

# OWLKILL ROD & GUN CLUB

December 2019



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***Check in and see what's happening!*** [www.owkillrod-gunclub.org](http://www.owkillrod-gunclub.org)

**Monthly Meeting:** This month's meeting will take place on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.

**Board of Directors:** Board of Directors meeting date – December date pending.

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## **President's Comments:**

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and survived our first good snowstorm of the year. The main topic I would like to touch on this month is the upcoming gear and gun lottery fundraiser. The money that comes from this fundraiser is the reason we are able to do our club improvement projects like siding the clubhouse and our range improvements. This year we have switched up our prizes and instead of gift cards we are doing cash prize and we have also added some new items like two Winchester gun safes and a high end shotgun. What normally happens is we start out selling like gangbusters during the holiday season when we first start circulating the tickets. Then we get complacent telling ourselves that we have a lot of time to sell before the drawing starts so our sales drop until the last few weeks and then we rush to sell all we can in a mad dash to the final day before the drawing starts. If we stayed diligent throughout the whole ticket selling period I really feel we could sell all 1000 tickets. If we could do that or even get close to that mark it would be incredible for club improvements and projects. If every member could just sell a few tickets a piece it would be easy to all the tickets we print. I want to thank Mark Mahoney and Tom Duclos for all their work coming up with the prize package this year they have put together some great items to win. I also want to thank John D'Allaird for working with the print shop getting all the tickets ready for the December meeting to sell as stocking stuffers.

Switching gears a little bit I just have to mention to anyone crossing our trench line from the safety light system wire installation to please be careful. After backfilling the trench I noticed that it settled in spots but before anything could be done the ground froze and we got 15 inches of snow so we are at mother natures mercy for a little while. I hope everyone has a great holiday season and I hope you all get a chance to use the ranges and do some shooting.

## **Bret Seiler**

President, Owlkill Rod & Gun Club



## EDITOR'S COLUMN

Soon in your email box, you will be receiving your renewal form and range rules for annual recertification. We hope you will continue your membership in a club that we're all proud of, a community-based Rod and Gun Club made up of your friends and neighbors. I think if you look around, you'll see that for what you get, the Owlkill is not only a great club, but also a great value. It's not a great value because we cut corners, but rather we're a great value because of the way we are self-reliant when it comes to a good amount of the maintenance and improvement of the facilities.

Enjoy the rest of this year's hunt (such as remains, anyway!), and I hope all have a Happy, Healthy, and Blessed holiday season and New Year.

Lance Allen Wang, Editor



## TRIVIA

Now let's dive into last month's questions... Topic was famous veterans.

1. For 2 points - This famous photo was taken during the 1976 baseball season – a couple of protestors decided to burn a flag in the outfield during a game. The flag was rescued before the deed was done by one of the players in that game who happened to be a veteran. Who was the player, and what was his branch of service?



*One of my favorite photos and stories, being a vet and a huge baseball fan. As the two jokers on the right were preparing to torch the flag, Chicago Cubs outfielder Rick Monday, a former United*

*States Marine, dashed over and grabbed the flag before it could be set aflame. When Monday next came to bat, the scoreboard flashed the message “RICK MONDAY... YOU MADE A GREAT PLAY.”*

2. For 3 points - This famous actor had an extremely distinguished record during World War II, but also flew one mission as an observer during the Vietnam War.



*The actor was the great Jimmy Stewart, who by the time of the Vietnam War was a 58 year-old Brigadier General in the Air Force Reserve – and a qualified B-52 pilot. In 1966 he flew on Green-2, a B-52 on an “Arc Light” bombing mission over Vietnam as an observer. There were problems as the plane prepared to land, and the concerned pilot got General Stewart ready to bail out. Luckily, they landed without incident. The picture above shows General Stewart briefing other officers after landing.*

3. For 1 point - Although his daughter would become infamous for her anti-war protests, this famous actor refused to serve in World War II by making films, he wanted to join the Navy and fight, saying “I don’t want to be in a fake war in a studio.” He received the Bronze Star during his three years and an enlisted sailor and then officer.



*Lieutenant Henry Fonda receives the Bronze Star during WW2.*

Okay! On to this month's questions. Our topics will be – the AK-47, American firearms manufacturers, and the State of the Union.

1. For three points – the image of the AK-47 rifle appears on the flag of one country. What is that country? A not so useful hint- 106 countries use the AK-47 for their military or special forces.



*Kalashnikov and his invention. He never felt guilt for the blood spilled with his firearm – “I sleep well,” he said, “It’s the politicians who are to blame for failing to come to an agreement and resorting to violence.”*

2. For one point – Benjamin Tyler Henry was the creator of the Henry rifle, the first reliable lever-action repeating rifle. In 1864, a dispute with his current employer, the New Haven Arms Company resulted in Henry leaving the company and working as an individual gunsmith. What was the New Haven Arms Company named after Henry left?
3. All Presidents (with two notable exceptions) have provided an annual message, now known as the State of the Union and typically delivered in person. Far more were delivered in writing, however, as opposed to in person. Who are the two presidents who never delivered an annual message or State of the Union, and why?



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