



## KNEWSLETTER IN A KNUTSHELL



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

October 2022

## Let the Show Go On

The pandemic be damned, as we have succumbed to this inconvenience to our knife life for too long. As of this October 2022, we, Oregon Knife Collectors, will launch our plans for two Shows. The one soon upon us is the December 10 Holiday Show. The other is the April 2023 Show.

Applications for tables for both these Shows can be found in this *Knewsletter*, in addition to the posting available on our website. There are two considerations for reservation of your 2019 April tables: You must be a current 2022 or greater member and must pay for the tables by December 15, 2022. You will be guaranteed the same table location as 2019. (We are attempting to recognize those who have supported us during these past few years.) Others may apply for tables, but there is no guarantee of securing a previous table location. We are comfortable to write there will be tables for all, even though the pandemic has altered our original successful plans.

The success of the last 45 plus years gives us a solid foundation on which we can build a successful and enjoyable Show. That is our goal. To start with, we do not need to increase table fees. The same goes for our gate admission of \$6.00. Others have taken advantage to raise the fees, whereas we have maintained proper financial management and believe that what was can still be. Also Lane Events Center has not taken advantage of the times and did not turn the financial screws for room fees. All stays the same. The Center has been a solid partner for us, and we appreciate them.


The same rules apply as they have for many years. This is a Knife Show, so tables need to reflect 90% of table space be cutlery related. As you may recall, departing early or covering a table during the Show posted hours is not allowed. Those who felt this did not apply to them have rarely been seen since.

Our Show has a long history of being a Show that caters to an international and national attendance. We are not a local-only happening. Airlines are back in motion which will make our event accessible. Visitors come from far and wide to participate



in this event. We have negotiated a reduced, special rate for our visitors with the Valley River Inn. It is best to phone the Eugene facility for reservations and the reduced rate. Other call services to make reservations doesn't work for the group rates we have arranged. Phone (541)743-1000 and mention the Oregon Knife Show.

Those who have supported us with membership these last few years are to be thanked. This has been what has kept our spirits alive. That, in addition to some healthy unsolicited donations, makes this organization one that will endure. Our *Knewsletter* has been a once-a-month mailing, thanks to the writers who have kept our ink wet. We have maintained a presence which surely sends a message that our event is special.

We want to call attention to the code on your mailing of this *Knewsletter*. We are pushing for that code to read 2023 or better. That means your dues are good through the 2023 year. For some of you, take notice of your dues automatically upgraded to 2023. This means we recognized extra efforts made by you to our organization with display award knives, donations and going one step beyond to keep us afloat. Membership has its perks of free Show entry, ability to purchase a Club knife, the spirit to make our organization possible and a reasonably good publication. Join today and your membership for 2023 starts next month. 

# The Seek-Re-Tary Report

elayne

The September dinner was the first meeting for the Show year. The meeting was held September 21, 2022. The attendance was 20. Thank you for attending. We announced that we do expect to host a Winter/Holiday/December 10 Show. We will not take payments until the October *Knewslettter*. We will have flyers available at the September meeting. If you need flyers and are unable to attend the meeting, contact us. They can be mailed to you.

The 2023 membership cards will be available for pickup at the Holiday Show, December 10, 2022. Thank you **Anna Cooper and Tim Cooper** for the laminating of these cards.

We have started to coordinate our efforts for the Holiday Show, December 10, 2022. An application form is included in this *Knewslettter*. We also will include a table application form for the April 14-16, 2023 Show. We have negotiated a reduced rate at the Valley River Inn for our guests coming to the April 2023 Show. The phone number for reservations is (541-743-1000). Be sure to mention the Oregon Knife Show and contact the VRI directly.

The Holiday Show will be an opportunity to renew your dues, pick up your 2023 membership cards and pay for your tables for the April 2023 Show. December 15, 2022, is the deadline for first rights on your 2019 tables. You must be a 2022 or greater member to be eligible to retain your 2019 table location.

