



KALAMAZOO ROD & GUN CLUB

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Newsletter
July – September 2017

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Proposed Changes to New Member Application Process

Several months ago, a committee was appointed to evaluate the processes for new member application and membership renewal, as well as the overall size of the Club's membership. This committee – comprised of four Board members – was tasked also with assessing the adequacy of the facilities provided by the Club, including parking, range space, and so forth. The committee reviewed data from the front gate entry card reader to determine the overall amount of range traffic, as well as the days and times of heaviest use. A survey was distributed to those Members who were the most frequent users of the Club (>20 visits/year) to ask their impression of the "busyness" of the ranges, adequacy of parking, etc. The data collected helped guide the recommendations summarized below, which were presented by the committee at the Membership Meeting in June. The full report is included later in this Newsletter. PLEASE take time to read these recommendations carefully. At the AUGUST Membership meeting, they will be presented for a vote of approval by the general membership.

Membership size: Leave the current membership cap as it currently is until additional parking and shooting facilities can be provided. (In previous years a small increase in membership size was allowed each year. This would not be continued for the foreseeable future).

New Member Application Fee/Process: Implement a "new member application fee" of \$25.00 per application. This will be for each year a person applies for membership to the Club and is non-refundable. This is a separate fee and not part of the new Member's first-year dues.

Implement a point system for new member applications. Similar to many states' big-game hunting licenses, the more points an applicant accumulates, the greater his chances of being awarded membership in the Club. One point will be given for each the following: new member application, work party attendance, attendance at one of our monthly meetings including a presentation to the board of directors (only once per year), and volunteering at Club-sponsored events (for example: the Cooper Shoot, Pheasants Forever Kids' Day, Sighting in Days).

Membership Dues: Raise the cost of a new Member's first-year dues from the current \$100.00 to \$200.00. The cost of current Members' renewal will NOT be affected.

Bill Nichols, editor

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2018 Officer Election

Our annual Officer Election will take place on **Monday, 25 September**. Before the election--starting at 6:30 in the Clubhouse--we will have our traditional pot luck, so please bring a dish to pass. Families are welcome, and this is a great chance to get to know other Club Members. Immediately following the pot luck, we will hold our election to fill the Officers' positions for the 2018 calendar year.

Range Rule Reminder

Over the past couple of months, several instances of unsafe behavior at the Club ranges have been reported. Please remember these rules of proper range use:

- observe the firing line; no advancing on targets
- no rapid-draw drills (including **NO DRAWING FROM HOLSTERS**)
- when passing the firing line (to check or replace targets) **ALL** firearms are to be left at the firing line, unloaded and with actions open. For CPL holders who are carrying concealed, that firearm **MUST REMAIN CONCEALED** at all times. There is no "open carry" on Club property. Violations may result in loss of Membership! Think safety first!

Did You Notice?

Recently several improvements have been made to the archery station at the Club. The structure of the platform itself was renovated, and a cement slab was poured on the walkway leading from the road. **THANK YOU** to those Members who helped with these improvements!

Spring Work Day

This year's Work Day was a **BIG** success. Beautiful weather helped support the large turn-out of Members who graciously volunteered their time to help renovate and improve the Club's facilities. In addition to the usual grounds-keeping work, new backers were built for the ranges, and updates to the pistol range houses were added. And as usual, a great lunch was enjoyed by all. All Members owe a big **THANK YOU** to those who participated. You are what helps make this Club great!

KRGC Annual Swap Meet

by Beth (& Chris) Ronfeldt

The Annual KR&GC Swap Meet, held this past March, saw 150 people come through the door to look at merchandise ranging from fishing poles and boat motors to bar mirrors and a wide variety of firearms and accessories. The 2018 date is tentatively set for **Saturday, March 24**. Tables will again be \$15 a piece for exhibitors. If you would like reminders about the next Swap Meet, please send your email address to Beth at:

KRGCswapmeet@charter.net

The email address will be used **ONLY** for swap meet information.

