

OWLKILL ROD & GUN CLUB

March 2018



President: John D'Allaird

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

Treas.: Randy Burgoyne

Secretary: Tom Duclos

Have you renewed your membership yet? www.owkill.org

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

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

President's Comments:

As I write this comment there are many of our number attending the 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training at the 4-H Training and Education Center in Ballston Spa, **so this is a good time to focus on 4-H.**

This training is in preparation for the many and varied disciplines of shooting and outdoor sports being offered to our local youth through our club and other clubs in Washington County, the region and the state- not to mention throughout the country and the worldwide efforts by 4-H.

We are fortunate to have directors of 4-H in Washington and Warren counties- Chrys Nestle and John Bowe respectively- who are at the center of this effort.

The 4-H pledge is: *"I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living, for my club, my community, my country and my world."*

This is consistent with our club's practice, philosophy and efforts towards solid and sound training for participation in our favorite outdoor sports and the competent use of their tools. 4-H training also helps develop the frame of mind and general attitudes that aid in shaping life skills, thinking and direction for our up and coming youth- as well as the renewing of our own minds as we review these instructions ourselves.

-The Owlkill Rod & Gun Club continues these efforts locally to be a presence and force to educate all- **both young and old-** and this as an organizing principle further strengthens the comradery at our club.

-We are grateful to our members who have taken time from their busy schedules to train for this work.

THIS IS ALL MUCH MORE THAN WORTH THE EFFORT!

News:

-There was yet another senseless, violent atrocity last week at a school in Florida, claiming 17 innocent lives. This reveals a gross disregard for life and lawlessness in the hearts of those who stray from any guidelines or goodness into senselessness and chaos. Unfortunately, the push back to these tragic events is often equally disjointed and senseless, based on a pendulum swing reaction rather than sound reason. May law, order and cooler minds rule the day.

Our hearts go out to the victims, survivors, families and friends affected by this awful crime.

-4-H Hunter's Safety Education commences here on Saturday, March 3rd and runs nine consecutive Saturdays covering the gamut of 4-H shooting sports. This is a great way to grow new enthusiasts for the

sport and new members as well. The club ranges and facilities will be available to members during times specified in the webpage on those days.

*****Again, I and the Board are grateful to all members as we offer the club facilities for this most worthy purpose.**

-A date is tentatively set for a Spring Work Day for May 12. Stay tuned.

-February Election Results: We have two new Board members: Ray Phillips and Heath MacNeil. The Board is very pleased to have both Ray and Heath on 'board' in being stewards of the club's affairs.

-LOTTERY TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE! The prizes are great!

Support the club with a very good chance of winning a prize! Buy a ticket and sell some!

***We need a Sales Manager now to handle Lottery Ticket Sales and Distribution.** *Tim is still involved but another is needed in this capacity to make the Lottery function.* **Contact Tim or me.**

See you at the meeting, 7:00 PM Thursday, March 8th.

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

Practice safety in the field and enjoy the outdoors.



EDITOR'S COLUMN

It seems every time I sit down to write a column, especially ones where I wish to celebrate the near arrival of Spring, Mother Nature plays me for the fool. Sure enough I write this as we are under a Winter Weather Advisory, and I am looking at a backyard covered with sleet. However, no one can take away that we had two 60 degree days in the past week. Spring is coming. Skeet shooters, prepare for your year to begin. Turkey shooters, prepare to hunt, or in my case, be frustrated by the fan-tailed buggers.

I echo our Presidents' comments about the recent tragedy in Florida and his call for reason – on all sides of the issue – to prevail. Man has rights, and he also has the ability to reason, which sets him apart from other creatures. May we protect our rights while using the reason that we have been given to develop creative solutions that prevent future tragedy.

As mentioned last month, I will be stepping off the Board of Directors, while still contributing to the club as I can, such as with this newsletter. I would like to acknowledge our good friend Tim Barry, who will be doing the same, and contributing as he can as well. He has been instrumental with making our Owlkill Lottery a success, but he can sure use some help. Can you assist in something so important? Please talk to Tim, John D'Allaird, or any officer of the club.

Have a great month!

Lance Allen Wang, Editor



TRIVIA

It was a lot of fun putting this one together– generally the more responses I get, the more enjoyable this is. And a lot of responses came in last month. Thanks to Mark Mahoney, Rich Norman, Bob Preble, Rich Allen, and John Wiley for their responses!

1. “Hunting” for 100:

Interestingly, these bucks and does are considered “small game.”

This was particularly fun. The answer was, of course, “rabbits.”

Hats off to Mark Mahoney for the answer “Pudu” which is a miniature South American animal from the deer family! Technically, sir, you are correct.



“Honey, I Shrank the Deer”: Well, it wasn’t what I was looking for, but Pudu was a pretty darned good answer, Mark....!

And further hats off to Rich Allen for this response:

“Also, a Dollar Bill is called a Buck and having many Bucks is called Doe. This Doe is used by us to buy Hunting paraphernalia, so it all relates.”

2. The Great Outdoors” for 100:

What is the name for a piece of dry land or trail that a boat or canoe is carried over between two bodies of water?

