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Time: Set aside a special meeting for this event

Object: Get together of a group bound by common interest

Publicity: Arrange for demonstrations on fly casting and sighting on a rifle.

A sports round table discussion on some phase of either sport that isn't too well known, for example: See Do You See Red? And Squirrel Ranks Second.

Stunts: The chairman of the committee explains that in the interests of practical knowledge he will call upon the various fisherman and hunters to demonstrate some of the problems connected with fishing and hunting.

Each problem should be written out on a separate slip of paper. The chairman calls upon a hunter who then chooses a fisherman to give the first demonstration. The hunter to give the next demonstration is chosen by a fisherman and so on. Do not have any of the demonstrations pre-arranged.

The chairman and his committee will have to arrange for any materials necessary in the demonstrations.

FISHING

Clean the fish
Bait a hook with a minnow
Take a picture of the fish

HUNTING

clean the gun
assume proper shooting
positions – standing,
Kneeling, sitting
Give Ten Commandments of safety

When the fishermen are giving their demonstrations, questions can be asked by hunters only, and vice versa.

Film: End meeting with a film if time permits.

Hunters vs. Anglers Quiz

Each of the United States presidents listed below was sportsmen. Some preferred fishing to hunting and vice versa. A few favored both equally. Place a check mark to indicate your guess as to their preference.

	Fishing	Hunting	Both
1. George Washington	_____	_____	_____
2. Andrew Jack	_____	_____	_____
3. Franklin Pierce	_____	_____	_____
4. Rutherford B. Hayes	_____	_____	_____
5. James A. Garfield	_____	_____	_____
6. Chester A. Arthur	_____	_____	_____
7. Grover Cleveland	_____	_____	_____
8. William McKinley	_____	_____	_____
9. Franklin Delano Roosevelt	_____	_____	_____
10. Harry S. Truman	_____	_____	_____

Hunters vs. Anglers Presidents of the United States

George Washington was the first president of the United States and also the first of the sporting presidents. His life was spent chiefly in the wide open spaces. He was an all-around athlete and would undoubtedly have qualified for the Olympic Games had there been Olympic Games 200 years ago. He excelled in weight and other field events.

He was an enthusiastic fox hunter. All his hunting regalia were imported from England. His costume, made by the best tailors in London, consisted of a blue coat, scarlet waistcoat, buck skin breeches, top boots, velvet cap and a whip with a long thong.

Next to George Washington, Andrew Jackson, the seventh president, was the most sports minded. He bred race horses and raced them. He imported blooded sires to improve his stock. He bet upon his horses and the horses of others. He bred fighting cocks and once fought a man for 640 acres of land. Two of his cocks, Dominica and Bernadotte, were famous in the south. He played billiards and cards for money. He was skilled with the rifle and hunted wild turkey, deer and other kinds of game.

While he was president, Franklin Pierce kept eight saddle horses in the White House stables. He was an excellent horseman. He also liked to hunt and fish.

Rutherford B. Hayes was a crack shot with a rifle and spent much time in hunting and fishing.

James A. Garfield liked to fish for whitefish in Lake Erie.

Chester A. Arthur had a fine gun presented to him by the emperor of Germany but his favorite sport was fishing, especially salmon fishing. He once landed a 50 pound salmon.

Grover Cleveland was a devoted fisherman and it was said of him that he could wait no longer for a bite than any other man he ever fished with. He knew the habits of fish and their traits.

As a boy, William McKinley won a marble shooting championship. He did well with a bow and arrow, which he used in hunting game. He was fond of swimming.

Before he was stricken with infantile paralysis, Franklin Delano Roosevelt engaged in many and varied sports. He swam, fished, hunted, skated, rode horseback, and was a skilled sailor who handled all kinds of small craft. He was also an oarsman of note.

Harry S. Truman, the 33rd president of the United States, liked walking, deep sea fishing, swimming and poker.

Dwight D. Eisenhower liked both hunting and fishing and also enjoyed golf.

