



ONEIDA RIFLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the President

An old Indian chief once said, “we will be forever remembered by the tracks we leave behind” - this can be said of the Oneida Rifle Club. As we look through the ranks, we find many of the seasoned members who have enjoyed the great times and experienced the many events through league competition over the years, looking towards the club’s future. It lies in the youth programs such as David Klish’s **Junior League**. The National Rifle Association recognizes the need to perpetuate the shooting sport and they have been more than generous in their funding of youth programs throughout the country. In the past three years, we at the ORC were able to acquire a little under **\$5000** to equip ORC’s Junior League with shooting jackets, spotting scopes, shooting mats, ammunition, safety glasses, muffs and targets. We will continue to apply to keep our program, which has been steadily growing, equipped with the latest supplies. New York State has also recognized the need to perpetuate the sport by encouraging youngsters to follow in the footsteps of the older generations and become involved in hunting small and big game. The age to hunt big game has been **lowered** so that youngsters can be initiated early on into the sport to keep it alive. **Hunter Safety** classes have seen a steady growth in both young boys and girls seeking a license to hunt in NYS. Also, we at the ORC encourage family membership by offering an **associate membership** - this should help to increase our ranks well into the 21st century.

Oneida Rifle Club’s refurbished **website** is now fully functional. Future newsletters as well as the calendar of events will be posted in a timely fashion. Applications for membership can be printed from this sight and any current and pertinent information may be obtained with a click of the ‘**mouse**’. The site can be reached at: **www.oneidarifleclub.com**

Now that summer is here, we are almost in full swing with the summer leagues. The **Black Powder League**, which began April 6th, takes place on Thursday evenings from 5:30 until dark. The **Trap League** is held every Sunday from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM; the **Outdoor Bullseye Pistol League** begins Tuesday, June 7th, at 6:30 PM and the **Outdoor Summer Rifle League** will open on Wednesday, June 8th, at 6:30 PM. Anyone interested in participating in any of these competitions may do so by attending.

On May 29th, we at the ORC will open our club to the war veterans as we host the **Wounded Warriors** fund raising event. All of the proceeds will go to this veteran’s organization to support it for the sacrifices those heroes have made in keeping our country safe. The event will consist of an outdoor steel shoot and an indoor low-light tactical handgun shoot. We hope it will be well attended. My gratitude goes out to our chief instructor, **Chris Fry**, and all the members and officers who have promised their time and effort in hosting this event.

Enjoy the summer months ahead and stop by the club for open shooting or join one or more of our club leagues.

Shoot straight and be safe....

Ron Mandronico

Black Powder League

The black powder league otherwise known as the Oneida Free Trappers Black Powder Shooters has been going since the start of April. So far there was only one night of no shooting when the temp was 39 degrees and snow was in the air. The league is informal and attendance is at the option of the shooter. Some of us keep a record of our scores for recognition of our efforts at the end of the season, but the main direction is the practical use of black powder firearms. All black powder firearms are welcome whether rifle, pistol, shotgun, or black powder single shot rifles. A bit of knife and tomahawk throwing also takes place at times, and primitive fire starting is always an interesting subject. If there is enough interest there can be special matches like cutting cards on end or shooting charcoal on a string and even shooting at Walt Kramer's spring chicken or a swinging bunny when the evenings get longer. I know you've heard of spring chickens but unless you are one of us you probably have never seen one. There is an active summer of black powder shoots around the state which can be seen at <http://www.nymuzzleloaders.com/> the website of the NYS Association and this league can get you started on possibly bigger and better shoots. Beginners are always welcome and there is equipment to be tried before making a purchase or decision on what to get. Come on down on Thursdays at 5:30 on until dark and shoot the firearms that got this great country going. Shooting fees are \$5.00 the first night and \$2.00 a night for all you can shoot after that.

Contact Dave DeFrees at (315)813-2705 for additional information.

Summer Rifle League

The league is prepared to start on the first Wednesday of June at 6:30 PM and will continue through August. All firing is at 110 yards (100 meters) on NRA Official 110 yard targets. Each match consists of 20 shots in 20 minutes (including sighter shots). A registration fee is \$3.00 (For Club Members) AND \$5.00 (for non-club members). Match fees are \$1.00.

Cal..22 rimfire-Iron sights/Any sights
Centerfire Iron sights/ Any sights
Sporterifle / Super Sporter
Classic Cartridge Class"

The league is chaired by Don White.
You can also call Tom Parmeter for info.