The October *Knewslettter* will be mailed to 2019 and greater members. We hope to remind the members whose membership has lapsed that our organization will sponsor Shows in December 2022 and April 2023. It will be very necessary for all to view the date above the address on the *Knewslettter*. If it is not 2022 or greater, you will need to renew your membership. If the label is incorrect, please contact me (541)484-5564 or email [elayne@oregonknifeclub.org](mailto:elayne@oregonknifeclub.org). I do make mistakes.

A special thank you to all who have supported our organization with well wishes, encouragement, membership renewals, donations and articles for publication in our *Knewslettter*. If you had not stepped up, we would not have been able to publish a *Knewslettter* for a 12 month period as we have done for 2020, 2021 and 2022. It is with your support that we can and will continue. The officers appreciate this acknowledgment from you, our members.

My thank you to all who have contributed articles for the *Knewslettter*. This issue has articles from **Gary DeKorte, Martin Drivdahl, and Wayne Goddard**. All of the individuals who have contributed

articles to our publication need all of the acknowledgments and encouragement we can provide. Please continue to forward articles (handwritten, typed or emailed). Remember: even you can contribute to our publication.



Send us your “I want” or “I have for sale.” It will be printed in our *Knewslettter*. You can also add it to our Facebook page, however you must have a current (2022 or greater) membership.

If you call (541)484-5564, please leave a message. It will be returned.

Please be sure to thank **Lisa Wages** for the monitoring of the OKCA Facebook page. It is a never ending, arduous task which has become a job.

Also thank you to **Bernard Levine** for the emails to remind the members of the Club meeting dates.

See you at the Sizzler Wednesday, October 19, 2022. It will be an opportunity to enjoy a dinner out and talk knives with others who have the same interests. 🗡️



## There were about....

400 names on our mailing list that were pre-2022 as members. Those individuals will be mailed this October edition of the *Knewsletter*. We know that the large number drop was due to the absence of the Show and hope that the information that the Show is returning will be the nudge they need to renew their membership. Please note the date on the address label. If it is 2019, 2020 or 2021, you will need to forward your renewal for membership.

## Get ready, Get set.....

October will be the first volley to prepare for the December Show and the April 2023 Show. The contracts for tables are included in this October issue and are also posted on our website. You must be a 2022 member to purchase a table at the December Show and a 2023 member to purchase a table at the April 2023 Show. <http://www.oregonknifeclub.org/>

## Putting on OKCA

Shows aren't even close to a slam dunk happening. There are so many things that require far ahead planning and cannot be done at the last minute. To name a few: insurance, facility reservations, Show facilitators who are there in the event of a medical emergency, paid reservations from table-holders, membership cards, advertising through local channels, as well as nationally, updating the website, maintaining our FaceBook presence, Show demonstrations, financial maintenance, accommodations partnerships, *Knewsletter*, Club knife, Silent Auction and just daily questions and answers.

## Partnership

We have partnered with the Valley River Inn for our April Show. This partnership allows us to get a group discount on room nights and have a point of contact for any bumps

in the night. During our last event, the VRI was doing updates on the property. These updates are over now, and it has returned to the quality facility it had been. To take advantage of this home-away-from-home, you must call the VRI directly at (541) 743-1000 and advise them you are part of the Oregon Knife Collectors event.

## December

The Winter/Holiday/December/ before Christmas/Mini Show is on for December 10. Information about this event will start with this issue.

## Those who

had tables at the 2019 Show and supported this organization with current membership will be assured of their 2019 table locations. Others who leap on will mostly get a table but no guaranty of the same GPS location. I anticipate a sell out Show; our schedule and plan is to pick up where we left out. The OKCA has always been a winner. Our goal was to make this a global attendee Show. The theme has always been a melting pot of cutlery in all facets. The pandemic is winding down, and travel has become easier. It is best to pick up where we left off.

## Words

This month we see articles by **Gary DeKorte, Martin Drivdahl and Wayne**

## Goddard.

We will continue to publish the *Knewsletter* on a monthly basis with the support of the word

**m a k e r s .**

Remember all of us have interests and information to be shared. No problem if you cannot type or email. Just write it (cursive, printed or typed) on paper and forward to us. Our Seek-Re-Tary will type it for publication.

