



ONEIDA RIFLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the President

I regret to inform you about the passing of one of our longstanding members, Bill Hopkins (Hoppy). Bill joined the club in 1962, shortly after his arrival in Central New York. He left his mark throughout the history of the club in numerous ceremonies, awards, trophies and events. Bill was a regular during Bullseye pistol league and always assisted during our annual sectionals. I know he was proud of the fact that one of his granddaughters recently began learning marksmanship.

The Bar-20 gang stopped by the ORC recently, to show off their shooting skills and their fancy duds. They shoot pistol, rifle and shotgun in the style and costumes of the old west. This group knows how to have fun, and they can shoot too. You can visit their website at: www.Geocities.com/Bar_Twenty

The regional competition continues and several club members went to the Syracuse Pistol Club for a friendly bullseye pistol competition on Feb. 23rd. John Hoyt led the ORC squad in scoring. The Oneida strategy was not only to "out shoot" the Syracuse squad, but to "out eat" them as well. Syracuse comes to Oneida on March 2nd to see who keeps the trophy another year. Stop by to see who wins, in the bullseye or lasagna competition.

Our bullseye pistol sectionals are coming up on March 8th and we look forward to celebrate our 48th year of competition. We will be giving the club a good once over on March 7th at 9am, so if you can drop by for an hour to help, it would be appreciated. We also need volunteers for the sectional itself, so please contact Rueben Best if you can help on March 8th.

2009 marks the 75th anniversary of our club, and there are numerous events to celebrate, including a Low Light Pistol class, a Steel Target shoot and more. Please attend our monthly meetings to help plan our events and find out the latest happenings. See our website for additional info at www.oneidarifleclub.com

Thank You, *Tim Crofton*

Meeting Dates

Regular monthly meetings are held on the second Mon. of each month. Please plan to attend and join in the business of running your club.

March 9, 2009	August 10, 2009
April 13, 2009	September 14, 2009
May 11, 2009	October 12, 2009
June 8, 2009	November 9, 2009
July 13, 2009	December 14, 2009

Pistol Permit Class

In the near future, a Pistol Permit Class for will be conducted at the club. This course may be used in Oneida and Madison Counties to begin the application process. Instructors: Mike Smith, Jon Pawlika, and Jim Pawlika, NRA Certified Pistol Instructors.

Inquiries: Call Jim Pawlika at 363-4235 (jpawlika@twcny.rr.com).

ORC Winter Leagues Are Still Running

Defensive Pistol on Wednesday evenings, Bullseye Pistol on Tuesday evenings, Sporterifle on Sunday afternoon & evenings, and Action Pistol on Sunday morning.

There's still time to join...

Pistol Shooting Tip # 5 - Sight Alignment

AIMING involves correct positioning of the sights in relation to the aiming mark on the target. Since the eye very easily centers concentric circles...with dots the aiming mark is the center of the bullseye. It is as simple as that. With iron sights, however, aiming presents three common options. Center and six o'clock holds plus sub-six area aiming. All three are valid aiming marks and the type of shooting and targets used determines which is best. For the less skilled shooters, center hold may be the best option for sustained fire since it allows the brain to accept more readily what it sees. Six o'clock and sub-six aiming are more suitable for slow fire. Sub-six is sometimes referred to as "area aiming" As in center hold it allows the brain to have a more acceptable area in which to pull the trigger. Six o'clock hold is a very precise point and trying to hold it before squeezing the trigger causes hesitation and can lead to poor trigger manipulation by novice shooters.

The combination of sight alignment and aiming point on the target forms what is known as the "sight picture". Maintaining the sight picture while squeezing the trigger is the secret of successful shooting. Let me write that again...for it is the holy grail of successful pistol shooting. Squeezing the trigger straight back so as to not cause any misalignment or excessive movement

will result in a good shot. Every time. Guaranteed. Unless, of course, your gun and ammo suck.

A couple of clarifications. Don't confuse movement within your aiming area with movement which causes misalignment. If you maintain perfect alignment (no wobble of the dot from center, the front blade centered and level) you can still have side to side and up and down movement of your aiming area as much as the size of the ten ring and still shoot a ten. Jim Lenardson describes it thus: imagine a pipe with a 3½" inside diameter (the size of the ten ring at 50 yds) running perfectly straight from your muzzle to the target. AS LONG AS YOU MAINTAIN PERFECT ALIGNMENT, you can have a 3½" movement by the combination of your arm and body sway and still hit the ten ring. But with a very slight misalignment, the path of the bullet is altered and will it hit the side of the pipe before it travels 50 yds.

So you can have three kinds of movement: wobble (misalignment), arm sway and body sway. All three contribute to the point of impact of the bullet, but the wobble is the one that does the most damage toward a good shot.

Taken from the *Encyclopedia of Bulls eye Pistol Shooting*

Black Powder League

The Oneida Free Trappers the black powder league of the Oneida Rifle Club will begin its shooting on April 2 and every Thursday through September weather permitting. Shooting normally takes place at 50 yards, but is done from under the range cover in light rain. Shooting time is from 6:00PM to dusk when the range is turned over to the mosquitoes.

All types of black powder firearms are allowed. Flintlocks, percussion, inlines, pistols, shotguns and single shot black powder cartridge rifles are welcome.

Shooting is generally informal practice for building personal ability. Participation is at the discretion of the shooter. This year anyone interested can shoot some postal matches against 4 or 5 other state clubs. We can usually hold our own against them. There are often metal targets and sometimes fun shoot stuff like cut-the-card or charcoal briquettes. Knife and tomahawk throwing is done from time to time along with some interest in fire starting by primitive means.

If any of this sounds interesting come on down and check it out. Call Dave DeFrees for more information at 363-5703.

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A Navy Arms .36 cal. black powder percussion pistol was recently stolen from the home of one of our members. It was stolen in early May. A reward is being offered for any relevant information. You can contact Mike at 363-0405 or call the NYS State Troopers in Oneida.

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- Mossberg Model 500, .410 pump, 24 in. VR, wood stock, \$190
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- Marlin 882 SS, bolt action 22 mag., \$175
- Ruger 77/22, bolt action, .22LR, Walnut Stock, NIB, \$415
- Savage 112, .22-250 cal., 26 in heavy bl., heavy laminate stock, stainless, \$500

NEW & USED HANDGUNS

- Smith & Wesson Sigma, .40 S&W or 9mm, on sale \$350
- Taurus PT-22, 22LR, matte nickel finish, new, \$190
- Ruger Super Redhawk, 44 mag., blued, 7 1/2 bl., scope, used, \$470
- Taurus PT-1911, semi-auto 45 ACP, 5 in. bl., new, \$575
- Interarms VA Dragoon, SS, Single Action .44 mag, scope, \$300
- Remington Model XP-100, .35 Rem., \$475
- Keltec, Model P-32, .32 ACP, new, \$240
- Glock Model 26, 9mm, 3.46 in. bl., NIB, \$440
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- F. Llipietta, Model 1858 Remington, made in Italy, cap & ball revolver, .44 cal., 8 in. bl., \$189

SCOPES

- Nikon Pro Staff, 2 - 7 x 32, Realtree Camo, #6317, new, \$140
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