



KNEWSLETTER IN A KNUTSHELL



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Our *international* membership is happily involved with "Anything that goes 'cut'!"

January 2022

Everyday Carry, Kilted

Tom McVey

In looking over my sgian dubh collection, I was trying to categorize what I had and where I should go from here. "Sell, sell, sell," says my dear wife and partner. "Buy, buy, buy," says my inner self "You don't have enough yet!" I'm guessing you might understand my situation. But first let's look at what I'm dealing with.

When I bought my first kilt about 1970, I also bought a little book that explained how to "kilt out" properly. That is: what does a gentleman need to fill out his kit? Kilt, jacket, sporran (ie. purse), belt & buckle, hose with garters, shoes, et al PLUS the proper shoes and of course your sgian dubh. Then they also dropped it on me that there was "evening wear" and "daywear." These translate to "going to the ball fancy" and "going to the picnic informal." So how does this affect my sgian dubh collection? Well, the evening sgians are usually black handled with fancier mounts, and the daywear sgians are usually of a staghorn, cowhorn or perhaps a brown finished wood. The mounts may or may not be plainer than the eveningwear variety.

In looking over my knives I have a representation of both types, and I also found a few that don't really fit into my simple breakdown (of course). These outsiders I'll classify as utility, fantasy/romantic and "almost sgian dubhs."



#2 - Newer silver knife, Scottish



#3 - J. Morton, perhaps 1900s



#4 - Gordon Highlanders circa 1900



#5 - '70s Sheffield staghorn



#6 - Peened blade, Scottish



#7 - "Cast" staghorn



#1 - Older Sheffield knife

My first sgian dubh from back about 1971 was an evening wear knife of Sheffield origin. It has a black composite handle, paste stone, cast nickel mounts, leather/leatherette over wood sheath. I think I owned this knife for ten or more years before constant use began its demise. I have another just like it now – for old times sake I guess.

The blades on most sgian dubhs are single-edged and usually of a triangular shape – but not all. The steel varies too. Many of the blades are stainless steel, but some of my older blades are definitely carbon steel and require periodic attention.

The evening wear selection is a bit varied, but generally each has a black handle of wood or a black plastic or resin. The mounts vary from hallmarked silver to cast white metal, with most falling somewhere in between. The sheaths are often leather/leatherette over wood with matching metal throats and chapes, but some are simply leather.

I break my evening wear knives into six subcategories: silver, old, common, custom, special and other. The silver are hallmarked but of varied age: the old are true antiques; common are like the one I bought in the '70s and still being produced today; custom are sgians that I have run across that are one-of-a-kind; my special one is a Wilkinson's Sword sgian dubh that I bought in Edinburgh Castle about 2003; and other includes three sgians made in China. Of the latter the quality has improved over time, but oddly the blades are sharpened on the wrong side!

My day wear sgians I would break into four categories: brown wood, staghorn, cow/bull horn and fake wood. The brown wood sgians are sometimes made to resemble the black eveningwear knives. They often, but not always, sport the interlace pattern on the handle; they often, but not always, have brass fittings; they do have comparable blades. Staghorn sgian dubhs have

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OKCA Knews & Musings

ibdennis

Take a Look at the Label

Your membership is displayed on the mailing label. 2021 means you need to re-up your membership. 2022 or better sez your membership is current and a supporter of our organization. Dues are due for a calendar year.

We have

had it pointed out there are "Shows" going on in spite of the pandemic rules and regulations. Why not us? Aside from



our global signature, ignoring state guidelines and rules would or could shut us down completely. So if all those others can do it, why can't we? As mother would say, "if Johnny goes in the backyard and eats worms, it doesn't mean you should eat worms too." A further example is a member of the OKCA is reaching a ripe age and to avoid boredom has been going to all the Shows. In the last year he has been sick multiple times. He seems not to care.

Edible Knives

Thank you Clay Stephens for your

Sweet Edge

By Clay Stephens

I never thought my collection of Swiss Army knives would contain something edible, but thanks to Victorinox, it now does. Leave it to the Swiss to incorporate chocolate into the cutlery business. It's a cunning piece of advertisement to mold chocolate into the shape of a pocketknife, but it's happened.