## Ads R Us

Don't forget about the free ads in our *Knewsletter*! Just pop an email with 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 advertise on 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.

## Club Meeting

We will meet at the Sizzler on October 19, 2022, Wednesday. See you. 🐾



# An Alaskan Fishing Knife

Martin R. Drivdahl

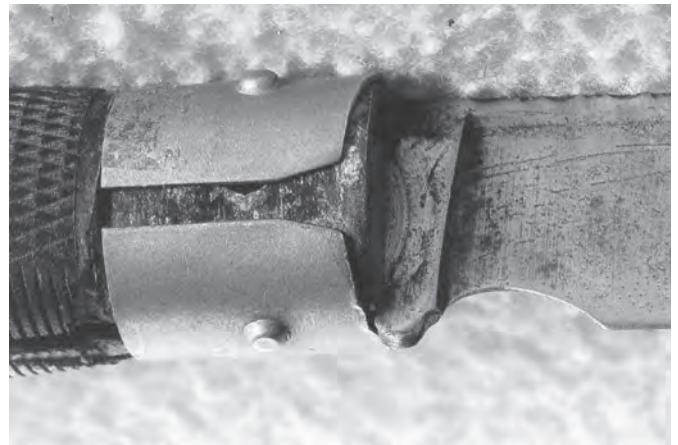
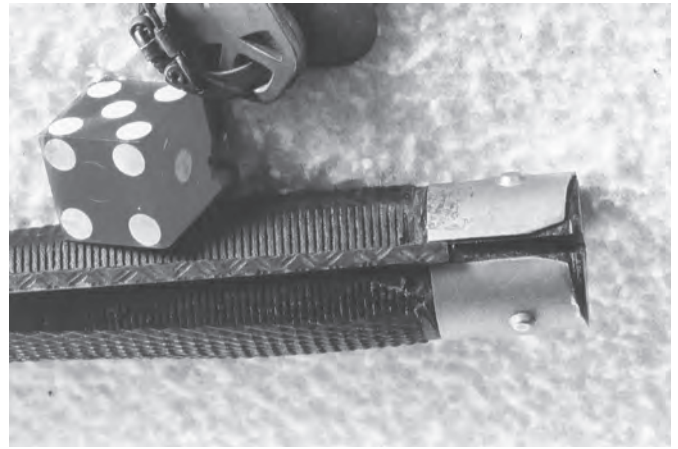
This is a true story about a knife that was used by some of the commercial fishermen operating in the waters of Alaska, as I witnessed first hand in 2007. It's quite a large folding knife with a closed length of 5-7/8" and opens to an overall length of 10-5/8". The handle is perfectly round at the blade pivot point and is 1" in diameter. The accompanying three photos show the features of this

cutlery piece as I will further describe herein. The handle is constructed of a single piece of hard, synthetic, rubbery material with checkering to provide a good grip. The handle is bulbed out at the butt and has a hole for attaching a security cord. There is no back spring, but the rubberoid mountings are tight enough that it requires three to four pounds of pull to open the blade. This can be done without using the nail nick with dry fingers and a dry blade, but I'm sure with slippery, wet fingers use of the nail nick is absolutely imperative. The blade is flat ground and its back has a criss-cross stamping that may be intended as a scaler or perhaps just for decorative purposes. The knife handle, in protruding print, is labeled Twistmaster for obvious reasons. The circular metal collar (bolster) can be rotated when the blade is fully open by using the protruding rivet heads. The metal collar faces have a slight taper each side of the open slot. Thus, by rotating the collar either direction, the blade becomes fully locked.

In tiny print on the handle above Twistmaster are the words "by COLD STEEL." By researching this company on my wife's smart phone, I found the following information:

The founder and president of Cold Steel Company was Lynn C. Thompson, who started the company in California in 1980. This company was most noted for the manufacture of commercial, high quality, fixed blade fillet knives, boning

knives, chef knives and butcher knives. The California cutlery operation was shut down after 40 years of operation, and all Cold Steel employees lost their jobs on December 04, 2020, when Lynn Thompson sold the company to the American conglomerate GMS (Good Sportsman Marketing, LLC). GMS is headquartered in Irving, Texas; and currently their Cold Steel products are manufactured in many countries including USA, Japan, China, Taiwan, India, Italy and South Africa. Their products now include hunting knives, survival knives, swords, tomahawks and machetes. 🐾



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# What Is Knife Engineering?

