

OWLKILL ROD & GUN CLUB

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

Monthly Meeting: This month's meeting will take place on Thursday, October 10th at 7:00p.m.

Board of Directors: Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 29th** at **6:00p.m.**

President's Comments:

Hello Everyone,

Well we have been saying we were going to finish the 200yd range all year and we have finally done it. I want to thank Mark and Lloyd both for all their hard work on the project. For those who didn't know our 200yd range has been closed for most of this year due to the fact that the berm behind the backstop wasn't high enough for insurance purposes. Starting this past Tuesday Lloyd Wetsel, Mark Mahoney, and myself started work on what we had planned on being a three day project but it ended up going a lot faster than we thought. I am very happy with the finished project and can't wait to be shooting 200 yards again. Just in time to sight the rifle in for deer season.

I also want to bring to everyone's attention that the Fall workday is going to be this Saturday. I would like to urge everyone who has any time this Saturday, October 12th, to come and pitch in and do some chores around the club. We have all sorts of work that can be done from painting to moving the door of the bathroom. The big project now that the range is done will be to finish the siding of the clubhouse. I want to give a shout out to John D'Allaird for all his hard work doing what siding has been done on the clubhouse. I know John has been going down to the club in his spare time and working on it. What he has done so far looks great and I can only imagine how much better the club will look with all its buildings done. I'm going to bring some coffee and other goodies Saturday morning so please stop in and lend a hand if your schedule allows. There will be an email early this coming week as a reminder hopefully we will see you there.

In closing I just want to remind everyone that with deer season coming up there is a steady increase in range traffic with club members sighting in their rifles. I just want to remind everyone to abide by the range rules and be aware of everything that is going on around you. Besides the range traffic there is also a steady flow of vehicle traffic now due to the bridge closure. I saw many tractor trailers go by while we were working on the range last week and you would never used to see big trucks on that road so just keep that in mind.

Thank You,

Bret Seiler

President, Owlkill Rod & Gun Club



EDITOR'S COLUMN

I love driving past the club and seeing work in progress. From my experience with the club it is always reassuring because first, I know that the members of the club are involved in whatever work is taking place, two, I know that there is continued interest in maintaining and improving our capabilities, and three, from sitting in years worth of Board meetings, I know that it is being done right and at a good price. Thanks to all for their work on the 200 yard range.

A reminder to our members – before the next newsletter comes out, it will be Election Day, Tues, November 5th. I urge all of you to make the effort to vote. It may not be a national election but it is for local government. National and State government get all the time, money, and press, but the most responsive and impactful form of government takes place at County and below. You pay your taxes – now make your choice.

Lance Allen Wang, Editor



TRIVIA

Now let's dive into last month's questions... the topics were survival in the woods, survival rifles, and the Vietnam War.

1. For two points – surviving in the woods... there are many forms of edible plant life. If you don't have an identification guide, what color berries should you generally avoid eating?

Okay, so you forgot your survival guide. Meet the "Berry Rule": 10% of white and yellow berries are edible, 50% of red berries are edible, 90% of blue, black, or purple berries are edible, and 99% of aggregate berries (raspberries, blackberries, and wineberries – any with their tightly-packed clusters of fruits) are edible. And as they say at the end of the car commercials – "Your mileage may vary"



Aggregate berries – a safe bet out in the woods

2. For one point – survival rifle... Armalite is most famous for being one of the initial manufacturers of the AR-10, predecessor to the AR-15. They also made a survival rifle for pilots. What was its model, caliber, and unique feature?



The AR-7, designed by Eugene Stoner, was a .22LR rifle designed for woods survival. It broke down to four major components, all stored in the stock.

3. For three points – This rescue operation was the “largest, longest, and most complex search and rescue” operation during the Vietnam War. Five aircraft and 11 airmen were lost during the rescue attempt, and another two captured. Although rescue eventually succeeded, it resulted in new techniques and equipment for Combat Search and Rescue.

*The rescue of Bat-21 Bravo, the call sign for Lt. Col. “Gene” Hambleton was a major rescue operation following the shoot down of his EB-66 aircraft over North Vietnam. Since bombing campaigns were now involving Strategic Air Command B-52’s some of the officers involved in crewing the aircraft had access to very sensitive information, Hambleton among them. The extremely involved rescue was later dramatized in the 1988 film Bat*21 starring Gene Hackman as Hambleton.*

Lets move along to the this month’s questions. Topics are America at war in the 70s, pistol hunting, and the Supreme Court.

1. America at War in the 1970s for three points: During the 1970s, the United States and South Korean military executed a real-world operation called OPERATION PAUL BUNYAN in response to a significant provocation. What was the provocation?
2. Pistol hunting for one point: In 2003, Smith and Wesson unveiled what would be the largest pistol hunting cartridge, suitable for everything in North America and African wild game. What was the cartridge?



Later our oldest Supreme Court Justice, I suspect that this Civil War officer had no idea that his life would eventually lead to his sitting on the most prestigious bench in the country...

3. The United States Supreme Court for two points: The oldest justice to serve on the Supreme Court served on the court for almost 30 years, retiring in 1932. He was also a thrice-wounded Civil War veteran who was a brevet Colonel at the war's end. Who was he?



WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR YOUR PICTURES, ARTICLES, AND INPUT FOR OUR NEWSLETTER! ANYTHING TO ADD? LET YOUR EDITOR KNOW!



Hard work taking place by the 200 yard range during the past month! Thanks to all who participated in this project – the rest of you can show your gratitude by shooting at 200 yard targets!