

## New Officers Elected

Joe Keller

On Thursday, July 5th, at the Annual Meeting of the Members, new officers were elected to the Board. Hal Halvorson was elected as the new President. Mark Edwards was elected to a second term as Executive Officer. Joe Keller was elected to a second term as Secretary. Greg Watson was elected to a second term as a Director. Bill Wood and Ed Kohart were also elected as Directors.

As Hal was currently serving as a Director, his unexpired term will be filled by appointment at the next Board Meeting, per the Club bylaws.

Out-going interim President Chuck Adams thanked the other out-going Board Members, Jack Regele for four years of service as a Director, and Bob Gordon for two years of service as a Director. The membership also applauded Chuck for his service of stepping up to fulfill the unexpired term of President. Chuck will continue as the Immediate Past President, replacing Stan Pate, who has served the last four years in that role.

Board members whose positions were not up for election this year are Vice President Charlie McAlister, Treasurer Randy Flickinger, and Directors Bob Anderson and Dan Sweet.

Thanks to all who have volunteered to serve as a member of the Board.

## Randy Ryerse Elected to Life Member

Joe Keller

Per the Club bylaws, the Life Members of the Club are allowed to propose one member per year for the membership to vote on elevation to Life Membership status. The member is required to have been a member of the Club for at least twenty years, and to have provided outstanding service to the Club.

Life Member Dick Jennings, representing the Life Members of the Club, nominated Randy Ryerse for the status of Life Member. Randy has been a member of the Club for



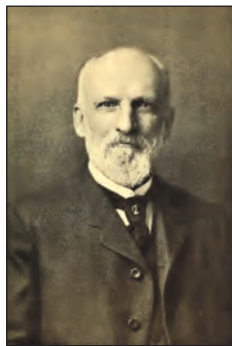
29 years, since 1983, and served twelve years on the Board, including Vice President.

After a motion was made and seconded to accept the recommendation, the membership unanimously approved it. Randy told the members that he was very honored to be considered for this recognition.

Congratulations to Randy, and thanks for your many years of making our Club a better place to shoot.

## How to Shoot

*Address by General George W. Wingate, President of the Public Schools Athletic League to High School Boys of New York City.*



To be able to shoot accurately with a rifle is not only interesting to anyone who learns to do it, but is important to the community as adding an important factor to our resources for national defense. It is not the policy of the United States to maintain a large standing army in time of peace ; it always has, and always must look for protection to sudden levies of volunteers. When they are called for, no difficulty is experienced in getting all the men that may be desired, and, if we have a proper system, not much trouble in uniforming and equipping them. They can be taught a certain amount of military drill in

a comparatively short period, and if they know how to shoot, they then become quite an efficient force. But as Napoleon once said, "Shooting is everything and the rest is nothing." This may be a little exaggerated, but, in the main, it is true, and without the knowledge of how to use a rifle accurately, and until they are taught to do it (which takes a good deal of time) an army of volunteers is but little better than a mob. It can no more withstand the attack of a trained force of disciplined veteran soldiers than an ordinary class in a high school, without athletic training, could keep back the rush of a crack college football team.

If, therefore, the thousands of young men like yourselves who are growing into manhood, can be taught while in our schools to become good shots, they would be able in case of war, to do as the Boers did in South Africa-to withstand a large force of disciplined soldiers.

The difference between the success attained by the Boers in repelling the attacks of the British regular troops at odds of ten to one, and the failure of the Russians to hold their field fortifications against an equal force of Japanese, demonstrates most forcibly the difference between the efficiency of an undisciplined military force that can shoot and that of a disciplined one that cannot.

It is for these reasons that President Roosevelt has in his recent letter, publicly commended the attempts which the Public Schools Athletic League are making to teach you and our other high school boys how to shoot with a military rifle.

I have been somewhat puzzled in accepting the invitation to address you on the subject of rifle shooting, to decide upon what is best to say. The book which I wrote on that subject a number of years ago contains several hundred pages, and it is not easy to condense within the limits to which I must confine myself to anything more than the general principles which are applicable to

the use of the rifle. These principles, however, are all that you need at the present time, and probably are all which you will be likely to remember so as to keep them in mind; and it is necessary that you should have considerable practical experience to be able to apply some of them.

The gun with which you are to do your shooting, which is the rifle with which the army and the National Guard are equipped, is usually known as the "Krag." The army has adopted an improved model of this rifle, which is known as the "New Springfield." This is somewhat shorter, a little lighter, and is somewhat more powerful. It will be a long time before it will be issued to the National Guard.

For this reason, all that I say to you is to be considered as being only applicable to the "Krag."