Do you See Red?

For many years authorities on hunting have recommended that gunners who bargain forth in the deep woods or heavily foliated covers should wear some RED apparel, such as a cap, coat or neckerchief. This practice has undoubtedly saved a number of lives, but it has not entirely stopped the high-strung, nervous, over-anxious or careless hunter from mistaking a fellow-gunner for a game animal with disastrous results.

But maybe these accidents were not all due to the fact that the guys at the butt-end of the offending guns were trigger happy. Maybe they were color blind. Dr. Elmer M. Soles, director of the American Optometric Association's Department of public information, says that this physical defect can play a considerable part in the safety of hunters.

"Contrary to general belief, a bright color is not the best safeguard against hunting accidents," says Dr. Soles, "because about 140,000 licensed hunters are color blind.

"To be sure you are seen by fellow-hunters, wear a cap or jacket in a bold pattern of black and white. Some part of a hunter's costume should contrast sharply with the mottled visual effect of the autumn landscape. Squares, bold stripes or circles best meet the requirements.

"Color blindness is inherited and is five or six times as common among men as women. Most other visual shortcomings can be corrected." Dr. Soles recommends visual checkups for all hunters for both safety and success in hunting.

Squirrel Ranks Second

Sportsmen who take a dim view of squirrel hunting on the basis that it does not provide enough "action" are really passing up a good bet in the field of outdoor sports, according to Gail Evans, advertising and shooting promotion manager, Remington Arms Company, Inc.

"Comparatively few people realize the important part Mr. Bushy Tail plays in the hunter's scheme of things. The squirrel is hunted in almost every section of the country. He is hunted by adult and youngster and with almost every type of sporting firearm," says Evans, "but he is a hardy, prolific fellow who instinctively prepares himself against food shortages.

"In a survey which embraced the comparative popularity of different game species and the percentage of our sporting ammunition used in hunting each type of game, Remington's statisticians came up with some interesting figures which place the squirrel the number two target for shotgun shells. These figures do not include the percentage of 22 caliber bullets fired in his direction, but he unquestionably ranks high in this respect.

"Topping the list of shotgun consumption is the cotton tail rabbit. More than 29 per cent of the shotgun shells manufactured each year is consumed in hunting this fleet-footed little fellow who is the most prolific of all game animals. Even though more than twice as many shot shells are fired at rabbits than squirrels, the squirrel ranks second with a percentage of 14, about on a par with bob white quail. I am sure this information will come as surprise to many sportsmen who decry the sport of squirrel hunting as not exciting enough. Once they've tried it they will very likely understand why many hunters find stalking this member of the Sciuridae family a fascinating pastime.

"Figures compiled by Remington revealed that the annual shotgun shell production is consumed in the following manner:

Rabbit.....	29.6%
Squirrel.....	14.0%
Quail.....	13.9%
Duck and Geese.....	10.5%
Pheasant.....	9.5%
Doves.....	7.0%
Other Game.....	3.5%
	88.0%
Trap and Skeet.....	12.0%
	100.0%

"While these figures are not considered absolutely accurate, they are about as nearly correct as can be determined."

Ten Commandments of Hunting Safety

1. Treat every gun with the respect due a loaded gun. This is the cardinal rule of gun safety.
2. Carry only empty guns, taken down or with the action open.
3. Always be sure that the barrel and action are clear of obstructions.
4. Always carry your gun so that you can control the direction of the muzzle even if you stumble.
5. Be sure of your target before you pull the trigger.
6. Never point a gun at anything you do not want to shoot.
7. Never leave your gun unattended unless you unload it first.
8. Never climb a tree or fence with a loaded gun.
9. Never shoot at a flat, hard surface or the surface of water.
10. Do not mix gunpowder and alcohol.

Be sure to invite your local game warden, fish and game protector or similar official to your hunting and fishing night program! The sports department of you local newspaper or the reference room of your local library can give you the name of that official and the place where he can be located.