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Winter – The Perfect Time To...

With winter's short, cold days and long, dark nights, it's easy to fall out of habit with our shooting sports during this time of year. But in reality, there are a LOT of things that can be done, not only to keep up with your practice, but also to maintain your equipment.

One of the best ways to keep your skills sharp is obviously to continue to get in some trigger time in one of the local indoor leagues. The Club's indoor air gun league is a great example of one such opportunity, and an article later in this edition gives you all the information on when and where to join this great event.

Another possibility would be to enjoy some time afield while doing some small-game hunting. With the recent redesigning of Michigan's hunting licenses, our "base license" – now required before the purchase of any other licenses – also counts as our small game license. So the vast majority of us hunters is already permitted to hunt small game. This is a great opportunity to practice your fieldcraft in addition to (hopefully!) your marksmanship. It's also just plain fun. And with fancy restaurants nowadays boasting about their farm-to-table menu, this is a great way to show them up with your own genuine field-to-table dinner!

And finally, have you ever heard the saying "it's time to turn the to-do list upside down"? Well winter is the perfect time to do just that: to finally get around to doing all those tasks that seem to settle their way down to the bottom of the to-do list. Be honest with yourself – when was the last time you went through your gun safes, from top to bottom? Do you have an up-to-date inventory of your firearms? With serial numbers? Such a list can be extremely helpful, especially in the case of fire or theft...obviously something no one wants to think about. Your whole safe doesn't need to get stolen for such a list to come in handy – think of the very unfortunate scenario of your car getting stolen when you just stepped in to the store for a minute on your way back from the range...all of a sudden the firearm you had stowed in the trunk is gone. Do you have the serial number listed anywhere so you can report it to the police as stolen? And when was the last time you checked over all of your firearms for rust? I know it's been a while for me. Sure, I know the ones I shoot often are clean, but what about that ol' keepsake you haven't shown off in a while? The "back up" pistol you have just in case something happens to your usual carry gun? The collector's item or vintage rifle you bought years ago? Do they have any rust on them? I use a dehumidifier in my safes, but somehow some spots of rust still seem to turn up once in a while. The only way to really know what shape your firearms are in is to check them. Check them all. Who knows, you might just "re-discover" some long-forgotten treasure that you can look forward to shooting again when Spring arrives!

Bill Nichols, editor

Visit our new website: www.kalamazoorodandgunclub.com

Membership Renewal Reminder!!

By now, all Members should have received next year's Membership Renewal and Liability Waiver form. Please be sure to complete and return both of these along with your dues ASAP. The deadline for renewal is 31 January. If your paperwork AND dues are not received by the Membership Secretary on time, your membership will lapse, your gate card will be deactivated, and you will have to enter the lottery next year in hopes of becoming a new member. **Don't wait until the last minute!**

Also, any time someone asks you how they can become a member of the Club, please direct them to our website. There they will find the current Membership Application and all the information they need about applying for membership. Once again DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO RENEW! Send in your forms and your check today!

Reminder on Range Use

If you use the movable target backers on the shorter ranges, PLEASE be sure to return the backers AND THEIR BASES to the sheltered area behind the firing lines. When they are left out in the open on the ranges, they are often completely covered by snow, and they then become unseen obstacles for those volunteers that use the snowblower to keep the ranges accessible. They can damage the snow blower and make the chore of clearing the ranges much more tedious.

Winter Air Gun League

The winter air gun league will begin its weekly sessions on the first Thursday in January (the 5th) and will continue every Thursday night through the last week in March (the 30th). Shooting starts at 7pm each night. The fee is \$3 per person (\$1 for kids under 12). Please note that only air guns 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

The Club's annual Swap Meet will again be held in the Spring, but at the time of this printing, the exact date has not yet been determined. Check the Club's website over the coming months for updates, as well as for further details about contact information and costs for renting tables. As usual, all sporting goods and military/vintage-historical items are welcome. NO FLEA MARKET MERCHANDISE PLEASE. And as always, volunteers will be needed to help with set-up, parking, food service, and admissions.

Did you notice?

The doors on the front and side of the Clubhouse were recently replaced. And work on the range office (Special Purpose) is done!

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!

Every effort will be made to post an announcement on the Club's website whenever the 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 there before driving out to the Club.

KRGC Supports Local School's Trap Team

At a recent Membership Meeting, a group of local high school students approached KRGC with a request for support in their starting up a competitive trap team at their school. Those Members present voted overwhelmingly to support them with their start up costs. This was another GREAT example of community support by KRGC.

"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 2017

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

February 2017

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

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			1	2 Air Gun	3	4
5 Sporting Clays	6	7	8	9 Air Gun	10	11
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19	20	21	22	23 Air Gun	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Air Gun	31	

**Moving?
New Phone Number?**

Please update your information with the
Membership Secretary

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