Gary DeKorte

I recently read a 400+ page book entitled *Knife Engineering, Steel, Heat Treating, and Geometry* by Dr. Larrin Thomas. This book is very technical and detailed, but I found it quite interesting and informative. I want to share a few concepts from Dr. Thomas.

If you are a knifemaker then you have learned that there are many variables that affect the end properties of a knife. The knifemaker has a starting point for their design by considering the best choice of steel that suits the purpose of the knife being made. Next, we consider the variables of edge geometry and heat treatment/tempering decisions to optimize performance.

If a knife has poor corrosion resistance, blade chipping, edge deformation or poor cutting ability, we need to find ways to change or improve these failures. The variables of steel choice, edge geometry and heat treatment allow the maker to change the design until the preferred combination of properties are achieved. And that my friends is knife engineering.


One of the key concerns of a knife buyer is edge retention, which is the ability of a knife to maintain its sharpness as it is used for cutting. Higher hardness in the blade steel usually means better resistance to deformation and rolling of the blade edge. Higher toughness means better resistance to chipping, fracture or breakage. Powdered metal steel tends to have finer carbides which show higher toughness.

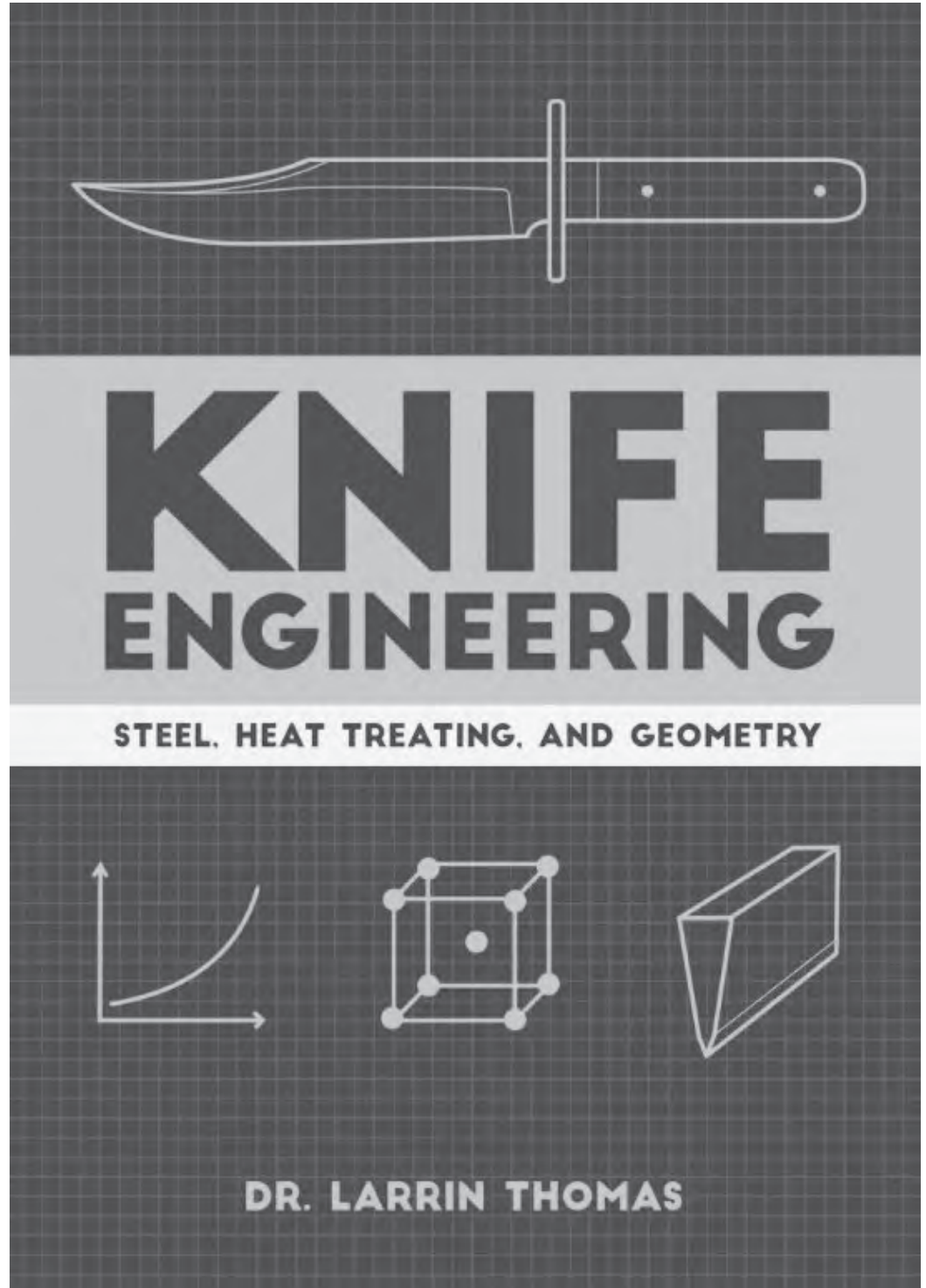
If the task for the blade is primarily slicing, an edge sharpened with a coarser grit generally works better because of a more “saw tooth” behavior that reduces the force required to slice. A blade designed