#### *Rules for Handling the Rifle*

The first thing you must bear in mind in undertaking to do anything with a rifle, shot-gun or pistol, is never, under any circumstances, to allow its muzzle to be pointed at yourself or at anyone else, whether it is loaded or unloaded. It is an old maxim that, "It is the empty gun that kills." One never can tell when he takes up a gun whether it is loaded or not. It may be that you laid it down five minutes before, and knew that it was empty. But some one may have taken it up and put a cartridge in it. Consequently, whenever you are carrying a gun you should always open the breech-block and see that the chamber is empty.

Whenever you are shooting and have occasion to leave the firing point, you should always remove the cartridge from your rifle. You should always do the same whenever you get into a wagon or into a boat. In pigeon shooting clubs they fine a man heavily if he turns to leave the firing point without opening his gun, even though he may have just discharged both barrels. In walking always keep the muzzle of your gun pointed away from your companions.

You must always remember that, notwithstanding the fact that firearms now all have safety catches and various devices, which apparently render it impossible for them to go off accidentally, yet every once in a while these do not work. Anyone who has had long experience in shooting under various conditions can recount to you many instances where he has seen guns discharged without any apparent reason. If in the hands of a careful man, who does not allow the muzzle to be pointed at anybody, nothing happens in such an event, but in the hands of one who is not careful, accidents are far too common.

This is a matter of so much importance that it may be well to give you a few personal experiences.

Once during the Civil War there was a circle of men, of whom I was one, sitting in a tent, there being an opening of about a yard in diameter between their feet. An officer handed me a Colt's revolver, and asked my opinion of it. It was one of the old muzzle loading kind. I asked him "if it was loaded," and he said "no." I half cocked it, ran the cylinder around and saw that the nipples were black, from which I assumed that he was correct in stating it was not loaded. I balanced it in my hand as a man does in testing a pistol, and aimed it at a blue bottle fly, which was in the centre of the open space, pulled the trigger and killed the fly stone dead. It seems that somebody else had loaded the pistol, and that the owner had carried it in his belt, not knowing it to be loaded, until the caps had become so corroded that they had become the color of the nipples.

Another time I was shooting at Creedmoor with the American Rifle Team of which I was then captain, and had laid my gun, which was a Remington, across a camp chair with the muzzle directed at the target. When my turn came to fire, I got up, put a cartridge in the barrel, closed the breech-block—as I had done

*"Laws that forbid the carrying of arms ... disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes."*

*Cesare Beccaria*

### General Meetings

2012: 07/05, 08/02, 09/06, 10/04

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2012: 07/26, 08/30, 09/27, 10/25

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<p><i>10:00 am - 1:30 pm Trap at Sandy Gun Club</i></p>	<p><i>6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Ladies Beginner Pistol (CH/Ind)</i></p>	<p><i>8:00 am - 12:00 pm All Ranges closed for maintenance</i></p>	<p><b>Newsletter Submissions Due</b></p> <p><i>6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Ladies Night (Silh)</i></p>	<p><i>8:00 am - 8:00 pm International Long Range Match ( All Ranges/Ch)</i></p>	<p><i>8:00 am - 8:00 pm International Long Range Match ( All Ranges/Ch)</i></p>	<p><i>8:00 am - 8:00 pm International long Range match (All Ranges/Ch)</i></p>
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a thousand times before—and the gun went off, nearly dislocating my thumb, but doing no harm, as the muzzle was pointed to the front. Why it went off I never knew.

On another occasion I was sitting on a stump in the Adirondacks with a Ballard rifle between my knees, which was on half-cock, and was supposed in that condition to be perfectly safe. A friend took it up, and in a joke pointed it in the direction of a man who was walking away. It went off in his hands, the bullet going right over the man's head, but, fortunately, did not hit him. My friend who did it, was so overcome that he turned green, and had to sit down on the stump of a tree, saying as he did so, "That is a lesson for me to never point a gun at anybody again."

I hope that each of you will always keep this lesson in mind.

Anyone who points a gun or pistol at another, whether empty or

not, in earnest or in sport, should have his weapon taken from him, and be pounded over the head with the butt by the man at whom it has been pointed.

The above injunctions apply with peculiar force to pistols. The barrel of a pistol is so short that the least movement of it makes a tremendous angle so that it will point at a person who is far to one side. The thumb is also very liable to slip off from the hammer in uncocking it. I myself have had the hammer of a revolver slip so as to discharge it on several occasions, once in my bedroom, and yet I considered myself careful.

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*"The spirit of encroachment tends to consolidate the powers of all the departments in one, and thus to create whatever the form of government, a real despotism."*

George Washington