CFA Sporting Clays Shoot

This summer KRGC will once again be hosting a sporting clays shoot to benefit the **Cooper Firefighters' Association**. Scheduled to take place on **Saturday, 19 August**, starting at 9:00am, this shoot will again be open to teams and individuals. Cost is \$75/three-member team or \$25/single shooter. Send checks to:

Cooper Firefighters' Association
PO Box 432
Parchment, MI 49004

Or call Nicole Brown:
(269) 330-2712

Proceeds will go towards the CFA's equipment purchase program -- we have in the past been able to raise a considerable amount of money to help them purchase valuable, life-saving equipment, and with your help we will do so again. Great prizes will be given away, and a raffle will be held after the shoot. Even if you're not a sporting-clays shooter, please come out and help run the event. We are always appreciative of the volunteers who help make this event happen. As always, lunch will be served for all participants and volunteers. Beginning the Friday evening before the shoot, **ALL RANGES WILL BE CLOSED** until the event -- and it's subsequent clean up -- have been completed.

"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."

John Ceglarek, Bill Nichols, Jerry Trepanier, Andrew Woolf

Membership Committee

22 June 2017

Committee Findings and Recommendations

This committee investigated the current and future membership volumes, the members of this committee have investigated the current and future; physical restrictions and convenience of members that should be considered when adjusting the membership cap.

Physical

The physical restrictions are based on:

- Available shooting hours
- Length of time each member is utilizing the ranges
- Available shooting positions
- Available parking

Our findings for these items are published in the previously reviewed report authored by Jerry Trepanier (available on request).

Convenience

Factors that lead to members comfort are based on:

- Time of day regular members prefer to utilize the ranges
- Feeling of safety while on the ranges
- Ability to access the ranges they prefer (parking close enough)
- Not feeling that the range is too busy

Our findings for these items were obtained through a survey questionnaire with the completed surveys attached.

Recommendations:

This committee recommends the following actions:

- Leave the current membership cap as is until additional parking and shooting positions can be incorporated into the current operation.
- Implement a “new member application fee” of \$25.00 per annual application. This fee will be for each year a person applies to the club. This is a separate fee and not part of the “New Member Fee”. This fee is not refundable.
- Raise the New Member Fee from the current \$100.00 to \$200.00. This is for the first year of a new member only. The standard yearly membership rate set by the board shall apply for all years after. This fee only affects new members.
- Implement a point system for new member applicants. Points are given for the following:
 - New member application = 1 point
 - Each work party attendance = 1 point
 - Attendance and presentation to the board of directors = 1 point (Only one presentation per year)
 - Volunteering at Club sponsored special events = 1 point each
 1. Cooper Shoot
 2. Pheasants for Ever Kids Day
 3. Sighting in Days
 4. Other Board Approved Events
- If adopted, appoint an administrator of the point system. (Jerry Trepanier)

July 2017

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

August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Action Pistol	3	4	5 .22 Silhou- ette
6 Sporting Clays	7	8	9 Trap/ Action Pistol	10	11	12 Bowling Pin
13	14 Member Business Meeting 7:30pm	15	16 5 Stand/ Action Pistol	17	18	19 Cooper Shoot
20	21	22	23 Trap/ Action Pistol	24	25	26 Bowling Pin/ CMP
27 NRA High Power	28	29	30 5 Stand/ Action Pistol	31		

September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 .22 Silhou- ette
3 Sporting Clays	4	5	6 Trap/ Action Pistol	7	8	9 Bowling Pin
10	11 Member Business Meeting 7:30pm	12	13 5 Stand/ Action Pistol	14	15	16 PF Kids Day
17	18	19	20 Trap	21	22	23 NRA High Power/ Bowling Pin
24 CMP	25 Officer Election	26	27 5 Stand	28	29	30

**Moving?
New Phone Number?**

Please update your information with the
Membership Secretary

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Portage, MI 49024

or email

membership@kalamazoorodandgunclub.com

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