for push cutting, such as the whittling of wood, performs better with a more polished edge. For chopping knives, the cut is most like a push cut; so a polished edge is preferred. Coarse edges have easier crack initiation which can lead to chipping.

When using a knife in saltwater or if cutting acidic materials, the loss of edge retention or dulling of the edge is caused mainly by corrosion. When cutting abrasive material like rope, it

is likely to be wear that dulls the edge. When chopping hard materials, it is likely to be rolling or chipping which dulls the edge. A more acute edge angle increases cutting ability but can also lead to rolling or chipping of the edge.

So, have you figured out the best knife steel? Even if there was a best steel, it would only be as good as the combination of blade geometry, proper heat treatment and proper tempering of the steel selected. 



# The December Show

The December 10, 2022 Show was started years ago to satisfy the knife show craving for those anxious for the April Show. The pandemic put a hold on our Shows. We have not had a Show (December or April) since the very successful Show in 2019. Restrictions and speed bumps have become very much secondary now, and we should be in good shape to continue our successes of our previous Shows.

So here are the facts. The December one day Show will be December 10, 2022, at the Lane County Events Center. It

will be held in the Wheeler building (the round one) which will accommodate up to 150 eight foot tables. Table locations are random and not assigned. The doors open at 7:00 AM. Closing will be 4:00 PM. No leaving early, which is still a much adhered rule. Leave early > never again welcomed back.

Public admission is without charge. There are numerous holiday events going on in the other buildings at this location.

We have referred to this event as the Holiday Knife Show, the Winter Show, the December Show, the Mini Show and the last gulp of knife mania before the BIG Show in April.

Security is that each one of us will watch and be smart. Food will not be available in the building, but other events near by will have food.

You must be a current (2022 or greater) member of the OKCA. Table fee of \$40.00 for each table which must be paid in advance before (12/07/22). Membership paid now will carry through 2023.

It will be an opportunity to renew your membership, pay for your tables for the April 2023 Show and pick up your 2023 membership card. It has always been a fun time for all. Low key and no stress. Come join us. ↩

## Oregon Knife Collectors

Holiday - Winter - Show - December 10, 2022

Saturday Only - 7:00AM - 4:00PM

Lane Events Center - West 13 Ave - Eugene OR

Reservation and Payment deadline December 7, 2022

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, State \_\_\_\_\_

Table(s) at \$40.00 ea

Number \_\_\_\_\_

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND SHOW TABLE CONTRACT

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email: [okca@oregonknifeclub.org](mailto:okca@oregonknifeclub.org)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Eve ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Day ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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OKCA membership includes knewsletter, dinner/swap meetings, free admission to OKCA shows.

