

OWLKILL ROD & GUN CLUB

DECEMBER 2016



President: John D'Allaird

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Board of Directors: Mark Mahoney (Chairman), Tim Barry, David Langlois, Lance Allen Wang

Treas.: Randy Burgoyne

Secretary: Tom Duclos

What's happening at the Owlkill? Check out www.owlkill.org

Monthly Meeting: This month's meeting will take place on Thursday, December 8th at 7:00p.m.

Board of Directors: Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday** December 27th at **6:00p.m.**

President's Comments:

The Holiday season is here and time is becoming the precious commodity as usual. One of the great things about the time spent decorating, shopping and prepping is that all the hubbub has the pay-off of the time spent with family and friends, seeing them take joy and making it worth all the effort. Although shopping is not the first item on my 'favorite things to do' list, many thrive on it so if you are one who enjoys it- **knock yourself out for this is your time!**

Big game season in our neck of the woods is still ongoing and is a healthy preoccupation for many of our number until bagging their limit and filling all the permits issued to them or their neighbors- good for the freezer too and integral to the plan of those who monitor the population assuring a healthy, growing, well maintained herd and numbers. Deer and bear rifle seasons are open until Dec. 11th and the late bow hunting and muzzleloader seasons until Dec. 20.

Let's not forget the small game hunters who look forward to and enjoy the rabbit, squirrel, pheasant and grouse hunting remaining this season. These small, tender critters are sporting, often not easily bagged, tasty and easier to haul home!

With our yearly Lottery already underway, I want to take this opportunity to thank Tim Barry for all of his work to design and execute our excellent Lottery in this, its **4th** year! It is too easy to take this kind of service for granted. We have seen in these short years a steady increase in ticket sales, expanding types and quality of prizes, and proceeds available to club. **Much work has gone into it.**

Tim has served in this capacity for an extra year already, having expressed his desire to step down a year ago (after three full years' service) and extra kudos are due him for his willingness to carry on for this fourth year. The process and system has been honed and can be continued without re-inventing the wheel from this year on.

*****This is an appeal for a volunteer (or volunteers) to pick up the mantle, step up and carry the Lottery on. Tim has consented to remain an active advisor and touchstone with vendor relationships, engaged and aiding the transition without skipping a beat. Please consider your involvement in this effort and contact Tim or me.**

Our annual membership dues have been raised to \$75 by unanimous vote of the attending

membership at the November 10th meeting, on recommendation from the Board, who voted unanimously to present as necessary to cover the club's annual operating expenses. Previously, dues' shortfalls have been covered by proceeds from the Lottery. The matter has been in consideration and budgets studied for over 2 years, leading to this action as necessary to keep the club solvent and moving on debt-free. This allows the club to cover annual operating and maintenance expenses freeing up fundraising proceeds (Lottery, et al) to be applied directly to upgrades and new initiatives.

The Club Web-store is open for orders until Dec 11th at 11:59PM- link below:

<https://owkillrodgunclubwinter2016.itemorder.com/>

We have added many new items and accessories- excellent gifts! Log on and see- both ladies and men's apparel. The purchased goods- bundled per order- will be brought to the clubhouse and will be available on Thursday, Dec. 22nd from 6PM until 9PM when all should be picked up and signed off. **No shipping charges!** There will be hot coffee on hand!

*Due to longer processing times, shooting shirts and gun cases will take a bit longer- available just after the New Year.

Enjoy your Holidays and celebrations this year.

See you at our meeting on Thursday, December 8th.
John D'Allaird, President, Owlkill Rod & Gun Club



EDITOR'S COLUMN

Enclosed in this newsletter are updated membership forms and safety rules. That's right, its renewal time again! Of course, we hope you all renew. Yes, dues have gone up, but it really is a right-sizing measure on our part. Just because our expenses go up every year doesn't always mean our dues go up, so eventually something has to give. The bottom line is this dues increase is "fact-based" and based on three years of diligent budget work and projections by our Treasurer. As a man who has looked at more budgets than he cares to recall, I will tell you this is good common-sense staff work, which is why the increase was approved unanimously by both the Board of Directors and all members in attendance at our November meeting.

Please review the renewal form carefully – like last year, there are penalties for late payment. We appreciate everyone's timely renewals last year! It makes our job, those charged with making the club run, much easier when we all work TOGETHER!

The Owlkill is a great place to be and 2017 promises to prove that yet again. May you and your loved ones all have a Happy, Healthy, and Blessed season!

L. A. Wang, Editor



TRIVIA

Only one decided to take a crack at last month's trivia, and unfortunately points carry over to this month, no winners! So let's look at the questions again.

