

CENTRAL KANSAS GUN CLUB OF RENO COUNTY, INC.  
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### **MARCH 2008 NEWSLETTER**

***QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING:*** Please make plans to attend the next quarterly membership meeting at 7:30 PM on Monday April 14 at the clubhouse. Your presence is requested so that a quorum will be on hand to conduct business. Seating may be limited, so plan on bringing your lawn chair.

***RENEWAL TIME:*** You will be pleased to find the 2008 renewal form attached to this newsletter for your use. We request that you use the form to keep us advised of your current contact information. Hardly a month or two does not pass without a member going missing somehow, and the renewal form gives us at least a once a year opportunity to update your contact information and get an idea of your interests and possible willingness to serve on a committee or as an officer. Your cooperation is appreciated. We would also note that your personal information is just that, and not shared with any outside interests. In fact, access to your personal information is limited to club officers on a need to know basis. You won't find your name sold off here.

Dues are in arrears and subject to a \$20 late fee if received after April 30, and your membership dropped altogether if received after May 31<sup>st</sup>, as per club rules and long standing procedure. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

***DUES INCREASE:*** The board of directors has approved a modest dues increase to \$70 per year, in view of the projected expenditures for much needed road repairs. Please understand that there has not been a dues increase here since 1989, and consider that our dues are still much lower than the other major clubs in Kansas, including the Capital City club in Topeka, the Air Capital club in Wichita, and Mill Creek at DeSoto, with generally better access and facilities as well. It's still the cheapest entertainment available locally for less than \$6 per month.

***NEWSLETTER ACCESS:*** We are getting some feed back that the electronic newsletter notice via email is not getting thru to some of you, so we took the step to send out the renewal notice and newsletter to all members via snail mail this month. If you signed up for the email notice, but haven't been getting it, rest assured that it has been sent every month, and there is likely some problem with anti-spam filter, either with your software, or more likely with the embedded software used by your service provider. We have discovered that some providers are taking a very aggressive stance on spam, and are quarantining or outright refusing to accept or deliver any message their software even thinks might be spam. It's all about broadband costs, it seems. You may be able to reset your software just by adding the club email address to your address book, but that sometimes doesn't work. You might have to contact your provider to discuss directly, but sometimes that doesn't work either. We certainly do

appreciate if you can receive the email notice, because it saves the club a tremendous amount of time and money, but if you haven't been getting the notice, we'd rather have you get the newsletter by U.S. Mail, then not get it at all.

***WORK COMMITMENTS:*** We will be sending out the final work reports in the next several days. Those new members that have not completed their work hours, will not be allowed to renew until their commitments are satisfied, and are subject to the same late fee after April 30 and dropped from membership on May 31 like everybody else. It's generally considered there have been multiple opportunities to finish this up, and extensions will not be granted except in case of medical emergency or military deployment. Tick-tock!

***SHOTGUN PROGRAM TRENDS AND TRANSITIONS:*** We have embarked upon a program to revitalize the shotgun program. It's no secret that the program numbers are down from past years, but we are going to change that one way or another. Plans include more available shooting hours on the weekdays, and considerable community outreach to let folks know they're out there and available, among other things. Plans for this are somewhat in flux at the moment; so stay tuned. The shotgun committee has been changed to consist of Mel Ralston for trap, Steve Smith for skeet, and with Steve Seltzer still continuing with 5-Stand. Frankly, to make this happen, these gentlemen will need more committed help to avoid burn-out and provide for someone to be there as promised by the schedule. It is unrealistic to think these gentlemen can be there 100% of the time. 5-stand is particularly challenged because it's tax time for Steve, who is an accountant, and because 5-stand takes a lot more work to set up and tear down than the other offerings. Some additional workers have made themselves available, but more are needed. To help out, or express your needs and concerns for this program, contact Steve Seltzer at 620-663-6980, Steve Smith at 620-662-7595 or Mel Ralston at 620-665-0320. In the meanwhile, they are going to continue 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, although if there's nobody there at 7 PM or so, they'll probably close for the night. They have ample opportunity for new folks to work off their mandatory 8-hour work commitments.