\_\_\_\_ Start/ \_\_\_\_ Renew my/our OKCA membership (\$20 individual/\$25 family) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## 46<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL OREGON KNIFE SHOW • APRIL 14-16, 2023 360 — 8'x30" TABLES

Exhibit Hall, Lane Events Center and Fairgrounds, 796 West 13th Ave., Eugene, Oregon.

For Information Contact Show Chairman: Dennis Ellingsen, (541) 484-5564

**AUTOMATIC RESERVATIONS:** If you had a table at the 2019 Show, you have an automatic reservation for the same table in 2023, but THIS RESERVATION EXPIRES DECEMBER 15, 2022. You may still apply for a table after this date, but we cannot guarantee a table after December 15. NO RESERVATIONS HONORED OR APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED WITHOUT FULL PAYMENT! Note to NEW exhibitors: your table(s) will be assigned after 12/15/2022.

**ALL TABLE-HOLDERS AND VISITORS** agree to abide by the OKCA Show rules and to hold the OKCA, its officers, and the Lane Events Center harmless for any accident, loss, damage, theft, or injury.

**ANY QUESTION OR DISPUTE** arising during the Show shall be resolved by the Show Chairman, whose decision shall be final.

**THIS IS A KNIFE SHOW.** All tables must be 90% knives or knife related items (e.g. swords, axes, edged tools, edged weapons, knife books, knifemaking supplies). If in doubt, check with the Show Chairman ahead of time. The OKCA reserves the right to bar any item from display or sale. No firearms may be sold or shown at this Show.

**ALL EXHIBITORS are required to keep their tables set up throughout the public hours of the Show: 8 AM Saturday to 3 PM Sunday. ANY EXHIBITOR WHO LEAVES OR COVERS THEIR TABLE BEFORE 3 PM SUNDAY FORFEITS FUTURE RESERVATIONS AND WILL BE DENIED TABLES AT FUTURE OREGON KNIFE SHOWS.**

**DISPLAY TABLES** will be around the perimeter of the room. Displays are eligible for display awards, which are hand-made knives donated by members and supporters of OKCA. Display judging will be by rules established by OKCA. Special category awards may also be offered. **NOTHING MAY BE SOLD FROM DISPLAY TABLES.**

**SALE/TRADE TABLES** Sharing of tables will not be allowed. Exhibitors must comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws. Oregon has NO SALES TAX.

**BADGES:** Each table-holder is entitled to one additional Show badge. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**KNIFEMAKERS** who are present and are table-holders at this Show may enter knives in the knifemaking award competition.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION** on categories and judging criteria in the display and hand-made knife competitions, contact the Show Chairman.

**SHOW FACILITATORS** will be provided by OKCA from 10AM Friday until 4 PM Sunday. However, exhibitors are responsible for watching their own tables. Neither the OKCA nor the Lane Events Center will be responsible for any loss, theft, damage, or injury of any kind.

**CITY AND COUNTY REGULATIONS** require that there be:

- No Smoking within the Exhibit Hall at any time;
- No alcoholic beverages consumed within the Exhibit Hall during the public hours of the Show;
- No loaded firearms worn or displayed at the Show;
- No swords or knives brandished or displayed in a provocative manner.

Violators of these safety rules will be asked to leave.

**NOTE ON SWITCHBLADES AND DAGGERS:** In Oregon it is legal to make, sell, buy, or own switchblade knives. However, it is **ILLEGAL** to carry a switchblade knife, a gravity knife, a dagger, or a dirk concealed on one's person, or for a convicted felon to possess a switchblade or gravity knife. Most other states have banned switchblade knives. Under federal law, it is **ILLEGAL** to mail, carry, or ship a switchblade or gravity knife across state lines.

The Oregon Knife Collectors Association is not responsible for force majeure.

