

OWL KILL ROD & GUN CLUB

September 2014



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Monthly Meeting: The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Owlkill Rod & Gun Club will be held on Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 7:00p.m. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

President's Comments: This month's meeting will take place on September 11th – a date which all but the youngest of us remember well. It's burned into our consciousness like our parents and grandparents remember December 7th. In the 13 years since 2001, it is unfortunate that 9/11 is often seen as many things - cultural icon, historical benchmark, entrance to the "Post 9/11" world, and any other number of symbolic references. Rather than seeing it as it might appear in a school textbook, I want us to remember for a brief moment where we were, what we were doing. Remember the visceral punch in the gut feeling. Remember the feeling of not knowing where to lash out, or how. We forget all too easily and we have allowed it to become Pearl Harbor; faded photographs and a catchphrase from history. The price of freedom is eternal vigilance. It is only through America's vigilance, its military and law enforcement community, and through God's good graces that it has not happened again here. In a world where Al Qaeda still lives and ISIS has taken center stage, don't think for a minute that it's for a lack of enemies of our nation trying.



9/11 – Remembering like it was yesterday. May it not represent our tomorrow.

OWLKILL ONLINE IS ON THE AIR! OK – MORE LIKE ON THE NET....

Hats off to Tim Barry for his hard work not only on the Owlkill Lottery, but also for creating owlkill.org, our new website. Get issues of our newsletter, get club news, get update on the lottery, and all sorts of good stuff. And for people like me – lots of pictures.... Step aside, James Brown. There's a new hardest working man in show business, and his name is Tim Barry.

THE OWLKILL LOTTERY IS ROCKING – IT HAS BEEN A SUCCESSFUL FUND RAISER

The lottery has raised at least \$3K for the club, and people are winning some great prizes. Thanks to all who bought tickets, thanks to those who sold tickets, and thanks most of all to Tim Barry and others who

pulled it all together. We haven't done a lottery in at least five years, and we've taken some new approaches and learned some important lessons. So long as we have people interested in running the lottery, we have a solid fundraiser we can build on from year to year. To everyone – THANKS FOR CARING.

THOUGHT I FORGOT?

Trivia question from last month. During its service life in the US military, how many American companies produced the M1 Carbine?



Pulling security at Iwo Jima, 1945, with an M1 Carbine. This picture is of the first flag raising on Iwo Jima – the second one, a staged event, became one of the most famous pictures of World War II.

The answer, by the way is eleven. The eleven major manufacturers of the M1 Carbine during World War II were:

- GENERAL MOTORS (marked INLAND DIV.)
- WINCHESTER REPEATING ARMS (marked WINCHESTER)
- IRWIN-PEDERSON (marked IRWIN-PEDERSON)
- SAGINAW STEERING GEAR DIVISION, GENERAL MOTORS (marked SAGINAW S.G.)
- UNDERWOOD ELLIOT FISHER (marked UNDERWOOD)
- NATIONAL POSTAL METER (marked NATIONAL POSTAL METER)
- QUALITY HARDWARE MANUFACTURING CORP. (marked QUALITY H.M.C.)
- INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES (marked IBM CORP.)
- STANDARD PRODUCTS (marked STD. PRO.)
- ROCK-OLA MANUFACTURING CORP. (marked ROCK-OLA)
- COMMERCIAL CONTROLS CORP. (marked COMMERCIAL CONTROLS)

Some of these manufacturers seem a tad familiar, no doubt. And with the exception of Winchester, not for firearms manufacture!

This month's trivia:

The 45-70 was the US Army's standard cartridge from 1873 through 1892, and was used by some militia units during the Spanish American War. It was replaced by the Army's first smokeless cartridge. What was the cartridge, and what weapon was it used in. Bonus question – what was the last use of the 45-70 for the US military?



Philippine Scouts, supporting US forces during the Philippine War (1899-1902), armed with obsolete Model 1889 Springfield 45-70 rifles. They also carried their trademark northern Philippine “Bolo” knife as a personal weapon for close combat.

BECAUSE WE’RE GETTING REALLY CLOSE TO ELECTION TIME, AND THIS MESSAGE BEARS REPEATING: One last thing – are you registered to vote? If not, why not? If you are – are you going to vote? Are you going to be in town for the election? If not, are you prepared to get an absentee ballot? Do you know how? Find out! If there is anyone on the ballot this year who does not represent your interests, are you going to let them just waltz into office without a fight? Good questions, gang. Think about your answers and act accordingly. If you don’t make the effort to vote now, don’t waste the effort of complaining later.....

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

Board of Directors: Board of Directors meeting will take place at 6:15 p.m. prior to the regular membership meeting on Thursday September 11th.

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

Practice Safe Club Membership: Have you signed the Club’s safety rules? Remember, Tom “Duke” Duclos can’t process renewals without sign-off on the safety rules. Need a copy? Have you no idea what I’m talking about? See the Duke at our next club meeting.

From the Archery Committee: Bill Zeppetelli and some other archers have been meeting at the new archery range on Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm, weather permitting, to do some shooting. They both invite and welcome others interested in joining them.

From the Silhouette Committee: 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 (1/5th Scale Targets).

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

For Old Timers Match (1/2 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.

~~Saturday, May 17, 2014~~

~~Saturday, June 21, 2014;~~

~~Saturday, August 16, 2014;~~

Saturday, October 4, 2014

Saturday, July 19, 2014

Saturday, September 20, 2014

Date	Day	A.M. Match	P.M. Match
May 17th	Saturday	Silhouette	Old Timers
June 21th	Saturday	Silhouette	Old Timers
July 19th	Saturday	Silhouette	Old Timers
August 16th	Saturday	Silhouette	Old Timers
September 20 th	Saturday	Silhouette	Old Timers
October 4 th	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 1/2 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