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Presidents REPORT

Hey everyone!

First things first, this is a huge THANK YOU to all of Zuhrah Rod & Gun members. This year's shoot total is amazing, \$20,000!!! But now the bad news.... We have really set the bar high for 2018!

We will be working on a few things different for next year. A website, PayPal pre- payment for registration and shoot day registration fixing up.

Please, everyone, give yourselves a big pat on the back for a great job done! And now that that is done let's start getting ready for next year.

There seems to be no let up with the R & G calendar!!

May 17th, Tony Haberle and myself were down at the Lake Harriet fishing pier with Glen Perkins and a few other MN Twins, for the Hope Week fishing day.

We were there helping about 25 kids who are battling terminal illnesses. It was a great morning and the kids caught lots of fish.

The May R & G meeting is on May 24th at 7:00pm at the Osseo Legion, dinner at around 6:00pm. This month's speaker is Roger McNear, talking about the rich duck hunting history and decoys of Heron Lake.

The next Masonic Pistol Challenge is coming on May 30th. Get your lodge team together. (Flyer is at the end of the newsletter.)

Lake of the Woods trip is coming soon. We will start getting driving arrangements going soon.

Pheasant and wild rice sale is starting soon. Order forms will be e mailed to everyone so you can print them out and start getting pre-sold orders. This will be our main fundraiser for the year and we should make between \$2600 - \$2800, depending on how

many single birds and bags of rice we sell.

The Camp Achieve dates are set and the trout farm and Main Street Pizza are ready for us to show up!

The pizza place doesn't open until 3:00pm on Mondays and the July date is Monday the 17th, but Rick the owner said he would open up early just for the kids!!

The June date is Wednesday the 28th.

The routine will be the same, meet at the Star Prairie Pavillion about 10:30. Start fishing about 11:00. Pizza about 12:30, then ice cream, leave for home about 2:00pm.

If you have never been to one of these fishing days, you owe it to yourself to come with us!

Bill

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NEW MEETING PLACE
WEDNESDAY

- May 26th —Osseo American Legion.
260 4th Ave. SE, Osseo, Mn

VICE PRESIDENTS report



Good Morning Brothers and Nobles,

Kids and their families don't choose to have medical issues.

The Masons of Minnesota through our philanthropic arm Minnesota Masonic

Charities, has chosen to support children by our gifts to the University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital.

Help us support these children and their families by joining our fundraising effort "CLAYS FOR KIDS" all the monies raised go towards research and treatment to aid kids. See the flyer at the end

of this Newsletter for further information!

Talk to your Lodge, or Unit or Club, talk to your employer or if like me you are self employed, speak to yourself, all donations are tax deductible.

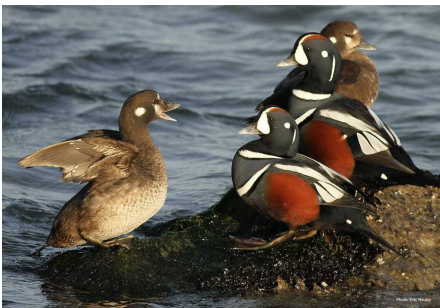
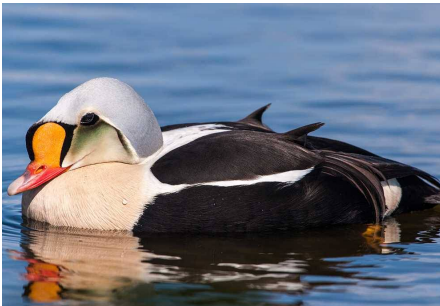
Zuhrah Rod & Gun "Check Presentation" to the Hospital



MUSINGS FROM THE VEEP

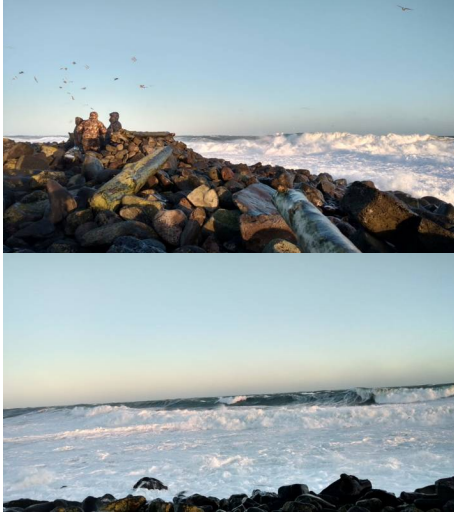


Our last article found us in the Bering sea, January 2016, almost a thousand miles from Anchorage Alaska. Not exactly where you feel you want to be unless you are on the hunt for King Eiders and Harlequin ducks, two of the most beautiful and hardest diving ducks you'll ever see. The Bering Sea is about the southern limit of the King's preferred habitat. Both of these ducks are known to dive over 200 feet to feed on mollusks, star fish and small octopus. It's a hard life in the arctic and these guys thrive up there.



