



OREGON KNIFE COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND SHOW TABLE CONTRACT 2025

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Name(s) _____ Date _____

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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 2025

Friday, April 11, 2025 8am-9am set-up. 9am-5pm open ONLY to table-holders and members of OKCA.

Saturday, April 12, 2025. 7am-8am set-up. 8am-5pm open to the public.

Sunday, April 13, 2025. 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, 2025.

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.)\$ _____

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SHOW EXHIBITOR RULES 2025

48th ANNUAL OREGON KNIFE SHOW • APRIL 11-13, 2025

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@oregonknifecollectors.com

AUTOMATIC RESERVATIONS: If you had a table at the 2024 Show, you have an automatic reservation for the same table in 2025, but THIS RESERVATION EXPIRES DECEMBER 15, 2024. 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 12/15/2024. 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. EXHIBITOR TABLES ARE TO BE PACKED UP AND OUT OF THE BUILDING BY 5PM SUNDAY.

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.

LICENSED SERVICE ANIMALS ONLY: Unlicensed service animals or pets are not permitted in the buildings of the Lane County fairgrounds and will be asked by the fairgrounds administration to leave the premises.

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. •All blades must have their tips/points facing away from the aisle.

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 _____



KNEWSLETTER IN A NUTSHELL



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



February 2025

Rope Cutting Competition

KNIFE SPECIFICATIONS

1. Knife size specifications"

- 10" blade max, 15" overall length max
- Blade and Handle Thickness – No restrictions
- Fixed blade knives ONLY

2. Added weights forward of the handle are not allowed.

3. All Handles must have at least 1 visible pin or tube that passes through the handle material and tang.

4. All Knives must have a secure lanyard hole with a sturdy wrist lanyard. In the front of the handle or just ahead of the handle. Event officials may disqualify any knife if the lanyard system, in any way, presents a safety hazard.

5. All Knives must have a sturdy sheath to be allowed in the event area.

6. All knives must have been inspected prior to competition.

7. All knife design features are subject to the approval of Officials.

ROPE CUTTING COMPETITION RULES

- All competitors must sign a Release of Liability prior to event.
- All competitors must abide by all instructions given by OKCA event officials.
- Cutters must be at least 18 years old.
- All knives must be sheathed. Unsheathed knives will not be allowed.
- No slick soled or open toed footwear will be allowed in event area.
- Eye protection must be worn at all times while in event area.
- All knives must be placed and remain in an area designated by event officials at the time of an event.
- Only one (1) knife will be unsheathed at a time unless directed by event officials.
- Event officials will inspect all knives prior to the start of each competition for adherence to knife specifications. Officials will also inspect knives for any noticeable damage during events.
- Penalties will be administered for any safety, rules or procedure infraction.
- Infractions posing a threat to spectators, officials, other Cutters or the Cutter him/herself will result in immediate disqualification. Disqualified Cutters will receive 0 (zero) points for the Event.

2025 Club Knife - By Mike Johnston

The Oregon Knife Collectors 2025 Club Knife is a friction folder cable damascus knife. A collaboration design by Mike Johnston and Ray Ellingsen. Produced by Mike Johnston.

Sequentially numbered 1-5 will be made with Ivory Linen Micarta with Chrome colored chicao screws, these will be available to bid on in the silent auction at the April show.

Sequentially numbered 6-100 will be made with Maroon linen and Chrome colored chicao screws. These are available for preorder.

Handle length 5.25"

Blade length 4"

Overall length open 9.25"

Overall length closed (including tang) 7"

The numbering and the OKCA club beaver logo will be engraved on the blade.

This offer is only available to OKCA members.

This is a project for OKCA members to support the club. The price will be \$200.00 each.

Delivery is April 2025.

Limit of 2 per club member.

Payment in full must accompany the order to reserve your knife. Available only to 2025 OKCA members

You can mail in the order form and check or go online

[Click here to purchase 2025 Club Knife](#)



The above knife pictured is a prototype that was made by Mike Johnston for example purposes. Club knives will have slight variations

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

OKCA 2025 Knife

Quantity _____ @ \$200.00 ea..... \$ _____

Pick up at April Show

Ship (If shipping out of Oregon, add your state sales tax)

Sales Tax.....\$ _____

Shipping \$10.00.....\$ _____

Total.....\$ _____

Mail order form and check to OKCA

PO Box 2091 - Eugene OR 97401

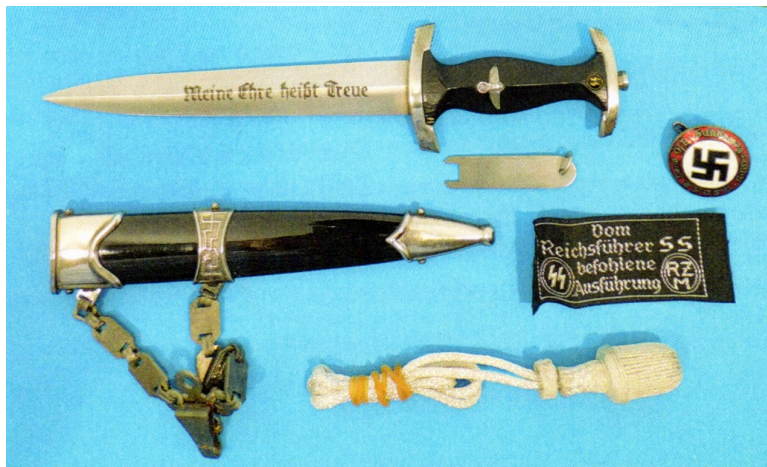
“Can Knives OFFEND?”

