

# OWLKILL ROD & GUN CLUB

June 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, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.

**Board of Directors:** Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>** at **6:00p.m.**

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## **President's Comments:**

Hello All,

The June lotto is off and running. We had a good number of tickets sold this year I believe it was well over 600. As you know the lotto is our biggest form of a fundraiser every year and we have grown to depend on this to make improvements to the club. That being said I want to thank everyone who sold tickets this year. I would also like to thank Tom Duclos for all his hard work doing the heavy lifting of the lotto this year we all appreciate everything you do! There are some great prizes this year so keep your fingers crossed. Congratulations to our winners so far!

I just also wanted to say a few words about being aware of ticks. I've talked to a couple DEC officers this year and they both have told me this is going to be one of the worst years for us as far as tick populations. I spend a lot of time outdoors and I know I've found some on my clothing as well as on my dogs. My fiancé is a vet tech and she said the cases of tick borne illness has sky rocketed in the past few years. There are tons of websites and articles out there that will tell you precautions to take for you and your animals before heading outdoors. Sometime if you have a second take a quick look at one. The DEC website has some really good tips as well. My mother as well as a few of my very good friends have had bouts with Lyme disease and very rough on them all to say the least. The club takes what precautions it can for tick prevention. We try to keep the grass on the property that gets used short and we put down an all-natural cedar oil that has worked very well so far. If you decide to use the club property and fish the streams please take or just take a walk like I do sometimes please take precautions and check your clothing afterward.

The last topic I wanted to touch on was the increased traffic on Turnpike and Center Road. For those who travel Rt. 22 and Rt. 67 I'm sure you already know this but the Eagle Bridge near the 67/22 junction has been closed for six months. There is a short detour from 67 to 22 using I believe Old State 22. This has also greatly increased traffic down Turnpike road and in turn Center Road as well. The Detour says no Semi trucks so they have also been using Turnpike and Center Road. Just keep that in mind for the next few months our nice quiet little road is seeing a lot more traffic than normal and now that the weather is starting to get nice again the club is going to get busier.

Thank you and as always have fun shooting

**Bret Seiler**

President, Owlkill Rod & Gun Club



## EDITOR'S COLUMN

Folks, after an unusually wet Spring, we've finally got some great weather to get out on the range. Enjoy it! We don't live in such a beautiful part of America (the most beautiful part if you ask me...!) so we can sit in our living room! As the President said, we have a busy summer lined up at the range. Want to do more than participate and actually get involved and make things run at the club? There are plenty of opportunities – talk to any of our officers or Board members.

See you out at the range!

Lance Allen Wang, Editor



## WEBSITE

Our website [www.owlkillrod-gunclub.org](http://www.owlkillrod-gunclub.org) has been revised and updated.

We're looking for more pictures of people utilizing the different areas of the club. If you have some that you feel would be appropriate please send them to Jeff Richards [twinsfather.jeff@gmail.com](mailto:twinsfather.jeff@gmail.com)

Thank you to all who sold tickets for this years Gear and Gun lottery fund raiser. Your participation helps keep the club functioning and it's greatly appreciated!!! Congratulations to the winners so far!!! See the website for the regularly updated list.

Thank you for being part of the club. Happy shooting!!

Jeff Richards



## TRIVIA

Now let's dive into last month's questions... The topics were 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?*

***Deputy Prime Minister Bernard Coard seized power in October 1983, first arresting, then eventually killing the Prime Minister Maurice Bishop, leading to the US invasion.***



*American warfare, 1983 style – the invasion of Grenada, October 1983; US Marine helicopter with an abandoned Soviet ZU-23-2 anti-aircraft gun in the foreground.*

*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?*

***The foothold trap was originally invented for dealing with two legged predators – poachers!***

*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?*



***The first machine pistol was the “Repetierpistole M1912/P16” – it was often fitted with a stock to control the recoil. The Beretta Model 1918 was an aircraft machine gun which fired 9mm rounds, but was later dismantled and fitted with a carbine stock. The first practical submachine gun designed as a submachine gun was the German MP18, which utilized a 32-round snail drum magazine.***



*Above left is the M1912/P16 – above is the German Bergmann MP18*

Now for this months questions – topics are Founding Fathers, Firearms, and the US Marine Corps.

1. Founding Fathers of the United States for three points. The first to use the term “Founding Fathers” was future President Warren G. Harding in 1916. Prior to that, they were referred to as “the Fathers.” Historian Richard Morris identified seven Founding Fathers in 1973. Can you name them?



*Don't mistake the "Founding Fathers" with the "Signers" or the "Framers"; the "Signers" are the ones who signed the Declaration of Independence, and the "Framers" are the ones who signed the Constitution. According to historian Morris, there are only seven "Founding Fathers." (Above: "Scene at the Signing of the Constitution of the United States by Howard Chandler Christy)*

2. For two points: In 1854 the "key gun" was invented to assist jailers should they need rapid self-defense ability. What was the "key gun"?
3. For one point: The Marine Corps was formed by act of the Continental Congress on November 10, 1775. Within approximately 90 days, the Marines conducted their first amphibious combat landing. Where did they land, and what was the objective?



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