

CENTRAL KANSAS GUN CLUB OF RENO COUNTY, INC.
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DECEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

**REMINDER THE CLUB HAS A \$1200 REWARD FOR
INFORMATION LEADING TO APPREHENSION OF ANYONE
WILLFULLY DESTROYING OR DAMAGING CLUB PROPERTY**

GEORGE NACHTIGAL (1951-2009): Regret to advise you of George's passing on November 27. George was a Veteran and a long-time supervisor at Morton Salt. Memorials may be made to Disabled Veterans in care of Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home, 300 East 30th Avenue, Hutchinson, KS 67502.

SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP: Subsequent to a written report by two credible witnesses, the Board of Directors has found sufficient cause to suspend member David Ojeda and prohibit his use of the range facility for a period of one year ending Dec. 3, 2010. Mr. Ojeda has agreed to reimburse the club for costs of replacing the target frame on the plinking range as well as costs of sending new membership cards to all members because of the gate combination change. Mr. Ojeda is also to write a letter of apology to the club for his actions, which is to be published in the newsletter, and failure to comply with any of the above will result in automatic expulsion. The Board also reports that the witnesses have declined the reward posted several years ago, and that this offer still stands to any member witnessing similar willful destruction of club property in the future.

JANUARY QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: To be held at the clubhouse at 7:30 PM on Monday January 11. Your presence is requested to provide a quorum so that business may be conducted. Subject to automatic cancellation in the event of snow or ice, and preceded by a Board of Directors meeting at 6:30, which is also open to all members.

2009 PROGRAM SCHEDULES: XO Trey Owston requests that all program chairmen submit their 2009 schedules to him no later than the end of the 2nd week in January, so the 2009 schedule for range use can be prepared. Trey's phone number is 620-662-6231. Hi Power, Action Pistol, Silhouette and Cowboy have now concluded their 2008 schedules, and are expected to resume operation next March or thereabouts.

SHOTGUN PROGRAM: Now operating on Winter schedule until the time changes next April. Skeet will shoot the 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays 1 PM – 4 PM and every Tuesday and Thursday from 3 PM – 5 PM. 5-Stand will cease until Daylight Savings Time resumes next spring, and Trap will only be available as shooters for this discipline show up and want to shoot. All scheduled shoots and events will be "weather permitting" and subject to cancel due to rain, show or unsafe conditions like lightning or hail. To help out, or express your needs and concerns for this program, Steve Smith for Skeet at 620-662-7595 or Mel Ralston for Trap at 620-665-0320. They do have work available for new member work commitments.

5-STAND PROGRAM: Mel Ralston reports we need a new volunteer to run the 5-stand program. If interested in taking this on or “co-chair” with someone else, call Mel at 620-620-665-0320 (mwr0600@hutchweb.net).

COWBOY ACTION PROGRAM: We understand the Cowfolk have a match scheduled for sometime in January, but haven’t had that confirmed. Contact Steve Kinser at 620-345-3151 for confirmation and more info. Steve will have work available for new member work commitments.

TACTICAL CARBINE: The High Power crew will start the new-year out right with a special “Hang Over” Tactical Carbine match on Friday January 1st. Lunch of hot chili, earplugs and aspirin will be provided! We will shoot unless ice or snow prevents safe transportation to the range, and will get a late start this time considering New Years Day, and some folks may need a little extra time getting around. Registration starts at 9:30 AM and closes at 10:00 Sharp! This will be open to any semi-automatic military-style carbine with barrel not to exceed 20”. It will start with a non-firing target identification exercise, then followed by a variety of scenarios requiring fast and accurate rifle fire out to 300-yards, most will be much less. Magazine changes or reloads will be required. No alibis or sighting shots, know your zeros and bring a rifle that runs 100%! Shooting jackets or use of slings as other than a carrying strap are prohibited. You may dress for the weather conditions. Expect to fire approximately 50-rounds and bring at least two magazines. Targets may be stationary or moving and may be considered to be non-traditional. Sights may be iron, “red-dot” or optical up to or set down to 4x. Cash awards to separate classes of iron/red-dot sights and scope. Call Harold Mauck for more information at 620-662-7060.

We’ve been advertising these as OK for lever action cowboy guns, but being as there have been none show up to compete, we’re dispensing with that dispensation. However, if a lever gun shooter shows up, they would be made welcome.

FUN SHOWS: Call ahead to confirm before traveling!
January 2-3, Wichita Coliseum. RK Shows, 563-927-8176.

TRADITIONAL HOLIDAY SAFETY RANT: If your plans include firearms activity this time of year, please be especially darn careful so as to not get your name in the paper. In addition to the normal considerations for the continued health and safety of yourself and those around you, gun ownership is expected to be under increased attack due to certain recent political events, so we need not give the anti-gun groups any additional ammunition to fire at us, so to speak. Keep your head up on a swivel, and take responsibility for the safety of yourself and those around you as well. Safety first, or you might just be next!

PARTING SHOT: “Things just ain’t like they used to be, and I don’t think they ever was.” Elmer Kelton, 1926-2009, American novelist, journalist, WWII veteran and perhaps most beloved of the Texas literature community before his recent passing, which truly could be said to mark “the end of an era.” His classic “The Time It Never Rained” still stands as one of the best Western novels of the modern era and well worth the reading.