August, 2019 Newsletter

Quotation of the month:

"The best smell in the world is smoke curling out of a just-fired paper hull."

Phil Bourjaily, Shotgun Writer, Outdoor Life

September Meeting: Monday, September 9. Clubhouse. 6:30 PM. Lots of stuff going on so come on out and keep up on all these matters.

Gate Status: Secretary Larry Meadows advises that the contractor got the gates in just a hair under deadline. That's the good news. The bad news is that the contractor somehow doesn't have the right cards to enter into the system. Therefore, things continue as before for awhile as the gates are on manual over-ride. Continue using the old combination. Larry will let everyone know when this is sorted out and he will set up several times for members to see him at the clubhouse to get your new card. You will have several opportunities at this so everyone's work schedules, etc., can be accommodated. Thanks to Larry for making this work.

Work Day: Executive Officer Dennis Chambers has scheduled our next club work day for September 14. Please bring hand tools, power tools, gloves and something to keep yourself hydrated. This would be a perfect opportunity for our new members to get in some required hours.



Great Job. Miller Trenching, who have done several very good jobs for us on the range in the past, did another outstanding job on the 50-yard sight-in berm (which you will have no doubt noticed) and came in under budget – yet again. Many thanks to Lynn and the whole crew. Great to work with good people.

Continuing Projects: Dennis Chambers reports a bit more lumber is needed to complete the Cowboy Action overhead structure. The board approved the expenditure and Dennis will get the project done. Remember, you don't have to wait till a work day to help Dennis. Just contact him at casttackle@cox.net or (620) 664-7004. He can't this all alone, folks.

A Bargain: President Trey Owston has worked with Ramsey Propane and got the club's propane contracted for twenty cents a gallon cheaper than last year. We got 800 gallons, saving \$160.00.

Updates: the telecommunications firm in Oklahoma that had contacted us about the possibility of leasing a small piece of our ground on which to erect a cell tower has not replied to our follow-up letters. We have concluded, therefore, that they have decided not to proceed after learning that we are a gun club. If they eventually reply we will keep the club advised. On another matter, we have been advised by the owners of the pipeline which (barely) crosses our property that they will be mowing their right-of-way soon. The club has contacted them and advised that in the past they have merely mowed their right-of-way on Lorraine Street <u>outside our fence</u>. Therefore, we do not anticipate any interruption in club activity.

Hunter Education: Frank Trifett reports they had 30 students last class,



continuing a trend of large classes here on the range, which is yet another venue through which the club serves to public. Frank says the next class will be September 7 at the clubhouse and the north ranges. This will again be an on-line format. For Information contact Frank at (620) 665-7851 ot Terry Dean at (620) 966-5052 or e-mail mim at trdean5357@yahoo.com.

Nickerson High School Trap Team: Larry Meadows reports that after an outstanding shooting season last academic year, the team will resume shooting here on our traps the first of September.

Buhler High School Trap Team: we learn that the Buhler team, who have have been shooting with the Nickerson team, are temporarily on hold while they try to find faculty advisors to run the team. We look forward to seeing them again soon.

Shotgun: as of this writing Mel Ralston will have received the latest shipment of clay targets and stowed them with the help of club shooters. He further reports that the west trap is still down. He and Ray Bartholomew have done all that they can here, so he has put out the call to O'Brien Sports to come help us out. Mel says that O'Brien always tries to have everything with them to limit it to one service call, but it might require two. Mel further says any club members who reload shotgun shells can order components (wads, shot, primers, loaded ammo, etc) from O'Brien and have it shipped with the next club order and save freight. Frank O'Brien may be contacted at O'Brien Sports (620) 324-5445.

_Action Pistol: Greg Dick reports7shooters at the August 11 shoot.



Next shoot is Septmber 8. Contact Greg at (620) 931-7492 or (620) 662-8141.