At a glance, the chocolate bar looks just like a standard S.A.K. I can just see an eight year old kid trying to fool his friends into thinking he's got a

observation this month how a bit-off-center-to-the limits collecting has evolved. This also shows that even chocolate in our *Knewsletter* has a spot.

Articles

We have a group of knife knowledgeable people in our organization. Many of them have contributed articles dating back to 1975. These words have been full of great ideas and are pleasurable reading. They usually are short which is the niche our *Knewsletter* fills in the knife community. **Wayne Goddard** was prolific with his ideas and knowledge, and first started here in 1986. **Merle Spencer** was also a word dynamo with his first contributions in 2001. **Gene Martin** has always stepped up as has **Jim Pitblado** and **Dan Westlind**.

This month we see articles by **Gene Martin**, **Tom McVey**, **Clay Stephens** and **Melvin Melonkowski**.

The article on sgian dubh (skeen doo) knives is pretty special. Tom not only collects but adheres to a fashion protocol design for these knives.

For Now

We will continue to publish the *Knewsletter* on a monthly basis with the support of the word-makers. We will continue to foster the idea that this pandemic/disaster will go away. As learned from years past, the annual Club Knife will go first to current members who have previously purchased, but on a

knife. Just like I tried to fool friends with those chalky candy cigarettes when I was that age. I don't know how this item will fare over time, but it's part of the collection now. 🐉



limited basis. (Current means before the Club knife is first offered.) The landslide attraction of the 2021 Club knife has resulted in requirements for a more sane offering to our current members.

January OKCA meeting

will be January 19, 2022, Wednesday.

Ads R Us

Don't forget about the free ads in our *Knewsletter*! Just pop your for sale or wants to us, and they will be added to the adverts page. The results have been quite successful. You can also add spice to our Facebook page. Remember you must be a current member of the OKCA (2022 or greater) to advertise in our *Knewsletter* or on our Facebook page or be on our links page. 🐉



Here is How We See It

OKCA Board

The OKCA Board had a critical meeting to determine whether to have an April 2022 OKCA Show. We met on January 4, 2022. There was considerable discussion centering on our old friend the pandemic and how it is not working in our favor. We could, in desperation, make the Show a small shadow of what it has become to be known. An analysis of what the OKCA Show is all about and how it has evolved was a major reason for our discussion and a big part of our discussion. The Show hasn't been just a knife show but was a global gathering of table-holders and visitors. In 2019 we had upwards of 375 tables of which 80% or better were not local to the state of Oregon. If we extrapolate this to 2022, we

would be lucky to have 100 tables if we had a 2022 Show. The other day there were 6,000 airplane flights cancelled. Our governor has dictated a mask requirement for all inside gatherings, and the gathering restrictions seem to change from day to day. Vaccinations also have become a mandate. For those helpful persons who suggest a change of venue to Portland, they do not understand that it isn't the Lane County Convention Center that issued these restrictions, but the state of Oregon. We are a non-profit organization in the state of Oregon and wish to comply with all legal mandates.

