

# OWLKILL ROD & GUN CLUB

November 2018



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**Our home on the Web - [www.owlkill.org](http://www.owlkill.org)**

**Monthly Meeting:** This month's meeting will take place on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.

**Board of Directors:** Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday**, November 27<sup>th</sup> at **6:00p.m.**

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## **President's Comments:**

**Hunting season is in full swing and we are out in the woods.** *The regular rifle deer season opening day is coming up Saturday Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>. Many have already been out and filled tags with bow-or with muzzleloader in the Northern Zone- and look forward now to the regular season mentioned above. It does seem that it came so quickly and very early but this has been an unusual year all along. As our Work Day this past Saturday was winding down many were arriving to sight-in their rifles, to be properly prepared to go afield and as part of their self-imposed readiness training. Our range is used mostly at this time of year for this purpose and is a good, controlled shooting environment. We do hope you all take advantage of the range for this purpose and appreciate the work put in to keep it up and keep it serviceable.*

**Some important thoughts:** *Recent years have seen an increase in the incidence and varied types of tick borne pathogens running through the wildlife population and infecting humans via tick bite. Lyme, anaplasmosis and other nasty diseases are rampant in this area and should be carefully guarded against by:*

*... using effective tick repellants*

*... having as little exposed skin as possible- keeping clothes tucked-in*

*... washing our hunting clothes thoroughly after returning from hunting*

*... checking ourselves thoroughly and everywhere for ticks when we come in from the field*

*With the severity of the resulting illnesses, prevention is much better than seeking a cure after the fact.*

***-Another nasty pathogen to watch for is toxoplasmosis which is contracted through eating undercooked meat which mostly for hunters around here is venison. The solution here is to freeze venison completely before cooking and eating it. Freezing kills this nasty little parasite.***

***-At the risk of overdoing it with warnings, we must remember that most hunting injuries are caused by falling from tree stands: getting in or out, not strapping in, or by stands or straps that have degraded so as to be unfit for safe use. Let's check our gear carefully and keep ourselves, family and friends from unnecessary grief.***

***-Already referenced above was the work day Saturday.** It was a quick few hours to clear the decks of some of the small items on the to-do list and it went fast, accomplishing all tasks, with coffee and donuts!*

***Thanks to all who came out and had a great time chipping in too.***

**To wind up, last month the ‘weighty matter’ of losing our club insurance was mentioned...**

*...so I would like to update you on the outcome. We are pleased to report that we now have better, and much more comprehensive coverage than ever. Our property, along with all members, Directors and Officers are now covered. Hopefully, we will never need it but this necessity is thankfully now in place.*

**Happy hunting.**

See you at the meeting, 7:00PM Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.

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



**EDITOR’S COLUMN**

Friends, I have nothing to say this month other than two things.

Vote. It’s not just your privilege. It’s your duty. Read; learn where the candidates stand on those issues which are important to you, and then vote. What else is there to say?

Thanksgiving. Believe it or not, by the time I crank out the next newsletter Thanksgiving will have passed. Where has the year gone? We have much to be thankful for. We have our lives, health, family, friends, and our faithful animals. I am thankful for the Club and the neighbors here who I consider friends. I’m thankful for all of those who do the hard work of running the Club and the Board. All of those who do the hard work of maintaining and improving the Club. And most of all, all of those who by virtue of who they are and how they care, that make this place a community worth being a part of.

A happy, healthy, and blessed Thanksgiving to all of you.

Lance Allen Wang, Editor



**TRIVIA**

Now let’s dive into last month’s questions... Hunting, Firearms, and the Constitution

1. Hunting for two points: Most hunters agree that when a buck smells human scent that the chances of bagging the deer become extremely difficult. Therefore knowing when the scenting conditions are in the buck’s favor may be critical to success. All things being equal is a buck more likely to smell a hunter in a tree stand in the morning or in the afternoon? Why?

*Welcome to the world of thermals! A thermal is a column or stream of rising air created by temperature differences between air at ground level and air higher in the atmosphere. In the morning, as the sun heats the ground, air at ground level rises. The opposite occurs when the sun is setting and the earth starts to cool down. Air cools and settles back towards the ground, pulling your scent along with it! So, afternoon hunting from a stand can sometimes make for quite a challenge. (Old military guys may remember the terms “lapse” and “inversion” air patterns, which let you know whether smoke or chemical agents will rise or sink to the ground for the same reason!)*

2. Firearms for one: Mexico contributed the M1908 Mondragon rifle to the world in 1911. What innovation and distinction did this rifle have?

*The Mexican Mondragon was the first semiautomatic rifle effective enough to be used in quantity by a national military.*



*First designed in 1891 as a bolt action, the semi-automatic Mondragon was used by the German Air Corps with a 30-round “snail” magazine during World War I as a defensive weapon for observers to use to defend themselves and their aircraft.*

3. US Constitution for three: Did the US Constitution have to be adopted unanimously when it was proposed? If not, how many states had to ratify it for it to become effective?

*Only nine states had to ratify the Constitution for it to become effective.*

**BONUS QUESTION:** Which one of these two founding fathers signed the US Constitution first – John Adams or Thomas Jefferson?

*Trick question! Neither of them signed it, they were both on diplomatic missions at the time – Adams in Britain and Jefferson in France.*

**DOUBLE BONUS QUESTION:** How many times is the word “democracy” in the US Constitution?

*Yet another trick question! The word “democracy” is in the US Constitution zero times!*

OK, so lets move on to this month’s questions. Topics this month are Elections, Thanksgiving, and Immigration.

1. Quick round on elections – 3 trivia questions, for three points:
  - a. Felons in these two states are allowed to vote – and have been since those states were founded in 1820 and 1872 respectively:
  - b. This President never ONCE voted in an election prior to his electoral victory in 1848.
  - c. Who was the youngest person to become President of the United States?
2. When the religious group later known as Pilgrims left England to practice religion freely, where did they first go for one point?

3. During the earliest 20<sup>th</sup> century waves of immigrants, many changed their names for various reasons, but often to assimilate or to make their names less foreign sounding for American audiences. Who were these immigrants for two points?
- Julius Marx
  - Jerome Horwitz
  - Issur Danilovich
  - Adolph Marx
  - Jennifer Anastassakis



Sure, you know Cary Grant – but do you know Archibald Alec Leach? Hint – they’re the same person, but “Cary” wanted a less foreign sounding name. Try the other five names here.



### LAST BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST

High School Skeet shooting has started again! Anyone interested in participating or assisting? Contact Mark Mahoney at (518) 677-3242.