

# OWLKILL ROD & GUN CLUB

March 2017



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**Monthly Meeting:** This month's meeting will take place on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.

**Board of Directors:** Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday** March 28<sup>th</sup> at **6:00p.m.**

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## President's Comments:

***So, you thought winter was over! A rude awakening often follows any presumption and the weather here in the Northeast will always give that lesson. Spring is not here yet but is around the corner! It will be here in two weeks and daylight savings will start on the 12<sup>th</sup>. We hope the maple sugaring-off has not been too negatively affected by the recent, rapid deep freeze given that the sap had started to run. We sure do enjoy our maple syrup!***

**'Range Safety' is the general practice and daily fare here at OR&G Club, and at all events.**

Safe practice is necessary for all members and visitors using our ranges. The use of range flags- denoting range in use, open actions and racked firearms when not shooting, and strict adherence to the Range Rules outlined in instructions on posters at each shooting venue assures that we have done all we deliberately and consciously can do via policy. Enacting these rules is a personal decision and responsibility, made every time we each enter the range. **It is on us** to take care and act in accord with the stated rules knowing that the tried-and-true rules do safe-guard all who obey them in and around the range.

We are fortunate having been spared injury here and with vigilant practice can carry that on. Let's continue our record.

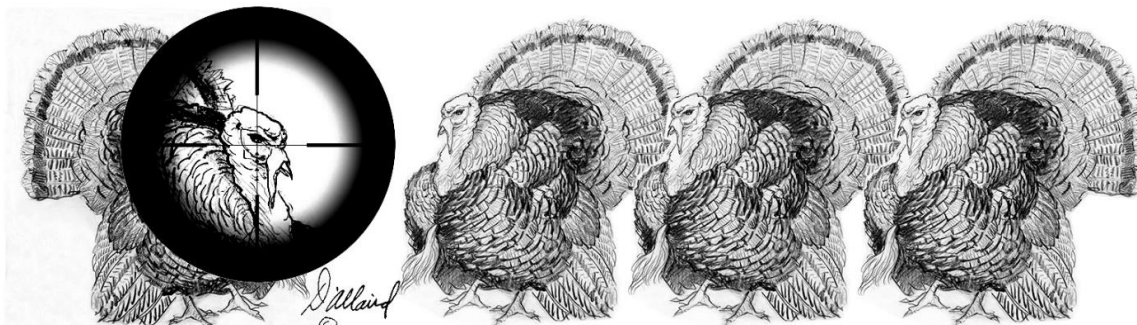
## **General Reports:**

- The club will soon have the new 25 yard backstop on the rifle range. It is fabricated and ready to be picked up and the arrangements to get it in place on range are in process. The steel plate is thick and weighs 1,750# all by itself without the sled it rests on so it is up to hard use.
- The 200 yard range is ready and expecting much activity this year with the High Power Rifle Shoots, starting March 18<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. Click the H. P. Rifle Shoot tab at bottom of club home-page to answer any question you may have. John Kapitan leads this event and has done a great job preparing the venue and drawing in others from outside the club membership to take part!
- The .22 Silhouette Shoots start in mid-May and the Pistol range is in steady use already this year.
- Check the calendar for Skeet which has already commenced according to the weather on a given day. Tom Duclos has opened the skeet range several times already this year, weather being what it has been.
- Archers... have you tried the west-end range with the hanging backstops? If not, they are there for you so take advantage of them. **We are in need of an Archery Committee and Chairman-consider it.**

**-There are going to be six 4-H Shooting Sports courses here between March 18th and May 6<sup>th</sup>.** This is the future of our sports and we are honored to be able to extend the facilities for this important use.

**-Election of Club Officers was put off until the March meeting when the February meeting was called for weather. Come and vote.**

**-Turkey Shoot:** Sunday May 21, 1:00PM - 4:00PM, a Fundraiser for “Loaves and Fishes” food pantry in Cambridge. Planning is under way and we are looking forward to a gathering with many events and prizes. Details to follow.



**-The Lottery:** Tim B. has set new standards regarding the design of our Lottery in its process and prizes. Tim is seeking to step down from his admin-chair. **Please consider your part in the Lottery and contact Tim or me.**

**\*The new lock combo for the clubhouse, rifle and pistol sheds went into effect on March 1<sup>st</sup>.** Check your mem-card.

See you at the March meeting, Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**John D’Allaird**, President, Owlkill Rod & Gun Club



### EDITOR’S COLUMN

Hats off to our artsy President John D’Allaird – did you know that the Owl being used in this newsletter (and on our custom Owlkill gear), as well as the turkey graphic you see just above are all hand drawn and shaded by him? Fine work, John. Talents abound in this club. So does a tremendous amount of experience. Got any good pictures with captions that you’ve taken in your hunting, fishing, or shooting travels? Pass them along – I’d love to put them in the newsletter and share them with your fellow club members!

L. A. Wang, Editor



### A MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MARK MAHONEY

4-H is underway, and there is still time to sign up! Questions? Reach out!

