sent out in next month's newsletter for those folk receiving the newsletter via U.S. mail, and posted on the website for the electronic readership, with a hard copy sent to those folk upon request. At this time there is no reason to suspect an increase of the regular dues of \$60. As per usual, a renewal form will be mandatory to ensure we keep up with your contact information, so we can get in touch with you if necessary and catch up with those of you who don't let us know of contact changes.....Also as per usual, a renewal form is required of Life Members to let us know they still wish to retain their free memberships in the club.

***WORK COMMITMENTS:*** The final iteration of work reports will be mailed out shortly to the members who still need to satisfy their 8-hour work commitments, as well as those who recently completed same. Folk with zero hours will not be allowed to renew unless their commitments are satisfied by next May 31. That's the rule, and it will be enforced. With the shotgun program continuing to need assistance, and the remainder of the programs starting their 2007 schedules next month, and the Executive Officer having an assortment of things to work on, there is no shortage of available work assignments. Hours are even available via processing the newsletter for mailing, and work on the new clubhouse will be available any day now. Contact info will be sent with the work reports.

***CLUBHOUSE PROGRESS:*** The builder has finally gotten his act together and the shell should be completed within the week. Certainly overdue, and we cannot report favorably upon his sense of urgency. Nevertheless, plumbing, insulation, mechanical, septic and interior work will begin as soon as the builder gets the roof on and buttons up the shell. Work is available for those folk needing to complete their work commitments by calling Jerry Maxfield at 620-663-8666 for general work assignments. 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. We are hoping to have this far enough along to hold a commissioning ceremony at the next general membership meeting in April.

***PLANK OWNER PROGRAM:*** Many thanks to those who have contributed toward the clubhouse project. 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. A permanent record of contributions will be installed in the clubhouse upon its completion and commissioning.

***M1 GARAND RAFFLE:*** We're raffling a pretty nice M1 Garand rifle in support of the clubhouse budget. Photo of the rifle has now been posted on the home page of our website [www.ckgc.org](http://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. Some of you are gonna be sorry you missed it, especially given the current availability thru CMP.

***PROGRAM COMMITTEE BUDGETS:*** Committee chairmen are reminded that, pursuant to Operating Procedure #12, their operating budget for Fiscal Year 07-08 is due in to the club Treasurer and President before March 1<sup>st</sup>, so that the overall club budget for 07-08 may be prepared and presented to the Board of Directors for review and approval.

***4-H RANGE CLOSURE:*** The south half of our range will be 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 late this month, the date of which is still pending. For more information, contact Bill at 620-584-6440.

***XO'S CORNER:*** Executive Officer Trey Owston has duly noted target frames need some attention, and invites your assistance in maintenance thereof. This would also be acceptable toward the work commitments of new members. To volunteer or for work assignments, call Trey at 620-621-6231.

***A MOMENT OF YOUR TIME, PLEASE:*** Members are reminded that the club officers pay their own membership dues same as everybody, and have to balance home life and their paid jobs against work needed to get done around the club. We are insufficiently large enough to afford a paid staff for maintenance issues. Most of you understand that quite well, and make certain allowances for minor inconveniences, and your consideration is appreciated. But it's clear a very few of you don't care to take that into consideration at times. Those few of you who get upset when target frames aren't up to your specifications shouldn't be surprised if you get snarled at when you complain in a less than gracious manner. Especially if you have not contributed your own time toward range maintenance or work days recently or ever at all. Fair enough? The XO's contact info is in the paragraph preceding this one, should anyone wish to help.....

***SHOTGUN PROGRAM:*** Still shooting every 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 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 PROGRAM:*** Their first match is scheduled for March 17, and they have work commitment assignments available. Contact Steve Kinser at 620-345-3151 or Tony Duncan at 620-662-9909 for more info or work assignments.

***ACTION PISTOL PROGRAM:*** Contact Greg Dick at 620-669-9735 for information about their first match scheduled for Sunday March 11. They may have work commitment assignments available.

