

# OWL KILL ROD & GUN CLUB

May 2014



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**Monthly Meeting:** The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Owlkill Rod & Gun Club will be held on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 7:00p.m. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

**President's Comments:** With the warmer weather comes the crack-crack-cracking of rifle fire at the Owlkill seemingly non-stop – trust me I know... I live just up the road, so the report echoes through the hills. It's a good sound, it's the sound of spring, of life beginning anew, of all of us coming out of hibernation and heading down to the range. To sum up: It's shooting season again! C'mon out. Enjoy the weather! Shoot some skeet. Zero a new scope. Heck, zero an old scope. Try out the new pistol range. Or try out a new pistol. Heck, try out an old pistol. Use the new archery range. Or maybe just see your old friends from the Owlkill.

With the crack-crack-cracking is the ching-ching-k'chinging of the cash register at Beecrofts. That's right, Dave Beecroft, a key sponsor of this year's Owlkill raffle, has been selling tickets ALREADY for this year's fundraiser. You can also buy them from any of the club officers and trustees. They're available right now. They're \$20 a pop, and a there's winner every day in the month of September. Help the club. Buy a ticket. Sell a ticket. Win some really cool stuff.

**Why Won't The Range Shed Unlock?** Because the combination was changed on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April! Pay your dues, get the new combination. Pretty simple. Need a renewal form? Reach out to Club Secretary Tom "Duke" Duclos.

**From the Pistol Committee.** Anyone interested in starting some kind of pistol competition or league please come to the Club meeting or contact Randy at rburgoyne38@gmail.com

**From the Skeet Committee.** Skeet field is open Thursdays from 4-7 and Saturdays from 9-noon.

**Firearms Safety Awareness Clinic.** On Saturday June 7th, the Owlkill Rod and Gun Club will be hosting the 2014 Firearms Safety Awareness Course for Non-shooters. This is a one day clinic designed to introduce non-shooters to basic firearms safety and to familiarize them with some of the basic types of sporting firearms. If you know of someone who would be interested in attending this clinic please have them call Bill at (518) 677-5292 to register. Please help get the word out by copying the attached flyer and posting it for us. As a reminder, all firearms ranges will be closed on this day. Thank you for your help in making this event a step forward in firearms safety.

**Practice Safe Club Membership:** You may recall that the Club recently updated its Safety Rules. The Secretary, Tom "Duke" Duclos, sent these rules to all members – we need to ensure that 100% of the membership has read and signed these rules. If you have not returned these rules with your autograph, please save the Duke the time and trouble of finding you. You can mail them back to the Club, scan/email to the club, or bring them to our next meeting (May 8). He can't process renewals without sign-off on the safety rules.

**Work Day.** There will be a work day at the Club in May. Stay tuned.

**Thanks for dealing with the inconvenience:** Thanks to all the Club members for NOT complaining when we have to shut down to support 4-H instruction. These kids are the future of shooting sports, and we're proud that the club is doing its part to set these kids up for success by teaching them safe practices from some of our most dedicated and experienced members. Special hats off to our 4-H instructors, John Wiley and his whole team.

**Sometimes you just need a new tractor for mowing:** But new tractors are frickin' expensive. Have you priced one out lately? So how about this... help the club move its Cub Cadet 2454GT. Its got a 24hp Kohler engine and a 54" mower deck. And when I say help the club move it, what I'm saying is – give us your money, and in return, take the tractor. It's in good repair, serviced last year. We're looking to get \$1995 on the outside, but for a club member, \$1750. Reach out to John Wiley at [WILEYTREES@msn.com](mailto:WILEYTREES@msn.com).

**Practicing what we Preach:** The Constitution is our nations guide for the role and practice of our form of government. Likewise, the Club's Constitution and bylaws serves as a guide for the club. For those of you who may wonder what's going on in the clubhouse on some Thursday nights, the Board of Directors along with a couple of other key participants has been holding its own Constitutional Convention, slogging through a re-write of our club Constitution. We look forward to getting a draft out this summer for the membership to vote on, and it represents the first major revision of the Constitution in almost ten years.

**From the Silhouette Committee:** We're two weeks from the first shoot – Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup>. See below schedule:

### **Owl Kill Silhouette Schedule**

**Time: 8:00 AM - to end**

**Sign In 8:00 a.m to 9:00 a.m.**

**Practice: 9:00 a.m to 9:30.a.m**

**Match Starts: 9:30 a.m. Old Timer Match\* starts 1:00 p.m**

**Fees: \$5.00 adults, \$2.00 Juniors (12-18 yrs-must be accompanied by an adult).**

**Equipment: For All Matches: .22 Cal Rimfire standard or high velocity ammo (no hyper velocity or Stinger ammo.)**

**No shooting jackets, gloves, slings or supporting equipment of any kind.**

**For Silhouette Match (1/5<sup>th</sup> Scale Targets).**

**Any.22 cal. Rifle in safe operating condition . Any sights.**

**For Old Timers Match (½ scale targets): any unmodified factory .22 cal lever, slide, bolt, break action rifle.**

**Iron Sights only (includes peep sights). No target or heavy barreled rifles. Old Timers Match will be held in the afternoon following the regular Silhouette Match.**

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**Saturday, May 17, 2014**

**Saturday, June 21, 2014;**

**Saturday, July 19, 2014**

**Saturday, August 16, 2014;**

**Saturday, September 20, 2014**

**Saturday, October 4, 2014**

Date	Day	A.M. Match	P.M. Match
May 17 <sup>rd</sup>	Saturday	Silhouette	Old Timers
June 21 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Silhouette	Old Timers
July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Silhouette	Old Timers
August 16 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Silhouette	Old Timers
September 20 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Silhouette	Old Timers
October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Silhouette	Old Timers

**Course of Fire (both Silhouette and Old Timers): 10 shots each at 40, 60 70 & 100 yds .**

**Animals set up as follows: Chickens - 40 yds; Pigs - 60 yds.; Turkeys - 70 yds, Rams - 100 yds.**

**Animals are set up in two banks of 5. Time: 2 ½ minutes per bank with a rest period between banks. Shots taken from left to right, top bank first. All shots taken from standing position.**

\*\*\* Got something you want to contribute to the newsletter? Better yet – are you willing to step up and edit this monthly communication? Let me know, I always appreciate someone who is ready to grab on to an opportunity to excel and help the club.

Lance Allen Wang  
President and acting newsletter editor