Outdoor Pistol League

The Outdoor Bullseye Pistol League Will begin shooting on the first Tuesday of June and continue shooting throughout the summer months. The format will remain the same as the past years. The shoots are held Tuesday nights starting at 6:30 PM. There is always an interest in increasing participation, and new shooters are always welcome. For more information about the Bullseye Pistol League, call Ed Trombley at 363-4666.

Trap Shoots

This year we will be resuming shooting on June 5th at 1:00 PM after a layoff due to other events at the club. Averages will be kept (using the ten best matches). Cost this year will be \$3.50. The competition is very low-key and we plan to maintain that kind of atmosphere. Many of the shooters brought their children and friends along to introduce them to the sport. There was a wide range of shooting skills, and everyone felt very comfortable and eager to participate. Let's pick up where we left off. If you have any questions, please call Jim Pawlika at 363-4235 or e-mail jpawlika@twcny.rr.com.

With summer quickly approaching and more members becoming more active with nice weather, here is a friendly reminder of the Rules of Conduct of Oneida Rifle Club, Inc. Have a fun and safe summer enjoying shooting sports with friends and family.

ONEIDA RIFLE CLUB, INC. • Rules of Conduct

1. GENERAL CLUB RULES

- A. All members (regular and associate) are responsible for their guests and the guests conduct while on the club property. The hosting member must accompany their guests at all times.
- B. The combination to the door lock is divulged only to paid-up members who are in good standing; no one else is to have said combination. While inserting the combination, it behooves each member to prevent unauthorized persons from viewing the combination.
- C. No alcoholic beverages are permitted on the premises of the club unless authorized by the Board of Directors.
- D. Causing willful damage to the Club or Club property will be cause for that person to be subject to suspension from membership and may be reported to the proper authorities for appropriate action.

2. INDOOR RANGE RULES

- A. All guns must be unloaded and actions open when entering or leaving the range. Personal protection handguns that are holstered are exempt from this rule.
- B. Instantly obey all firing line commands.
- C. All shooters and visitors MUST wear ear and eye protection.
- D. Smoking, beverages and food are prohibited in the range.
- E. Finger must remain outside the trigger guard until the weapon is pointed at the target.
- F. No MAGNUM pistol ammunition is allowed (except .22 magnum).
- G. Center fire rifle ammunition is NOT allowed.
- H. Place all misfired rounds in the safety receptacle designated for misfired ammunition.
- I. Courtesy demands no loud talking or unnecessary movement while shooting.
- J. Shoot only at approved targets.
- K. If there are people in the Club House, close the range door while shooting.
- L. Keep the muzzle of the weapon pointed down-range.
- M. Absolutely NO horseplay will be permitted.
- N. Report immediately any unsafe acts to any officer and call "CEASE FIRE" as the situation requires.
- O. Report any unsafe or defective range equipment to the Executive Officer, or if not available report to any officer.
- P. Do not litter the range. Use proper receptacles. Do not throw empty ammo boxes on the floor. Do not leave targets hanging. Empty brass must be picked up and deposited in the container provided and so marked.
- Q. Make sure you turn off all range lights and fan (if used) and lower heat before leaving the club.
- R. No tracer, incendiary, gas or explosive ammunition is permitted.
- S. No CO-2 or air guns are permitted (due to ballistic curtain).
- T. When using target hangers, crank the carrier all the way down to the backstop. Do not shoot at targets hung at intermediate distances.
- U. Never place targets on or near floor level.

3. OUTDOOR RANGE RULES

- A. Range shall not be monopolized by any given activity or individuals within a given activity. A regular club approved and scheduled activity (example: Pistol league, Trap shooting, Blackpowder league) will take precedence until that activity has concluded. Courteous behavior shall be extended to fellow members and their guests so that they can enjoy the Club facilities.
- B. On Sundays, noise producing weapons will not be used prior to 11 AM, thereby providing respect for the neighbors tranquility. On all otyher days (Monday through Saturday) 9AM.
- C. Shooting and other activities will be kept within the boundaries of the Club property. For example: No shooting at objects on the neighboring lands.
- D. Remove all litter when finished. Do not leave targets attached; remove targets, pick up litter, empty brass and shells (except .22 RF) and dispose of properly.
- E. Lock all outside locks, such as trap house, power box to the turning targets and doors to the Club house.
- F. All guns must be unloaded and actions open when entering or leaving the range.
- G. Instantly obey all firing line commands.
- H. Fingers must remain outside the trigger guard until the weapon is pointed at the proper back-stopped target.
- I. Misfired rounds are NOT to be left on the range, but are to be disposed of properly.
- J. Shoot only at approved targets. Shooting at targets that leave non-biodegradable material such as glass is prohibited. Clay pigeons are exempt from this rule.
- K. Always keep the weapons muzzle pointed down range.
- L. Absolutely no horseplay will be permitted.
- M. Courtesy demands no loud talking or unnecessary movement.
- N. Report immediately any unsafe acts to any officer and call "CEASE FIRE" as the situation requires.
- O. Report any unsafe or defective range equipment to the Executive Officer. If not available, report to any officer.
- P. All shooters and visitors MUST wear approved ear and eye protection.
- Q. No one will move forward of the line of fire for any purpose before the command to "make all weapons safe, move forward and score.
- R. No pets (animal) are allowed on the outdoor range.
- S. Follow all rules posted on the shooting bunkers. No shots above red line on bunkers or at targets placed on or near the ground.

