

OWLKILL ROD & GUN CLUB

November 2017



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November – time for VOTING and HUNTING! We strongly encourage you to do BOTH! www.owlkill.org

Monthly Meeting: This month's meeting will take place on Thursday, November 9th at 7:00p.m.

Board of Directors: Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday**, November 28th at **6:00p.m.**

President's Comments:

Leaves are down! Fall is here and signs of winter are soon to arrive.

Hunting season is in full swing: small game 'til February 28th, regular deer season 11/18 – 12/10 and as late as December 13th for bow and muzzleloaders, and bear season up 'til Dec 19th! Plenty of time to get out and soak up the beautiful terrain and fresh air- or to fill the freezer with meat. Turkey season- alas- is done for the year hereabouts.

We take much for granted, living in such a place, but we are fortunate because a long trip is not necessary to hunt, hike, fish or take in the woods and natural wonders, unlike so many who travel hours for the pleasure- we just go out the back door. [Much to be thankful for.](#)



From grouse to deer and bear, we live in a great area for hunters and outdoorsman, whether in the deep woods, mountains or meadows. I reached in the archives and found some sketches that make me want to wander the woods so I inserted a couple here. A startled grouse makes for a difficult target in flight- but the meat is the tastiest- and grazing deer are a sight to see close-up, here in a friend's backyard.

Speaking of being thankful...

-Thanksgiving is fast approaching! Turkey season closed Friday 11/3 here in our region but is open Nov. 18 – Dec. 1st in region 1C (the outer two thirds of Long Island). So if you didn't get your bird and would rather not travel south on Rt. 87 to the L.I.E. out to the good hunting grounds I would recommend Price Chopper, Hannaford, Sure Fine or another source for your turkey. Maybe a roast

would do for the day!

This holiday is for expressing our thankfulness for all the blessings we usually take for granted: family, friends, food, shelter and work. So in spite of the past year being a wild ride in the political realm- with a bit of unmitigated incivility creeping into a general societal tension- we can put it all aside and enjoy the fellowship of family and friends, and of course the vittles. So, to all: have a



Around the Club:

-The boardwalk to the clubhouse from the parking lot is finished and is a great addition to the grounds. More grounds work is planned to prep for winter- the hatches are getting battened down!

*-**The 4-H High School Skeet Shoot Club** is growing, meeting on Wednesday. Participants must be a Junior or Senior and certified with a course to take part. Contact Mark Mahoney for details. This past Wednesday was well attended by eager youth (even with the rain!) and by our 4-H Rep Chrys Nestle. There was a reporter or two as well so look for a report in the local paper.*

*- **See our website Calendar for Skeet shoot schedule.***

*- **Silhouette and Long Range Rifle shoots have run their course for this year.** As next year rolls around let's resolve to take part as much as we can to support the Club's venue offerings.*

*- **Archers:** Heath MacNeil plans to work on the archery ranges this fall. Get in touch with him and join the Committee.*

*-**GET A CLUB SEW-ON LOGO PATCH!** \$3 each; buy at meetings or at skeet shoots. Sew one onto your favorite shirt, hat, coat or jacket. Contact me or 'Duke'.*

*-Write a story from your experiences hunting, fishing or outdoors-ing for the Newsletter. **REALLY!!** Let us hear about the big one that didn't get away (or did), the incredible tom you bagged, that ten pointer, the scary rapids you kayaked or about Bigfoot-even if that one may just be fiction! Contact Lance.*

***-THE LOTTERY is commencing with tickets to be available by Christmas.** The prizes are great and some of your family and friends would be happy to find a ticket or two in their stocking!*

***Tim needs a Sales Manager to handle Lottery Ticket Sales and Distribution.** He will still be involved. Talk with Tim and see how much can be done with a little bit of effort. Consider your part and contact Tim or me.*

See you at the meeting, 7:00 PM Thursday, November 9th.

John D'Allaird

President, Owlkill Rod & Gun Club



EDITOR'S COLUMN

Its time for my annual tirade reminding all of our members to VOTE. Rather than doing that, I'll let others say it for me:

“Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves – and the only way they could do this is by not voting.” Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt

“A vote is like a rifle; its usefulness depends upon the character of the user.” Pres. Theodore Roosevelt

“To vote is like the payment of a debt, a duty never to be neglected, if its performance is possible.” Pres. Rutherford Hayes

President Hayes was right – voting is the payment of a debt for those who fought to create our constitutional republic and those who have fought to help us keep it. However, the bottom line, especially in an “off-year” election, is that your vote counts much more this year because far fewer people are going to vote. So support your local candidates, lest you find someone you would not have voted for sitting in the seat because he or she won with 10 votes compared to the opponent’s eight.

By the way – did you know that the sketches in our President’s Comments are all hand drawn by our own President John D’Allaird? We have some serious talent in this club! Are you sharing yours?

L. A. Wang, Editor



KEEP THE HITCH OUT OF YOUR GIDDY-UP – TRY COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING!

Are you tired of horse thieves, bank robbers, and mine poachers.....? Well, Owlkill Rod & Gun Club could help you make them all go away!

The Gun Club is wondering if any of you “wanna-be cowboys” would be interested in “settling up” a competition using period clone or actual firearms from the 1860’s to 1899. In the beginning we would allow revolvers that are single action like Ruger Blackhawks, a basic lever action rifle, and a side by side shotgun (no auto ejectors) or Model 1897 Winchester slide.

