

OWLKILL ROD & GUN CLUB

January 2019



President: John D'Allaird

Vice Pres.: Bret Seiler

Board of Directors: Mark Mahoney (Chairman), David Langlois, Ray Phillips, Heath MacNeil

Treas.: Randy Burgoyne

Secretary: Tom Duclos

Our home on the Web - www.owlkill.org

Monthly Meeting: This month's meeting will take place on Thursday, January 10th at 7:00p.m.

Board of Directors: Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday January 29** at **6:00p.m.**

President's Comments:

The holidays are past and the New Year is here with all of its promise- a blank slate.

Spring cleaning, projects around the house, being faithful to our New Year resolutions, planning and deciding how to invest our time is our preoccupation as we bask in our recent holiday celebrations.

We have plans here at the club as well and we will see to them as the year unfolds.

*Over the years at **OR&G** we have seen good times with many events and programs advancing our sport and our capacity to host or support them on an ongoing basis. The Board of Directors is seeking to use all of the club's venues and advantages for the best and to continue making them available to 4-H and others whom we can support with a place to have an outing or participation in our sport- and possibly some new members.*

This coming year is full of great possibilities with ideas to fortify the menu of club offerings- while maintaining and strengthening the things that are rightly constant. Come join the effort.

What will this year bring?

Club policy. To start, we have a Club Constitution and polity which allows for an orderly system to tend to the affairs of the club and protect it. The defined roles and mix of the personalities currently filling the elected positions has been a great advantage for the club. Without an overbearing burden on one or two Officers or Trustees the business of the club gets done- with help from member volunteers who dive into the work.

As you know our Board is comprised of four elected Officers plus four elected Trustees by the Constitution.

At the last BOD meeting it was unanimously approved to recommend expanding the wording of the Constitution to allow for four or up to five Trustees. Five is an optimum number of Trustees yielding a full BOD of nine members. This is ideal for a group our size and nine votes is not subject to a tie or stalemate vote.

The Board recommends expanding the wording of the current Constitution to allow for a fifth Trustee.

There will be discussion on the proposed Amendment at the January meeting in accord with 'Article 4, Section 5- Amendments:' which fulfills the required 30 days for the proposal to be published abroad to the members and considered before a vote on the measure is undertaken.

Note:

****Election of Officers 2 Year terms at the February meeting will include President, VP, Secretary and***

Treasurer.

**The membership vote to amend the Constitution, Article 2, Section 1: to allow for four or up to five Trustees will be voted on. If the vote is affirmative we will immediately vote to fill the 5th Trustee slot.*

**Anyone interested in taking 4-H Instructor Training in February please see Mark Mahoney, Tom Duclos or myself to be directed to the right contact at 4-H. This is a worthy effort to put your back into!*

NOTE: The Holiday Lottery for a Ruger 6.5 Creedmoor Predator (below) will be drawn at the end of the January 10th meeting. If you still have tickets to sell by the meeting time, bring them with you so anyone wanting to buy them can do so before the drawing- we hope to sell them all before the drawing. Be sure to return the stubs from all the tickets sold so the drawing will include all who purchased tickets.



See you at the meeting, 7:00PM Thursday, January 10th, 2019.

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



EDITOR'S COLUMN

Well, its 2019, and we already have good stuff happening. A little “pop-up lottery” for a Ruger Creedmoor Predator, 4-H instruction warming up, the “Big Lottery” on track for Spring, and all the other stuff that makes for our annual sportsman/sportswoman cycle at the Owlkill. OK, so the weather isn’t exactly great for getting out to the range unless you’re a polar bear, but the time is right to sit around the fire and share tales of what I hope was a successful deer season for you. Maybe the deep freeze sets in and you ice fishermen will get out on the ponds. No matter what you’re doing, it all looks a little better with a coat of fresh snow around here. It is white like a fresh painter’s canvas – just like our New Year appears to all of us a few days into January. Winter in Washington County – I wouldn’t trade it for the world.

We’re including the renewal forms to renew your membership in the Owlkill. We’d sure like to see you when you thaw out!

Lance Allen Wang, Editor



TRIVIA

Now let's dive into last month's questions... topics were firearms manufacturing history, bolt-operated rifles, and predator hunting. You'll see why in the next section of the newsletter!

1. For 2 points – this manufacturer led the US firearms industry with 15.3 million firearms produced between 1986 to 2010. In addition, they were the top seller of handguns between 2009-2012.

The answer is Ruger!

2. For 3 points - What was the first rifle to utilize a bolt action for opening and closing the chamber, and who was the first country to adopt it for service and when?

The answer is the Nadelgewehr, also known as the "Needle Rifle" – invented between 1824 and 1836 in various versions by Johann Nikolaus von Dreyse, and it was adopted by the Prussian Army in 1841.



The Prussian model 1841 "Needle Gun," the first bolt rifle adopted for service

3. For 1 point – these predators have greatly increased their range because of deforestation and human intolerance for wolves, their natural enemy. Their scientific name is literally translated as "barking dog." They naturally hunt during the day, except when near human populations, in which case they become nocturnal.

The answer is the Coyote!

This 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?
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”)?



Oymyakon, Russia – the “Northern Pole of Cold,” Feb 2013

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?



4-H SHOOTING

The 4-H Shooting Schedule is attached. Interested in being an instructor? Talk with the Chairman of our Board of Directors, Mark Mahoney, and support this worthwhile program. Keep youth shooting sports alive and active!!!



4-H SHOOTING SCHEDULE AND INSTRUCTORS (for more information, speak to Mark Mahoney, Owlkill R+G Chairman of BoD)

<u>Week</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Topic Coordinator</u>	
1	Sat	2/2	8AM - 3PM	Salem P&R	Orientation & Safety Basic Rifle Instruction Air Rifle Practical Air Pistol Training & Practical	NB	
2	Sat	2/9	8AM - 3PM	Salem P&R	Rifle Instruction & Practical	NB	
3	Sat	3/9	8AM - 4 PM	Owl Kill R&G	Shotgun Training & Practical	MM	
4	Sat	3/16	8AM - 4 PM	Owl Kill R&G	Muzzleloader Training & Practical	JW	
5	Sat	3/30	8AM - 4PM	Owl Kill R&G	NYS Hunter Safety	JW	
6	Sat	4/6	8AM - 4PM	Owl Kill R&G	Survival, Search & Rescue	MBO	
7	Sat.	5/04	8AM - 4 PM	Owl Kill R&G	Archery Training	RB	
8	Sat	5/11	8AM- 4 PM	Owl Kill R&G	NYS Bow Hunter Safety	RB	
9	Mon	5/20	7PM - end	Owl Kill R&G	Course Summary & Graduation	NB	+ Any who can attend
						for graduation	

Instructors:

Bill Bell (BB)	Heath Macneil (HM)	Robert Bain (RB)	Nate Bink (NB)	Kevin Lewsey (KL)
Peter Zorio (PZ)	John Wiley (JW)	Phil Couch (PC)	George Sigut (GS)	Maureen Lewsey (ML)
Mark Mahoney (MM)	Mike Bodnar (MBO)	Tim Barry (TB)	Thomas Duclos (TD)	John D'Allaird (JD)
Ptarmigan Etman (PE)	Scott Etman (SE)	Trish Stefanovich (TS)		

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Winter Break 2/16 – 2/24

Spring Break 4/19 – 4/28

Youth Turkey Hunt 4/20 – 4/21 (4/21 is Easter)

Possible weather reschedule dates 3/02, 3/23, 4/13, 5/18