



Western Canada Knife Association

# NEWSLETTER

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Your Executive for

2010 - 2011

President - Ron Nelson

Vice President - Roger Hatt

Secretary - Don Stevenson

Treasurer - Linda Nelson

### Upcoming shows in 2011

March 12 and 13, 2011

HACS Show at Heritage Park  
in Chilliwack, BC

Dave Worfolk- 604 880-4706

April 8, 9 and 10, 2011

OKCA Knife Show in  
Eugene, Oregon. Members  
only on Friday, April 8th

April 22 and 23, 2011

Calgary Gun Show at the  
Calgary Stampede Park  
403 771-8348

April 30th and May 1st, 2011

KTSA Gun Show in  
Kamloops, BC

[KTSA.Show@shaw.ca](mailto:KTSA.Show@shaw.ca)

250 376-0055

*Plans have been made to have a few door prizes given out next year to the members attending the 2011 annual general meeting of the WCKA. Mike Pisio has donated a belt buckle with the Club logo scrimmed on bone. George Roberts donated a piece of ivory with a feather carved in relief on it. Consider donating something for the door prizes next year. Thanks!*

*No Want Ads were submitted for this issue but members can advertise on our web site.*

## Collaboration Knife

At the annual general meeting in April of 2010, George Roberts put forth a proposal to have three Club knifemakers build one knife that could be later raffled to raise funds to support the Club's programs. Now after only 7 1/2 months the knife is completed and we are moving on to the next stage. A license is being sought from the Gaming Branch of the provincial government in Victoria and once that is granted it will only be a matter of a few days before we have booklets of raffle tickets made. We plan to sell raffle tickets anywhere there may be people interested in knives. The president will have them at the HACS two day show in March and possibly at a one day show in January. Of course, tickets will be sold at the Kamloops show. The date for the draw has yet to be confirmed but is penciled in for May 1, 2011 (the last day of the Kamloops show).

The directors would like to mail a book of tickets to each Club member with the hope that they will be able to sell at least one booklet among friends, co-workers and family. It will take a concerted effort to sell tickets if we are to be successful. This could become an annual event if all goes according to plan.

Thanks to Don Stevenson, Elliott Reiter and George Roberts for putting their skills together to build this one-of-a-kind knife. If any Club members wishes to purchase a poster then we can make that happen.



## George Tichbourne

It is with sadness that we pass on the news that George passed away in early December. For those of you who didn't know him, he was a successful businessman and custom knifemaker from Mississauga, Ontario. He helped out a lot of young and not so young new knifemakers learn their craft. He harboured no secrets and was eager to pass on what he had learned without any hesitation. His knives were sought out by knife collectors all over North America and I know of a few in European collections. George would have been right at home in the WCKA as in our earliest days we prided ourselves as knifemakers helping knifemakers.



## Are We Having Fun Yet?

2011

Well, the knifemakers and suppliers have done their jobs and the WCKA collaboration knife is ready to take to the stage as we sell raffle tickets for the eventual drawing for the prize on Sunday, May 1st, 2011 at the KTSA Show in Kamloops. This is a first for our Club and there have been a few difficulties to overcome to get the raffle tickets and posters printed. Your president, Ron Nelson, is stingy with his own money so it is not out of character for him to be the same way with the Club's money. Our bank account has been maintained between \$1500 and \$2000 for several years but we will be well below \$800 by the time of our show in late April. Not all bills have come in for the knife raffle but the costs associated with printing will be over \$400.00 before a single raffle ticket is sold. The cost of the photography and layout for the poster is expected to be just under \$300.00. Maybe you can see why he is a little nervous. Our BC Gaming license for the ticket raffle was approved on Friday, January 7th but only after the president phoned Victoria to see what the holdup was. It seems our file was languishing on a desk while the staff member was off for a week due to illness. Ray Robertson with the BC Gaming Branch came to our rescue, took over the file and polished up the wording in the application before approving it. His help was greatly appreciated. The raffle tickets should be in the mail to Club members within a week or two so that they can hopefully sell a few to friends, family and acquaintances. At a price of \$2 each or 3 for \$5, we hope that people will want to buy some and support our efforts as a Club. If you would like more than one booklet, phone or email Linda Nelson and she will ensure that you get the number of books that you want.