WINTER BULLSEYE LEAGUE 2011

OPEN WINNER	JOHN HOYT	275.2
OPEN SECOND	RICK GIFFORD	273.5
OPEN THIRD	JOHN TREADWAY	272.0
EXPERT	NO COMPETITORS	
SHARPSHOOTER 1ST	KEVIN LAPLANTE	265.2
2ND	FRAN LEE	263.1
MARKSMAN 1ST	DAVE THURSTON	251.4
2ND	SAL PERRITANO	249.8
3RD	DAVE MCKENDREE	245.0
	SAL FRANK	242.6
	CHUCK SEAGER	240.7
	BRIAN DAY SR	239.4
	DAVE DEFREES	231.7
	RICHARD OLMSTEAD	217.1
	GLENN MCMULLEN	209.0
	CHRIS GRABOW	169.9
NON-QUALIFIED	CONNIE BUNAL	238.0
	JEFF BUNAL	276.5

**THANKS TO ALL SHOOTERS FOR A FINE SEASON OF
SHOOTING AND FELLOWSHIP**

MICHAEL T. GRASS LEAGUE DIRECTOR
ED TROMBLEY JR. RANGE OFFICER

SUPPORT YOUR RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS---STICK TO YOUR GUNS

2011 Oneida Rifle Club Defensive Pistol League Year End Results

Concealed Stock Auto

1.	Aaron Bort	5.29
2.	Marc Hutcheon	4.84
3.	Tom Natarpole	4.42
4.	Lee Whyte	4.31
5.	Ron Mandronico	4.30
6.	Jim DeCristo	4.09
7.	Chris Parrow	4.06
8.	Zach Hass	4.01
9.	Luke Learned	3.82
10.	Paul Fostini	3.78
11.	Les Wiedrick	3.10
12.	Scott Ciufu	2.90
13.	Paul Maccarone	2.81
14.	Matt Kadlubowski	2.77
15.	Jim Baker	2.68
16.	Brian Baker	2.66
17.	Bob Foote	2.60
18.	Dave Stehlik	2.57
19.	Ed Demo	2.55
20.	Mark Herron	2.51
21.	Philip Franklin	2.29
22.	Michael Foote	2.25
23.	Eric Flanders	2.20
24.	Scott Miller	2.10
25.	David Wlock	2.09
26.	Doug Tucker	1.96
27.	Ren Szarek	1.92
28.	Jeff Poppleton	1.87
29.	James Russell	1.78
30.	John Richard	1.75
31.	Edward Blenis	1.64
32.	Ron Russell	1.53
33.	Rich Marrasso	1.46
34.	Rich Calidonna	1.45
35.	Chris Hansen	1.40
36.	Jack Denison	1.34
37.	Dave Manley	1.33
38.	Wally Fish	1.29

Concealed Stock Revolver

1)	Ron Mandronico	3.30
2)	Paul Fostini	3.01
3)	Marc Hutcheon	2.67
4)	Chris Hansen	1.37

Notes and Concerns

The metal plate in the bunker is great fun to shoot at with the swing and the clang. It seems to be able to take a hit from almost all regular ammo. Somebody has ruined the fun by hitting it with what must be armor piercing ammo. It is possible to weld it for a temporary fix but long term everywhere it is welded a crack forms. Now after being welded about 4 or 5 times (not an easy process that takes a couple hours) pieces are just breaking out of it from what looks to be ultra hard hits. The club has another plate to put out and it would be nice to keep it in good shape for a while. Please check the ammo being shot at the plate to be sure it is not armor piercing and let the rest of us have some fun without the work.

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