



KALAMAZOO ROD & GUN CLUB

7533 N. Sprinkle Rd.
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Newsletter

October - December 2016

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Winter is Coming – The Implications for KRGC

Yes, winter is right around the corner, and with it come several considerations for all Members:

First, that means that the Club road 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. 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 soon after a big snowfall or ice storm, it would be a good idea to check the website before driving out to the Club. Thank you for your understanding, and a BIG THANK YOU to the volunteers who do the plowing!

Second, 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 that much more tedious.

And lastly, along with the winter weather, this time of year also brings shorter daylight hours. That means that the “stop time” for shooting will keep getting earlier and earlier. Remember that DUSK marks the end of the shooting day. The official time for “dusk” is usually available on most weather apps, so none of us have an excuse for not knowing when dusk officially falls. Accordingly, the front gate will be locked shut for the night earlier and earlier throughout the season, so please plan your visit to the Club accordingly.

Bill Nichols, editor

Visit our new website: www.kalamazoorodandgunclub.com

Officer Election Results

We recently held our annual election of Club Officers. In accordance with the new Club Constitution, the office of Safety Officer was added, and the Board's structure was revised. Here are the results of this year's election:

President – Tom Fenwick
Vice President – Randy Hendrick
Treasurer – Bruce Gelbaugh
Secretary – Sonja Terburg
Safety Officer – Andy Woolf

2yr Directors:
John Ceglarek, Bill Nichols, Chris Ronfeldt, and Mike Tyler

1yr Directors:
Frank Solik, Jerry Trepanier, Scott Tyler, and Craig Warren

Congratulations to all our Officers! And thank you in advance for your hard work.

Fall Work Day

This year's second Work Day was very productive. Despite its late announcement and less-than-optimal weather, the hardy souls who participated accomplished a great deal. Projects included running wiring to outside lights near the Clubhouse and telephone lines to the main polebarn, renovation work on the main polebarn, building new backers for the ranges, various clean-up tasks, and landscaping work in front of the Clubhouse. A huge THANK YOU goes out to all Members who participated!

November Meeting Cancelled

Because our usual monthly Membership/Business Meeting is due to occur on 14 November (the eve before the opening day of the firearm deer season), a very low attendance rate is expected. Accordingly, this meeting has been cancelled.

Membership Renewal Reminder!!

Soon we will all receive in a separate mailer next year's Membership Renewal and Liability Waiver form. Please be sure to complete and return both of these along with your dues ASAP. Don't wait until the last minute!

Did You Notice?

This past summer, several big projects were undertaken at the Club. A number of new concrete slabs were poured by Club Members, some around the new barn on the Special Purpose range and also in front of the 200-yrd rifle range firing line. Several Club Members also dedicated many hours of work to building a new range office attached to the new barn down on the Special Purpose range. And a new roof is being built on the older barn.

Cooper Firefighters' Association Benefit Shoot

This year's charity shoot was another big success. Despite the weather, the Club was able to raise roughly \$7,000 for this great cause. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with this event!

2016 Sighting-In Days

Our annual sighting in days will be held on November 5th and 6th from 9:00AM to 4:00PM both days. The cost is \$2.00 per gun. We will need spotters for both Saturday and Sunday, but no one person should be obligated to work both days. Please contact Andy Woolf at:

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

with your availability to volunteer. For this event, the 200-yard range will be closed from 5:00PM on Friday November 4th until Sunday November 6th at 5:00PM. 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 SATURDAY OR SUNDAY.** If you have any questions please contact Andy Woolf.

Front Gate Open Time Changed

Recently, the Club has received complaints from neighbors about shooting beginning well before the designated time of 9am. Accordingly, the front gate has been re-programmed so as to not open until that time. Remember, access card use is recorded – the Members responsible have been identified. But to prevent this from happening again, the gate's opening time has been changed. It is obviously very important that the Club maintain good relations with its neighbors, and one way for us to do this is for each and every one of us to abide by the rules regarding shooting start and stop times.

“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.”

October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6 Action Pistol	7	8
9	10 Member Business Meeting 7:30pm	11	12	13	14	15
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December 2016

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11	12 Member Business Meeting 7:30pm	13	14	15	16	17
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**Moving?
New Phone Number?**

Please update your information with the
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