



The Knewsletter

Oregon Knife Collectors Association
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Update from the OKCA Board

To: Our fellow club members

We would like to take this opportunity to thank John Priest, Elayne Ellingsen, and Dennis Ellingsen for their time on the OKCA board and running the April show for the last 47 years! We are so grateful for all the happy memories we have of friends and family at the OKCA shows! THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU for all of your hard work throughout the last 5 decades. John, Elayne, and Dennis have submitted their resignation to the board and are now retired from their club duties.

Please excuse our small newsletter while we transition to the new board members and duties of assembling the newsletter are being assigned. This October newsletter will consist of information and updates regarding club business and the April show.

Announcements:

The APRIL 2024 Show is ON!
And the VENUE is confirmed with the Lane County Events Center!! Mark your calendars for April 12-14th (see times and dates detailed in Exhibitor Application enclosed in this newsletter).

We are very excited to announce we are now accepting membership applications and exhibitor application/fees for 2024! Please see the applications for updated contact information and how to submit payment through the US mail. We are currently working on updating our website and getting set up for electronic payment. It should be operating within the next week or so (hopefully by the time you are reading this, it will be ready to go).

-We will not be having a December show this year. With all the changes going on over here, the club would like to put our efforts into keeping the club

operating and getting ready for the April show. We will definitely have a December show in 2024!

- Bryan Christensen will be hosting the **Toys for Tots** drive at the November Sizzler meeting on 11/15/23.

MARINE CORPS RESERVE



Official Club business:

09/20/23 - At the Sizzler meeting

With the three open seats on the Board of Directors, interim board members were voted in by the attending members (which constitutes a quorum). Susan Goddard (Secretary- Treasurer), Lisa Wages (Vice President), and Hannah Morgan (Show Chair).

10/01/23 - Written notice of emergency meeting

Per the club by-laws, a Notice was emailed out to the club members on the current email list. A notice was also posted in the Facebook group calling an emergency meeting on 10/10/23 at the local Sizzler in Eugene, Oregon.

10/03/23 - Board Meeting

1) The current Board of Directors agreed to amend the by-laws to move from the current 5 member structure to a 7 member board.

2) Craig Morgan made a motion to put forth a new Slate of Officers for the Membership to consider:

CEO – Craig Morgan, President – Ray Ellingsen, Vice President – Steve Goddard, Secretary/Treasurer – Susan Goddard, Master at Arms – Joshua Hill, Show Chair – Lisa Wages, Marketing and Promotions – Hannah Morgan.

This proposal was agreed to unanimously by the Board, and all Board members signed a document to put these amended by-laws into effect.

10/10/23 - At the Emergency Sizzler meeting

1) One of the issues we noticed immediately, due to three years of the Pandemic diminishing our financial reserves, is that for the Club to survive and thrive, we will need to increase the membership fees. A proposal to change the fees for membership from \$20 per single and \$25 per family, TO \$30 for single and \$45 for family (up to 4 members). This was voted on by the club members present at the meeting and was agreed to unanimously. This will go into effect for 2024. Any member that has already paid for their 2024 membership as of 10/10/23 will be grandfathered in at the rate they paid and will not pay the new rate until their membership expires.

2) The second order of business is to nominate a new Slate of officers to be permanent members until the Membership meeting in October 2024. The Bylaws were changed on 10/3/2023 by the current Board

Members to increase the Board from 5 to 7 members. The Board nominated the following to fill the roles of the Board/Officers of the Club:

President - Ray Ellingsen, Vice President - Steve Goddard, Secretary Treasurer - Susan Goddard, Master At Arms - Joshua Hill, Show Chair - Lisa Wages. The two new positions will be Chief Executive Officer and Publicity Officer. The Board has nominated Craig Morgan for the CEO and Hannah Morgan for Marketing and Promotions.

Craig Morgan opened the floor to the club members and asked for other Nominations. There were no other nominations.

The vote to secure these nominations was agreed to by the club members unanimously.

The vote to ratify these nominations will be held at the Sizzler meeting on 10/18/23.

To our local club members: See you at the Sizzler! To our club members worldwide: See you in the next newsletter!

October Meeting at Sizzler 10/18/2023

(dinner at 6pm, meeting starts at 7pm)

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND SHOW TABLE CONTRACT 2024

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email: info@oregonknifeclub.org phone: 541-972-3393

*****COMING SOON***** Or set up your membership/renewal online at <https://oregonknifeclub.org/>

Name(s) _____ Date _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Email _____

Collector Knifemaker Dealer Mfr./Distrib. Other _____



At the request of numerous members, we are finally going to a digital format, and will be emailing you your newsletters in 2024. If you would like a hard copy of the Newsletter mailed to your residential address, there will be a \$30 per year charge which can be added to your membership fees.

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

____ Start/ _____ Renew my/our OKCA membership (\$30 individual/\$45 family) \$ _____ Newsletter mailed (\$30) \$ _____

SHOW TABLE/Exhibitor APPLICATION 2024

Friday, April 12, 2024 8am-9am set-up. 9am-5pm open ONLY to table-holders and members of OKCA.

Saturday, April 13, 2024. 7am-8am set-up. 8am-5pm open to the public.

Sunday, April 14, 2024. 8am-9am set-up. 9am-3pm open to the public.

PLEASE ENCLOSE FULL PAYMENT WITH THIS FORM. Full refund granted if reservation canceled by February 15, 2024. DON'T GET LEFT OUT!!!

MAIL THIS PAGE AND YOUR CHECK TODAY. A signature is required at the bottom of page 2.

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 \$120 (members only)\$ _____

****Note: if you would like to purchase a second table, you may do so for an additional \$80. This does not mean that all additional tables are \$80, for each table that you purchase you may purchase a second table for \$80.****

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.)\$ _____

**** PLEASE RETURN THIS ENTIRE PAGE application must include the signed SHOW EXHIBITOR RULES PAGE or a photocopy. DO NOT CUT IT UP!**** www.oregonknifeclub.org

SHOW EXHIBITOR RULES 2024

47th ANNUAL OREGON KNIFE SHOW • APRIL 12-14, 2024

360 — 8'x30" TABLES

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

For Information Contact the Club: (541) 972-3393 or info@oregonknifeclub.org

AUTOMATIC RESERVATIONS: If you had a table at the 2023 Show, you have an automatic reservation for the same table in 2024, but THIS RESERVATION EXPIRES DECEMBER 15, 2023. 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 12/15/2023. If you are adding an additional table that you did not previously hold, your location may be moved depending on the availability of the table next to you.

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 Chair, 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 Chair 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 Club.

SHOW FACILITATORS will be provided by OKCA from 9AM 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.

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.

I have read and agree to abide by the OKCA Show rules as set forth herein, 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 _____