The answer is a “portage”

3. “Military History” for 300:

The Vietnam War is often treated as a war with four parties – North and South Vietnamese, Viet Cong, and the United States. In fact the United States had several allies who fought alongside them in that war – name three countries that deployed troops to Vietnam under their own flag to support the South Vietnamese.

Countries that deployed troops to fight alongside Americans in South Vietnam – Australia, South Korea, New Zealand, Thailand, Philippines.



A Lieutenant from the 6th Royal Australian Regiment (RAR) on the Long Tan battlefield, 1966, one of the most famous Vietnam battles that Americans have never heard of. At Long Tan, a Company of approximately 100 Australians from 6 RAR took on up to 20 times their number from a reinforced Viet Cong regiment and decisively defeated them. The Aussies took nearly 40 percent casualties, while inflicting 600 casualties on the Viet Cong. Australian forces were rarely challenged directly again.

Daily Double: NATO – the North Atlantic Treaty Organization was formed to fight communist expansion in Europe. A similar organization existed to fight expansion in the Pacific – what was it, and who were its members?

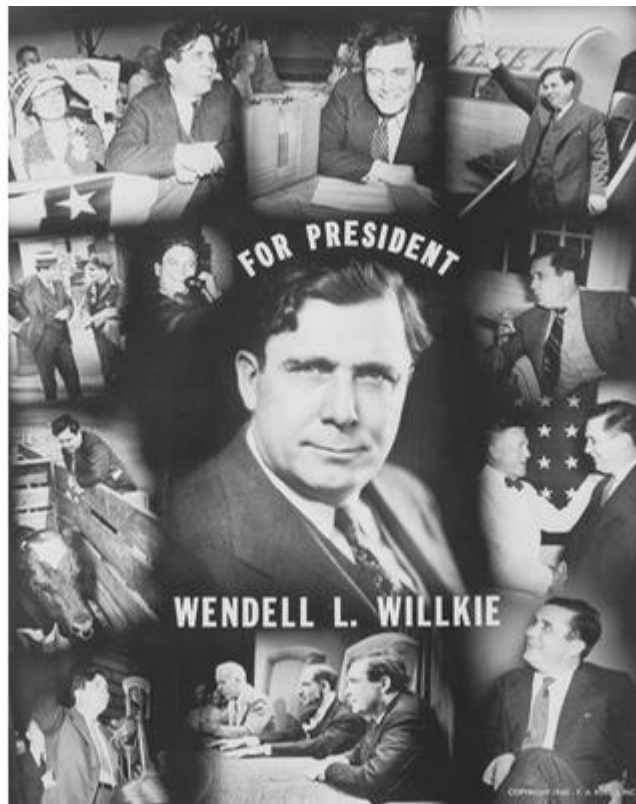
SEATO was the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization, and existed from 1954-1977. Its members were the United States, United Kingdom, France, Australia, Pakistan, Philippines, Thailand, and New Zealand.

Okay! This month's questions. FIREARMS, BASEBALL, and AMERICAN POLITICS

1. Sometimes called "The Woolworth Pistol" this cheapo .45ACP single-shot pistol was made by the United States at a cost of about two bucks a piece, and was meant to be used by insurgents in occupied territories during World War II. It shipped in a little cardboard box with ten rounds in it and a little piece of wood to help extract fired cartridges. What was this pistol?

BONUS! In 1964, the US designed a follow up to "The Woolworth Pistol," but in 9mm for use in Vietnam. What was it?

2. After a 16 year major league career, this catcher, who had played for Brooklyn, Boston, and four other teams, went on to serve in Europe with the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), the predecessor to today's CIA, during World War II. Among his other qualifications was that he spoke several languages and was a frequent contestant on "Information, Please" a 1930s radio quiz game.
3. In 1940, Franklin Delano Roosevelt ran for his third term as President of the United States. His Republican challenger that year was a gentleman named Wendell Wilkie. Wilkie had an interesting credential that may have given pause to long-time Republicans. What would that credential have been?



If he won, he'd have become President. The prize for 2nd place? Becoming an answer to a trivia question.



4-H SHOOTING SPORTS STARTING UP

4-H Shooting Sports is starting on March 17th! Sign up by calling Cornell Cooperative extension (518) 746-2560. We have a number of folks who are heavily involved with 4-H Shooting Sports as instructors – John Wiley, Mark Mahoney, John D’Allaird, and George Sigut, for instance. Any of these gentlemen can answer questions or point you in the right direction. Bottom line – this a great program that gets future sportsmen and sportswomen started out right and safely. Support the program.



OWLKILL LOTTERY

Have you bought your tickets? Have you sold any tickets? Please do both. Remember – the lottery is how we improve the facility and deal with emergency repairs. Our budget – dues, etc. – is enough to keep the club running. But our lottery sales helps take our club to the next level, plus it really does offer some fantastic prizes for the winners. And EVERY DAY during the drawing is the opportunity for new winners! Sell the lottery. It really would sell itself, but it doesn't have a mouth and can't walk about... that's all of our job.