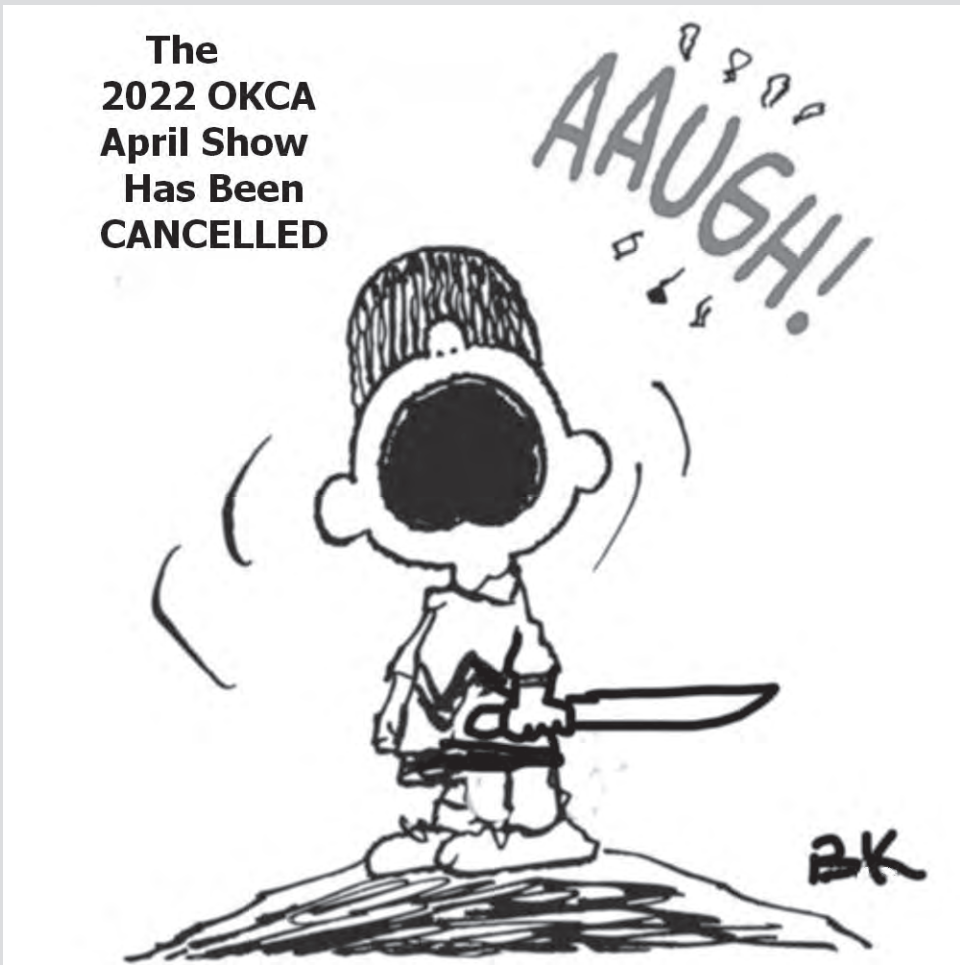
If we have a Show in 2022 and it fails to live up to the standards that have been experienced for the last 45 years, the fate of all future Shows is predictable.

We asked for people to show support for the organization by becoming

members for 2022. That response has been pretty dismal. 2019 was 100% tables full. 2020 was 50% less and 2021 was another 50% down. Last year (2021) we pencilled in names on the tables. We have charted the response on our floor plan for a projected 2022 Show. This year we colored with a marker the tables of those who became members. Thus far for 2022 we have a visual colored floor plan that is quite anemic with only 138 tables. That is the number of tables filled. The actual table-holder list is well below 100.

It is for these facts and others that we will not have an OKCA 2022 Knife Show.

We will continue with our monthly *Newsletters* and the 2022 OKCA Club Knife. Hopefully you will show support for our decision. ↴



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long been popular, and quite a selection is generally available here. I have some that were made in Scotland, others from North America, and perhaps some that originated in South Asia. The cow/bull horn sgian dubhs have a smooth, silky feel and rest well against the leg. Lastly, the fake wood sgians are actually a cast composite material that is made to look like horn or wood. They usually sport a stainless steel blade and don't look too bad.

Falling out of my two main categories, we have "fantasy/romantic" and utility sgian dubhs. The former is captured by an all metal handle with interlace design. The latter includes a mini-sgian neck knife, a sgian brew (ie. bottle opener) and a utility sgian which also sports an opener but is still a knife as well. It fits in the sock, but a bit heavy for my taste.

Wearing a sgian dubh (pronounced skeen doo): normally a kiltie wears their sgian in the hose or boot-top of their active hand. Right handed, right hose-top, etc. Originally the sgian dubh was secreted somewhere in the Highlander's garments. Some would hide it in the sleeve of their jacket, others in a fold of their kilt. As a courtesy, it was placed in plain sight when visiting a friend. It was their everyday carry and served for eating, working and, as a last resort, for fighting if everything else failed. It seems that very few old sgian dubhs have survived. In the museums; you see mostly military, presentation sgians dubhs. I have seldom seen "day wear" sgian dubhs in museums or pictured in the books.

