



# KALAMAZOO ROD & GUN CLUB

7533 N. Sprinkle Rd.  
Kalamazoo, Michigan  
49019

Newsletter  
October - December, 2015

## 2015 Officers and Board of Directors (all #'s are area code 269)

President	Tom Fenwick 323-1330	Two Year Directors	Mike Tyler 350-6340
Vice President	Randy Hendrick 685-1138		David Van Lopik 207-4494
Treasurer	Andy Woolf 377-0840		Carl Walters 381-8034
Recording Secretary	Frank Solik 323-7400	One Year Directors	Joe McAllister 671-5695
Membership Secretary	John Ceglarek 353-2963		Scott Tyler 615-8947
Range Chairman	Dan Eddington 344-1750		Peter Walters 343-2257
Three Year Directors	Pete Adamski 207-0745	Newsletter	Bill Nichols 743-8401
	Chris Ronfeldt 492-4021		

## Of Offices and Officers

Two big events involving the running of the Club have occurred since the last edition of this Newsletter. First of all, the proposed revision to the Club Constitution has been submitted to our Attorney. This was necessary for several reasons. The first and most obvious is that because the Club hosts shooting sports, there is always the chance that some event will occur on Club grounds that leads to an injury, and the wording of the Club's Constitution must meet the standards required by our modern-day, litigious society. Also, because the Club seeks to receive a special tax-exempt status, certain word-smithing is necessary to meet tax-law requirements. Once the wording of the proposed new Constitution has been finalized, it will require approval by the membership at large. Almost certainly, this will occur during the interval between editions of this Newsletter, so you can expect to receive a copy of it under a separate letterhead, just as we have done previously with other special-edition announcements of important Club events. When you receive it, please take the time to read it through...it isn't really all that lengthy or complicated. You will see that there are some proposed changes in the structure of the Board of Directors (reducing the number of Directors-at-Large from ten to eight, one-half of whom are to be elected each year to two-year terms) and creating the position of Safety Officer. While the overall goals, facilities, and functioning of the Club will remain the same as they are now, it is still important that all Members be familiar with the proposed changes and participate in the ratification process. More details on this process will be included with the mailer that is sent out with the proposed new Constitution.

The second big event was the holding of our yearly Officers' Election on September 28<sup>th</sup>. The results included Tom Fenwick and Randy Hendrick being re-elected to their posts as Club President and Vice President, respectively. Bruce Gelbaugh was chosen as the Club's new Treasurer, and Sonya Terburg was elected as our new Secretary. The new Three-Year Directors are: John Ceglarcic, Andy Woolf, and myself. Frank Solik was elected to the position of Two-Year Director that was created by a vacancy left during the course of the last year. Scott Tyler was re-elected to his previous position as One-Year Director. The other previous Three- and Two-Year Directors (Pete Adamski, Chris Ronfeldt, Mike Tyler, David Van Lopik, and Carl Walters) will become Two- and One-Year Directors. Congratulations to all our new Officers. Thank you in advance for all of your hard work!

Bill Nichols, editor

Visit our new website: [www.kalamazoorodandgunclub.com](http://www.kalamazoorodandgunclub.com)

## **CFFA Benefit Shoot 2015**

This summer the Club once again held a benefit sporting-clays shoot for the Cooper Fire Fighters' Association. The weather was gorgeous – sunny and warm -- and the turn out was great: over 80 shooters participated. The aim of this charity event is to raise money for the CFFA, and this year we raised over \$8,000! This money will be used to pay for additional training programs for the fire fighters as well as to purchase safety equipment for them. Later in this Newsletter there are photos taken on the day of the event. Can you find yourself in any of them? If so, then great! But if not, then why not make a point of coming out next year – if you're not a sporting clays shooter, then come out anyway and volunteer to help run the event.

## **Michigan State Police to Manage CPL's**

Beginning in December, the awarding of Concealed Pistol Licenses is going to be managed by the Michigan State Police. Information for applications and renewals may be found on their website: [www.michigan.gov/msp](http://www.michigan.gov/msp).

## **Update on Revision to Club Constitution**

The work on revising the Club Constitution continues and is hopefully nearing its end. The committee working on this has finished its next draft, and all involved seem satisfied with the result. This draft will next go to the Club's attorneys for review, and if it is found adequate from a formal legal standpoint, it will be distributed to the membership at large for approval. Please understand that the timing of these events is uncertain, and this may all take place prior to the publication of the next Newsletter. If so, you can expect to receive a copy in the mail under a separate letterhead, along with a further explanation of the approval process.

## **Help Needed to Run Club Events**

Both the Club's High-Power Rifle and Action Pistol programs are in need of someone to help run these events. The CMP coordinator is currently helping to maintain the High-Power program, but someone else is needed to head up this important activity. In addition to being present and organizing the event, a report at the regular monthly Membership Meetings would be expected. Anyone interested in running either of these activities is asked to contact a Board Member.

