



2008 CLUB KNIFE

ADVENTURE IN YOUR HAND



Hi All,

I bring to you today some special and time critical information, concerning annual club knives. **It was decided at the February meeting, by unanimous vote, that the club hold its annual knife/knives** (I'll get to that in a bit) **selection at the April meeting. It was also unanimously decided to tariff the sale of each club knife \$50, to benefit the club.** The idea was presented by Gene Worden that delivery be made to coincide with the inaugural meeting of the club, which is October. This is a good idea, but I pointed out that there might be situation(s) with manufacturing or custom making that may preclude this from being an iron-clad order. However, as President, I will make it quite clear that this "requirement" is strongly desired (expected) of all club knife selection process participants. I will do what I can to force the delivery "requirement" but ultimately this may be missed in some instances. The period of April to October provides 6 months of production time. Were this to become a recurring issue then the selection month will be moved to an earlier period.



It was suggested by John Brown that there might be reason/justification/desire for mul-

multiple annual knife models. I agree, and will determine the occasion as follows. Where numbers of votes are evenly, or nearly evenly, divided between two entries, then the club shall have two annual knives that particular year. Where voting clearly picks one knife over all others, a second runner up knife will NOT be selected. Thus, we will have years of one knife and others of two knives.

Entries for annual club knife(s) have no bounding criteria per se. I would, however, like to impose a \$250-300 upper limit. Annual knife selection is open to all comers; customs, razors, factory, benchmade, etc.



For selection, I am pursuing a Canal Street "Cheetah" floating guard pattern, an Ek bowie, an Ek MKII dagger, and a Dave Reed short run automatic. The details of the Dave Reed auto are still being worked out as I write this. All of my submission knives would be handled in non-stock materials. John is pursuing a pearl Fight'n Rooster sowbelly, gunstock, and 5 blade stockman.

If you would like to submit a production/benchmade knife, but have no idea of how to go about getting in touch with the right people, or obtaining samples, or getting the company to provide discounted pricing for clubs, or informa-

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tion on short/limited run handles, CALL ME. I would be happy to help; I just need to know that help is needed.

Many production knives would carry a minimum order. In these cases, the club will pre-sell the selected knife and then decide if the numbers are close enough to the minimum quantity to warrant the purchase. The number of knives that make up the difference will be held as inventory of the club. These overage knives WILL NOT be sequentially serialized, and will be sold as the club sees fit. It has been suggested that the club have all of these "overage" knives serialized at #50 or #60 or some other number to protect the building of numbered sets by members. This would prevent latter members from being able to build sets from knives purchased out of sequence. This would also protect the value of founding member sets, while still allowing the new members to still build "complete" sets. This would also increase the perceived value of the overage knives as the club sells them since they wouldn't be just any old club knife, but a serial numbered one and a round numbered one at that. To prevent confusion with valid member numbers this particular "member" number would be held in lieu and never issued.

Members wishing to purchase more than one sequentially serialized club knife of a particular model will be required to hold an equal number of memberships. Members wishing to order their sequentially serialized knife(s) along with knives from the "overage" (if there are any necessary) will NOT be required to hold an equal number of memberships.



I reserve the right to reject a submitted knife prior to voting for various reasons, some examples of which are cost, potential inability to deliver on time or nearly on time, unsuitable handle materials, safety issues, quality





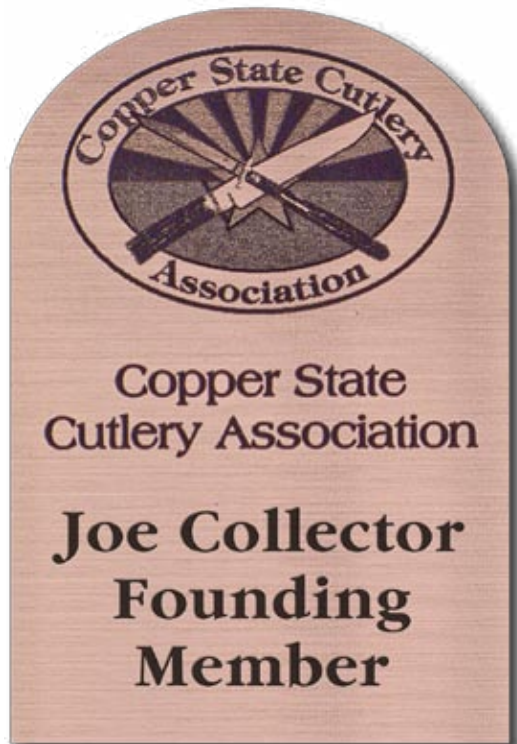
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of product, place of manufacture (you KNOW we won't be accepting Chinese or Pakistani junk), or ANY other explainable reason. Rejected knives will receive a definitive cause for rejection.

This is our inaugural club knife (or knives). These knives will bear a special etch or engraving denoting the occasion. Let's pick something to knock 'em dead!

Oh, and by the way, we signed 3 more new members at the February meeting. That's great, let's keep it up!

Steve



You can buy your own badge at the next meeting.

Members who join during 2007 or 2008 will be entered as founding members.

The cost is only \$10

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