Now since we wear our sgian dubh in the hose-top/boot-top, let's look at some "almost sgian dubhs." Boot knives, diving knives, etc. are very similar except that most are double edged, unlike the average sgian dubh. Cold Steel has an entry into this field with their Skean Dhu, and others have similar knives available. They are somewhere between a "traditional" sgian dubh and a diving knife in my eyes. They reside next to my sgian collection.

Key to photos:

- #1 - Old times sake sgian, like my first one, made in Sheffield
- #2 - Silver, hallmarked, Scottish made, early 2000s
- #3 - Note the blade shape; made around 1900? In England by J. Morton, 223 Oxford St
- #4 - Gordon Highlanders Regimental sgian from early 1900s; real stone
- #5 - 1970ish staghorn sgian dubh from Sheffield
- #6 - Staghorn/brass fitted sgian with peened blade. Bought in 2003 near Glen Shiel, Scotland from small craftsman
- #7 - Staghorn with cast resin handle which has patriotic saying on flat side
- #8 - Resin casting of "carved wood" handle
- #9 - Wilkinson Sword sgian purchased in Edinburgh Castle in 2003
- #10 - Scottish made cow/bull horn sgian dubh

#11 - Custom sgian dubh: beautiful blade but a bit heavy for the sock, usually worn with a different sheath

#12 - Custom sgian dubh purchased recently. Damascus blade, after the military style



#8 - "Cast" carved wood



#9 - Wilkinson sgian dubh



#10 - Bull/cowhorn knife



#11 - Custom sgian



#12 - Custom, military type sgian

The Seek-Re-Tary Report

elayne

The December meeting was held December 15, 2021. It will be the last meeting for the calendar year. The attendance was only 13. Hopefully this is not an indication of the interest in our Oregon Knife Club Association.

The printer has finished the 2022 membership cards. They have been forwarded to **Tim and Ana Cooper** to be laminated. Thank you to Tim and Ana for their willingness to do this very time consuming and laborious task. The cards will be mailed to the members in January—after the publication of the January *Knewslettter* and after the January meeting.

You will find an application to purchase the 2022 OKCA Club Knife in this issue of the *Knewslettter*. One hundred knives have been ordered for delivery April 2022. Fifty of the knives will have serial numbers and 50 will have no number. All will have the OKCA logo on the blade and the beaver on the bone handles. However we have imposed some new rules in regards to the purchase of the knives. You must have been a current (2022) member prior to January 18, 2022 to purchase a knife. Those who have purchased serial numbered knives or non-serial numbered knives in past years will have first offering for the 2022 knives. We believe it is necessary to acknowledge those who have supported our fund raising project in former years.

We had a Board Meeting January 4, 2022. It was an opportunity to discuss the 2022 OKCA Club Knife and the April 2022 OKCA Show. The Board reached a consensus regarding the price of the knife and also the fate of the Show. The notes from the Board Meeting follow this report.

Thank you to the members who have

contributed articles to our *Knewslettter*. They are very much appreciated. This month we thank **Gene Martin, Tom McVey and Clay Stephens**. Without the support and contributions from our membership, we will not be able to continue to publish a quality *Knewslettter*.

Also thank you to the members who have renewed your membership in the OKCA. The support is very much appreciated.

The 2022 OKCA April Show Has Been CANCELLED



Please note our Facebook page which is coordinated by **Lisa Wages**. Be sure to thank her for her efforts to maintain this communication tool. Please remember that you must be a current (2022 or later) member to advertise on Facebook, in our *Knewslettter*, or to have a link posted on our website.

If you call and get the answering machine, please leave a message. It has become necessary to ignore the ringing phone due to the volume of spam calls we receive. We will have a January 19, 2022 meeting at the Sizzler. The Sizzler has been very good to us, and we wish to continue to support them.

See you at the Sizzler January 19, 2022. It will be an uplift to your humdrum day. Bring something for Show-N-Tell.