## **New Website Launched**

The Club's website has undergone a major revision and has now gone live. The new address is:

[www.kalamazoorodandgunclub.com](http://www.kalamazoorodandgunclub.com)

The site has links to the Club's calendar, which is always the most up-to-date source for information on what's going on at and around the Club. Timely announcements – for example when the Club's gate is locked closed due to the road being impassible because of snow and ice – will be posted there as well. And it also has information on how to become a member, so if you know someone who is interested in joining, directing them to this website is likely the easiest and quickest way to bring them up to speed on our application and lottery process. In addition, the site also hosts photos of previous Club events, far more than are included in editions of this Newsletter. You can even sign up to receive the Club's Public Newsletter directly into your email. And the site also contains back-issues of this Newsletter, should you wish to re-read some of the wonderful prose contained in previous editions. A copy of the Club Handbook is available there as well; this outlines not only Club Rules and Regulations, it also outlines the nuts and bolts of the day-to-day running of the Club. We all owe a big THANKS to Scott Pearson, who put so much effort into giving the Club this great website. Thanks, Scott!!



# CFFA Benefit Shoot 2015



All photos courtesy of Tracey "the cookie lady"

### Did You Notice?

There has recently been a lot of work done down on the Special Purpose Range. This area is typically used by law enforcement agencies for training exercises as well as certain club events, such as the bowling pin shoots. And now, in an effort to make it an even safer environment, several lines of concrete bin blocks are going to be stacked atop a cement foundation to provide a solid wall between different shooting areas. This will allow several different events to be held simultaneously, increasing the opportunities for training and practice, all while helping to prevent cross-fire between groups. A big thanks to those Members who have been volunteering their free time to continue to improve the Club's facilities!

### 2016 New Member Applications Now Available

If you know someone who is interested in applying to join the Club during the next lottery process, please direct them to the Club's website, where they may download an application. Alternatively, copies are also available at the Club; they are typically kept in in the box near the front gate which also houses copies of the annual calendar, most recent Newsletter, and other notifications.

*"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."*

### 2015 Sighting-In Days

Our annual sighting-in days will be held on **November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM to 4:00PM (or until shooting is done) both days.** The fee is \$3/gun sighted in. We will need spotters for both Saturday and Sunday, but no one person should feel obligated to work both days. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Andy Woolf at:

aswoolf301@gmail.com  
or  
(269) 377-0840

with your availability to volunteer or with any questions. For this event, **the 200 yard range will be closed at 4:00PM on Friday November 6<sup>th</sup>** so that preparations for this very popular Club event may be made. Coffee, sweet rolls, and lunch will be furnished for all volunteers; please bring your own spotting scope, eye and ear protection. **THERE WILL BE NO OPEN SHOOTING ON ANY RANGE THAT SATURDAY OR SUNDAY.**

### Newsletter Contributions

Do you have any information you would like published in the Club Newsletter? For example, announcements of upcoming Club events, appeals from outdoors- or shooting-related community organizations seeking volunteers, and notices of new or pending legislation or regulations are all welcome. You can submit any requests to:  
kalamazoorodandgun@hotmail.com

### Winter Is Coming

Yes, I know -- with our current warm Autumn weather, it is hard to imagine that soon we will again be contending with snow and ice, but it's true...before we know it winter will be here. And that means that the road at the Club may 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.

Also, the shorter Autumn and Winter days mean that the gate will be locked earlier in the evening. **REMEMBER: ALL SHOOTING IS TO BE COMPLETED BY DUSK.** Official times for "dusk" are usually posted on weather apps, so check your phone if you have any questions about the timing.

## October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Action Pistol	2	3 Bowling Pin
4 Sporting Clays	5 4H Jr Shooters	6	7 5 Stand	8	9	10
11	12 Member Business Meeting 7:30pm	13	14 Trap	15	16	17 Bowling Pin
18	19 4H Jr Shooters	20	21 5 Stand	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Trap	29	30	31 Bowling Pin

## November 2015

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

## December 2015

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

**Moving?  
New Phone Number?**

Please update your  
information with the  
Membership Secretary

**John Ceglarek**  
5203 Shagbark Ct.  
Portage, MI 49024  
or email  
[john.a.ceglarek@pfizer.com](mailto:john.a.ceglarek@pfizer.com)

Do you have feedback, suggestions, or an article  
for this Newsletter? Send an email to:  
[kalamazoorodandgun@hotmail.com](mailto:kalamazoorodandgun@hotmail.com)

Kalamazoo Rod & Gun Club  
PO Box 19571  
Kalamazoo, MI 49019

Presorted Standard  
US Postage

PAID

Kalamazoo, MI  
Permit 1501

Inside this issue:

New Club  
Website  
Launched!

Photos from  
CFFA Benefit  
Shoot

October – December, 2015

**NEWSLETTER**



Club Officer  
Election Results  
inside!