



KALAMAZOO ROD & GUN CLUB

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Newsletter
January – March 2016

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New Business in the New Year

As we usher in the new year, there are several points of important business which deserve every Club Member's attention. The first is that the deadline for renewing your Membership is coming up fast. Please remember to return your renewal form to our Membership Secretary, John Ceglarek, as soon as possible. **The deadline is the 31st of January!** And – although it might seem obvious – don't forget to include your signed liability waiver AND your dues as well. Every year a few people remember to return their renewal form but forget their dues check. If you haven't taken care of this yet, do it now! Don't put it off until the last minute! And if you know anyone who would like to apply as a possible New Member, be sure to direct them to our website, where they may fill out an application on-line.

The second point of business is that **the proposed new Club Constitution is finally ready for review** by the Membership. A copy of this is included with this edition of the Newsletter. PLEASE READ IT. It is neither long nor complicated. Much work, deliberation, and compromise have gone into creating this proposal. While the day-to-day workings of the Club will be largely unaffected by the changes (indeed, most Members won't notice any change at all in the Club facilities, programs, or events), the new structure of the Board of Directors will help to streamline the behind-the-scenes operations that are necessary in keeping the Club functioning smoothly. At the March Membership/Business Meeting, there will be a motion to accept this new Constitution. Please note that at that time there will be no further discussion on individual points of the proposal. Its ratification will be as-is, in its entirety, or not at all. This approval by the Membership is the final step required before the new Constitution can be adopted and implemented. If it is approved, the new shape of the Board of Directors will be reflected in our next Officers' Election this coming Fall. So if you are at all interested in the organizational functioning of the Club, by all means read the proposal and attend the March meeting so you can participate in this important process.

Bill Nichols, editor

Visit our new website: www.kalamazoorodandgunclub.com

Did You Notice?

Recently new lighting was added to the front and side of the Clubhouse. Especially during the long nights of winter, the area just outside the Clubhouse can be VERY dark, especially after evening meetings and events. These new lights will greatly help aid off of us who attend evening events – whether shooting events or our regular monthly Business/ Members meetings. We all owe a big THANK YOU to those who helped install these lights!

Big Plans Around KRGC Grounds

At the last Members meeting plans for several big improvements around the grounds were discussed. We are now in the early stages of designing permanent lavatory facilities (complete with flush toilets and proper sinks) near the 200 yard range. These will greatly improve the “comfort factor” for all of us at the range and during big Club events. Also, the bin-block walls being constructed at the Special Purpose Range will soon receive two more layers of blocks, bringing the barriers up to a height of roughly eight feet.

Winter Airgun League

The winter airgun league will begin its weekly sessions on 7 January, 2016. They will continue every Thursday – starting at 7pm each night – until 31 March. The fee is \$3 per person (\$1 for kids under 12). Please note that only airguns shooting under 1000 FPS will be allowed. Also, calibers are limited to .22 and smaller. This is a great way to maintain your skills and get in some valuable trigger-time during the cold winter months. Come join in the fun!

KRGC Annual Sporting Goods Swap Meet

Our annual Swap Meet will be held on Saturday, 2 April from 9am to noon. Club Members may reserve tables by calling Barb McAllister (269-671-5695) any time after 4 January. Cost is \$25/table. Non-Members may call Barb to reserve a table any time after 1 March. All sporting goods and military/vintage-historical items are welcome. NO FLEA MARKET MERCHANDISE PLEASE. Also, please call Barb if you can help with set-up, parking, food service, or admissions.

Important Range-Use Reminder

Whenever you are using the movable targets at the shorter ranges (mainly pistol and rim-fire shooting), PLEASE remember to return both the target backers AND their bases to the sheltered areas behind the firing lines when you are done shooting. This will allow us to more safely and efficiently use the snow blower to keep the downrange areas accessible.

Long-Time Club Member Leon Birmann Passes

The KRGC community mourns the passing of long-time Member Leon Birmann. Active for many years on the Board of Directors, Leon played an integral role in helping arrange for the Club to purchase the parcel of property which now gives us a much-needed buffer zone between the ranges and neighboring properties. KRGC donated \$100 to the Air Zoo in his memory.

Winter Is Here

Yes, winter is here. And that means that the road at the Club may on occasion be treacherous or even closed due to the weather. Remember that the road to the ranges is “travel at your own risk” so BE CAREFUL! This is true not only when you are driving through the Club grounds but also when walking to/from your vehicle. And remember too that the road is plowed by volunteers, so it may take a day or so after a heavy snowfall for the road to get cleared. If the road is ever deemed too unsafe for travel (such as after an ice storm), the gate will be locked closed until the road can be made safe again. Please understand that this is not meant as an inconvenience to you but is done with YOUR OWN SAFETY in mind. Thank you for your understanding, and a BIG THANK YOU to the volunteers who do the plowing!

With the launching of our new and improved website, every effort will be made to post an announcement there whenever the Club’s road is closed. So if you are hoping to use the ranges on a day soon after a big snowfall or ice storm, it would be a good idea to check the website before driving out to the Club.

All Ranges Closed 22-24 March

On these dates, KRGC will be host to a state-wide training event for several Michigan law-enforcement agencies. Because of this, ALL of the Club’s ranges will be closed for the full three-day period.

“A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”

January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 Member -ship Renewal Due!!					1	2
3	4 4H Junior Shooters	5	6	7 Air Gun	8	9
10	11 Member Business Meeting 7:30pm	12	13	14 Air Gun	15	16
17	18 4H Junior Shooters	19	20	21 Air Gun	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Air Gun	29	30

February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 4H Junior Shooters	2	3	4 Air Gun	5	6
7	8 Member Business Meeting 7:30pm	9	10	11 Air Gun	12	13
14	15 4H Junior Shooters	16	17	18 Air Gun	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Air Gun	26	27
28	29					

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Air Gun	4	5
6	7 4H Junior Shooters	8	9	10 Air Gun	11	12
13	14 Member Business Meeting 7:30pm	15	16	17 Air Gun	18	19
20	21 4H Junior Shooters	All Ranges Closed – Special Event		24 Air Gun	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Air Gun		

Moving?
New Phone Number?

Please update your information with the
Membership Secretary

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