Board Meeting January 4, 2022

All Board members were present: Craig

Morgan, John Priest, Joshua Hill, Elayne Ellingsen and Dennis Ellingsen.

The discussion regarding the fate of the April 2022 OKCA Show. The Show has grown from a 100 table show to a global affair of well over 375 tables. We have colored the tables on the floor plan which represent the individuals who have renewed their membership. This does not reflect a guarantee of their presence but a show of their support. It is noted that only 138 tables have been filled by this method out of the total of 375. That is not sufficient to warrant the hosting of a 2022 Show. Our membership is also down below the 2019 total. We do not want to host a failure, even if we can explain the failure as not our fault. Also we are no longer able to use the presorted discount rate for mailing our *Knewslettter* due to the reduction in the quantity of the mailings. This also is an indicator that we might not have the attendance necessary to draw from the other states as needed.

It was determined that the factors for hosting a 2022 OKCA Show were not sufficiently positive to host a 2022 Show. We will need to step back and wait for 2023 to hopefully resolve our situation. Consensus agreement.

The Club Knife sale of 2021 was very challenging. We were overwhelmed with interest in the knife. More were ordered than we could supply. We were required to refund payments to the individuals who were not able to get a knife. We wish to avoid that situation for 2022. We suggest that we limit the sale to those who are 2022 members prior to January 19 (the date of our January meeting) and also have previously ordered and received a knife. If we then have knives available for sale, we can sell to the individuals from whom we have received payment in the order in which they were received. There was a consensus for this proposal. ↘



Swedish Barrel Knives

ibdennis

The distinctive look of a Swedish barrel knife is hard to miss at shows or on eBay. I have always looked but never bought... until recently. I only knew the descriptive name but nothing more. So when eBay presented one to me in a pocket-friendly financial way, I bit. I marveled at its simplicity and its friendly hold-in-the-hand feeling, so of course the search was on. Whoa be me. The wood handles were pretty, so the start of a collection seemed possible.

Several barrel knives later presented the need to seek for information about them. I was coming up very short on this subject until I stumbled upon a Norwegian website which was very detailed and included photos. It was ironic that a Norwegian historian figured out the Swedish product. Thank goodness for Google translations which converted the text to English. "Knife talk from Per Thoresen." After reading the page and many more by the author, there were no questions to be asked. It was that thorough.

The name "Swedish Barrel Knife" suggested that this knife was invented in Sweden and produced in volume. It was widely used by young children and crafts people in Sweden and was often called a sloyd knife or craftsman knife. Most of these knives are marked Eskilstuna, Sweden,



which is located 70 miles west of Stockholm. So how about a collection of makers, sez I. Not a chance. There are about 20 different makers or marks and most are from Sweden. Couple this with different physical sizes, a decent collection would cover well over 75-100 variations. Trying to find mint pieces would also be a challenge, as these knives

