

Howdy all,

Thanksgiving Day is this Thursday the 22nd. Our November shoot is set for the fourth Sunday of the month, the 25th. Traditionally *this* is a long weekend holiday for most folks. History has shown that very few cowboys and cowgirls are available for this match, plus with the 40 degree rule in effect (it's not forecast make it as a high for that day) the November match is canceled.

Christmas is a time to be with your in-laws and outlaws to close out the year in good standing. With the long weekend for Christmas, again few cowboys and girls will be available for Decembers match. Also, the temp. most likely will not be above the clubs 40 degree rule. With this said, The December match is canceled.

There are a few projects that the Topeka Gun Club Black Powder/Cowboy Director is presenting to the Topeka Gun Club to benefit the Cowboy club. Some may come to fruition in 2019 thanks to the Topeka Gun Clubs board of directors willingness to improve the overall appeal of the Topeka Gun Club. We hope that the cowboys will be on board with the projects as they develop.

We have just purchased and have in our possession new, larger pistol targets. This couldn't have happened without the assistance of <u>Reuben Rankin</u>, who through a personal contact saved the club a lot of money and helped get us some great targets that should last a long long time. We will spend the winter months prepping the new targets. A special thanks also goes out to <u>3-Shot Shamrock</u> who helped Reuben obtain the targets and deliver them to us.

An additional effort to ease the set up and tear down of the range is in the process of being finalized as well. Each stage will have a heavy duty four-wheel cart that will contain five pistol, five rifle, and four shotgun targets. The cart can be pulled to the respective stage and off loaded easily and then left at the stage during the match. When the match Is over the targets can be easily reloaded at that stage and rolled back to the barn. We are looking at a plan to make the target stands modular so they are easier to handle and store. These will be left on the large trailer.

We are also looking at reorganizing the barn so it's easier to move things in and out and appears more orderly. There are a lot of things to do but we'll get there. Don't be surprised if a call to arms is sent out for help.

We wish each and every one a happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a happy new year and thanks for supporting the club this past year.