

OWLKILL ROD & GUN CLUB

August 2018



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Our home on the Web - www.owlkill.org

Monthly Meeting: This month's meeting will take place on Thursday, August 9th at 7:00p.m.

Board of Directors: Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday**, August 28th at **6:00p.m.**

President's Comments:

I just returned from Pennsylvania for a few days. Rain, rain and more rain with some flooding in PA and I see the rivers are high here too. A couple weeks ago it was July sun, drought-like conditions and heat schooling us in the adage 'Only mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the noonday sun.' Streams were down to a trickle and could be stepped over rather than waded through. Now with high and muddy water engulfing the stream-side vegetation we must wait a couple days for it to calm down to fish. Hopefully the fish will be riled up.

Oh well, in three or four months most likely we'll be complaining about the cold!

Service:

*-In a small non-profit organization such as ours, service and volunteerism is the way we thrive and get things done. **We do thank all the members who share the burden of effort** in the outward and visible things as well as the many, many unseen things that are necessary to keep us going. Ranges, buildings, grounds and all equipment must receive general upkeep. Committees and Chairs of same keep their noses to the grindstone to keep us open, prepared and sharp.*

-The past several years we've had many special projects and have seen great rewards with comradery in action while the work was being accomplished. Always a good time had by all and satisfaction is the payoff- and thankfully- no injuries. Planning and doing our own building and project work saves us big-time! There are more projects to come.

-The mundane things that take very little time, but are noticed when undone like cleaning, picking up and taking out garbage, washing windows in clubhouse, keeping ranges picked up and prepared, etc.- are still necessary for us to be sharp and ready to put our best foot forward every day at every place at the club.

**** Our club as yet has had no enforced policy for 'x' hours/year/ member required service like most clubs do,** opting rather to see each member impelled from within to serve and this is how we prefer to go forward in days to come.*

- *Join the committee at the range you participate most in.*
- *Help the grounds committee or clubhouse cleanup crew*
- *See a need, make the job and fill it*
- *Step up to help with 4-H and special events*
- *Make the biannual Work Day a priority*

- ***Here's a job: Help conduct the annual Lottery.** This has been a need expressed for over two years in the Newsletters and is a **pressing NEED the club has.** This is good work and helps the club immensely. Tim Barry can easily impart the necessary skills and is willing to help bear the effort outside of spring planting times.
- **A new project on the horizon is siding the clubhouse-** courtesy of the Lottery's earnings aimed at this very task, in planning for several years. Our club has the benefit of an expert in this art but there is a need for several strong backs and craftsmen to lend a hand. See Phil Couch and he'll match your abilities to the task.

This is a reminder of how we can continue to have a great club at such low annual dues.

-The 2018 Lottery is over but there is one prize that still needs to be lotto'd off: The **Remington Model 783 in .30-06 caliber with a Bushnell 3-9 x 40 scope.** Yes it was won, but the winner chose to receive the reduced cash prize so the rifle combo will have its own lotto at the September 13th membership meeting. **Tickets available now at \$5 ea. or 3/\$10.**

Everyone can use a .30-06 and a second one is great for setting up that special load for a particular purpose without the necessity of adjusting scope from load to load. **Another 06 is always good and the club lottery fund is the beneficiary.**



- Hunter Safety Training Course will be sometime in September, though the date is still TBA (to be announced). Watch the calendar on the web-page.

- The 4-H High School Skeet shooters are on summer hiatus to resume in the fall. Thanks to all who run the event for the kids, who are the future of the sport.

See you at the meeting, 7:00 PM Thursday, August 9th.

John D'Allaird, President, Owlkill Rod & Gun Club



EDITOR'S COLUMN

I recently had a gentleman stop by and see me at work – it came up in conversation that he used to be a member of the Owlkill, but then family and other competing demands forced him to allow his membership to lapse. He was now interested in joining again. He was very impressed to hear about the many improvements we've made to the club, and he enjoyed hearing updates on the people he remembered from "back in the day" at the Club. By the time he left my office he had a copy of the range rules and a membership form. I fully expect to see him in the rifle shed in the coming weeks!

We do sit pretty well in the area of membership, but that doesn't mean that we shouldn't be sharing the good news about the Owlkill to bring new blood and new ideas to the club. Even if the new blood is "old blood" in some cases!

Have a great month!