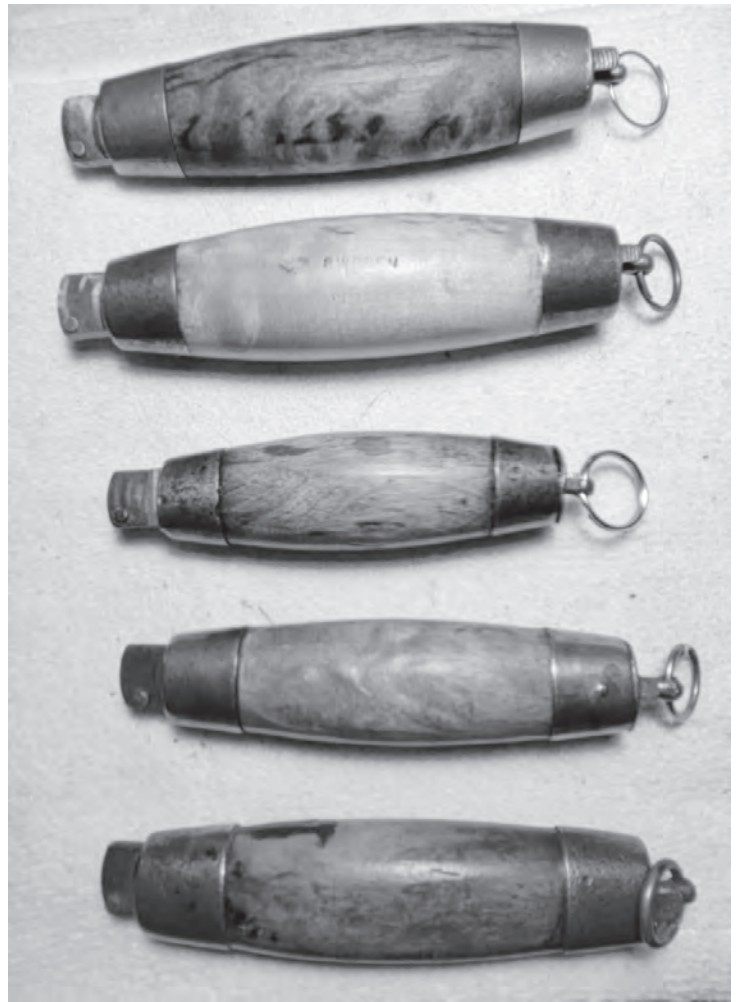
were meant to be used. Collecting by size would also be daunting, as there are typically common 3", 4" and 5" sizes which are categorized based on the barrel length. There are also miniature specimens of this knife.

The construction is pretty simple. The wood handles are typically curly birch and have iron bolsters. There is a catch latch that needs to be depressed to unlock the knife frame and release the folded knife from within the barrel. Pulling the knife's innards out allows the blade to be unfolded and then inserted into the barrel, making it appear similar to

a sloyd knife. The catch latch holds the blade in place. Pretty ingenious for a Swede sez this author who is 100% Norwegian. The extra bonus for me is, I am proud to say, I was made in the USA.

A patent search shows that this design knife was patented in 1874 by none other than an American from

Wisconsin. All knives there after use all the features of this patent. Later there was a Swedish patent assigned, which I suspect to be the original patent, which was to a maker in Eskilstuna, Sweden. The other interesting fact was this knife was not manufactured after 1925, or thereabouts.



There was limited production in other countries and also by custom knifemakers. What is common are the makers which are named Engstrom, Holmberg and Segerstrom. The rare ones to collect are all Scandinavian names with the common city of Eskilstuna. There are numerous factoids about these knives. The bolsters on each end are iron which are usually discolored or rusted. The blades are sometimes reshaped to satisfy the whims of the user/craftsman and the tasks at hand. The specimens I have show signs of sharpening, improperly at it best.

The handles are mostly found in curly birch which are very striking, unique and delightfully beautiful; each one is a work of art. It is obvious that birch trees are common in Sweden. Barrel knife specimens are known to be in exotic woods, plastics, silver and synthetics. Wood handles are sometimes carved or ornamental. ↴

Boy Scouts and Their Knives

Gene Martin



Recently I've thought a lot about Boy Scouts and their knives and the edged tools we used. Most of the edged tools we used were axes and hand axes, knives with our mess kits, pocketknives and sheath knives.

The Scouting Movement was started by an English Army Officer, Lt. General Lord Robert Baden Powell. He was recognized for his heroism during the Boer War. He wrote books describing his techniques for teaching his troops scouting. Kids back home in England loved the stories. He used the experience and interest to form a Boy Scouts organization.

The idea was to teach kids the outdoor skills used by military scouts. The skills included organization into squads, known as patrols, and troops, made up of patrols. The kids were taught outdoor survival skills that were more than just camping. They were also taught wilderness survival skills such as tracking, stalking, foraging, compass courses, first aid, lifesaving skills, even foot care. All things needed by the military at that time.

Scouting ultimately led to a worldwide movement. Over time it also evolved to become more relevant to all youth. Inner city kids might not need wildland skills, but knowing first aid for rat bites is important.

But being a Scout didn't guarantee that you immediately went on camping trips with a Lile-style-Rambo Bowie on your hip. Carrying a knife was a privilege, not a right. It had to be earned. And the privilege of carrying was called a 'Totin Chip,' or 'Totin Chip,' as we called it. To earn the chip the scout had to be knowledgeable

in proper use, care, sharpening, safety and responsibility in using edged tools. In my years of scouting, I do not remember anyone ever getting cut, either alone or by another. That came from the responsible proper use of edged tools.