**EXHIBITOR CONTRACT:** PLEASE ENCLOSE FULL PAYMENT WITH THIS FORM. Full refund granted if reservation canceled by February 15, 2023. **DON'T GET LEFT OUT!!!**  
**MAIL THIS PAGE AND YOUR CHECK TODAY. A signature is required.**

Type of knives on your tables \_\_\_\_\_

Name for second badge \_\_\_\_\_ (two badges per table-holder)

Qty \_\_\_\_\_ Club Dues (Total from above) .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Qty \_\_\_\_\_ Sale/Trade table(s) @ \$120 each (members only).....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Qty \_\_\_\_\_ Collector Display table(s) **free with sale table:**.....# \_\_\_\_\_

Qty \_\_\_\_\_ Collector Display table(s) w/o trade table @ \$100 each.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED (make check payable to O.K.C.A.) .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and agree to abide by the OKCA Show rules as set forth in this contract, and to hold the OKCA, its officers, and the Lane Events Center harmless for any accident, damage, loss, theft, or injury. **Signature and date required.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### SHOW SCHEDULE

**Friday, April 14, 2023.**

10am -6pm set-up; open ONLY to table-holders and members of OKCA.

**Saturday, April 15, 2023.**

7am-8am set-up. 8am-5pm open to public.

**Sunday, April 16, 2023.**

8am-9am set-up. 9am-3pm open to public.

**Tables that are cancelled will revert back to the OKCA. Subcontracting tables is not permitted.**

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# Elk and Deer Antler Handles II

Wayne Goddard

By now all the good folks out in knifemaking land, at least the Oregon part, have purchased the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Hide/Antler Dealer License. It is now possible for them to legally purchase deer and elk antlers to cut up for use in handcrafting items. The applicable law and the procedure for obtaining a license were explained in part #1, which was in last month's *Knewsletter*.

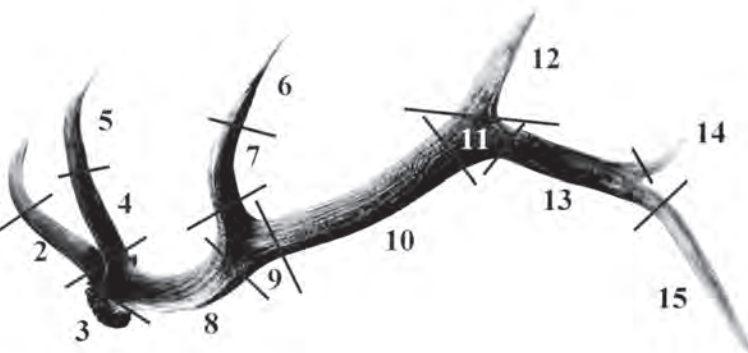
You have just purchased your first antler, which was one side of a large elk antler. This was a shed antler and was so listed by size and type in the record book that is required to be kept by those with a license to purchase and use antler. This was a Roosevelt elk antler, which was determined by the shape of the button or crown. Roosevelt elk have a button that is fairly round; the Rocky Mountain Elk button is somewhat of a slight teardrop shape. In the photo, (A) is from a small Rocky Mountain Elk, (B) is from a Roosevelt Elk and (C) is from a Sambar Stag. The Roosevelt Elk are usually found in the Cascade Mountains and west to the coast. I figure they prefer the wet conditions. The Rocky Mountain Elk is found in the dry, eastern part of

our state, and on east throughout the Rocky Mountains. Sambar Stag, if you found a complete antler in Oregon, would be exempt from the law because it is not an Oregon game animal.

Living Sambar stags are usually found in India, Australia and New Zealand. In my research I found a guided hunt in New Zealand for Sambar Stag. With a price tag of \$8,000.00, I decided not to hunt for Sambar handle material. I'll just keep paying the going price from the knifemaker supply companies.

