

Here's what is going on this month.



Central Kansas Gun Club

May 2016 Newsletter

Quotation of the month:

“Without the right to defend yourself – and the right to possess the means to do it – all other supposed rights are just so much hot air.”

James Carlos Blake American Essayist

June Monthly Meeting:

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 6, 6:30p

Board Meeting
Club House

The Board will meet at the club house on Monday, June 13, at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend. See ya there.

Another Loss:

We belatedly learn of the death of member George Spencer, 76, of Wichita, who passed away this past November. A member for the past 15 years, he was a retired Army Colonel serving in the Field Artillery. A home gunsmith, he specialized in sporterizing military rifles, including K98 Mausers. He spent many hours at the club range test firing and working up loads for these rifles. His sons' still retain rifles in .338-06. He was also involved in Trap and Skeet and enjoyed plinking. He is survived by his wife, Carmon, of Wichita, sons Terry, of Wichita, and Kendall, of North Pole, Alaska, their spouses and 3 grandchildren. Memorials may be sent to the NRA or Ducks Unlimited. We are diminished.

And Another:

We also learn belatedly of the death of member Eric Nickelson, 54, who died June 27, 2013, at his home in Hutchinson. He graduated from Hutchinson High School in 1977 and attended Hutchinson Community College. He served in the United States Navy from 1979 to 1985. He was Procurement Manager at Collins Bus for twenty-seven years. Survivors include wife, Angela, Father, John of Wichita, brother, Craig Nickelson of Wichita, sister, Christy Smith of Wichita, two nephews and a niece. He was preceded in death by his mother. Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army. His estate has also provided funds for two new picnic benches for the club. We are thankful and we are further diminished.

Note to Members:

If any member becomes aware of the death of any other member, we ask that you notify the club Secretary, Scott Barnhart, at club.secretary@ckgc.org as a courtesy so we can recognize the passing of the deceased member.

Also there is right at 38 existing members that have not renewed. This will be their last newsletter.

Work Day:

President Trey Owston expresses many thanks to those who showed up for the May 7 work day at the range. Twenty-three people turned out – 13 current members and ten new members. Of the total number six were board members. Much work was done on removal of trees and brush and some general maintenance. There remains work to be done, so another work day will be announced in the near future. Please try to be at the next one.

Speaking of Which:

Proving once again that no good deed goes unpunished, new member Bob Stone has lost a very nice pair of limb loppers in the hubub of the work day. They are large with long extendable reddish-orange handles with rubber grips and a ratcheting shears. If you somehow wound up with them the best way to return them is to call President Owston at (620) 662-6231. We really would like to get them back.

Also Missing:

Believe it or not the High Power guys are missing two large 2”X4” target frames. These things are about four feet wide and six feet long. Kinda hard to miss. If you perchance took them home for repair (which has happened in the past) we thank you very much, but please let someone know. The guys are wondering.

Clarification:

Last month we advised members not to put paper turkey shotgun patterning targets up on the target backers. By way of making things clear, it is not the target itself that is the problem, it is shotguns, which tear the backers up. If you want to shoot the turkey's eyeball out with a .22, fine. No shotguns, please.

Let us Count the Ways:

We have no idea how many ways there are in the English language to explain the gate lock procedure, but we find ourselves obliged to try again.

Put the lock through the lock!!!! Get it???
And no more dummy-locking!! Sheeeesh!!

Notice:

Hard to stay ahead of technology. Although full automatic fire is already prohibited on the range, we find we need to expand the prohibition to include “slide fire” or “bump fire” AR devices. As many of you know, this replacement butt stock allows either solid single fire or a sliding slam-fire operation. The result, while technically OK with the ATF folks, is nonetheless a form of automatic fire. It is prohibited here.

Range Closure:

On May 18 and 19 from 9 am to 1 pm the Hutchinson Police Department will conduct rifle training over the 600-yard course. Therefore the entire south half of the range will be closed during these times.

Youth Program:

The young folks continue their shooting programs as before. And as a reminder, since their instructor liability is covered under the 4-H program, 4-H enrollment is required. The enrollment is now being done online. Please contact the Reno County Extension Office for guidance on the on-line enrollment process. 4-H has also raised the minimum age to participate to be 8 years old as of January first. The more advanced disciplines have their own age requirements and prerequisites, with BB-Gun being the entry level program. Air Rifle and Air Pistol are prerequisites for the small bore programs. Contact Ray Bartholomew at (620) 200-8253, or raybart53@gmail.com.

