



ONEIDA RIFLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the President

I'm happy to report on two recent events at the Oneida Rifle Club. The first was our Carbine Class, put on by Chris Fry of MDTs Training (mdtstraining.com). We had a great turnout for this class and attendees brought everything from your usual AR-15, to pistol carbine conversions to classic military M14s. We did several close quarter drills, used cover and practiced switching from rifle to pistol on multiple targets. Everyone had a lot of fun and we always learn something new from Chris and his staff. Donations from the event will help us support other training activities.

Our annual "Sight In" day was held on October 4th. This was well attended by the general public and saw a greater variety of rifles than the carbine class. I was encouraged to see several youths with their 22s, shotguns or rifles. Alongside the teenagers was usually a very proud grandfather. Based on the grin on the grandfathers' faces, I could tell they were thinking of the time when, as a teenager, their grandfather taught them the basic skills of marksmanship. There was also great support for "Sight In" day by the ORC membership. Thanks to Leo Maloney who was instrumental in getting the word out and to ORC members that posted signs around the area. Thank you to everyone that helped support these two great events.

There appears to be interest in other types of training activities which the club could help facilitate. Starting next year, I would like to see free seminars based on a variety of possible topics such as reloading, gunsmithing, fly fishing, trap, bullseye or defensive shooting etc... If you or a group of your friends are willing to spend 1-3 hours talking about what you love to do, or just showing off what you've spent all your money on, please submit possible topics for review. These seminars can be formal or informal, with one speaker or several. The main point is to share some information and have fun. We are still looking for support for our Junior Rifle Club so please submit your name if you are willing to work with the shooters of tomorrow.

I would also like to congratulate our new board member and officers on their recent election during our annual meeting in October. As always, we invite the club membership to discuss new ideas and ways to improve the Oneida Rifle Club.

Thank You, Tim Crofton, President of the Oneida Rifle Club

ORC Junior Club

Our club continues to thrive because as children many of us were taught to be responsible around firearms. We also learned to appreciate the sport and comradery associated with shooting activities. Please consider sharing your time and talent by helping with the ORC Junior Rifle Club. We are currently gathering a list of individuals who would be willing to share expertise and experience with our youth. Please email oneidarifleclub@hotmail.com subject: Junior Rifle Club for more information. Thank You.

Newsletters by Email

Currently more than 50 members (about 25% of the **total membership of 200**) have opted to receive their newsletters by email instead of receiving a paper copy by mail (a long-term saving on postage to the club). This transition has been going on very smoothly for the last year.

Getting the newsletter this way is easy. Just log in (www.oneidarifleclub.com) and follow the simple instructions. From that point on, you'll get it instantly on your computer every other month instead of the paper copy by post.

Club Officers for 2009

The Annual Meeting of the Oneida Rifle Club was held on Monday, October 13th after the regular monthly meeting. Election of Club Officers for 2009 took place at that time. The following individuals were elected:

President Tim Crofton
Vice-President Chris Grabow
Secretary
Treasurer Ed Trombley, Jr.
Executive Officer Reuben Best
Chief Instructor Chris Fry

Board of Directors (3 years) Edwin Oakes

Congratulations to the new officers and retiring officers. Retiring from his position on the Board of Directors is Lee Whyte; and from his position as Chief Instructor and Secretary is Mike Smith. A sincere thank you to Lee and Mike from the membership for your willingness to serve and lead our organization. And a sincere thank you to Chris and Ed for taking on the new responsibilities as officers in the club.

By recommendation of the Board of Directors, the dues structure will remain unchanged for the upcoming year. Regular Membership is \$50 and Senior Membership is \$12.50. To qualify for Senior Membership, one needs to be 70 years old and have been a paying member of the club for 15 years.

Your dues for the year 2009 are now due. No other individual reminders will be sent out to members. Consider this newsletter to be your official notification.

Dues are to be paid prior to January 1 of the new year so you can get your combination to the door. Please make Ed Trombley, our treasurer's, job easier by being prompt with your payment.

Also, please come to our next monthly meeting at 7:30 on November 10th. (Every second Monday of the month.)

Please be on the lookout for this stolen handgun.

A Navy Arms .36 cal. black powder percussion pistol was stolen from the home of one of our members 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.

Bullseye Pistol Shooting Tips

These pistol shooting tips are excerpted from "The Pistol Shooter's Treasury" - submitted by ORC member, Fran Lee.

Pistol Shooting Tip # 3----The Stance

The main goal of a proper stance is provide a stable and consistent support for the entire body so that it can hold the gun as steady as possible as well as recover from recoil.