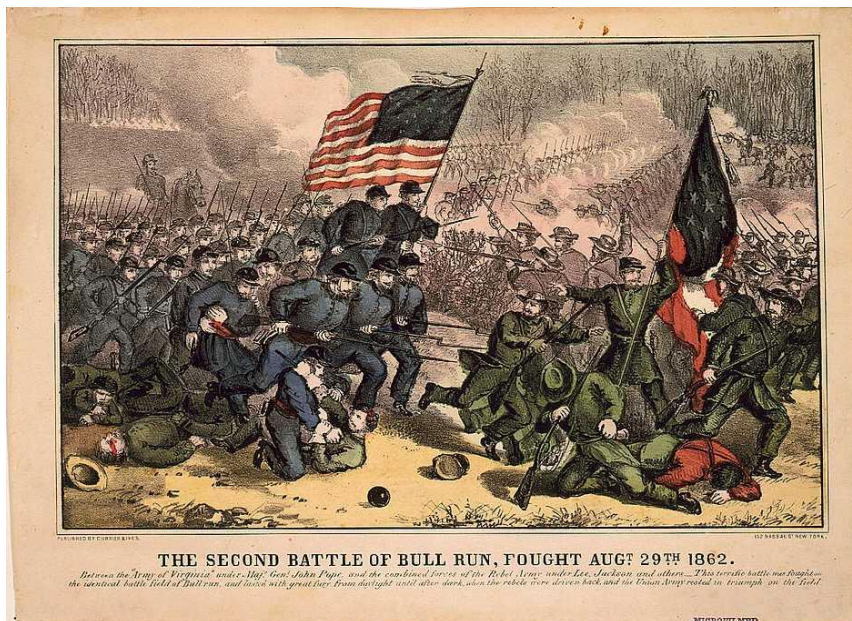


## TRIVIA

Last month's question – lots of responses! Thanks John Wiley, Tom “Duke” Duclos, Mark Mahoney, John D’Allaird, Rich Norman, and RJ Allen.... Here were the questions:

1. *Hunting: To go or not to go (near your tree stand or hunting blind), that is the question. Well, kind of. Bottom line question – will human urine run off deer, attract deer, or will they be indifferent?*

Bottom line is that human whiz can scare off does, who are nervous anyway during this point in the season, but it will possibly cause bucks to briefly pause, wondering who is putting “the moves” on their does. Hint, if you’re going to do your business near your stand, dig a little scratch in the ground first. Extra points for creativity to RJ Allen who points out “[if] you urinate ON the deer” that it will most certainly frighten them. Also he points out that you shouldn’t do your business on waterfowl, especially when they are flying. So – suffice to say, you’ve been warned!



*The Second Battle of Bull Run a.k.a. Second Manassas. No matter what you call it, it was a bloody battle of brother against brother.*

2. *Military: Many Civil War battles have two names – such as the “Battle of First Manassas” also being known as “Battle of First Bull Run.” Why?*

Now here is an interesting one – generally the Confederates named their battles after the nearest town (e.g. Sharpsburg and Manassas), while the Union named their battles after the nearest geographic features (e.g. Sharpsburg becomes “Antietam” for Antietam Creek, Manassas becomes “Bull Run” for the water feature of the same name). Of course, there are exceptions to this, but this is a general rule.

3. *Presidents: What President’s last words were “Jefferson survives!” – and what was ironic about*

*these last words?*

These last words were attributed to President John Adams. He had a falling out with his fellow Founding Father during the period of his Presidency, however, after Jefferson left the Presidency, they reconciled and began a correspondence which lasted the rest of their lives. While they both passed away on July 4, 1826, Adams' last words that "Jefferson survives" were ironically not true – Jefferson passed away several hours before Adams' breathed his last.



*Founding Fathers – Franklin, Adams, and Jefferson. No one can fight as intensely as a family, and that certainly applied to our Founding Fathers, especially Adams and Jefferson. However, the reconciliation between these brilliant patriots was equally intense.*

This month's questions:

1. Hunting: What was a "punt gun" and why was it banned?



*The 1860 Henry Rifle – one of the first successful repeaters utilized in combat – but Oliver Winchester "reserved the right to get smarter" with his 1866 model.*

2. Military: The 1860 Henry repeating rifle was one of the first lever action rifles used in combat. One of the employees at Henry was Oliver Winchester, who later created the Winchester 1866. It introduced two major and practical improvements over the 1860. What were those improvements and what was the practical benefit?
3. Presidents: Name a President awarded the Medal of Honor; a President awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross; a President awarded the Legion of Merit; and two Presidents awarded the World War I Victory Medal.



### **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 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 purchase them at our meetings.

“Darn right I’m Sirius! And so is my Dog!” - Tim Barry



### **AND LASTLY... TRAVEL JOURNAL**

Your editor spent a few days in Arizona recently. Whenever I travel, I tend to check out the gun shops and guitar stores. So from the coolest gun shop in Phoenix – some pictures from a very established gun culture. First of all note this bit of hardware on display at the Scottsdale Gun Club (actually a large gun shop with a huge indoor range and a lot of firearms for rent and sale).



*This is a minigun (not a chain gun). In Iraq, you'd have three of these on a CH-47, with gunners sitting with these pointing out the back and sides. By the way, what is the most obvious difference between a chain gun and a minigun?*

And second of all, lets take a look at the advertisements on the wall at the club and see what passes for a great date night in Greater Phoenix! You know, that WOULD make a great date night.

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*Like I said, a very established gun culture in Arizona. What makes a great date night in Scottsdale? Well, its no longer "a jug of wine, a loaf of bread, and thou..." No, it's a pistol or two, a box of ammo or two, and dinner or a spa treatment!*