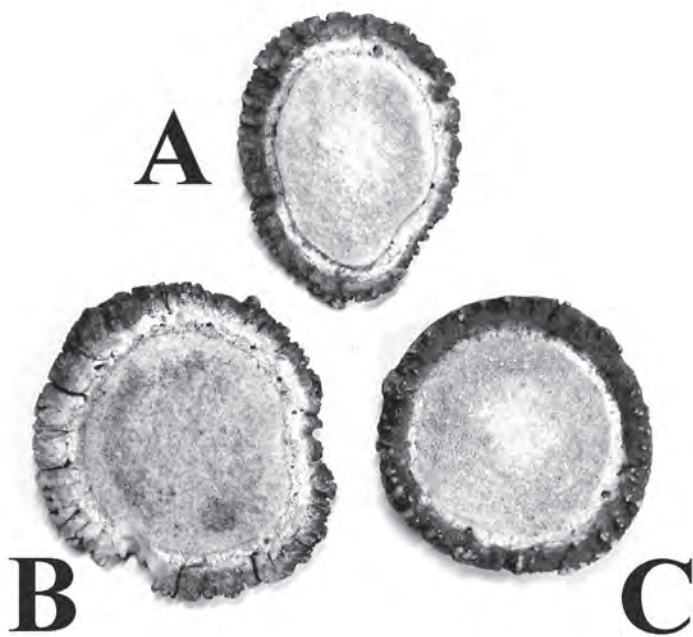
Can you legally sell antler-handled knives in California? Only if it is from a shed antler, according to a conversation I had with an official of the California Department of Fish and Game. Furthermore, I was told that my knives made with parts of legally purchased antlers from Oregon game animals would be subject to the same law if they were being offered for sale in California. If you think not, you haven't heard about the knives confiscated at the Great Western Show some time back.

See the photo of the elk antler. This was a medium sized antler that was heavy enough to indicate a thick wall. The same sized antler might weigh half what this one does and have material that was too thin to make anything other than small folder slabs or be used for miniatures.



pencil only on stag or antler. Do not use the ink-type markers on antler or stag; the ink will penetrate deep enough into the antler to make it unusable. Parts 1 and 5 will make handles for folding knives where the tip is left intact. I call them tip folders. Parts 2 and 4 are possibilities for use as full handles on hunting sized knives, or with 4 it is just large enough for a small Bowie. Part 3, the button, will be used to make a belt buckle. Part 6 is not suitable for much more than the handle on a leatherwork knife or similar, where it can be reshaped and not worry about having a smooth handle. Part 7 might make a Bowie knife handle. The fork sections, at 9 and 11, are useful to make buttons out of. They have too much curve in them to make anything larger than about one-inch long. Part 12 is too large on the big end in relation to the length, and as such is not good for much. Occasionally these odd pieces can be split, a section removed from the middle, and then put back together as a mortised type handle. I find it useful to make a pattern of the outline of the slab type handles I make. Parts 8 and 10 are where slabs may be found. The pattern can be laid on the antler or stag piece to see how it will work. The antler material is getting pretty thin at part 13, but small slabs can be found there. Part 14 would make a good handle for an awl, 15 has possibilities as a small knife handle.

There will always be lots of small scrap pieces from cutting antlers, some of it very beautiful. I'm planning on making some mosaic type handles in order to use up the small pieces of real fine antler and stag. They are not good for much except button material.



The photo shows the lines that mark where I would make the first cuts. Use a lead





## OKCA Free Classified Ads

Free classified ads will run up to three issues and then be dropped. Available only to paid members. Write your ad on anything you have handy (except Dirigible Prop blades) and email or snail mail to the OKCA PO Box 2091 Eugene OR 97402. The number and size of ads submitted by a single member will be accepted, or excepted, dependent on available space and the mood of the editors.

**For Sale:** Collection of Bronze Knives. Eight (8) pieces that include five (5) bronze daggers, a bronze Roman spear point, a Roman bronze friction folder and a bronze war axe head. These were featured in the April 2022 issue of the Knewsletter. I will throw in a bronze bracelet and some bronze Roman coins. \$2,500.00 for all. I also have a meteorite blade from Indonesia and a very early steel sword blade from England. Contact Dan @ Westlind@wwestsky.net

**WANTED to buy:** American made Bowie and dirk knives from the Civil War and earlier, plus fancy California knives and push daggers. Mark Zalesky (865)310-0576 (leave msg) or email knifepub@gmail.com

**For Sale -** Vintage and other knives for sale on eBay under MAYERI BOUTIQUE. Carbon steel, German and Japanese knives and more. Becky Pierce.

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