There are some basics to achieving a proper stance: comfort; sense of equilibrium; no muscle tension in the legs, neck or torso; arm raises naturally toward the target.

To find a position that works for you, start by turning somewhere between 45 and 90 degrees from the target. Keep feet about shoulder width apart. Knees should not be stiffly locked. Back and neck should be straight, shoulders relaxed. Head upright. Your non-shooting hand must be anchored to prevent body sway...most place their hand in their pocket.

Shooting arm must be extended fully with the elbow and wrist locked in position but not with too much tension.

To find your natural point of aim, close your eyes and assume the positions described above...open them and see where your sights are aimed. Shift your feet to align the sights on the target bull. Now lower your arm, close your eyes and repeat the process until you are properly aligned.

The stance forms the foundation for the shooter to hold steady and to build on the other fundamentals. All else remaining equal, and inconsistent stance will change your point of impact on the target.

Bullseye Pistol Class

Want to improve your shooting skills?

Here's opportunity to get some expert training and advice. There will be a training session for bullseye pistol shooting held at the range. The course will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 18 & 25 - for an hour to an hour and a half each evening. Open to new shooters or those who simply want to improve their scores. The course will cover National Match Course range commands, competing in a match, slow, timed, and rapid fire, shooting tips, sighting in, etc.

Winter Leagues 2008 - 2009

Defensive Pistol League

The Defensive Pistol League will be held again this year with League Directors Lee Whyte and Ron Mandronico heading the program. As in past years, shooting will be held on Wednesdays starting January 7th and running through the end of April. You can shoot in the evening any time between 6:30 pm and 9:30 pm.

To compete, you need a 9mm or .38 cal. (or larger) handgun and a holster. There are various classes to shoot: (Concealed Revolver, Concealed Auto., I.P.S.C. Limited Auto, I.P.S.C. Limited Revolver, and I.P.S.C. Unlimited). Targets are from 10-40 feet from shooters. The scores are calculated by taking accuracy and time into consideration.

This year the format will remain essentially the same as the matches last year. Lots of fun and challenge! Come down to watch or give it a try. Call League Director Lee Whyte at 495-2071 or Ron Mandronico at 733-8575.

.22 Sporterifle League

The Sporterifle League of the Oneida Rifle Club, Inc., will start its 2009 season on Sunday afternoon and evenings on January 4th, at the club range. Shooting is open to all club members and guests and will run Sundays through March.

As in previous years, any .22 rifle is permitted, bypassing the official weight limit of 7½ pounds. Either iron sights or scopes are permitted, with a class for each.

Shooting is done standing - men shooting with rifle-supporting arm not touching the body. Women and junior shooters (up to 20) may rest the rifle-supporting arm against the body.

A match consists of 30 rounds and most people fire two matches a night. Registration - the first night the person participates - is \$3.00 for club members and \$5.00 for guests, plus \$1.00 per match. Subsequent nights are only \$1.00 per match fired. *League Director duties are being shared by Ed Oakes (363-7367) and Dave DeFrees (363-5703).*

Winter Bullseye League

Welcome pistol shooters. Once again, I am running the Winter Indoor Pistol League. So get the dust off the guns along with .22 cal. ammo. We had a great season last fall and winter. This year the league will begin on December 2nd at 7 PM. All shooting takes place at the club range on Randal Road. Each match requires 30 rounds of .22 ammo. Slow Fire, Timed Fire, and Rapid Fire stages.

Bring a friend along with you - share the enjoyment of target shooting with a friend. Get off the couch and come on over. If you need help getting started, expert advice and coaching is available. Remember, it's only \$5 for registration cost for non-members and \$3 for members. Each match then costs only \$1.

The Steve Cafalone Memorial - Club Championship will take place On April 14th at 7 PM. (60 rounds needed).

The banquet date will be announced later in the season.

As usual, there are also several informal fun shoots planned with other local clubs.

You can call Mike Grass at 363-0405 with inquiries about the league. (Leave a message.) You can also leave a message at the club if you wish, 363-0249.

Michael T. Grass, League Director

Action Pistol League

As of right now I'll be able to run the Action Pistol League again this year. We'll shoot 12+ weeks again, but I may change up the events a little bit (to make it even more fun).

The league will be running from January 4 until early April 2009 - Sunday mornings.

There will be categories for Open, Metallic Sight, and Rimfire Handguns.

League Fee - \$20.00

League Fee for ORC Members - \$15.00

Daily Fee of \$1.00 for each course of fire.

There is also a \$5.00 weekly fee available for people not participating in the league.

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