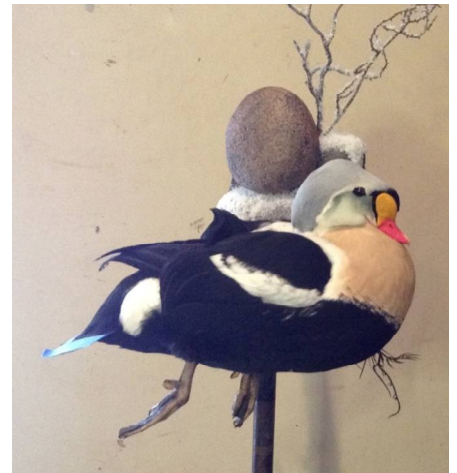
Back to my story, here we are 40-50 mph winds in a 14ft boat in 20 foot seas, sometimes all you could see was a wall of water, when you were on top of the wave it was pretty clear but hold on tight, cause you're going down the other side pretty quick. When we pulled behind the point of the island, into the lee, the wind wasn't nearly as bad but the seas were

churning. Some of the guys opted to hunt from shore that first day, it was nearly as bad as being out in the boat.



The only difference is the rocks under your feet are 2-300 feet down when you're out in the boat. A non-resident hunter is only allowed 4 Kings a year, and if you lose one it counts against your limit, you're only allowed 2 Harlequins a year as well, so this is a trophy hunt, certainly not a meat hunt. In camp with us were 4 other hunters, 2 from Texas and two from Missouri although one of those had moved up to Utah, following her husband who was in the Air Force. Yes, you read that right, we had a woman hunter in camp, she was amazing, Pamela was not only a hunter and a mother of 3 but a nurse and a wife, her husband bought her the hunt as an anniversary gift and then he stayed home to take care of the kids...what a guy! Pamela hunted with me that first morning, we were in the TDB, 14 foot fiberglass duck boat with spray skirts that encircled the boat. When we hit the calmer water, see above, we let out enough anchor line to hold the boat, we hope, then the captain set the decoys in a long line from the stern and another from the bow, so

that the boat sat in the opening between the two sets. Within the next hour, all of a sudden, from nowhere a drake King is swinging the stern dekes, Pamela was in the stern and I in the bow, she took the shot and crushed that bird. Captain Charlie hollered at me to drop the spray skirt and pull the anchor and the dekes...easier said than done. Three hundred plus feet of anchor line, a dozen decoys and, by the way, don't get tangled in the line, if something goes wrong you could end up in the ocean. Just as I got everything stowed and the Captain started the motor a sea lion popped up in our wake and just like that ate Pamela's King and back down he goes... that's your bird Pamela and it counts against your limit. What a bummer and a beautiful bird gone in the blink of a seals eye. I've finally gotten one of my Kings back, no Harlequins yet, but they're coming. Here is my King, it hangs proudly in my living room.



SECRETARYS REPORT



Meeting opened by President Bill Vice at 6:38 pm on Wednesday 4/26/2017.

President Bill welcomed all of the nobles and visitors present.

Secretary Report:

Report was briefly read and discussed and approved as written in the newsletter.

Treasurer Report:

Report tabled until next scheduled membership meeting. Club is still solvent.

President Report:

Saturdays Shoot we currently have 175 lunches reserved, there 125 shooters and 40 just for lunch. If you are coming to help be down there at 8AM for setup. There will be some past Potentates and hospital staff attending also.

LOW weekend is almost filled, 1 open and maybe 3 other spots.

Onions will be in next week, we sold as a group 50 lbs.

Will be bagging 300 lbs. of wild rice and I will be setting a time to get together to help out. Pre-sales for the Pheasant and Wild Rice get be started now.

Don't forget to be at the Zuhrah Shrine (May 20th) to be

part of the presentation of check from R&G to make a great showing.

Vice President Report:

Roger was out of town and had no report to pass on.

