

# OWLKILL ROD & GUN CLUB

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**Monthly Meeting:** This month's meeting will take place on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.

**Board of Directors:** Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday**, May 29<sup>th</sup> at **6:00p.m.**

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## **President's Comments:**

***Spring is HERE and the weather finally agrees with the calendar!***

***The PresComm this month is more of a summary of one liners- to get to the final two points quicker!***

- Turkey season on, toms scarce since Tuesday- cagey birds. Nearly hit one with my car Thursday.
- New line on reels, gear tuned up, late-spring water receding- let's get fishing.
- Skeet, rifle, pistol and archery ranges up and running so let's get out and use the facilities.
- .22 cal. Silhouette Shoots to start soon- get some practice in beforehand.
- Club Work Day June 9<sup>th</sup>. My H.S. German prof often said: "Arbeit macht das leben süß!" (work makes life sweet).
- 4-H Shooting Sports training is continuing and the events, including graduation- will commence into early June.

Below are some pics of the Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 4-H Shotgun Training. (courtesy of Trish Stefanovich)





*Group Instruction by Mark Mahoney and Phil Couch. Eager young minds. Individual coaching on the field.*

## **We stress 4-H and education of young people here at OR&G!**

### On to the final two points I want to expand on a bit:

**-Firstly, the 2018 Gear and Gun Lottery** is moving along swiftly to the June daily picks. Tickets must be sold and we have just a bit over three weeks to sell them out!

As you know, our Lotto is very important to our club's economy, tradition and well-rounded offerings. Many comments I've heard from members- and especially non-members unaware of our current Lotto- highlight the abundance and variety of very high quality, useful and desirable prizes. One buyer told me that it is his experience that a raffle or lotto is usually built around just one of the prizes we've grouped as one of many- all of which will be won by someone.

There's a picture sheet on our webpage showing the prizes and, when viewed, it really piques the interest of the possible ticket buyers. Use this webpage image to aid in sales. **ALL the prizes will be won!**

Proceeds of the lotto are aimed at re-siding the clubhouse, provided we sell all the tickets and bring in the funds.

**Let's push ticket sales in the next few weeks knowing the club- all of us- will be a winner!**

**-Another item concerns the NYS House Bill A10428** that in effect bans any firearms and training on any school grounds in the state. An e-blast was sent out to the membership on 4/27 about this bill, currently still in the House. The NY State Senate has no version of this bill currently and Sen. Kathy Marchione's office has informed me that if a Senate bill comes up they do not believe it would have the votes to pass. See the link below: <https://mailchi.mp/98843ea051e4/get-involved-with-the-high-school-clay-target-league-454047?e=81a939b678>

**It is critical that we become engaged and let our representatives know, especially in the House, THAT WE DO NOT WANT THIS BILL PASSED! It is un-constitutional and must not pass.**

**Remember our coming Work Day, only a month away on June 9<sup>th</sup>.**

See you at the meeting, 7:00 PM Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

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



## EDITOR'S COLUMN

Enjoy the weather! I went out to the range for the first time in quite some time this week. Muscle memory still working well, but the stuff I need to think about was a bit rusty. After a long winter, that is not uncommon. However, a good day at the range (or in the saddle of a motorcycle), is better than a great day at work.

Speaking of work – a lot going on at the Owlkill these days. Including the last days of this year's lottery – full of great prizes. We start drawing on June 1! Haven't bought yours yet? Speak to one of the officers of the club, or come to one of our meetings!

Have a great month!

Lance Allen Wang, Editor



## TRIVIA

Thanks to Rich Allen for his correct responses to last month's questions. Okay! Last month's questions. PLANES, CARS, AND BOATS

OK! This month's questions – planes, cars, and boats.

1. Planes for 300 – The B-36 was a huge turboprop bomber which replaced the B-29 Superfortress, our largest bomber of World War II. This platform was our last major propeller-driven bomber, and was succeeded by the B-52, still in service today. One of the most interesting variants was the NB-36H "Crusader." What unusual method of propulsion was utilized by the NB-36H?



*The NB-36H in flight. Want to do a ride-along? Nope...*

*The unusual method of propulsion was a nuclear reactor. The lead needed to shield the pilots made the plane ridiculously heavy, so this is one where the General says, “Good initiative, but poor judgment, gentlemen.....”*

2. Cars for 200: From 1896 to 1905, this car outsold all gasoline-powered cars, and was the second most popular brand of car. Its sales declined when the assembly line made gasoline powered cars cheaper and the electric starter made gasoline cars more convenient. What was the car, and what was its method of propulsion?

*The car was the STANLEY STEAMER, which was propelled by steam power, just like the locomotives of the day. According to G.N. Giordano, an English author on automobile history, the Stanley Steamer outsold gasoline powered cars during this period (but was outsold by early electric cars by Columbia Automobile Company).*



*1912 Stanley Steamer – Henry Ford’s assembly line greatly dropped the cost of internal-combustion engine cars, which was the beginning of the end for Stanley’s steam cars.*

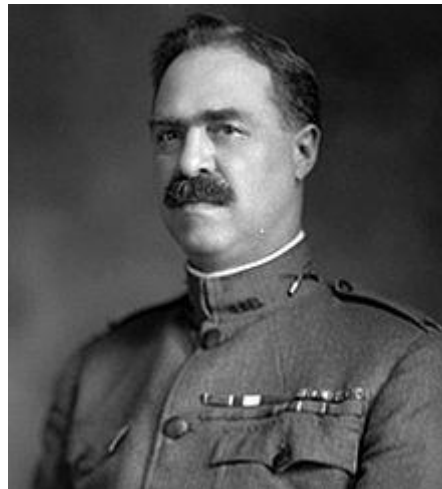
3. Boats for 100: What did all of these ships have in common? The USS Despatch, USS Dolphin, USS Mayflower, USS Potomac, USS Sequoia, USS Sylph, and USS Williamsburg.

*Every one of these ships was a Presidential yacht for the President of the United States.*

Okay – this month’s questions are: inventors, presidents, and weapons of war.

1. INVENTORS (3 points): This famous American inventor, who had never made a gun in his life, received a contract for the manufacture of 10 to 15 thousand muskets for the United States in 1798. Part of his pitch was to provide interchangeable parts – an idea he did not invent, but did popularize. Who was this famous inventor?
2. PRESIDENTS (1 point): What was “Seward’s Folly” and who was the President when it took place?
3. WEAPONS OF WARFARE (2 points): The following words were recorded by Lieutenant John Parker during the first use of what weapon by the US in an offense role?

**"The guns were pushed right up in the hottest place there was in the battle-field...and put into action at the most critical point of the battle... [the guns] so successfully subdued the Spanish fire that from that time to the capture of the practically impregnable position was only eight-and-one-half minutes. The expenditure of ammunition during this time, in which a continuous fire was kept up from three guns, was 6,000 rounds per gun..."**



*A later picture of John Henry Parker as a Colonel during World War I.....*



#### **4-H SHOOTING SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL SKEET**

Want to know more about the 4-H High School Skeet program? Ask our Owlkill Board of Directors Chairman Mark Mahoney!



## **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.