

KSRA FOUNDATION UPDATE - JULY 2009

R. J. Robel, Chairman

The KSRA Foundation Board of Directors met in Topeka, Kansas on 6 June 2009. After receiving reports from its Officers, the Board focused primarily on present and future fund-raising activities. A multi-gun raffle was conducted in early 2009 and netted approximately \$8,000 for the Foundation. Winners of the raffle were drawn at the conclusion of the KSRA 2009 Annual Meeting (winners/prizes are listed at the end of this report). The Foundation expresses its appreciation to all who supported the raffle. The Foundation plans to conduct another multi-gun raffle in 2010.

The Foundation has held three gun and sporting equipment auctions in the past. Each was financially successful but obtaining the number of guns needed for another auction is problematic. Donations of guns from the KSRA membership have been limited and sporadic. At least 40 to 50 guns are needed to attract a significant number of bidders to conduct a successful auction. Because of the difficulty of assembling a sufficient number of guns for an auction, the Foundation is exploring on-line auctioning of guns when they become available as an alternative to organizing a fourth gun auction. Additionally, the Foundation plans to apply to the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks for 'Commission Permits' for big game (deer, elk, etc.) and auction these on e-bay or similar on-line sites.

The Foundation has four membership categories to recognize donors who have made substantial contributions: Charter (\$250), Benefactor (\$500), Founder (\$1,000), and Sustaining Founder (\$1,000 plus \$1,000 annually). The Foundation Board is considering the creation of two additional recognition categories, one for individuals/companies donating \$10,000 and one for those donating \$20,000 or more. Possible names for the categories include 'Silver Circle Member', 'Gold Circle Member', 'Founder Inter Circle Member', 'Founder X-Ring Member' and the like. A decision on whether or not to establish the two new recognition categories, the contribution amounts needed to qualify for each, and the name designations for the categories will be made during the next KSRA Foundation Board of Directors meeting on 30 August 2009. The Foundation now has a web page at the KSRA website (ksraweb.net, click on KSRA Foundation).

The Foundation Board approved a request from the KSRA Grants Committee for funds to support activities of the Fort Hays State University Trap Shooting Club, a 'shotgun camp-out' for the Olathe Boy Scouts Troop 474, travel to national shooting competitions by Caitlin Morrissey, and travel by the Riley/Pottawatomie County, Wyandotte County, and Flint Hills, Jr. Shooters B-B Gun teams to the 2009 International B-B Gun Championship Match in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Winners of the Foundation's 2009 multi-gun raffle were determined by drawing at the KSRA Annual Meeting in Topeka, Kansas on 7 July 2009. Their names and prizes are listed below:

Laurie Josefiak	Ruger Red Label 12 gauge O/U shotgun
Sy Holeman	Winchester Mod. 1886 take-down rifle, .45-90 BPCR
Bryan Richardson	Ruger Mod. 77 Hawkeye rifle, 7mm-08
Mark Brack	Winchester Mod. 70 Featherweight rifle, .270 Win.
Ronald Larson	TriStar Field Hunter 20 gauge O/U shotgun
Jim Froetschne	Weatherby Vanguard rifle, .257 Weatherby Magnum
Jerry Rogers	Ruger Mod. 77/22 rifle, .22 LR
Paul Brucken	Ruger Mod. 10/22 rifle, 22 LR

Congratulations to the winners. And a sincere thanks to those who supported this year's raffle, and to everybody who has contributed to the KSRA Foundation in the past. Each of you has played a key role in creating a permanent funding base for future shooting activities in Kansas. You have a right to be proud of the Foundation's accomplishments. Without your continued personal involvement, the KSRA Foundation cannot succeed!! Thank you again.