Congratulations to Garth Hindmarch of Carlyle, Saskatchewan. He is the first member to renew his membership for 2011. This is sure to be a good year. There is a renewal form attached to this newsletter that you can use and reproduce for any knife friends who would like to join.

What do you have planned for the coming year? Have you made one of those almost impossible to keep resolutions such as lose weight, save more money or go to bed at a reasonable time every night? I can't keep those as I don't have the strength needed. Instead I have chosen to attend more knife shows, buy some new equipment and make more than one knife this year. With all the help available to me, there is no reason to not keep this last resolution. I am always interested in the activities of our members and the variety of ways that they have employed to keep their hobby alive. What are you doing differently this year? Share with the newsletter editor how 2011 is going to be different for you. I know that when I meet with fellow Club members that there is often a question about a present or former member. The interest is always there.

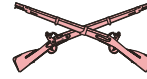
### WCKA Members News

- Mike and Christina Rytter are looking at moving from the wet coast and reestablishing in Alberta.
- WCKA collaboration knife posters are available for sale. They are 11" by 17" and will sell for \$ 3 each.
- Some more items have been donated for the AGM meeting to be awarded as door prizes for members in attendance. The latest items include a package (12) of size 30 drills and a new 1.5 hp. Leeson motor.
- Have another look at our web page. Is your name there? If you make knives then this is a great venue to get free advertising. Christina Rytter is our web master and can be reached at 604 823-4396 or at '[sales@woodstabilizer.com](mailto:sales@woodstabilizer.com)'.
- Roger and Diane Hatt have been looking for a place and a way for members to have a social gathering prior to the KTSA show at the end of April. What are your thoughts about meeting at the show on Friday night and having a barbecue and sitting around and sharing some stories and laughs? This would be in the section set aside for campers, motorhomes and trailers. Many of us will already be there setting up for Saturday's opening.



Kamloops Target  
Sports Association

28th Annual  
Kamloops



# GUN & ANTIQU SHOW & SALE

McArthur Island Sports Centre - 12th. Street South - Kamloops, B.C.  
Show Times:- Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm & Sunday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Admission \$6.00 Seniors \$4.00 (Gold Card)  
Accompanied children 12 and under Free.

## April 30 & May 1 2011

Including...

11th Annual

Custom Knife Show



Western Canada Knife Association

Free Parking  
ATM on Site

For Information write to:  
P.O. Box 744, Kamloops BC V2C 5M4  
www.ktsa.ca - Email KTSA.Show@shaw.ca  
Ph. (250) 376-0055 Cell (250) 319-1916

Have you visited Rob and Marilyn Ridley's web site lately? Their site, 'www.Knifemaker.ca' has a lot of new materials and supplies listed. This is an ongoing effort by the Riddleys. They are now stocking a number of new carbon steels plus a greater selection of videos for knifemakers. It is nice to have a knifemaker's supply centre here in Western Canada.. Check with them if you have a special need or looking for something special. They'll try to help you.

Christina, from 'Woodstabilizer.com', has informed the editors that we now have a WCKA forum up and running on the Knife Dogs forum. Christina Rytter and our newest member, Jeff Maron are the forum moderators. If we have any other members who are willing to be moderators, they should contact, Christina Rytter via email or by phone. All the information for contacting her can be found on the WCKA web site. The link to the forum is on the front page of [www.wcka.org](http://www.wcka.org)

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# WCKA Membership Application For 2011

New Member \_\_\_\_\_  
Renewal Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Year 2011

## MEMBERSHIP FEE STRUCTURE - JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31

Knifemaker/Associate Single ..... \$20.00  
Knifemaker/Associate & Family\* ..... \$25.00

\* Family members must all reside at the same residence to qualify for Family Memberships.  
Associate members includes: Collectors, Dealers, Mfr./Distributors

( WCKA Membership includes Newsletter )

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

( Please include all names for family memberships )

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Prov./State \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership list, complete with member information, will be sent to all members.  
appear on this list?**

**Do you want your name to**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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