

# OWLKILL ROD & GUN CLUB

August 2019



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

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

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

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## **President's Comments:**

I would like to talk this month about using the club land for more than just shooting. We are a ROD and Gun club so this past week my fiancé, a friend and myself went fishing in the Owl Kill river on our club property. We met after work and hiked in and fished for a few hours before dark and had an absolute blast. We caught a total of four brown trout and two small brook trout in the small stream that flows through our range and runs into the Owl kill I am not sure of the name of that tributary. I had such a good time I have since bought a fly rod and started taking lessons and plan on doing a lot more fishing in the future.

We have quite a lot of land at the club not just what you see from the road. There is a walk through bow course across the stream for anyone interested in archery you should talk to Heath McNeal who is the chairman of the archery committee. In the winter time when the snow falls and not many people are using the range I do a lot of snowshoeing and cross country skiing on club property. That being said if you do decide to use the land think safety first. It is after all a gun range so make sure people know you are using the stream or bow course. I normally always leave a note on the range shacks or club house letting everyone know that someone is out there that they may not be able to see.

In closing I would also just like to mention we are going to have another work day coming up this September and as we decide on a date we will let you know more about it and what we would like to accomplish. These work days are a great way for projects to get done at the club and if we can get a good group of members together its easy to knock out a lot things in a short amount of time. I know we need to get the clubhouse sided thats going to be the big ticket item that day but there are plenty of other things that can be done at the same time. Even if you can just make it for an hour or two, that would be great. We will send out an email blast letting everyone know when we have an exact date for sure.

## **Bret Seiler**

President, Owlkill Rod & Gun Club



## EDITOR'S COLUMN

Friends, there's a lot going on. Just turn on the news if you don't believe me! That is why, with all going on, I'm glad to see that our club is healthy and importantly, being used. Now more than ever, recreation is important and a good way to exert some control and de-stress, even when the forces in this world seem out of control. Get out there and use the range. Shoot! If you don't shoot, fish (like our Club President has discovered)! If you don't fish, just enjoy the social activities that come from joining fellow club members at our prized Owlkill. Better yet – pay it forward and teach a young person how to safely handle and use a rod or firearm.



*Our distinguished President, Bret Seiler, exerts some control over a .44 cal black powder revolver*



*My young Godson, after enduring my instruction, successfully engaging targets for the first time and warming the heart of this old infantryman!*

See you out at the range!

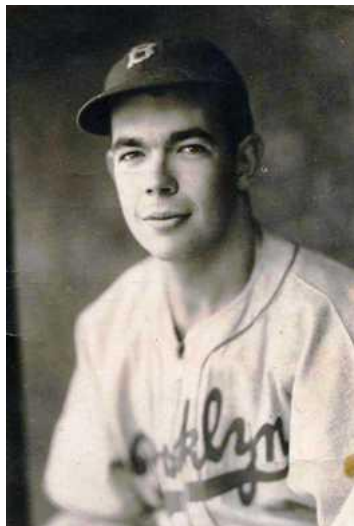
Lance Allen Wang, Editor



## TRIVIA

Now let's dive into last month's questions... the topics were veterans and baseball, the machine gun, and small game hunting.

For two points, this native of Salem NY pitched for the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1944 for one game. He was also an artilleryman awarded the Purple Heart during the Italian Campaign in 1943-44. Who was he?



*Meet Salem NY's Frank "Socko" Wurm, Brooklyn Dodgers, 1944*

*"Socko" never fully recovered from his war experience, and in his sole Major League appearance as a starting pitcher for Brooklyn, he gave up five runs while only recording one out. Technically, his ERA is astronomical and a record worst. However, as we can see, numbers only tell a part of the story of this local hero.*

For one point, this machine gun, sometimes called "Ma Deuce," entered service in 1933 and is still used in the US military as it was originally designed.

*The M2 Browning .50 caliber Machine Gun, also known as "Ma Deuce" due to its M2 designation, has been in continuous service since 1933. It has been used by multiple countries on air, land, and sea vehicles as it was originally designed. It has even been used as a sniper rifle, notably by legendary Marine sniper Carlos Hathcock during the Vietnam War.*



*Doing it Hathcock style – a USMC gunner utilizing a Leupold variable power combat optic mounted to a “Ma Deuce,” the M2 .50 cal.*

For three points – in New York, there are specific regulations as to the size of shot you can use when turkey hunting. What is the size range of allowable shot for turkey hunting?

*In New York, shot must be no larger than #2 shot, and no smaller than #8 shot*

All righty then, let’s move on to this month’s questions. This month – topics are deep sea fishing, military helicopter rescues, and shotguns.

Deep sea fishing for two points – the largest Bluefin tuna ever caught weighed just shy of 1,500 pounds! It was caught where some of the largest tuna in the world can be found. Where was it?

Military helicopter rescues for three points: Military helicopters have been saving lives for over half a century. The words Medevac and Dustoff are words that inspire confidence among American fighting forces. Many are familiar with the work of early helicopter pilots in Korea. But the first rescue by helicopter took place before Korea. When and where was the first military helicopter rescue?



*The courageous pilots of early helicopters took these “eggbeaters” into dangerous situations repeatedly to save the lives of countless service members during the Korean War.*

Lastly, shotguns for one point. A shotgun typically (with the exception of sabot rounds) is designed to disperse the pellets (“shot”) inside the shell over a certain area in a certain pattern. The distribution of the shot can be altered using a particular device. What is the device?



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**In case you wanted a reminder.... Coming soon!**

