

OWLKILL ROD & GUN CLUB

July 2018



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Our home on the Web - www.owlkill.org

Monthly Meeting: This month's meeting will take place on Thursday, July 12th at 7:00p.m.

Board of Directors: Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday**, July 31st at **6:00p.m.**

President's Comments:

July 4th – A great National holiday. *Of it, John Adams wrote...*

"I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more."

Adams was one of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence which forged in clear terms the foundation for the liberty of all men, not just the aggrieved Colonialists. It was penned after writing King George III many "Petition (s) for Redress in the most humble terms.", with the only answers being "...repeated injury" over several years.

In this document was a summing up of 27 itemized 'unredressed' grievances as the basis for the separation from Great Britain, with 18 accusations against KG III by personal pronoun 'He'. The reason for writing it? "... a decent respect to the Opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the Separation."

This they did! Often it does matter what others think.



The signers affirmed their convictions: "...we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor." The above image is the Club's illustration that has been used before for the 4th - modified here to include just the signer's names.

I get chills when I read the Declaration of Independence. The men who penned it were our fore-fathers and we are the beneficiaries of their understanding and fortitude: both were needed- one alone was not enough. Corruption, brazen usurpation and tyranny are ever still pushing against liberty throughout the world as it was then. Even here- just listen to today's news. We must actively oppose it on the same basis as the 56 signers- through knowledge and a vote.

-Here is a new tradition for our homes: to read and ponder the Declaration' every July 4th, at least once per year!

I hope your 4th was great- despite the heat!

-The 2018 Lottery is over and there are many happy winners of the great prizes. **Thanks again to Tim** for such a great Lottery **and to all members** who put an effort into sales.

-A hearty thank you goes out to ALL members and non-members who supported the Club by purchasing a ticket.

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

The June 30th Golf Tournament @ Dutch Haven (arranged by Brett Seiler and a benefit for 4-H High School Skeet shooters) was a great success. Brett will fill us in at the Thursday meeting.

Look on the 'range': the long pistol-sled target has been moved to its new location. Thanks Brett for doing the big job!

See you at the meeting, 7:00 PM Thursday, July 12th.

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



EDITOR'S COLUMN

A lot of great work going on at the club these days – I take my hat off to Mark Mahoney and his team for their yeoman efforts in getting the Club integrated into the new 4-H High School Skeet Program.

Equally, the great job by Tim Barry and all those who pitched in to make this year's lottery a success! The fact is, volunteer organizations tend not to get the level of support that they used to. To see the efforts by the involved members of this club provides examples of successful volunteer efforts to those of us who are involved in multiple organizations. I gladly share lessons learned among organizations – thanks for the positive ones.

Keep up the great efforts, friends. They are more inspiring than you know.

Have a great month!

Lance Allen Wang, Editor



HIGH SCHOOL SKEET

Dutch Haven Golf Course sponsored a golf tournament to benefit the 4 H High School Skeet Program. The benefit raised almost \$2000 and is greatly appreciated! This money will be used to further promote the program and was greatly needed to buy targets and ammunition. – Mark Mahoney



Because the Owlkill is doing what its doing, these kids are doing what they are doing – participating in the 4-H High School Skeet Program. Some familiar faces in this picture – Chairman of the Owlkill Board of Directors Mark Mahoney, and Owlkill Secretary Tom “Duke” Duclos on the left hand side, to start with....!



TRIVIA

OK, before we dive into last month’s questions, thanks to Rich Allen for his responses – 2 for 3 this month Rich!

First of all, inventors for two points.

1. A Sergeant from the 102nd Cavalry, 2nd Armored Division is credited with creating this lifesaving modification to the Sherman Tank which helped the Allies get out of the thick hedgerows in France, where they had been held up since the invasion of Normandy.

The invention was the “Rhino” or Rhinoceros Tank – which were basically regular tanks fitted with “Tusks” for penetrating the thick French Hedgerows and reducing the chance of ambush by the Germans waiting on the other side. The tusks would punch holes which could be filled with explosives to blow up the hedgerow and allow the Allied forces to attack through the breach.



“Rhinoceros Tank”

Lets go on to Presidents for one.

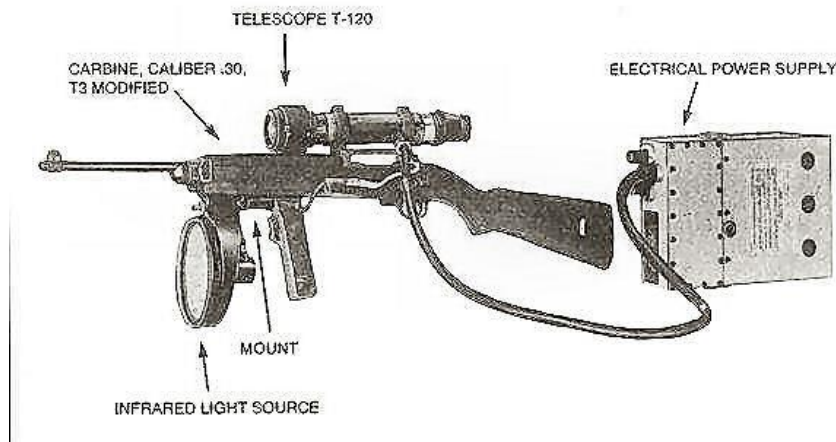
2. Among numerous other ventures, this President ran a distillery in his home state of Virginia, where he made apple brandy, peach brandy, and rye whiskey.

That would be President George Washington – First in War, First in Peace, and apparently First in adult beverages.

And weapons of warfare for three points:

3. The six-pound M1 carbine was meant to be a lightweight sidearm with a bit more power than the .45 automatic pistol, used by officers and others who didn’t carry the M1 Garand. However, when the M1 carbine was converted into the M3, it suddenly weighed almost 35 pounds and served an entirely different purpose. What was the purpose and components of an M3?

To convert the M1 carbine into the M3 – attach an active infrafred 4x scope on a special grooved receiver and add a 35 lb. battery pack. It was used in low light conditions at relatively close range as a sniper weapon(!). It was used in the Pacific during World War II and later during the Korean War.



M3 Carbine components

And on to this week'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?



The other kind of “sowing machine” – the modern version of the seed drill.

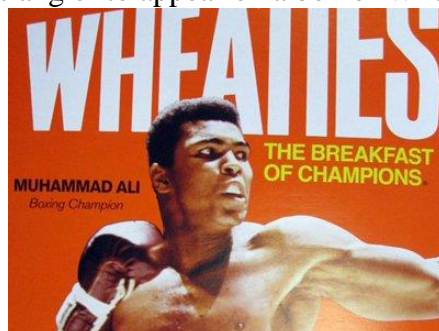
2. Presidents for three – we had several Presidents who were avid hunters and fishermen. Theodore Roosevelt obviously comes to mind. But another President was an avid huntsman, fisherman, and golfer. He was quoted as saying:

“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?

3. Lastly, lets go with fishing for two –

Who is the only professional bass angler to appear on a box of Wheaties?



If largemouth bass were called “Joe Frazier” – he would have been the greatest at that too. But Muhammad Ali was not the greatest bass angler. But which one did end up on a Wheaties box?