By Kelly Lane

We know a knife can help defend you, but can it be Offensive? Not “offense” in battle. I mean can just looking at a knife offend you?

I never intentionally offend anyone and never advocate any form of racism. Instead, here I try to promote the importance of significant knives that have historical or intrinsic value.

Years ago at a flea market, I came across a seller with many knives. I saw a Case XX knife with white synthetic handles. It was in good condition and instead of having a Case shield, it had an interesting Christian cross inlay together with an inlaid red drop of blood seeming to drip off the bottom of the cross. I immediately thought; this was cool and very unusual! I picked it up to have a closer look. To my surprise, I saw the back handle was engraved “K.K.K.”. I was so shocked, I almost dropped the knife! Somehow I ‘felt’ in my gut that it had been used for bad, maybe evil purposes. I put the knife back down and walked away, noticing many other Nazi knives the vendor was selling. I ‘felt’ the knife’s previous owner (a KKK Member, NOT the knife dealer) must have been a real bad guy, but - was the knife racist by itself? Sometimes I



(Figure 1 above)

wonder if I should have bought it for my collection, because the front inlay looked very cool to me, but instinct

told me the knife was ‘bad juju’ and I walked away empty handed. I think

of that knife every now and then and it inspired me to write this article.

Can a KNIFE be racist? People can be offensive, without a doubt. But is it possible that a metal and plastic



(figure 2 above)

inanimate, un-thinking tool be offensive too? Can a gun sitting in one’s collection ‘be evil’ or just a person using a gun for evil purposes ‘be evil’? In my opinion; knives, guns and tools should not “offend” anyone on their own accord.

I have seen amazing Nazi knife collections and met some very nice owners of such knives. I didn’t think the owner was offensive at all, just because he had a collection of Nazi knives.

I heard a story of a lady showing her friend a knife from her father’s collection. She saw the knife had a swastika on the handle and exclaimed to her friend; “Your father is a racist!”. The daughter was quite hurt by the

comment and explained that in actuality her father was a U.S. WW2 Veteran who fought Nazis all through the war, he picked up that knife from an enemy soldier that tried to attack him with it and brought it home as a souvenir. He wasn’t racist at all, he was a decorated hero!

Nowadays people are very quick to label others with vile monikers, without taking time to think things through. 20 second videos and news headlines don’t give a good picture of a situation, but that seems to be the norm lately and has caused great confusion and division in our country.

One of my favorite knives in my collection is a Civil War Confederate coffin handled folder with cipher stamps in the blade saying “Southern”. I have another with “Rebel Pride” & a Confederate flag handle. Does owning such knives make me racist? – Absolutely not! I hope by my owning these knives, you the reader are not offended... In fact, so many things are deemed “racist” lately that I have started collecting items being ‘cancelled’ or banned from the marketplace.

In my collection I have a Cattaraugus straight razor knife with a beautiful Indian head logo inlay, a club collector’s knife with a questionable blade etch describing the Napanoch name roots, and my latest addition- a (Figure 3 above)

Dukes of Hazard General Lee knife with the car and it’s rebel flag on the roof. Does owning any of these knives make one a racist? Not in the least bit!

I receive catalogs in the mail from a fellow OKCA member and saw this knife (see figure 1) a MINT condition

Miniature 1936 Nazi SS Dagger with a swastika pin included! It was out of my price range, but would make a great addition to my Miniature knife collection. Not to offend – just a cool old mini knife!

I read an article titled; “Boycott knife dealers that sell (A tactical knife company I will not name), owned by a racist”. I think that call for a boycott is ludicrous – boycotting the popular brand AND Dealers that sell those knives could hurt a lot of people! The article also threatens; “Knife collecting should be a hobby that is accepting of all races, genders, religions and so on, otherwise the community is going to shrink...”. I say Poppycock to that! I wonder if that article was written by a competing knife maker to increase

sales!?



(figure 3 above)

I have great Mushroom-hunting Knife with a rainbow colored handle – does that mean it belongs to the LGBTQ+

community? Certainly not! I bought it because I like the colorful handle, that’s all! (see figure 2)

One of my favorite childhood books is Uncle Remus Stories – with an image of Brer Rabbit holding a big knife. Is Brer Rabbit offensive, or the knife, or the book? In my view none of them are offensive at all. (See figure 3)

Martin Luther King said; “to judge people on the content of their character, not the color of their skin”. He was a wise man and I believe in what he said. (Nor should you judge a person by the knife he owns.)