Jim Pitblado's recent article in the October 2021 *Knewslettter* is a great segue into the knives we carried. I carried two knives after getting my 'Totin' Chip' (be prepared). I carried a Boy Scout pocketknife in my pocket. It was our Swiss Army Knife without the corkscrew. It was a basic four blade folder. It had two cutting blades, a can opener and bottle opener with screwdriver. In those days cans were steel, and the pop tops and twist offs hadn't been invented, except maybe for wine. For regular bush craft and camping, I carried my Dad's old Kabar. Dad is a WWII Marine Vet. I don't know whatever happened to that knife.

I joined Boy Scouts at age 11, then into Sea Explorers, when I was 15. Explorer Scouts is for kids who are getting older. I became an Eagle Scout, Scouting's highest rank, at age 15. Since the President is the Honorary Head of Scouting, my Eagle ID card says John F. Kennedy and is dated October, 1963.

Only about 10% of Scouts make Eagle. Knife and Damascus maker Devin Thomas, and his 11 brothers, are all Eagle Scouts. But I digress. Club Member Ed Holbrook had a display at the Club Show for years about Scouting and Scout Knives. Ed actually made Eagle in the late '50s but didn't receive the actual award until the early '70s. It was lost in bureaucratic space for a while. We had many a conversation about knives and Scouting. One year, at the Show, he approached me about an Eagle Scout project he was doing. He had purchased some inexpensive EDC type blades as a project for his Eagle Scouts. He asked if I would do one for them just to show the Scouts what a professional knifemaker/



Eagle Scout could do with the blade. It was a fun project, complete with red, white and blue handle scales. I used Padauk, ash and dyed, stabilized maple for the handles. Ed was thrilled.

Ed recently passed away, so he won't be at the Show anymore. He will be missed.

I left Scouting at 16, my interests having changed. As a Scout we did lots of camping, usually one weekend a month, as well as pack trips into the Sierras. As a Sea Explorer Sea Scout, I helped crew a 44 foot sailboat from Honolulu to Southern California after the Trans Pacific Yacht race. That was in 1963.

Not surprisingly, my Scouting skills turned out to be quite useful in later life. After three years in the Marine Corps, I spent a career as a Game Warden. We stalked critters sometimes and people a lot, and knife skills and use were a daily event. I started knifemaking because I couldn't find a knife that would do everything I needed to do. Also not surprisingly, a second career was born.

Current Boy Scout Totin' Chip Requirements

The Totin' Chip certification grants a Scout the right to carry and use woods tools.



The Scout must show their Scout leader, or someone designated by their leader, that the Scout understands their responsibility to do the following:

1. Read and understand woods tools use and safety rules from the Scouts BSA handbooks.
2. Demonstrate proper handling, care and use of the pocketknife, ax and saw.
3. Use knife, ax and saw as tools, not playthings.
4. Respect all safety rules to protect others.
5. Respect property. Cut living and dead trees only with permission and good reason.
6. Subscribe to the Outdoor Code.

The Scout's "Totin' Rights" can be taken away if they fail in their responsibility. 🗡️

2022 Great Eastern #88 Pattern

The Oregon Knife Collectors 2022 Club Knife will be a new offering from Great Eastern, a Northfield Pattern 88 knife. This specialty knife is a two blade pocketknife. The blades are 1095 steel and will be tang stamped Northfield. The scales will be jigged bone. There will be a total of 100 knives, 50 will be serial numbered. All 100 knives will be etched with the Oregon Knife Collectors' logo and have the beaver on the handle. They will be housed in a Northfield tube

with the OKCA label. This offer is only available to OKCA members.

This is a project for OKCA members to support the OKCA and get a great return. You can purchase the serial number you had in 2021 (or an available serial number), plus up to two non-serial numbered knives, for \$132.00 each. Purchasing multiples of non-serial numbered knives by all members is encouraged. Delivery in April 2022.