The targets would be metal set up for shooting a TIMED STAGE in which a shooter would use all three firearms stated above thru each stage. ACCURACY and TIME in a stage with the cowboy having the LOWEST SCORE would be the winner. The more time it takes, targets missed, and procedural mistakes will

count against you for a final score. In addition, the stage needs to be completed in the sequence of firearms designated and how many hits on targets are required. This type of shooting gives an adrenaline rush for accuracy, quickness, AND knowing which targets to hit, what sequence, and how many times you hit the target by the scenario. Sounds easy.....THINK AGAIN!

NOT SURE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.....GO TO YOUTUBE and type..."Light em up" ll Cowboy action promo"

Firearm requirements: 1860-1899 clones or authentic.. In the beginning, we would allow other firearms such as Ruger single actions with adjustable rear sight and others like them to be used in the "SPIRIT OF THE GAME" or some of us call it "SPORTSMANSHIP".

Revolvers:

Minimum Centerfire 32-20 to 45 colt including 44 mag/special. (Children age 16 or less .22)

Power factor: Minimum PF=60 (Bullet size X Velocity/1000) Ex. 100 gr. bullet X 600 fps/1000=60.

Velocity: minimum 400 fps /max. 1000fps

Bullets: Lead only

Open sight: black, brass, stainless, or white

5 rounds/revolver loaded. Hammer on empty chamber.. called a "John Wayne" load

Lever action Rifles:

Revolver calibers same as above.....NO RIFLE LOADS!

Matching with revolvers is best.

Velocity: minimum 400fps/ max 1400fps.

Bullets: Lead only

Iron sights: brass, black, stainless, or white

10 rounds

Shotgun Gauges:

Minimum 20 ga. to 10 ga.

minimum barrel length 20 inches

Shot #4 - #9. (Children age 16 or less .410)

Shot: Lead only

Bead; brass, black, stainless, or white

max 2 rounds

These are some the basic requirements and would have to be ironed out depending on if or what we might want to achieve in this competition. To get a sampling of the Single Action Shooters Society go to utube on your computer and pull up some cowboy action shooting competition and see just how people of all ages "Get INTO IT". European countries send competitors to the yearly "END OF TRAIL" to compete for the different categories of world champions. Right here in New York State in Saratoga Springs the Circle "K" Regulators CAS has the cowboy who has been the World Champion "Fastest Gun" 2 years in a row and can be seen on utube. He can draw 2 revolvers and shoot 10 rounds, a lever action rifle with 10 rounds, and shotgun with at least 4 rounds, run from each position to the next, grabbing the shotgun or rifle in less than 27 seconds and shoot a "Clean Sweep! Think about that.....

TRIVIA....back in the day, a 45 round cost the same as an ounce of whiskey, thats how it got its name. Give me a "shot" of whiskey...i.e. shot glass.

The Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) which I am a member of with an alias of "Colonel John Henry". It is a nationwide as well as world wide shooting society. Interesting to dress in period clothing and shoot firearms of that era. Fun for the whole family with many shooting categories. Look them up and you will find the the SASS Shooters Handbook and see ALL of the requirements for the shooters.

We are just looking for a beginning....Please contact me if interested thru email captpetryusn@yahoo.com or my cell is 713-261-7702.

Col. John Henry



TRIVIA

Last month's topics:: Shooting, Congress, and the US Coast Guard.

SHOOTING (3 POINTS): When a bullet is in flight, what does “yaw” mean? What is a more conventional term used for it?

“Yaw” is to turn by angular motion about the vertical axis (moving from side to side), also known as spin drift or gyroscopic drift. However, the non-scientific word for it is “tumble.”

CONGRESS (3 POINTS): This Congressman, a former military officer, carried the “football” (briefcase containing nuclear launch codes) for two Presidents.

Rep. John Kline of Minnesota is a retired Marine Colonel, and carried the “football” for both Presidents Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan.

US COAST GUARD (2 POINTS): The United States Coast Guard picked up the responsibility of international ice patrol in the Atlantic in this year after what famous historical event?

The United States Coast Guard, formed in the 1790s as the “Revenue Cutter Service” picked up the job of international ice patrol after the Titanic sank in 1912.

BONUS (2 POINTS): Two famous members of “Murderers Row” used to hunt together. What was “Murderers Row,” and who were the famous members?

Murderers Row refers to the 1927 New York Yankees, one of the most formidable baseball teams of the first half of the 20th Century. Two members George Herman “Babe” Ruth and Lou Gehrig were duck hunting buddies. Thanks to Rich Allen for digging up this photo of the two teammates with other hunting buddies! Gehrig is 3rd from the left, Ruth is 5th in the “NY” jacket.



This month's questions:

Topics are optics, the US Air Force, and Presidents!

OPTICS (1 POINT): A manufacturer of mass-market rifle scopes is BSA. What does BSA stand for and where were they originally made?

US AIR FORCE (2 POINTS): Within a year of its founding, the US Air Force was involved in a major strategic crisis and humanitarian operation, which resulted in the loss of 31 Americans. What was the operation?

PRESIDENTS (3 POINTS): It's a well-known bit of law that the President must be born in the United States. Obviously this could not always have been our law. Which Presidents were born British subjects?

BONUS PRESIDENTS QUESTION (2 POINTS): It's a historical fact that Presidents Adams and Jefferson died within hours of each other on July 4, 1826. However, one other President died on a July 4th – who?





*Cowboy Action Shooting? At the Owlkill? How do I get involved?
Read the article this month from Capt. Pete Petry (aka Col. John Henry)!*