

# OWLKILL ROD & GUN CLUB

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***Please note our new website address: [www.owlkillrodandgunclub.org](http://www.owlkillrodandgunclub.org)***

**Monthly Meeting:** This month's meeting will take place on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.

**Board of Directors:** Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>** at **6:00p.m.**

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## **President's Comments:**

Hello Club,

First off I wanted to start by saying thank you to those who showed up for our work day last weekend. The weather was typical of this Spring and did not cooperate for us. At a few moments throughout the morning we were getting hailed on for sure. Charlie Kovage cleaned up around the club and parking lots as well as our new spruce trees. The rest of us got started on the new siding for the clubhouse. If anyone would like to lend a hand the next time we work on the clubhouse please contact myself, Phil Couch, or John D'Allaird. The more the merrier.

I also wanted to talk a little bit about a fundraiser for 4H shooting sports coming up in June. Last year I ran a golf tournament at Dutchaven golf course and the proceeds went to the 4H shooting sports program. Last year we had around 10 teams so we only ran one flight but if we get enough teams this year we will do a morning and afternoon flight. There are 4 players to a team @ \$70 a player. If anyone would like to play or knows someone who might be interested in playing please contact myself or Jeff Richards. For those who may just be interested in making a donation or may know a business who could be a hole sponsor contact myself or Jeff Richards. The money we made last year was a huge help to the shooting sports program and with your help this years fundraiser can be that much better.

In closing, while we are on the topic of fundraising, I just want to remind the club about the gun and gear lotto starting next month. This is by far the biggest and most important fundraiser for the club. The last I knew Tom Duclos said all the tickets but 170 were out. If anyone would like to purchase a ticket or maybe sell a few to some friends please contact me or Tom Duclos. Tom said he plans on being available on a few different occasions at the club before the lotto starts on June 1st for people to turn in ticket sales. We will send out some emails letting the club know the dates and times he will be collecting ticket sales. Thank you all for your help selling if we have a May we can make this the best gear and gun lotto to date.

Have fun and be safe shooting!!

**Bret Seiler**

President, Owlkill Rod & Gun Club



## EDITOR'S COLUMN

Greetings, all! As we enter a world where political campaigns no longer wait for election years, where it seems the parties and the news are in a 24/7 election cycle, everything that is political has become POLITICAL. In a world where all is political, it reinforces an “us” and “them” worldview.

I found an article about growing the shooting sports population, and it raised an interesting point about “us and them”:

*As the number of moderate gun owners grows ... it's imperative that the larger 2A community learn the best means to embrace the change. Like Cade, Smith said the best way to bring more ... folks into the fold is to openly welcome any person who wants to head to the range. “Bringing people in on a positive note is how we grow our world,” Smith said in a speech.*

*For some the issue isn't just inviting newcomers into the gun owning world, it's about regaining gun rights and influencing public policy using culture as a starting point. The subtle shift in gun owners is one way to do just that ... To win the war on gun rights, the gun community must first conquer the cultural battle. The first step, according to Pincus, is to embrace the “other side” of the community by eliminating the concept of “they.”*

*“How many people do we lose? How many opportunities to influence the culture and improve the image of gun owners and gun ownership and celebrate the expansion of gun ownership, the new numbers of gun owners, the positive experiences....all of these positive things get lost in the fear-mongering, rhetoric, talking points, sometimes nonsensical ‘they,’” Pincus said in a [speech](#). “Let's go talk to ‘they.’” Let's go have the dialogue.”*

I've run into folks in gun stores that left me scratching my head and fearful that this person will represent what a “gun owner” is in their community. I've met other folks who I've disagreed with politically, yet who I have bonded with while shooting on the range.

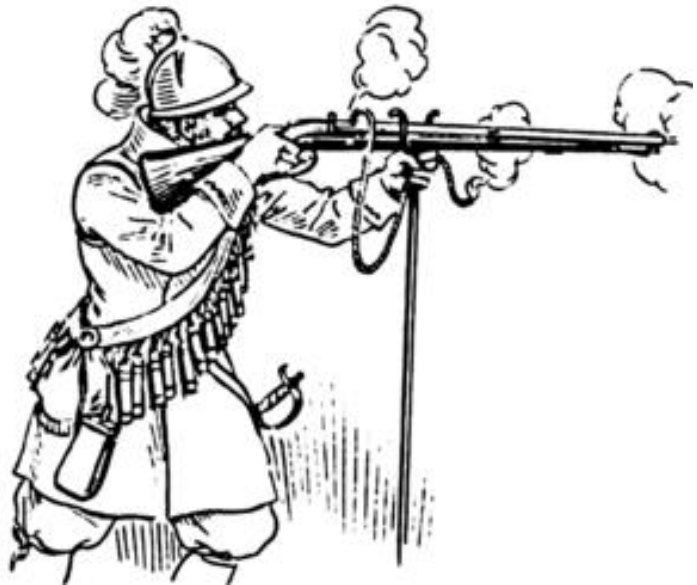
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## TRIVIA