***4-H INSTRUCTOR'S CLASSES:*** The 4-H will be holding instructor's classes at our facility on March 29 & 30, primarily at the clubhouse but some range firing at the shotgun facility and the plinking ranges is anticipated. We have not yet been informed as to what times to expect their range firing, so the best that can be said at the moment is to prepare to be flexible and hospitable. Bill Dawes is point of contact for this event, so if the range times are critical to your planning that weekend, call Bill at 620-585-2572.

***HPD RANGE CLOSURES:*** The Hutch po-leases will have exclusive use of the south half of the facility from 8AM to 1 PM on Wednesday and Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.

***NRA RANGE SAFETY OFFICER TRAINING:*** Scheduled for April 12, NRA and Kansas Hunter Safety Ed will hold these classes primarily at the clubhouse,

but may be looking over various parts of the facility in conjunction with these classes. No range firing is planned they say, but you are asked to be cooperative if you arrive and they are milling about whatever part of the facility you want to use. Now: The class is already full up, but some registrants may drop out and create an opening. Contact Jerry Maxfield at 620-663-8666 if you'd like to be called if an opening arises.

***SMALLBORE RIFLE SILHOUETTE:*** Their first match for 2008 is scheduled for April 20, registration starts at 7:30 AM. The 2008 schedule is now posted on the web site on their very own web page, thanks to Glen Menefee, web czar. All matches will now be NRA approved, requiring NRA classification books that will be available at the match. In general, you would shoot at chickens, pigs, turkeys and rams at ranges of 40, 60, 77 and 100 yards, from the standing position. Scope sights are allowed, and there are some restrictions regarding weight of the rifle and such. Equipment generally consists of a 22-rifle, ammunition, eye and ear protection, and yourself, so nearly anyone can try it. Standard velocity ammo only, no hot loads. Contact chairman Craig Walle at 620-664-9565 (duckhunter\_67502@cox.net) for more information.

***COWBOY ACTION PROGRAM:*** Their next match will be held on April 19th, and the entire 2008 schedule is posted on the website. 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 next match scheduled for Sunday April 13th. Their 2008 schedule has been posted to the website. They may have work available.

***HIGH POWER RIFLE PROGRAM:*** Their 2008 match schedule has been posted on the website, and their next matches will be held on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and April 19. They will be shooting 200/300/600-yard "across-the-course" matches followed by 22-round 600-yard Any Rifle-Any Sight events except for 100-yard reduced matches during the month of August and also the Annual Picnic. Contact Greg Krebaum at 620-662-7515 for more information or to volunteer to satisfy work commitments. They also continue practice nights on 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. However, for 2008 you must call Richard Reed to indicate you will show up for these at 620-241-2387 (email peelsrick@hotmail.com).

***KSRA SPRING WARM UP MATCHES:*** Scheduled for April 26 & 27, Kansas State Rifle Association will hold an "across the course" high power rifle match on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup>, and a 4 x 600 mid-range match on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup>. The entire south half of the range will be assigned their exclusive use these days until about 4 PM or thereabouts. Contact KSRA chairman John Heger at 316-721-6306.

***WAITING LIST:*** We have 32 names on the waiting list at this time, and will probably have room for 25-35 folks following the end of the renewal period next May, depending on actual renewals. Past experience indicates we'll probably hear back from maybe 2/3 of these folks. There doesn't seem to be much interest in increasing membership levels beyond the 350 top maximum at this time, so if you know anybody considering membership in a pretty good little fun club, right now would be a pretty good time to let us know. Contact Harold Mauck at 620-662-7060 (email [ckgcsec@cox.net](mailto:ckgcsec@cox.net)).

***FOR SALE:*** David Ojeda at 620-663-8401 has these items for sale: Like new chain link dog cage with a gate that is 4 feet wide, 4 feet tall and 10 feet in depth for \$125. Also a new and unfired H&K USP .40 S&W full size Variant 1 pistol, with 4.25" barrel, night sights, 3-13-round clips, case, manual and cable lock for \$800.

***FUN SHOWS:*** As per usual, call ahead to confirm before traveling!  
March 29 & 30, Wichita, Cessna Activity Center, 2744 Geo. Washington Blvd, R.K. Shows, 563-927-8176.  
April 12 & 13, Military Collectibles Show, Cessna Activity Center, 2744 George Washington Blvd., Military Club, 316-210-3255.  
May 3 & 4, Wichita Coliseum, U.S. Weapons Collectors, 913-345-9432.