New Business:

President Bill Vice announced that there will be Picnic this year on July 15th up at Pine City.

Would like to have a committee started to put it all together. Tony Haberle has volunteered to chair the committee. Will have pontoons, boats, horse shoes and this is a Family Event. Need help with setting up the food and other things; time is TBD.

A Salmon fishing trip for lake Michigan has been planned. If you would like to go contact Shannon. It will going out of Kims Sport Fishing and could add another boat if more want to attend. Approximately \$400 this is for May 28-29th.

Day trips for fishing outings, leaders are needed to take the initiative to put together a day trip. Would entail contacting all members and getting boats available from members to participate.

Masonic Pistol Challenge will be May 30th. It requires 3 guys from a lodge. The last Masonic shoot there were 13 or 15 lodges that attended and had a

great time.

Black Powder Shooting, still looking fo a day. Bill V. will let everyone know the date and times.

December 8th—10th there will be Zuhrah Shrine Circus and will need help during the smaller shows.

Nothing on this years Ice Cream Social.

Old Business:

Remember to continue collect those pop tabs!

New hats are now available for \$15 each. Bill still has jackets and shirts if you need some.

Meeting Closed by the President Bill Vice at 8:19 pm.

A great presentation was put on by Fishing For Life—Tony Harberle. Discussed his fishing poles, plastic boxes that were divided up by size of the lures. Tony makes his own crappie jigs during the off months. He likes to use ice fishing jigs this time of the year. White and pinks are good in clear waters and when your in murky uses gold or purple jigs.

Tony loves to help out, being involved and greatly participates in the Catch & Release program.

DAVE VICE MEMORIAL SHOOT PICTURES



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May 2017

1.	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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June 2017

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July 2017

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Schedule of Events

ZR&G MEETING DAY
4TH WED. OF THE MONTH

Rod & Gun Membership Meetings:

⇒ **Come Early for Dinner**
 ⇒ **7:00 pm Meeting**

- 5/24/17—in Osseo Legion Club
- 6/28/17—in Osseo Legion Club
- 7/26/17—in Osseo Legion Club

- 5/30/17—Masonic Pistol Challenge
- 6/28/17—Camp Achieve
- 7/17/17—Camp Achieve

Zuhrah Stated Meetings:

- 5/12/17—Shrine Bldg.
- 6/9/17—Shrine Bldg.
- 7/14/17—Shrine Bldg.



Meeting Held at:

**Osseo American Legion.
260 4th Ave. SE,
Osseo, Mn**

Come early for dinner!

7:00 pm—Membership mtg.



Zuhrah Rod & Gun's Mission Statement:

Promoting sportsmanship and fellowship through fun events and offering outdoor sports opportunities for Nobles, their families and friends.

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SUNSHINE REPORT

If you know of any Zuhrah Rod & Gun Noble that is under the weather, please contact Bill Vice or any of the Rod & Gun Officers.





"SELL"—"TRADE"—"BARTER" CENTER

SELL

What you would like to get rid of!

⇒ **Black Lab Puppies** (2/7/17)
\$350-\$400. Call Ken Kobs Jr. @ 612-250-0973

⇒ **Four gun case** - sturdy built, maple plywood, handles on the ends, lockable latches \$50 obo.



Jerry Horn
fishhook8@aol.com

(6/30/17)

⇒

TRADE

Do you have something you would like to trade for something else!

⇒

⇒

BARTER

I can do this for you to get that!

⇒ *Be the first!*

WANTED

I am looking FOR!

⇒

FREE!!

You Can Have This Treasure!

⇒ **Dog Kennel Platform—**



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TWINS FISHING EVENT



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Masonic Pistol Challenge

May 30, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM @ Osseo Gun Club
22 – 4th St. NW, Osseo, MN 55369

Bring a minimum of 3 Lodge brothers to compete against other Lodges for bragging rights and the travelling trophy!!!!

If you can't fill a team of 3, then individuals will be partnered up with other individuals as a team. Cost is \$30 / shooter, and includes, lane fee, dinner, targets, and a \$5 donation to the winning Lodge's charity.

Any caliber is acceptable, but only open sights. No: optical assist, laser, or dot (fixed or projected.)
Semi Auto or revolver allowed.

Please call or e-mail Bill Vice to get your team signed up, we need a head count to plan for dinner!

612-232-2495 or viceeastbethel@msn.com

Remember, if you need ammo, OGC has plenty!!!