- 1.) Falling Plate Event.
- 2.) Practical Event.
- 3) Barricade Event.
- 4.) Moving Target Event)Modified).
- Pistol Caliber Carbine (PCC): James Dean reports 10 shooters competed in the August 4 event, firing six stages. Next Shoot will be September 1 at 9 am. For more information contact James at (620) 200-0837 or e-mail him at james67501@sbcglobal.net.
- Cowboy Action: Too late to make a long story short but we're still awaiting a decision on an event chairman and new targets.
- Precision Rifle: Greg Krebaum runs the program. Shoots every third Saturday of the month at 8 am. Contact Greg at (620) 66-7515 or e-mail him at krebaum@sbcglobal.net.
- .22 Precision Rifle: Jeremy Hitschmann reports no shoot June 22.

 Shoots begin at 8 am. Next shoot is September 8. For information contact Jeremy at (316) 288-9034 or e-mail him at jeremyhitschmann@gmail.com.
- **High Power:** Area high power rifle shooters John Heger, Greg Krebaum, Matt Wineland, Andrew Timmons, Eric Williams and Harold Mauck recently



returned from the 2019 National Matches with some successes and a few near misses to report.

One of the highlights for those who attended was to see CKGC member Matt Wineland receive his Distinguished Rifleman badge at the big awards ceremony at Camp Perry. Dating back to the 1880s and first awarded to civilians in the 1920s, Distinguished is sought by many but attained by few and we should all be proud to see Matthew join the few, the happy few band of brothers who have made it.

The Kansas team, led by CKGC's High Power Chairman John Heger, who also serves as KSRA High Power and Pistol Chairman, competed as an "out of competition" team at the CMP Camp Perry version of the National Matches for a variety of reasons, and did well as a result. Members Matt Wineland and Eric Williams gained some valuable experience in competing on the national level in this, their first visit to Perry. In the CMP Cup matches, Greg Krebaum finished in first place in the Standing Aggregate and received a very nice award for his effort. Harold Mauck ended 4th overall out of 600 shooters in the Springfield Match, three points behind the overall winner and good enough for a nice plaque for High Senior for his score, or as he refers to report it,"3rd Loser."

Greg Krebaum was the only CKGC shooter to continue on to the NRA version of the National Matches and although he eluded winning any of the big marbles, did quite well by nearly everyone's standards, turning in second place wins in the Navy and Crescent Cup matches whilst giving the overall winners in most categories a good scare while he was at it.

Back Here at Home: High Power Registration starts at 7:30, closes at 8:15 and firing at 8:30 in the summer months. or information contact Harold at (620) 727 – 3222 or e-mail him at dr2136@att.net.



- Sat., Aug. $24 3 \times 600$ -yd. Mid-Range. NRA Approved. (May reduce to 2×600 -yd. depending on temperatures.) Harold Mauck will run the match.
- Sun., Aug. 25 58-rd. 100-yd. NMC. Randy Lawrence Bolt Action Service Rifle Match; non-approved, followed by .22 cal. Any rifle/any sight match. Either Richard Reed or Harold Mauck will run the match.
- Sat. Sept. 7. 88-rd. 200/300/600-yd. XTC. NRA Approved. Match Director to be determined.
- 3-Gun: Eric Schnitzer, a new member, has been shooting the events for three years now and putting in much work to make sure the program's success continues and is ready to assume more responsibility in order to help Chairman M.C. Comacho. Well done, Eric. He reports the event made \$262.31 fro July.
- .22 Fun Shoot: Dennis Chambers runs the program. Shooting at 8:30 am the 4th Sunday of the month. Next shoot is August 25 on the Cowwboy Action ranges. For any information on the fun shoot contact Dennis at (620) 664 7004 or e-mail him at casttackle@cox.net.
- .22 Rimfire Practice: these shoots are held every Tuesday evening at 6 pm. Dennis runs these shoots also. Any questions see Dennis at the above



contact information. Note: .22 night shoots will resume in the fall.

4-H: Kaitlin Colle participated in the National 4-H Small Bore Rifle competition at Grand Island, Nebraska. She placed in the top10 two out of the three days and 18th overall. She competed in Silhouette (placing 9th with a score of 25), CMP (placing 9th with a score of 580 out of 600) and NRA 3-Position. Her team placed 2nd in all three days and 2nd overall. At the August club meeting Kaitlin gave the members an acount of her time at Nationals, her <u>third</u> time. By rule sh is only allowed one trip to Nationals per discipline. Following her presentation a thank-you card from Kaitlin to the club for use of our facilities to practice for Nationals was read into the record.