This offering of the 2022 OKCA Club Knife will be available only to those members who have supported our organization with a current 2022 membership dated prior to **January 18, 2022**. All knife orders received after this date will be placed on a waiting list subject to availability. OKCA membership is required to purchase the knife.



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OKCA Pattern #88 Knife
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 Total \$ _____

Payment in full must accompany the order to reserve your knife.

Available only to 2022 OKCA members

OKCA - PO Box 2091 - Eugene OR 97402





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Ernst Bruckmann knives wanted. Not the run-of-the-mill Bruckmann knives, please. What I'm after are the larger knives, multi-blade knives and unusual knives in all their various handle materials. Call Bob at (604)538-6214 or email me at crescentknifeworks@gmail.com

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For Sale - JET 14" - 120 volt metal cutting band saw - like new \$1,000.00. Also Porter Cable air compressor on wheels, like new \$200.00 Henry Frank - Newport Oregon (541)265-8683

Searching for the 2012 Great Eastern Whittler #571312 OKCA Club Knife. I am a collector of GEC "Beaver Tail" knives and some of the best, in my opinion, are the OKCA club knives. I am looking to add the 2012 Great Eastern Whittler #571312 to my collection. Based on the club information, the last published sale on this is \$160, but that's likely due to a lack of sales or lack of disclosed sales. I am willing to pay multiples of that figure if you have one you are willing to sell. It is my favorite variation. You can reach me at nchunter78@gmail.com

For Sale - Mint Randall 50 year commemorative #257 - Call Jim (562)716-9857 or email jpitt306@earthlink.net.

Custom Leather for 43 years. Horsehide and brass nailed knife sheaths. (951)303-4666. Visit website.mountainmikecustomleather.com.

Wanted: Sequine knives that are unusual, such as custom orders, gut hooks, or any other unusual models. Please email jh5jh@aol.com with a picture attached or call (805)431-2222 and ask for Jack.

Loveless Style Sheaths: made to order. Call or text Zac & Sara Buchanan (541)815-2078.

Niagra Knife Steels: email zacbuchananknives@gmail.com for a quote.

Wanted: Remington scout/utility knife with pioneer boys or highlander boy's shield or heroism shield. Email jpitt306@earthlink.net or phone Jim (562)716-9857.

Buying OKCA Club Knives for my personal collection. I am also interested in Wayne Goddard, Ron Lake, Lonewolf (Pre Benchmade), and Spyderco Kopa knives. Call or email Jordan (310)386-4928 - jgl321@aol.com

Wanted : Western Wildlife Series etched knives as follows: 532 bear, 532 eagle, 521 eagle, 534 antelope. Will pay fair price for any. Call Martin (406)442-2783 leave message.

Knives For Sale: Antique, custom & factory, pocketknives, folders, fixed blades, dirks, daggers, bowies, military, Indian, frontier, primitive & ethnic. Other collectibles also. Current colored catalog - FREE. Northwest Knives & Collectibles (503)362-9045 anytime.

Wanted: 2012 Case XX USA medium stockman #6318 PU CV jugged bone w/punch w/signature of Skip Lawrie. Nuno Sacramento (916)682-9305.

For Sale: Buck knives. Large consignment list available from Larry Oden. Typically have Buck standard production, limited edition, BCCI, Buck Custom and Yellow horse models. Email loden402@gmail.com or call (765)244-0614 8AM-8PM EST.

Mosaic pins and lanyard tubes by Sally. See at www.customknife.com, email at sally@customknife.com. (541)846-6755.

Blades and knifemaker supplies. All blades are ground by Gene Martin. I also do custom grinding. See at www.customknife.com, contact Gene at bladesmith@customknife.com or call (541)846-6755.

Eugene 5160 Club: A Club for knifemakers of all stripes, meeting monthly. Check out our newsletter archive to get a feel for the group: elementalforge.com/5160Club. Sign up for newsletter & meeting reminders by finding us on Facebook at "5160 Club" and click the "Newsletter Sign up" tab. Non Facebook users can still find us at: facebook.com/5160Club.

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