Now let's dive into last month's questions... Last month's trivia topics: The Arquebus, the Civil War, and Salt-Water Fishing

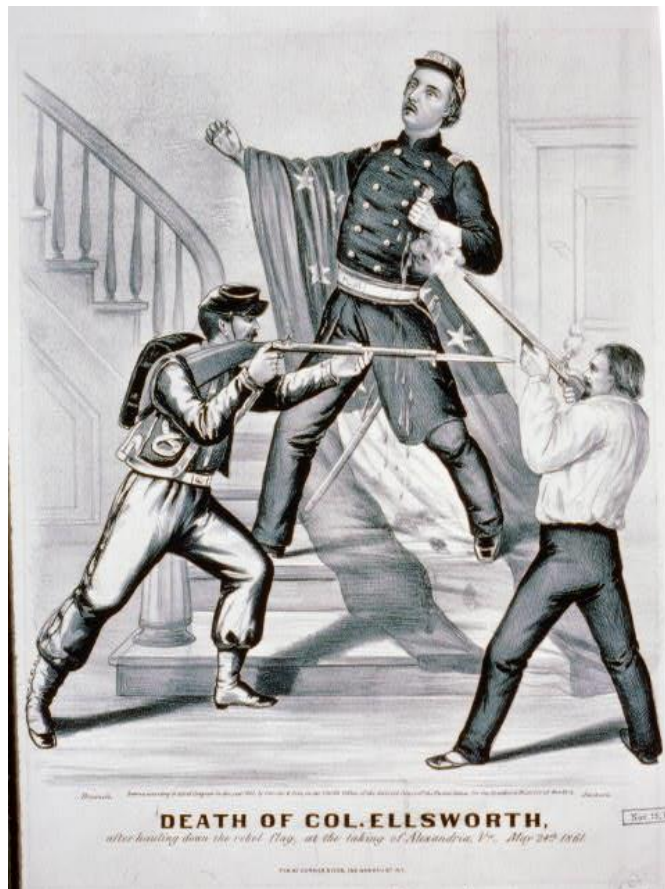
*For three points – what is the difference between a musket and an arquebus?*



On the left is a “musketeer” – on the right an arquebus being fired. Note the fork rest.

*This is a confusing one – because the terms were used interchangeably for a while; finally, by the late 16<sup>th</sup> century, they began to represent different categories of arms. In the end, the musket was basically a large arquebus. An arquebus required a fork rest to fire, while the musket was considered a “shoulder arm” – and into the 1800s, the musket became a generic name for all shoulder arms.*

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?



*“Death of Col. Ellsworth after hauling down the rebel flag at the taking of Alexandria, VA, May 24, 1861”*

*Colonel Elmer Ellsworth was born in Malta, New York and grew up in Mechanicsville, New York. He studied law under Abraham Lincoln in Illinois, NY. When the Civil War broke out, he recruited the 11<sup>th</sup> NY Volunteer Infantry Regiment, the “Fire Zouaves” from NYC’s volunteer firefighters. He was killed removing a Confederate flag from the roof of the Marshall House Inn in Alexandria VA on May 24, 1861. Six-foot-four Lincoln called the Five-foot-six Ellsworth, “The greatest little man I ever met.” When he was killed, Lincoln had his friend’s body lie in state in the White House.*

*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?*

*The International Game Fish Association (IGFA) maintains and publishes world records for saltwater, freshwater, fly fishing catches, US state freshwater records, and junior angle records.*

And on to this month’s questions! The topics are modern wars, trapping, and firearms history.

The first question, for one point – in 1983, President Ronald Reagan ordered the invasion of the small island of Grenada following the overthrow of their government, in order to ensure the safety of 1,000 Americans on the island. What was the name of the Marxist who overthrew the island’s government?



*American warfare, 1983 style – the invasion of Grenada, October 1983*

The second question, for three points – the foothold trap was first invented in the 1600s. What type of prey were they (ironically) invented to deal with?

Third question – for two points. A submachine gun is a fully automatic firearm that fires pistol cartridges. What was the world’s first submachine gun?



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