

# OAK HILL GUN CLUB, INC.

## February 2016 Newsletter

*“A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”*

*From the board of directors, January 2016*

### **We had a good year in 2015**

Thank you to everyone that helped make 2015 a safe and enjoyable year at Oak Hill!

The ranges are in good shape, some facility improvements were made, and we are financially sound.

Here's looking forward to another great year and we look forward to seeing you at the range.

### **Membership renewal 2016**

Send to:

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2313 24<sup>th</sup> Street  
Rock Island, Illinois 61201  
(309.798.9278)

Checks should be made payable to “Oak Hill Gun Club”.

Dues are \$65.00 for most renewals; \$40.00 for seniors over 65 years of age and those living over 50 miles or more away from the range site.

If you attended a work party during 2015, your dues are discounted by \$20. Please adjust your check accordingly.

Finally, Oak Hill Gun Club typically does not send a reminder although one was

sent in 2015, but a reminder WILL NOT be sent in 2016. Memberships end and dues are incurred on December 31<sup>st</sup> of every year so plan accordingly!

### **Range Common Sense**

We've all heard the expression that common sense is anything but common; education can alleviate this. So here are some items to add to your common sense arsenal:

Be aware that the new berm on the pistol range is not meant to be a target backstop; **POST NO TARGETS ON OR NEAR THE NEW BERM! DO NOT FIRE INTO THE NEW BERM!**

**Range safety is EVERYONE'S responsibility.** If you see something dangerous, do something about it. *Dangerous situations need to be stopped first* and reported later. Hurt feelings to another shooter are much preferable to an incident that physically hurts someone or jeopardizes the ability of our club to continue offering a SAFE place to shoot. Again, **Range safety is EVERYONE'S responsibility!**

The rifle and pistol ranges are configured for targets to be 90 degrees to your shooting location. This means the target you fire at should be directly in front of your firing position, not at an angle relative to your firing position.

To illustrate this, look to the rifle range. As you face out from the firing line, the 50 and 25 yard target stands

are to your far left. If you are using these stands you would be on the far left of the range. Never fire at the 25 and 50 yard stands from the right side of the firing line. Or vice versa.

This also applies to the pistol range. For instance, you would not fire at the 7 yard target frames from any place other than DIRECTLY in front of them. No cross firing period, ever.

These are just limited examples of how this common sense should be applied and I hope by now you get the idea of what I am saying. If you have any questions or concerns on this subject call me. We can talk about it!  
Trapper 309.798.9278

### **Volunteers needed!**

We need help to keep things going at OHGC!

No matter if it is a work party or helping with trap or other event, we need help to make these happen. Please contact Mike Craig at 563.508.6224 or Fred Larson at 563.381.1293 to volunteer.

We *especially* need help during the 2016 season with trap, and the safety orientation.

During 2015, we had over 850 members with 40 members or less doing *all* the work; this includes running matches and work parties.

Yep, that's right folks! Less than 5% of our membership actually helps keep the club up and running.

**Can you help? Will you help? A lack of volunteers will inevitably cause us to reevaluate and reduce some of our club sponsored shooting events.**

### **2016 Officers and the Board of Directors**

President – Mike Craig  
Vice President – Fred Larson  
Treasurer – Trapper Bratton  
Secretary – Peggy Craig

Board of Directors (4 positions):

Bill Allison  
Gary Cress  
Steve Turner  
Joe Valentine

### **Support the NRA**

No organization has fought longer or harder for your 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment right than the National Rifle Association of America.

We are a 100% NRA club, so we all are members; the question is, what should we do in addition to help keep our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment right?

Keep your membership current. Donate a little extra cash to the NRA. Upgrade your membership. Volunteer. Shoot and hunt responsibly.

Ignore your rights and they might go away!

### **2016 Schedule of Events**

Enclosed is the 2016 schedule. If you have questions or concerns about it, please contact any board member so a resolution can be looked into.