

OWLKILL ROD & GUN CLUB

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***Please note our new website address: www.owlkillrodandgunclub.org
See information about the new website in this newsletter!***

Monthly Meeting: This month's meeting will take place on Thursday, April 11th, at 7:00p.m.

Board of Directors: Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 30th** at **6:00p.m.**

President's Comments:

Hello Everyone,

With Spring finally here I just want to ask everyone to keep a few things in mind. As the weather gets nice the range traffic is inevitably going to pick up. With this I would just like to remind everyone to think Safety, Safety, Safety. Like I said before it is easy to get complacent over the winter while most people don't frequent the range as often. We have a few things in motion right now to make the ranges more safe. There are going to be more range safety flags in different spots to try to let people know when the ranges are in use. We are also working on a "Cease Fire" light system used at other clubs.

I also wanted to let everyone know about our work day coming up on Saturday April 27th at 8:30 am. We have some Spring cleaning to do like we normally do every year and some projects on the board so for anyone who can make it that day for a few hours please join us. While we are on the topic of projects, the clubhouse is going to get new siding as soon as the weather is warm enough. If anyone has any experience with this or just wants to lend a hand please let us know. For those waiting to shoot on the 200 yard range again like myself, I wanted to let everyone know work will start on raising the backer height as soon as the ground is hard enough to support equipment so thank you all for your patience.

In closing I want to touch on one more very important subject. As all of you probably know our lottery fundraiser is going on right now for June. This is by far our biggest fundraiser of the year and how we manage to pay for our improvements to the Club. If everyone makes it a priority to sell some tickets we could make it the best year yet. The more tickets we sell the more money we ultimately have for club projects and improvements. If anyone would like some tickets to sell please come to a meeting or get a hold of one of the officers or board members. As always be safe and have fun shooting.

Bret Seiler

President, Owlkill Rod & Gun Club



EDITOR'S COLUMN

Happy April, folks. Just a reminder that the goal with this newsletter is to make it the Club's. Not Bret's, not Lance's, etc. So if you have something to share, something to sell (within the limits of the law!), something to say (within the limits of good taste!), some good pictures – send them in. Not sure? I'm happy to help you out. Anyone who's attended a meeting knows that we have members with a lot of talent and experience. Lets share that talent and experience with your fellow Owlkill members.

Lance Allen Wang, Editor



NEW WEBSITE

Our new website is up and running, but doesn't show up well in search results yet. Content will be added, so please keep checking it.

www.owlkillrodandgunclub.org

Please type the full address into the address bar, rather than leaving off the www and doing a search for it. If each of us visit the site many times, the search engine algorithms will pick up the popularity of the site.

Let's all step up and sell/buy more Gear & Gun Lottery tickets, we're way behind on that. Thank you to all who have sold what they have so far.

Also, please tell those who have purchased lottery from you to go to the new website, rather than the one listed on the flyer. Winners will be called, as well as posted, so it's not crucial that they go there but if they do they'll need the new address.

There are some stickers at the clubhouse, on top of the safe, if you'd like to put them on lottery envelopes you still have. The envelopes in the clubhouse safe have the stickers on them now.

There's some exciting things coming to the club this year. See you at the April 11 club meeting, 7:00pm.

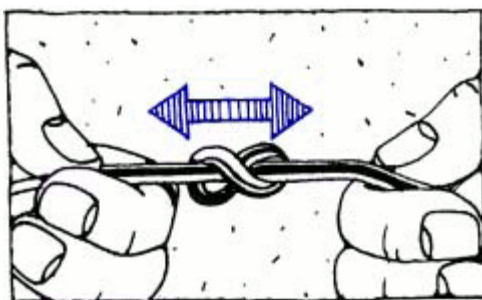


TRIVIA

Now let's dive into last month's questions... Okay, this month's topics are: Fly fishing, skeet shooting, and ammunition history.

Fly fishing for two points – Which of the following knots is used to attach tippet material to the end of a leader? Albright, Arbor, Surgeon, or Nail...

The easiest and fastest knot for attaching the tippet to the leader in all kinds of conditions is the Surgeon's knot (specifically the Double Surgeon's Knot).



*Yeah, this. The last step of tying the Double Surgeon's Knot.
Second nature to a fisherman. Not so much for me!*

Trap shooting for three points – What are the three key differences between American Skeet and International Skeet?

International Skeet has a random delay of 0 to 3 seconds after the shooter calls for the target.

International Skeet requires the shooter to hold his gun with the buttstock at mid-torso level until the target appears.

International Skeet requires the shooter to shoot at doubles not only at stations 1, 2, 6, and 7 as in American skeet, but also on 3, 4, and 5 including a reverse double (low house first) on station 4.

Lastly – ammunition history for one point. The 6.5 Creedmoor has become a very popular round since its 2006 introduction. It is evolved from the .30 T/C (Thompson/Center). What is the significance of the name Creedmoor in American shooting?

Creedmoor Sports was the company where one of the designers of the 6.5 Creedmoor worked. But more importantly, Creedmoor was the place on Long Island where the first national rifle matches in the United States were held late in the 19th Century. The NY Legislature and the National Rifle Association combined in 1872 to purchase 70 acres of farmland in Queens Village, NY for long distance rifle shooting and holding shooting competitions.

This month's trivia topics: The Arquebus, the Civil War, and Salt-Water Fishing

For three points – what is the difference between a musket and an arquebus?



An 1876 image of an arquebus being fired from a fork rest

For one point – the first Union officer killed in the Civil War has particular interest to those from Upstate NY. Who was he, where was he from, and where was he killed?



The first Union officer killed in the Civil War – May 24, 1861

For two points – Who is the keeper of the world records regarding fishing catches by fish categories. They used to only handle salt water records until Field and Stream transferred their 68 years of fresh-water records to them in 1978. They also provide fishing tips and have an extensive fish identification guide?



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