

Oakdale Sportsmen's Club News *The Golden Pheasant* April 2017

President's Corner

The March meal of Corned beef and cabbage was outstanding. This has become a staple the past few years replacing the pheasant polenta. New Director at Large, David Starr, was in charge of his first meal under the watchful hand of John Word and many other experienced members on the crew. The raffle was handled by Pistol Section Head, Bruce Whitacre. He brought a bull barrel 17 HMR with a mounted scope. Nice job by each of you.

Steak & Oyster Fundraiser—The club is calling on each member to donate a raffle prize to this year's annual fundraiser. Many of you answered the call, 60 in total, last year and donated four guns and over 60 items. This is our only fundraiser and significant source of revenue for funding all of the projects. We have recently broken ground on the new outside bathroom, as your board has promised, and plan to build new pistol bays 5 & 6. We need your help by calling me and donating a raffle prize. Any raffle prize is a good raffle prize. The main goal is get 6 to 8 donated guns, since they are one of the main draws, and surpass last year's profits of \$13,000 hopefully raising \$18,000 to \$20,000. The guns are the key. We have 700 members and many don't get to the club as often as they would like, to shoot or attend a work day. This is your chance to make a difference in our biggest event of the year. Step up, call me, and donate a raffle prize. Prizes can also be brought to the April dinner meeting or I can meet you at the club for pick up. Also, the board and each section of the club will be donating a raffle prize, as always. This is the second, and last, year of my presidency and I want to SMASH last year's efforts. I look forward to talking with each of you and will continue to communicate in weekly email blasts.

Project Update— The new outside bathroom has been started. Morgan Roberts is leading this charge. This is a long over due convenience to

you, the membership. I have, too often, seen first hand, a father and daughter enjoying the range when the gate is locked closed and the port-a-potty is the only option. Well, those days will soon be over. Many other projects are waiting for fairer weather to be started, so stay tuned.

New Youth Member—I was the first junior member, back in 1985, and I'm proud of that and my families history with the club. With pleasure, the board welcomed new youth member, Race McGinnis, at our last board meeting. He a familiar face, doing time as trap help, stocking the clays, picking up the shells, and scoring the many rounds of trap. Welcome aboard.

Safety—There is no higher priority than our range safety. You will see changes in signage and visual management at the rifle 100 yard range. This new management is under going testing to give our rifle section the confidence and safety they, and our club, deserves. I will report out more once we have completed the standard work. No one should ever be walking in front of the rifle benches or downrange or west of the block wall barricade from trap house #2 when the range is hot. New range rules signage is posted, read it. Have your guests read it, sign in, and enjoy a safe range.

Final Thoughts

- Donate a gun or other raffle prize for the 2017 Steak and Oyster fundraiser. Contact the President and step up, we need your help.
- Always put safety first

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Section Reports

The Section Reports have moved to the electronic Golden Pheasant and are also available on the OSC web site, www.oakdalesportsmensclub.com

**Member's Dinner is Tuesday
April 4th
The March meal is
STEAKS!
Social hour 5:30p. Dinner 7:30p.**

**Save The Date!
Saturday May 6th
Steak & Oysters 2017**

Calendar

Hall Rentals— Apr 8th
Cowboy Fast Draw—Apr 8th at 10a
Pistol Fun Match— Apr 2nd at 9a
Rifle Match — Apr 15th at 9a
USPSA Match — Apr 16th at 9a
CCW Classes—Contact WWW.Madison-Society.org
Trap—Weds. 2p and Sats. 10a to 2p
Archery—Mondays at 5PM
Rifle Range Open —Thur. and Sat. 9a to 1p
The Kitchen Section —Wed 5:30p to 8:30p
Board of Directors Meeting — Apr 11th 7:30p

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