

**CENTRAL KANSAS GUN CLUB  
OF RENO COUNTY, INC.  
PO Box 584, Hutchinson, Kansas 67501-0584  
March, 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!**

Trey shared an update on Jerry's wife and her ongoing health issues. As further information is received it will be passed on. Due to Jerry being with his wife this newsletter was compiled by your new secretary so it will lack Jerry's masterful touch. Please keep Jerry and Ruth in your thoughts and prayers.

It appears that the west trap house is finally dry. A platform for rock storage will be constructed soon just in time for the upcoming shooting season.

We continue to have communication problems with the website hosting company. So you will notice the website has not been updated as it should be. Your patience and understanding is appreciated.

Cowboy action should be up and running again soon. We are still looking to acquire additional targets. As soon as that detail is worked out we should be seeing folks dressed in period garb and slinging lead.

At our 3-11-19 meeting, Mike Brown presented a quote from Justin Marcum at EZ lift door systems for a card swipe entry gate. The quote was for a turnkey installation of a card reader, gate actuator and a proximity switch on the inside of the gate for exiting. The purpose of this system is to hopefully deter some of the vandalism of club property from people that are shooting things up. And when things do get damaged we should be able to determine who was on club property at the time. After discussion it was agreed that the proximity sensor on the inside to allow for vehicle exit was counter to the stated desire since it would allow someone to jump the fence and cause the gate to open. Other discussion was the possibility of a lock open feature to allow for non-club members to come in for matches. There was some discussion in reference to utilizing trail cams to keep an eye on things. The general consensus was that whereas the trail cams are a good idea, the high potential of theft would be an exercise in futility. Mike Brown will take our comments and questions back to Justin and hopefully Justin will be able to attend our next meeting.

Joe McCarville reported that due to weather his scheduled CCW class was cancelled. He asked to reschedule it for April 6<sup>th</sup>, which was approved. The times are from 8 AM to 5 PM. Bring your sidearm, appropriate ammunition and a sack lunch. Cost is \$75, but Joe drops it to \$65 for club members, law enforcement and military folks. If you do not yet have a sidearm Joe usually has one you can qualify with, but do check that with Joe when you sign up. You can reach Joe at [joediane\\_mccarville@hotmail.com](mailto:joediane_mccarville@hotmail.com). Don't forget to include the underscore line in Joe's e-mail address.

Dennis will be looking at some new static targets for the pistol lane next month. Potentially this will provide a Texas star and other shooting features.

Toys for Tots will host a shotgun shoot on October 20<sup>th</sup> that will benefit the Toys for Tots campaign. The Toys for Tots goal is to provide a Christmas gift to every child in need in Reno County.

There were some membership applications given out. But there will be no action taken until after the May 15<sup>th</sup> membership sign up.

The next work day is scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 to Noon. Get with Dennis Chambers if you have any questions. Remember that these work days allow club members to give back a little in an effort to keep the club looking good and functioning well. The alternative would be to pay contractors to come in and do the work, which the club cannot afford to do.

Mel Ralston intends to step down from the shotgun program chairmanship at the end of the season. Mel has been such a knowledgeable person in this area. He is always willing to help anyone that asks, young or old, for tips to improve their shooting. A suitable replacement will be recruited. Travis Oden will consider, but with his work schedule it would be nice to have someone that is retired and more available to open and close the range. It might end up being a combined effort. Many thanks to Mel for his service to the club.

The next hunter education class is set for 3-16-19. The class has 35 participants registered. Remember if you know someone that needs to get into a hunter safety class they can sign up at [www.safehunters.com](http://www.safehunters.com).

At a recent statewide hunter safety instructors conference Terry Dean and John Smalley both received their 5 year pins. Congrats to them and thanks for the hours you put in to help our new hunters learn the right way.

Congrats to Cora Zonker who took 4<sup>th</sup> in a recent 4-H BB gun match at Sedgwick County. She competed in the 9 year old age group. And congrats as well to Rex Zonker who took 5<sup>th</sup> in BB gun in the 12 year old group at the same match. Both Zonkers qualified for the shoot in Hayes that is coming up. The state match will be April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at Rock Springs.

Now for the part that you have been waiting for....It's membership renewal time. This year will be a first. We're offering the option of electronic payment of your dues. You will see the dues increases plus a \$5.00 convenience fee. On the membership renewal form there are two payment links. Please pay attention to which one you use. One is for on time renewal and the second is for late renewal. To be considered on time you must pay on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> of April. If you pay after that date you will use the second link. And remember May 15<sup>th</sup> is the last possible day that you can renew your membership. If your payment has not been received prior to May 15<sup>th</sup> you will be removed from the club roster, no exceptions no excuses. Don't forget to complete the renewal form and email it back. If you have any questions email me at [secretary@centralkansasgunclub.com](mailto:secretary@centralkansasgunclub.com)

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