

Central Kansas Gun Club
PO Box 584, Hutchinson, Kansas 67504-0584
April, 2019 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: *“I prefer dangerous freedom over peaceful slavery.”*

Thomas Jefferson *1743 - 1826*

Dues Reminder: please remember that dues have increased to \$125 this year, and we are utilizing a new payment option for those who choose to use it. Details are on the renewal form. Otherwise, just send it in as you always have. And bear in mind the April 30 deadline and May 15 drop-dead date in case you missed the little nastygram up above.

Workday Report: Executive Officer Dennis Chambers reports an encouraging 21 people showed up for the March 23 range work day and a great deal got done. The new Maintenance shed was wired, work was done on the cowboy action barricades, many of the target backers were changed out and other jobs were taken care of. Many thanks to all who turned out. Let's try to keep the trend going.

Web Site: those of you check periodically will have noticed a vast improvement in the club's web site. Secretary Larry

Meadows has gone through the whole thing, altered and added text and made corrections and additions where necessary. Give it a look. These things have been needed for some time now, and Larry just jumped in and did it. Looks much, much better, and many thanks to Larry for a great job.

Heads Up: as a solution to several ongoing problems the Board has elected, in the near future, to install a card-swipe gate control system. Details are still being worked out and the project is conditional on funds and a couple of technical details, but in general the north and south gates will be controlled by solar card readers mounted on goose-neck stands placed at convenient height on the driver's side, and the south gate will swing inwards like the north gate. Under the current plan these will be proximity readers, so you normally won't even have to get out of the vehicle. There will be an individual code for every member. Nothing is set in stone yet, but you can expect this at some point unless something major changes. Contractor Justin Marcum of EZ Lift Door Systems will do the system for the club. Just so ya know.

Follow up: at the April meeting member Dr. Bryan Henderson presented to the club a number of very nice wooden lids for the cartridge brass buckets placed around the range. The lids are laser-inscribed with the club's logo and are very attractive. As you may recall awhile back Dr. Henderson and member Troy Franz undertook the project of placing the buckets for the convenience

who can use it. The lids will be installed soon. Check it out. Many thanks to the Dr. and Troy.

And that ain't all: no sooner had that presentation taken place than member Frank Triffet arose to make another presentation. About a year ago Frank had presented to President Trey Owston a very large and impressive wooden mallet because Trey was whining about not having a proper gavel with which to bang meetings to order. No sooner did this happen than El Presidente, in his great enthusiasm, banged the table smartly and upset his own very large water mug – to the infinite amusement of the assembly. At the present meeting Frank presented to Trey a very

nice personalized wooden gavel block, not surprisingly made by co-conspirator Dr. Henderson. The block came from a tree in Frank's front yard. It was a very tender moment. See what you miss when you don't come to meetings?

Good News: member John Knipp as spent a great number of volunteer hours spraying the most needful areas of the range for stickers and other nasty stuff. Bruce Milburn has also joined the battle. Many thanks to these guys for reducing the number of pricked fingers and thumbs.

Ditto: member Dan Lehr has stepped up to paint the concrete pad surface on the north Action Pistol lane. Thanks, Dan.

Hunter Ed: Frank Triffet advises the next Hunter Education class will be held at the clubhouse on April 20. This will be the usual internet format class and will be held from 8 am to 5 pm at the clubhouse and north ranges. Frank says classes have been very well attended and many students are coming from outside the immediate area. For information contact Frank at (620) 665-7851.

Chairman's Reports:

Shotgun: Mel Ralston, regrettably stepping down at the end of the current season, reports things about as usual, picking up a bit maybe. Shooting Tuesday and Thursday at 4 pm till done and Sunday at 1 pm. Mel says the Tuesday and Thursday evening shooting schedule will no longer be dependent on the vagaries of Daylight Saving Time but will be in effect April 1 to November 1. Considerably more sensible. He further says we were able to get our latest load of targets at the old price, saving us a good bit.

Action Pistol: Will not shoot this month owing to Greg Dick being away at the Bianchi Cup shoot in Columbia, Mo. Good luck to Greg,

who seldom needs it.