In other matters the local 4-H program hosted a State Qualifier for Shotgun Trap and Skeet on August $3^{\rm rd}$ with 12 shooters in each discipline. They also hosted a State Qualifier for mall Bore on August $10^{\rm th}$ with 14 rifle and 7 pistol shooters.

The following members have qualified for State: Shotgun – Nathan Schmidt, Thade Combs, Jordan Schmidt, Levi Durner, Rex Zongker and Landon Schmucker. Archery – Zane Allen, Kaitlin Colle, Nathan Schmidt, Aisyn Thompson, Rex Zongker and Zack Zonker. Many thanks to Reno County 4-H Shooting Sports Coordiantor Cindy Colle for the update.

Other 4-H activities continue as follows: Small Bore shooting Sundays at 1:15 pm and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm , Shotgun shooting at 6:15 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays. Western Heritage shoots 4th Sunday at 2 pm, but be sure to check with Ray Bartholomew on this at (620) 200-8253 or e-mail him at raybart53@gmail.com. .

Gun Shows: Not much on the calendar, but here's one:



August 31. Palmer Gun Show. Palmer Community Center, 215 N. Illinois Street, Palmer, Ks. 66962. (785) 630 – 1027. For planning purposes Palmer is about 22 miles north of Clay Center.

For Sale: member John Routh has for sale the following: Nikon M308 scope, 4 – 16 X42 with AR mount for \$275.00, Barska SwatTactical scope 6 – 24 IR Mildot with rings, lens covers and sun shade, \$175.00 and a Voodoo Tactical 2-gun bag, OD, \$75.00. All in good condition. Contact John at (620) 899-0051 – leave message or e-mail him at jrcarlotti@gmail.com.

Ron Ellington has for sale the following 20-round boxes of Lake City .30-'06 Match ammunition: 2 boxes 1962 Lake City Match, 5 boxes 1963 Lake City Match, 1 box1965 Lake City Match and 42 boxes 1967 Lake City Match. \$25 per box. Been stored indoors in ammo cans. He can be reached at (316) 250-3720.

Dan Lehr has for sale a great deal of pistol brass, available in 5-gallon buckets or the more traditional quantities of thousands and hundreds. Dan has 9mm, .40 cal. and .45 cal available, all well priced, and says he has a ton of the .40 which is attractively priced. The brass has been purchased from law enforcement ranges firing new ammo, but since individual officers may use the range s for practice the brass cannot all be guaranteed as once-fired, but Dan says "dang near." Prices are as follows:

5-gallon buckets (sold by weight). .45 cal. is \$123.00/bucket (approx \$27.98 a thousand). .40 cal. Is \$96.00/bucket (approx. \$15.00 a thousand).

9MM is \$168.50 /bucket (approx. \$18.51 a thousand).

By the thousand:

.45 cal is \$35.00 a thousand. .40 cal. Is \$18.75 a thousand 9 mm is \$23.25 a thousand.

Contact Dan by text at (620) 200 – 6253 for further pricing or to purchase.

Notes From Yesteryear:

"At last W. M. Ruddick has a medal. The enthusiastic Kansas Rifle Association Secretary-Treasurer,, who doesn't boast about his prowess with the guns, was tickled pinker than his sunburn today."

"I ordinarily don't shoot at the state meets," he began, after returning from the annual high power shoot at Fort Riley.

"But this time President G. W. Stansford of Topeka, who's 75 years old, challenged me, so we had a 200-yard shoot. I beat him, and now he's going to buy me a medal."

Ruddick, cashier of the American National Bank, keeps all the records for the State Rifle Association and the Hutchinson Rifle Club."

Hutchinson News Herald, Tue., June 14, 1938. P. 3..

Parting Shot:



"If a hunter comes back with mushrooms, don't ask him how the hunt was."

Ghanian Proverb.