

OWLKILL ROD & GUN CLUB

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President: Bret Seiler

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Vice President: Ray Phillips

Secretary: Tom Duclos

Board of Directors: John D'Allaird (Chairman), David Langlois, Mark Mahoney, Phil Couch, Heath MacNeil

Check in and see what's happening! www.owlkillrod-gunclub.org

Monthly Meeting: This month's meeting will take place on Thursday, January 9th at 7:00p.m.

Board of Directors: Board of Directors meeting date – Tuesday, January 20th at 6:00p.m.

President's Comments:

Hello Everyone,

To start I would like to say that I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. I'm sure everyone had a busy and hectic month of December and I hope it is starting to slow down again. We have some elections coming up next month and I just want to give a big thanks to our officers and board members for all their hard work. After many years of as the Treasurer Randy Burgoyne is going to step down and Larry Pietrucha is going to take over for him. Even though this is not a year we normally would vote on officers, Randy has served longer than he had to and has asked if someone could take over for him to free up some time for other pursuits. Charlie Kovage has also decided to step down as Chair of the Buildings and Grounds position. I also want to thank Charlie for all his hard work and blood and sweat over the years keeping the club grounds looking fantastic. I know what a hard worker Charlie is and how much time and energy goes into keeping the club grounds looking like they do and it's no small feat. Thank you for your dedication guys. If anyone is interested in becoming the new Chairman of the B&G committee or if anyone just has any questions about becoming a board member in general please get in touch with an officer or board member or just come to a meeting we would love to see you there.

I touched on our 2020 Gear and Gun Lottery Fundraiser in last month's newsletter but the tickets are printed and sales have started!!! I cannot stress how important this fundraiser is to the Club. It is by far our best way to raise money for our bills and projects. The more money we raise the bigger the projects we can fund this coming season. If anyone is interested in selling some tickets for the club you could come to either the board meetings or membership meetings and pick up a packet or get in touch with myself or another officer and we would be happy to get you some tickets. Mark and Tom have done a great job this year putting together an amazing prize package that has something for everyone. There are tickets for sale at Ace Hardware in Cambridge and they will be being sold at Dutchaven Golf Course when the season starts as well as a few other businesses in the area. Normally we have the drawing in June but we moved it up this year to April so we don't have as much time to sell tickets as previous years. I think this is an asset as we won't be complacent thinking we have all the time in the world to sell tickets. I honestly feel most members know at least a few people that would buy a ticket or two it is well worth the money. And as they say, "Hey, Ya never know". You or your buddy might just end up winning a beautiful shotgun or rifle but at the very least you help out the Club. It's a win-win situation.

Thank you,

Bret Seiler

President, Owlkill Rod & Gun Club



EDITOR'S COLUMN

And off we go into the “Roaring Twenties,” 21st century style...! We anticipate a great year at the Owlkill, but to make it happen, we’re going to need some things to happen. To start with, we’d like to sell out the lottery tickets. Our Guns and Gear lottery is always a big fundraiser for us, but as we say every year, it needs to be. This fundraiser helps us go beyond merely having the money to maintain our club, and helps us into the territory where the funds are also enough to improve the club (case in point, look at the new range light system we’re installing). So buy tickets, folks!

Also, you will note in the President’s remarks, we’re looking for folks who are willing to step up for new positions – we’re looking for a new Buildings and Grounds Chair – and thanks to Charlie Kovage for his hard work in that role for several years. And thanks to Larry Pietrucha to coming back to the Treasurer role, a role he filled before Randy Burgoyne generously gave us a number of years. Thanks to both of you for your dedication!

Looking for a place to volunteer your services in a pursuit you care about? Maybe that was a New Year’s Resolution perhaps? Well, the Owlkill always has opportunities for you! Reach out to any of our officers or board members!!

Lance Allen Wang, Editor



TRIVIA

Now let’s dive into last month’s questions... topics were – 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.



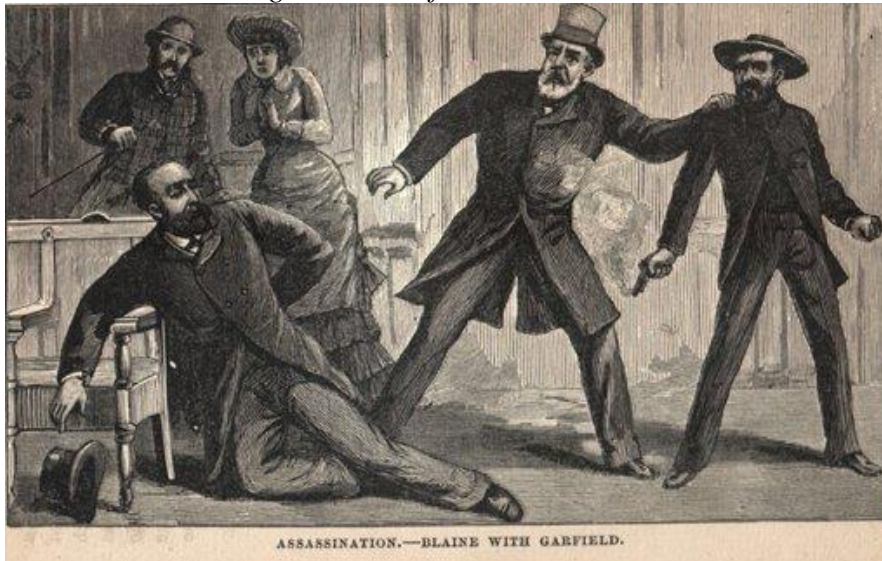
The Flag of Mozambique, which has been this design since 1983, has an AK-47 with a bayonet prominently displayed. I'm a little more partial to stars and stripes, myself.

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?

The New Haven Arms Company was promptly named “Winchester” after the departure of Benjamin Tyler Henry.

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?

William Henry Harrison died 32 days after his inauguration in 1841. James A. Garfield was assassinated in 1881 after 199 days in office. Neither made it long enough in office to where they could deliver their annual message or State of the Union.



President James Garfield was assassinated in 1881 after 199 days in office. He was the second President who didn't (actually, couldn't) deliver a State of the Union.

All righty, then. This month's questions: Questions are about Allies, Famous Gun Collectors, and Bow Hunting -

1. For three points – this largely Muslim country was the first country to recognize the United States following its independence and signed a peace treaty still in effect today. What was the country?
2. For two points, this famous sportsman is more famous as a musician. He says he is “just an average shot.” He also said “I’m never going to be a great shot because its not my first interest. Playing the guitar is my prime interest in life. That’s what I do. Shooting and fishing are hobbies, and you can never really become a master at a hobby.”
3. For one point – there are three basic methods of bow hunting – what are they?



There are three basic methods for doing this.



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*Gopher infestation at the club? Moles? Not quite... just laying power cable for
the new range light system!*



Heavy excavating machinery and firearms? Face it - it's good to be Club President Bret Seiler (right)