- May 5. 1.) Falling Plate Event.
 2.) Practical Event.
 3.) Barricade Event.
 4.) Moving Target Event (Modified).

3-Gun: James Dean reports 16 shooters shot five stages in the last shoot. Shooting the 3rd Sunday of the month. Set-up at 8:30, registration at 9 and shooting at 10.

PPC (Pistol Caliber Carbine) is underway! James Dean also reports PPC shot last Sunday, with 5 shooters engaging 10 stages at ten bucks a shooter. James' program is off to a good start . PPC allows such guns as High Points, Scorpios, etc. in 9mm, .45 ACP .38 Super and similar rounds. James has also opened the local matches up to .22 cal.

High Power: Richard Reed reports the High Power guys shot the Camp Valor Match April 6 and in the process donated \$200 to the Camp Valor Project.

- April 27. 88-rd. 200/300/600 XTC. KSRA Spring Warm-Up.
 NRA Registered. Harold Mauck will run the match.
April 28. 88-rd. 4 X 600 yd. KSRA Spring Warm-Up. Mid-range.
 NRA Registered. Harold runs this match also.
May 4. 88-rd. 200/300/600 XTC. NRA Approved. Match
 Director TBA.
May 11. 58-rd. 100-yd. N.M.C. Non-approved "fun" match and
 new shooter event.

For information contact Harold at (620) 727-3222 or e-mail him at dr2136@att.net.

Precision Rifle: did not shoot in March. Shoots 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:30. Greg Krebaum runs the program. For information contact Greg at (620) 662-7515 or krebaum@sbcglobal.net.

Precision .22: seven people shot in the March match. There will be no match in May due to Mother's Day. Jeremy Hitschmann runs the program, shooting the 2nd Sunday of the month at 8:30. Fee is \$10 a shooter. Contact Jeremy at (316) 288-9034 or you can e-mail him at jeremyhitschmann@gmail.com

.22 Fun Shoot: shooting the 4th Sunday of the month at 9 am. Dennis Chambers runs the shoot, which is fired on the Action Pistol and Cowboy Action ranges at 9 am. Contact Dennis at (620) 664-7004 or e-mail him at casttackle@cox.net.

.22 Night Shoots: Dennis runs this program also, shooting Tuesday evening. Contact Dennis at the above information.

Cowboy Action: still a work in progress pending getting new targets. Expect to be in action soon on 2nd or 3rd Saturday of the month. For information contact Richard Colvard at (620) 662-0603.

4 H Youth program. Ray Bartholomew reports spending a great weekend at Rock Springs Ranch in Junction City teaching adults and older youth how to pass on the finer points of marksmanship. Cindy Colle reports the other youth are focused on getting ready for state competitions.

Nickerson High School Trap Team: Coach Travis Oden reports that he and Coach Larry Meadows expect great things in the spring academic shooting season.

Buhler High School Trap Team: this program got underway on our ranges Sunday, April 7. Very glad to have this program with us under the direction of Dan Whisler.

Notes From Yesteryear:

“The first of three shoots to determine the champion marksman of the Hutchinson Rifle Club for 1938 will be held here Sunday, w. Ruddick, Secretary-Treasurer, announced today. Competitors will fire .38 calibre pistols on the Army Course. The next leg on the club championship will be fired Memorial Day, with entrants using .22 calibre pistols, iron sights, at 50, 100 and 200 yards. The final championship shoot will be staged June 5, members firing .30 cal. Rifles. The Sears-Roebuck Trophy will be awarded the winner. The club championship will be determined from the aggregate scores of the three shoots.”

The Hutchinson News, Fri., May 27, 1938. P.2.

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

Gun Shows:

Nothing on the horizon for the immediate future. We'll try to keep you posted.

Parting Shot:

“Never argue with a fool. Onlookers may not be able to tell the difference.”

Mark Twain American Humorist 1835 – 1910

And Last, But Not Least:

member Jerry Maxfield wishes to thank the members for their expressions of concern during his wife's recent illness. Very kind of all to take time to check. Many thanks. Jlm.

