

OWLKILL ROD & GUN CLUB

February 2019



President: John D'Allaird

Treas.: Randy Burgoyne

Vice Pres.: Bret Seiler

Secretary: Tom Duclos

Board of Directors: Vacancy Pending Appointment (Chairman), David Langlois, Ray Phillips, Heath MacNeil

Our Website, www.owkill.com is undergoing some renovations and may be down or have intermittent function at times – please be patient!

Monthly Meeting: This month's meeting will take place on Thursday, January 14th at 7:00p.m.

Board of Directors: Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 26** at **6:00p.m.**

President's Comments:

'What will be new to us this coming year at Owlkill Rod and Gun Club?' – a question asked last month in the President's Comment. This month is the election of officers and this is covered below.

But first... let's look at some particular items that are set to be accomplished this calendar year. The Board of Directors (BOD) meeting last month discussed plans for the coming year that will include a new safety light system for the Rifle and Pistol sheds (for when parties go down-range); screening the lofts above the shooting areas in the sheds to prevent birds nesting; upgrades and improvements for the 200 yard range (which is currently closed as the redesign is planned-out); siding on the clubhouse; improvements to clubhouse bathroom and other smaller items which will be addressed to maintain and expand usage of our facilities.

-The club web-page is currently offline. A new page is being built in the next several weeks. Many photos from previous years have been lost and we are seeking those who may have sent them in the past to send them again- or other pics. Other content will again be forthcoming as this project comes together in coming weeks.

Please bear with us as this project commences. Thank you for your patience.

*** Membership Renewal Forms** will be attached again to this Newsletter (as in December) so you can fill them out and let the U.S. mail stand and deliver as they have done so well since July 26, 1775! Just add a stamp.

'Elections' at this month's meeting: Four Votes:

1. **Election of Officer's 2 Year terms:** Below are those who have stepped forward to fill the office of:

-President - Brett Seiler, current VP has consented to run.

-Vice President - Ray Philips, currently a BOD member is standing for this office.

-Secretary - Tom Duclos, current Secretary has consented to stand for re-election.

-Treasurer - Randy Burgoyne, current Treasurer has also consented to stand for re-election.

2. **The membership vote to amend the Constitution, Article 2, Section 1:** to allow for four or up to five Board Trustees, will be voted on. If yes, a special election will be held - #3 below. The Amendment will be added to the current Constitution.

3. **If vote is affirmative for the 5th Trustee, a Special Vote will follow** to fill this seat for the coming year. * The writer (John D'Allaird) has consented to stand for this position if the Amendment is passed.

4. *Ray Philips- as he moves into the Vice President role if elected- will leave his seat on the Board. This necessitates a vote for a replacement on the BOD*. Phil Couch has consented to stand for this position.*

**The new BOD members will serve for one year then return to alternate even year BOD elections in 2020.*

**Interested in taking 4-H Instructor Training? See Mark Mahoney, Tom Duclos or myself.*

Congratulations Heath MacNeil- winner of the Holiday Lottery- a Ruger 6.5 Creedmoor Predator.

Last, but not least, this is my 48th and final PresComm. The President's time in this office is defined by the Constitution as two 2 year terms and February is the last month of my 2nd term. It has been great working with- and special thanks to- all of the Officers, Board and members of this fine club who have made the time a pleasure. I look forward to continuing as an active member at the OR&GC.

See you at the meeting, 7:00PM Thursday, February 14th, 2019.

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



EDITOR'S COLUMN

A lot going on, friends! First of all, congratulations to all of our club officers for their hard work during the past year. Congratulations to my friend and successor as President, John D'Allaird for an outstanding two terms as President, and likewise to Mark Mahoney for his time as Chairman of the Board of Directors. I cannot say enough about the hard work that these gentlemen put in to make our club a success, and the integrity and professionalism they brought to their positions is something that our legislators could learn a thing or two from. I wish best of luck to those running in February, and know that our club will give them the same support that the current officers have received.

We are not only looking forward to our new club officers, but we, as always need some additional volunteers. Tim Barry has decided to step away, so we need someone (or several someones) to help make the Owlkill Lottery work. Remember that the Lottery helps provide the funds so we can keep things moving forward at the Club – what we bring in through dues helps maintain what we have.

In addition, we certainly will need some help on content for our web site. Do you have the desire and/or talent to keep our web site interesting? If you have the desire, but not the talent – let's talk!

Lance Allen Wang, Editor



TRIVIA

Now let's dive into last month's questions...

Last month's topics are Veterans, Winter, and Revolvers.



1. Veterans for three points. The man above is Union Officer Peter Conover Hains. Graduating with the West Point class of 1861, he went on to serve the Union during the Civil War first as an Artillery officer, later becoming an Engineer officer. Although he retired from the Army in 1904, he went on to gain an unprecedented distinction in American military history thirteen years later. What was that distinction?

The distinction was that Major General Haines, who had retired from the Army in 1904, was CALLED BACK INTO SERVICE FOR WORLD WAR I – making him the oldest General in the service at the time, 77 years old, and also the only American Civil War veteran on Active Duty during World War I.



Civil War veteran Haines on Active Duty in World War I

2. Winter for one point. Known as the “Northern Pole of Cold,” Oymyakon in Russia is considered the coldest place in the world. Children are still allowed to go to school as long as it is warmer than 67 below zero. Oymyakon has seen its population drop steadily through 2018, and it now has a population of under one thousand. What is the coldest city in the world with a population of above 100,000 (making it a “major city”)?

The Russian city of Yakutsk, 280 miles south of the Arctic Circle, has an average January temperature of -41 F. With a population of about 311,000, Yakutsk is considered the coldest major city in the world.

3. Revolvers for two points. One of the main drawbacks of revolvers is the inability to reload as rapidly as with other weapons. There have been many methods of attempting to overcome this – speed loaders, moon clips, etc., but this is a challenge inherent in the design. The “Pistola con Caricato” from Italy was another attempt to overcome this challenge. What was distinctive about this early 20th century revolver?

The interesting, but over engineered Pistola con Caricato was an 18-shot wheel gun which utilized multiple firing pins and barrels in order to accommodate its capacity. It was neither successful nor mass-produced.



Now, then! On to this month's topics. This month's topics are Reloading, American television, and Police history.

1. Okay, so we'll start with reloading for one point. Which is the simplest and slowest type of reloading press – turret, single-stage, progressive, or regressive?
2. American television for three points – what year did the United States begin its transition to color broadcasting?
3. Police history for two points – this man was the first black deputy US Marshal west of the Mississippi. He was credited with arresting more than 3,000 felons, and shot and killed 14 outlaws in self-defense.



THANKS FOR READING! SEE YOU IN MARCH!