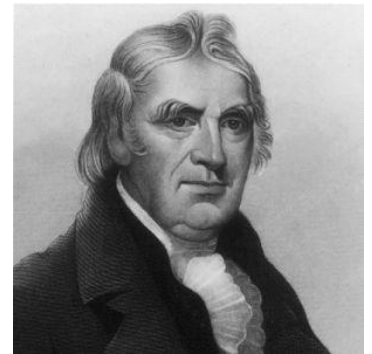


ELECTION TRIVIA:

Music buffs, the hint is the picture to your left. The question is simply this – who was the first person to run for and win the Vice Presidency of the United States? For our first few elections, the Vice Presidency went to the person who got the second most votes for President. Could you imagine that today? As my younger cousin might say – “AWK-WARRRRD!”

So, for those of you who don't recognize the hint – the gentleman in the picture above is George Clinton, one of the founders of the 70s funk band Funkadelic, later Parliament and P-Funk. For those of you who might be fans of Jimi Hendrix' music, listen to the seminal 1971 Funkadelic album “Maggot Brain,” in particular its opening cut, and you will hear, in my humble opinion, guitar work which shows jazz direction Hendrix was going in with his Band of Gypsies recordings before his death in 1970.

But I digress. This picture to the right is ALSO of one George Clinton: → The Clinton shown above and the one to the right share very little other than a name. THIS George Clinton was the first elected VP, and he was VP from 1805-1812. He was VP for both Thomas Jefferson AND James Madison. More trivia – he and John C. Calhoun are the only people to have served as “Veeep” for more than one President!



HUNTING TRIVIA:

They say that “Nothing runs like a Deere!” Well, that may be so. But how fast can a deer run?

Nothing runs like a Deere takes on a whole new meaning when you learn that a white-tail can sprint up to 35 miles per hour! As if that's not enough – they can jump seven feet from a standing position, and ten from on the fun. And if THAT'S not enough – their long jump is 30 feet in a single leap.



“We can rebuild him. We have the technology. We can make him better than he was. Better, stronger, faster.” Yeah? Let me tell you something folks - Steve Austin had nothing on the common white-tail!

VETERAN TRIVIA:

Armistice Day, which later became Veterans Day, was first celebrated on November 11, 1919. When did Veterans Day officially become designated as a holiday which would always be observed on November 11th?

Although we are familiar with the traditional November 11th, there was a period of time that Veterans Day was moved to the last Monday in October. President Gerald Ford, realizing the historical importance of the original date, he signed a law in 1975 moving Veterans Day back to when it was supposed to be, on the 11th day of the 11th month beginning in 1978.

Now then – let’s go to some trivia for this month! We’ll talk about something that I’m rather fond of, which are single shot rifles – two very popular actions in the 19th century were “Rolling Block” and “Falling Block” rifles.

1. What is the difference between a “Rolling Block” and a “Falling Block” rifle?
2. Which is the stronger action? Why?
3. Name a popular rolling block action rifle
4. Name a popular falling block action rifle



LOOK SHARP AND BE SHARP – IN OWLKILL GEAR!!!

The catalog page of Owlkill Rod & Gun Club apparel is up for orders. The link is

<https://owlkillrodgunclubwinter2016.itemorder.com/>

This link will also appear on our webpage (owlkill.org).

If you know of any member who is not online and wants to purchase from the store be sure to let them know that we're up and running, since they will not hear by e-mail.

Please note that the cut-off date for the orders is December 11th, 2016 (11:59pm).

All orders will be picked up on Dec. 19th (or by 20th at latest) by John D'Allaird and brought to the club for pick up- this saves the shipping charge. There will be a time set up and announced for the club to be open so people can pick up their orders.

The _gun cases_ and the _shooting shirts_ will not be able to be finished by Christmas delivery time - it is noted on the catalog page in both products.

Sizing of products is answered in the "How can we help?" box at bottom of page.



FROM THE SKEET COMMITTEE

Tom Duclos, the Owlkill’s “Duke of Skeet,” says “The skeet season is officially over.” Depending on the weather, our stalwart skeet shooters sometimes come out anyway, if it seems like good shooting

weather. Would you like to be on the skeet call and email list? Reach out to Tom at tduclos1@nycap.rr.com.



**FROM TIM BARRY, OWLKILL LOTTERY CHAIRMAN AND SIRIUS, THE UNOFFICIAL
OWLKILL MASCOT AND HONORARY LOTTERY CHAIRMAN**

Early Ticket Sales are Very HOT!!! One of our retailers has requested an extra 40 tickets one day into sales. They have received requests for large quantities of tickets (one for 30). Club members are encouraged to request tickets with their membership renewals or be [prepared to purchase them at the meeting on December 8th](#). Our Holiday advertising will appear in the Dec.9th & 23rd editions of NY Outdoor News and this may cause an even greater demand for tickets. Don't snooze and lose.