Lance Allen Wang, Editor

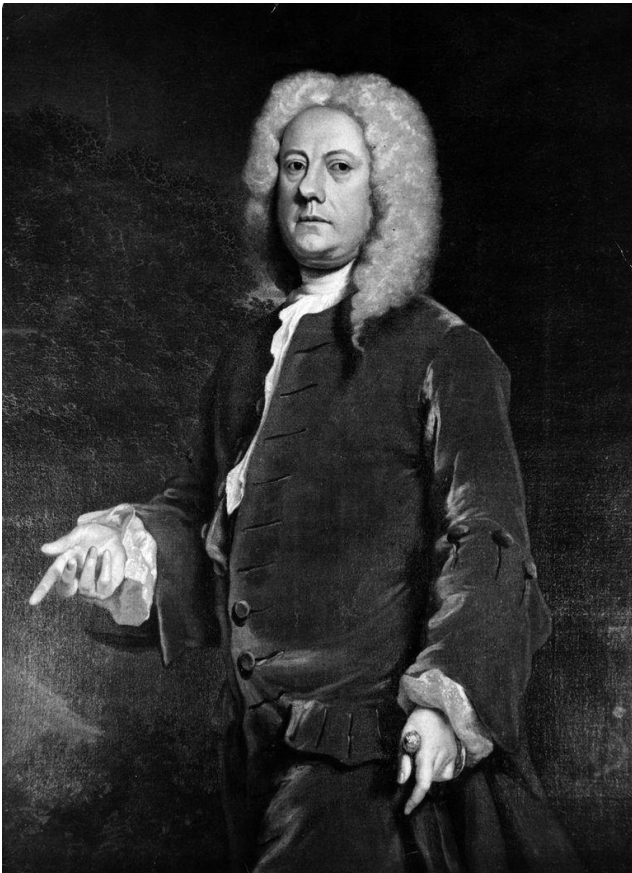


TRIVIA

OK, before we dive into last month's questions, thanks to Rich Allen for his responses – 3 for 3 this month Rich! And a surprise entry from Warren Coolidge – 1 for 1 at the one he took a crack at!

So last month's questions:

1. Lets go with inventors again – for one point. The man who refined the seed drill in time for the Agricultural Revolution later inspired the name for a popular 1970s classic rock band. Who was the inventor – and what was the name of the band?



Jethro Tull (Left) – refined the seed drill in time for the Agricultural Revolution.

Jethro Tull (Below) – Had nothing to do with the seed drill, but was a very successful rock band in the 70s.



2. Presidents for three – we had several Presidents who were avid hunters and fishermen. Theodore Roosevelt obviously comes to mind. But another President was an avid huntsman, fisherman, and golfer. He was quoted as saying:

“There are three (sports) that I like all for the same reason—golf, fishing, and shooting—because they take you into the fields. They induce you to take at any one time two to three hours, when you are thinking of the bird or ball or the wily trout. Now, to my mind, it is a very healthful, beneficial kind of thing, and I do it whenever I get a chance.”

Who was this President?

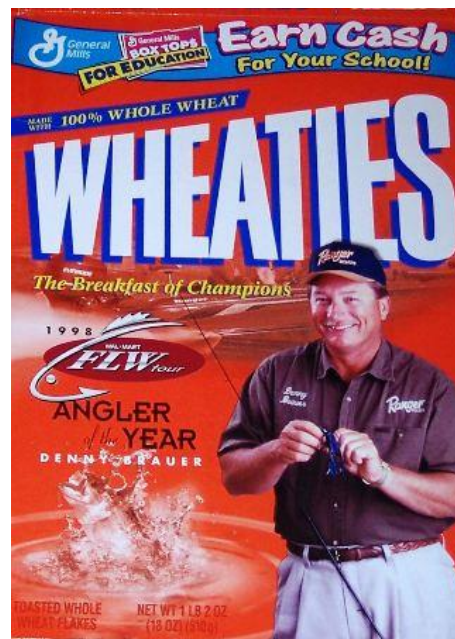
That President was Dwight Eisenhower.



President Eisenhower shooting sporting clays with a Navy Captain on the “Barbara Ann” near Camp David, Maryland

3. Lastly, lets go with fishing for two – Who is the only professional bass angler to appear on a box of Wheaties?

That would be one Denny Brauer!



So let's go on to this month's questions! Our topics this month are: Shotguns, Hunting Dogs, and Congress!

1. Shotguns for three – do the lands cast into rifled slugs help “spin stabilize” them? If they don't, then what stabilizes them?

2. Hunting Dogs for one – what are the three main categories of hunting dogs?
3. Congress for two – Who is the only President to go on to serve in the Senate AFTER leaving office?



EXPERTISE AT THE OWLKILL

We do have more talent at the club than we often realize. We have expert hunters, shooters, and fishermen and women. We have gunsmiths. We have reloaders. Not only that, but we have veterans, firefighters, police officers, historians, and craftsmen and women. It makes us a diverse club, and a better club for it! One of our historians is member John Sheaff. John will be talking about the Battle of Bennington at our next meeting. Do you have expertise, an interest, or a passion that you'd like to share with fellow members? Let me or one of the club officers know!



AND ONCE MORE ABOUT THAT RAFFLE

Leftover Rifle Raffle 9/13/18 at the conclusion of our regular meeting.

We're pleased to offer the membership a chance to win the Remington Model 783 30-06 Sprg. Bolt Action Rifle with 3-9 x 40mm Scope which was declined in lieu of the cash alternative.

Tickets will cost \$5 ea. or 3/\$10. They will be available at the BoD meetings (7/31 & 8/28) and regular meetings (8/9 & 9/13). If you can't make it to one of these meetings you may mail a check to the club (postmark on or before 9/8/18); please include your name, current mailing info and your preferred means of contact.