Come visit me at the OKCA Show in April!

-Kelly Lane

Update from the OKCA Board

Howdy OKCA Members,

We hope everyone is making it through this winter okay—it’s been a cold one!

Susan Goddard sent out the **2025 membership badges** in the mail last week, so please check your mailbox!

We are ramping up efforts for the April show, confirming demonstrations, local marketing, and table registrations. They’re filling up fast! We are on track to have a full show, almost there! We still have just over 8 weeks to go until the event.

Please consider contributing to the April Show’s Silent Auction. The funds raised through the auction help cover the show costs as well as extra marketing expenses for the show and the club. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, we’ll issue a donation receipt, so you can write off the value of your donation when filing taxes for 2025.

ATTENTION TABLE HOLDERS: Last year, we had a lot of tardy table holders. We have a strict start time on

both Saturday and Sunday, so please be respectful of the attendees, fellow club members, board members, and hired staff by arriving during the setup hours on Saturday and Sunday (April 12th and 13th). Friday, April 11th, is the only flexible day.

If you're planning to enter the Custom Knife Competition or the Rope Cutting Competition, please review the rules before arriving at the show. The Custom Knife Competition rules are found in the January Knewsletter. The Rope Cutting Competition rules can be found in the Knewsletter you’re reading now. This will ensure you’re prepared to compete fairly, and we’ll be ready to receive you. For the Custom Knife Competition, you can register in Meeting Room 3 on Saturday. If you’d like to compete in the Rope Cutting Competition, please email us at info@oregonknifecollectors.com to register. Ed Schempp will be hosting the contest this year (Thank you, Ed!). Both events will take place on **Saturday, 4/12.**

The 2025 Club Knife is now available for purchase—see the order form on page 4 for details.



The 2025 club coins will be available for sale this month. The mint is currently creating the dies. Here’s the design by Bob Hergert (Thank you, Bob! We love your work ❤️).

Feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions about anything and everything.

**February Meeting at Sizzler
2/19/2025**

(dinner at 5:30pm, meeting starts at 6:00pm)
1010 Postal Way
Springfield, OR 97477

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 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, depending on available space.

Carpool to APRIL 2025 SHOW - Looking for a rideshare buddy from So Cal. Leaving early Wednesday for Thursday pm arrival in Eugene. Back in LA Tuesday pm. Driving comfortable passenger van rental. Call Steve Greenough at 818-300-8675.



Knives outreach – Jeff Dowell here, son of Ted and Betty Dowell / www.tmdknives.com in Bend. With mom's recent passing in July, I'm in the process of trying to 'close down' dad's shop, and there are hundreds of items I'd like get into the hands of knifemakers at very reasonable prices. Heat Treating Oven, Air Compressor, Multiple Ted-built Grinders, Handle Materials, Raw Steels, Ground Blades, Shop Tools, Books & Magazines and collectable TMD Memorabilia. If you're interested, please go to the website and select the TMD MARKETPLACE to see what is available. It is not yet fully populated with everything we have that's available, but there will be new stuff being added every week or two between now and the end of the year. Thank you!

jeff@tmdknives.com 😊

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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 Newsletter. 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@westsky.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 and axes for sale on eBay under MAYERI BOUTIQUE. Carbon steel, German and Japanese knives and more. Becky Pierce.

For Sale - Junglee "Baby Hattori" Fighter Classic knife of the 1980s out of Seki City. AUS-8 Stainless. Pt serrated swedge. Rubberized grip. 11 1/4-in. o.l. Complete with all original box, sheath, etc. \$500 Contact Steve at (818) 300-8675

Knife Books for sale as a lot: 28 books, Much less than recent retail! Please send me email for the complete list to patgeehan@gmail.com

Randall Made Knives: Buy, sell or trade. Also many custom knives for sale or trade. Visit www.nifeboy.com or email jim@nifeboy.com or (209)295-5568.

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

Filipino Sword Repair: Someone who can repair Filipino Swords. I have a couple that

need some tender loving care. Please contact me at cheta45@sbcglobal.net or 916-435-4931. Thank you, Chester Moore

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.

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

After Covid, Sally has come up with some new and unique mosaic pin designs. That includes 1/4", 3/16" and 1/8" stars. sally@customknife.com

WANTED: T. M. Dowell integral hunting knife. new or used. Call Ed at 503-842-4470 or eforam@centurylink.net.

Useful reference books on blades. Collectible knives, custom knives and knifemaking, military knives, swords, tools, and anything else that has an edge. Email for a list. Quality Blade Books C/O Rick Wagner P O Box 41854 Eugene OR 97404 (541)688-6899 wagner1938@yahoo.com.

J.A. Henckels Vintage Knife Collection available for viewing at jahenckelscollection.com. Bruce Owens buker@charter.net

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