***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.

***HIGH POWER RIFLE PROGRAM:*** Their 2007 schedule has been posted on the website, with the first two matches scheduled for Saturday March 10 and 17. You may be pleased to learn that the usual Sunday match schedule has generally been changed to Saturdays for 2007, and the number of 100-yard matches reduced in favor of more 200/300/600-yard “across-the-course” matches. Contact Greg Krebaum at 620-662-7515 for more information or to volunteer to satisfy work commitments.

We also report authorization of high power practice nights beginning in March. This will be regularly scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday nights, March thru October, from 5 PM until sundown. The 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday will be for 200-yard practice and is not expected to conflict with the south plinking range, but the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday will be for practice at 300 and 600-yards and will require shut-down of the entire south half of the range.

***MADE IN AMERICA SMALLBORE MATCH:*** In honor of all the 22-rifles that CMP sold recently (more about that later), the high power crowd has ginned up a smallbore rifle match open to “made in America” rifles. This is scheduled for Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup> on the south plinking range, 50-yards, open or scope sights, and more information regarding course of fire & etc. will be posted shortly.

***CMP NEWS:*** We regret to report that pickings for M1 Garand rifles are getting pretty slim indeed. All the U.S. rifles are out of stock and they do not expect to receive any more in the near future. Additionally, all the Greek return rifles are down to the rack grade. CMP expects to release 2,000 Danish returns soon, but these will not last long at all. CMP did release several thousand Winchester and Remington 22-cal. target rifles recently, but they sold out far too quickly for their availability to get in this newsletter. The reality of the CMP sales program now is, you either have to be on line to be aware of what is fleetingly available, or you’re effectively not in their market. There is a bit of good news, however. CMP has received 30,000 Italian returned M1 Carbines that are expected to be in generally pretty good condition, and they will be limiting sales to one manufacturer per customer for the first year. Assuming they last that long. They will begin with sales of Inland manufactured carbines on April 30, and we hope to report on prices and purchase methods here in time for the non-electronic

enabled to get in on the fun. The CMP website indicates prices for the carbines will be “attractive”. Their website is [www.odcmp.com](http://www.odcmp.com) if you have internet capability.

Sometime in March, we will schedule a “CMP purchase class” for those of you interested in the carbines and what’s left of the M1 sales program, to include range firing for those needing “marksmanship activity” for the purchase requirements.

***GUN SHOWS:*** Call ahead to confirm first!

March 3 & 4, Wichita Coliseum, Chisholm Trail (the big one), 316-788-3725.

March 10 & 11, Salina, Kenwood Park 4-H Building, 785-827-6870 or 785-823-1747.

March 24 & 25, Wichita Cessna Activity Center, RK Shows, 563-927-8176.

***OVERHEARD ON THE RANGE RECENTLY:*** “I was taught to respect my elders, but it keeps getting harder to find any”. Recruit a young shooter today!

***THAT DIDN'T TAKE LONG:*** We note that H.R. 1022, recently referred to the Judiciary Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives, is entitled “To reauthorize the assault weapons ban, and for other purposes” whatever those are. We also note that some in congress are calling for a ban on hunting rifles using telescopic sights that have an effective range of over 100-yards. We further note that it isn’t really paranoia if they really are out to get you, and they really are out to get all of you, or at least whatever it is you shoot. For the Elmer Fudd types still sleeping amongst us, thinking their sporting weapons will forever be safe, wake up and smell the congress. They’re coming for you right now, and the Constitution says not one word about your “right” to hunt, plink or target shoot. Write your congressmen and senators.....

***ANOTHER WWII MILESTONE:*** They’re going fast now. Kenneth Taylor, 86, passed last November 25 in Tucson, Arizona. Taylor was one of the few Army Air Force pilots to get airborne under fire during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, and shot down at least two attacking Japanese aircraft. He retired as a general, and was a technical advisor for the 1970 film “Tora! Tora! Tora!”

***PARTING SHOT:*** “Hell hath no fury like a bureaucrat scorned.” Milton Friedman, American economist and Nobel prize winner, quoted in Forbes magazine.

***RENEWALS AND MILITARY DEPLOYMENT:*** Forgot to mention that renewal is complimentary to members on military deployment. Please advise if that situation applies to you, we don’t want to overlook anybody.