3-Gun Program:

CKGC hosts 3 gun matches the 3rd Sunday of the month. Set up starts at 8:30 AM, registration at 9 AM, and firing starts at 10 AM. The matches generally end around 3 PM. All shooters are expected to help during the match, pasting targets, resetting steel, policing brass and tear down after the match. Your early appearance to help with set up will be appreciated. Match fee is \$15 per shooter. General rules may be found on the CKGC website. Call Manuel "M-C" Camacho for more

information at (316) 284-1357 or manuel@mcsportingarms.com. Manuel has work available for new members needing hours. A good chance to get in those hours will happen this spring, as Manuel plans on building new props and targets. He needs help. Give him a call.

Action Pistol Program:

June 12: (1) Crawford Barricade Event (2) Speedload Challenge Event (3) Ambidextrous Match (4) Los Alamitos Event. For information contact Greg Dick at (620) 669-8735 or (620)662-8141.

Shotgun Program:

Shooting Trap and Skeet on the first, third and fifth Sunday from 1 pm until done and Tuesday & Thursday from 4 pm until done. Any questions can be directed to Mel Ralston at (620) 665-032 or jkr0601@att.net.

“Beware of the nice old gentleman with the Model 12.”

Reminder:

The Nickerson High School Trap Team will shoot with the regular shotgun program on May 15 at 1 pm. These young people and their sponsors are off to a great start and all are invited to come out and watch them shoot. School officials and CKGC board members will also be on hand. Come on out.

High Power:

May 14: 200/300/600 KSRA State Match Rifle Championship. John Heger will run the match.

June 5: Practice leg. 100 yards. 600-yard any rifle/any sight to follow.

June 11: 200/300/600 XTC. 600-yard any rifle/any sight to follow.

Regan Tabor chairs the High Power Program. For information contact Regan at (316) 200-4627 or frogx2@cox.net.

High Power practice will be at 5 p.m. of the third Wednesday of the month. You must call Richard Reed ahead of time to verify the practice will be held, and to tell him you will attend. The practice will not be held if people are not known to be coming, and Richard's work schedule may cause a cancellation if a substitute is not found. Call Richard to verify at (620) 755-2767 or e-mail

peelsrick@hotmail.com. The entire south half of the range will generally be closed during these practice sessions, but occasionally the south plinking range may be open. The 200-yard bench rest facility will not be open during any practice night.

“Bench rest shooters dwell in another firmament, and they speak in strange tongues.”

Jim Carmichael – American gun writer.

Note From Yesteryear:

“At the regular weekly shoot of the Hutchinson Rifle Club to be held Sunday, the President, A. K. Johnson, announced that he is anxious to have as many of the members qualify as possible and with that object in view the entire course 'D' will be fired over the Sand Hill Range. Members may fire the slow or rapid fire or both, whichever is necessary for qualification. Any member who has not fired this year is wanted at the range to fire so the club will be eligible to draw ammunition from the government for the year 1933.”

The Hutchinson News, Sat., Oct. 15, 1932

Tactical Rifle:

May 21.. Greg Krebaum continues to run the program. For information contact Greg at (620) 662-7515 or krebaum@sbcglobal.net for details.

“The rifle is the free man's weapon.”

Theodore Roosevelt.

Cowboy Action Schedule:

The cowboys will not shoot on Saturday May 21, as they are preparing for the Fast and Furious shoot. The annual two-day shoot will be held May 28 and 29 on the north ranges They need all the help they can get, so new members should Contract Richard Colvard at (620) 662-0603. An excellent opportunity to get in those required hours. And we still need a person to step up and take the position of chairman of the Cowboy Action committee. Perhaps two people could co-chair the committee?

For Sale:

Member Ray Sonnedecker is looking for some 12 gauge fiber cushion wads and nitro card wads. Anyone who has any is asked to call Ray at (620) 665-1193.

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:

As per usual, phone ahead before making travel plans: (these are the closest ones in the near future). No shows noted in this area in the immediate future.

Parting Shot:

“If you know how many guns you have, you don't have enough.”

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