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Welcome, September!

What a beautiful, hot Michigan summer we've had! Now we wind down and prepare for Autumn. In observance of Labor Day (Sept 1st), the Club will be closed Saturday through Monday.

Local Events

Holly Days: Sept. 6th-7th

Downtown Holly

NoHaz Collection Event: Sept. 13th 8am-1pm

Oakland County Service Center Campus

Skeet & Meat: Sept. 25th 3pm-7pm

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Taste of Clarkston: Sept. 28th 12pm-6pm

Downtown Clarkston

Trunk or Treat: Oct. 19th 1pm-3pm

Oakland County Sportsmen's Club

We are now serving breakfast on Saturday & Sunday from Noon to 4pm

Kitchen Hours Sat & Sun 12-5pm (Bar open until 6pm)

Kitchen Hours Tue-Thurs Noon-10pm

Friday Bar/Kitchen open Noon-8pm

Every Friday Fish Fry

Noon-8:45pm

(full bar menu also available)

Saturday & Sunday Bar & Kitchen open from 12-5pm

*Hours subject to change, depending on events or holidays



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Office Manager: Robin

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Custodian: Chris

Bar: Kim & Kim

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From the President

Warren Pratt

I hope that by the time you read this, we have worked around the roadblock that has delayed us with the 100-yard range repair. We need to improve the ranges in such a way that no projectile can escape out of the range. The wall that we built between the 50 and 100-yard ranges was the first step. We had an NRA advisor out to discuss our plans, and when she saw the wall, she said it was the “best wall she had ever seen” and conformed to NRA standards. We will continue when funds have been approved. Keep your eyes open for a posting on when we will be finishing the 100-yard range. We will need volunteers like before, and we can finish this project. It really is a gratifying project to work on. At this point, we are still unsure what is happening with the dinosaur forest, but we will keep everyone posted. I am looking for members who want to string trim around the club. Member Greg Moore was doing an excellent job but has moved out of the area. Please contact me or 2nd VP Shawn Shilling if you can give us a hand.

Warren Pratt



Welcome, New Members!

Gary Durham, Susan Acton, Dylan DeHuff, George Derderian, Mitch Desgrange, William Drabkowski, Tim Glynn, Scott Harder, Christina Kolenc, Benjamin Kraemer, Cameron Masters, Cesar Rodriguez, Kevin Roy, Richard Scott, William Shelbourne, John Steckling, Markel Thompson, Constantine Vitinaros, and Levon Wood!

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OAKLAND COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

MINUTES/GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

July 30th, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by President Warren Pratt. The meeting was opened with the Pledge to the United States Flag and the Conservation Pledge. A moment of silence was observed in honor of Jim Jacques. A 21-gun salute was held in honor of Ed Kretsch. The roll of officers was called by the secretary, Carl Bidinger.

Excused officers: Joe Kapleczech, Tim Chilton, Ed Kaiser, Ron Hall Jr. Rifle, Jessica Bortha, Justin Herman. Motion by Mike Graham/Jan Kramer to approve the excuses of absent officers. Passed. Motion by John Brundage/John Borth to accept the minutes of the June 2025 General Membership Meeting. Passed. Motion by Dave Schaffer/Scott Deshettler to accept the minutes as amended to include only the new members added from the July 2025 Board of Directors Meeting. Passed. Motion by John Brundage/Jan Kramer to accept the Treasurer's report for July as published. Passed. Seven new members were introduced by Michelle Daniels. President's Comments: Warren Pratt. Working hard on the outdoor range. Our main goal is to get it open.

PROGRAM SUBJECT: Decoy carving by Dathan. Dathan put on a great demonstration on carving duck decoys out of wood. He also gave some history on decoys and showed some other very neat carvings.

ARCHERY: Ron Elam. Leagues. Summer League Banquet – Tuesday, August 5th – 5:30 PM. Fall Broadhead Leagues starting Tuesday, July 29th and Thursday, July 31st @ 4:00 PM. Wednesday, July 30th at 9:00 AM. The league will run for 8 weeks. Archers shoot varying distances up to 35 yards. The total number of arrows shot is 15. The targets used are cardboard-animal silhouettes.

Upcoming Archery Shoots: BBQ Shoot Trifecta Sunday, August 10th - 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. 30 3D targets. Food. Bowhunter Jamboree Saturday, August 16 & Sunday, August 17, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Trail Shoot 30 3D targets. Platform Shoot Sunday, September 14th. More details next month.

JOAD: JOAD is getting ready for the Fall Classic at MSU in September. We will host an Open House on Sunday, September 14, from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM.

Work Bee: ALL ARE WELCOME! Morning workbees are back on Tuesday mornings. A workbee to control the invasive Bittersweet vine is also being put together. Contact an archery board member if you are able to help out.

Archery Meeting: Third Wednesday of the month. Wednesday, August 21st at 7:00 PM. See our website for up-to-the-minute announcements at: ocsc-archery.org.

MUCC: David Budnick: See David's column in the magazine. Ron Hall Archery is looking for volunteers to form a "Queen of Hearts" raffle committee. Any questions or interest, please contact Ron.

SPECIAL EVENTS: No Report.

MUZZLE LOADERS: No Report.

CLUB MANAGERS REPORT: No Report.

QUARTER MIDGET CLUB: No Report.

BAR REPORT: No Report.

BLDGS/GRDS/WORKBEES: No Report.

BULLS EYE: No Report.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS: No Report.

CONSERVATION: No Report.

FISHING: No Report.

ROAD RACE: No Report.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: No Report.

FINANCE & PLANNING: No Report.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY: No Report.

SHOTGUN: No Report.

Club member Michael Hintz would have won \$40.00 if he were here. Next month's prize will be \$50.00. Motion by Mike Graham/Enrique Castillo to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM. Respectfully submitted by Carl Bidinger, Executive Board Secretary.

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Attendance:

Jim Askins, Rob Bauer, John Borth, John Brundage, Jessica Botha, Ricky Castillo, Tim Chilton, Scott DeShetler, Mike Grahm, Gordon Garten, Mike Severs, Ron Hall (JR), Ron Hall (AR), Justin Herman, Bill Klym, Ron Krantz, Jan Kramer, Ed Kaiser, Dan Valentini

A Quorum was established.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Mike Graham. The meeting was opened with the Pledge to the United States Flag and the Conservation Pledge.

The roll of officers was called by the acting Secretary Carl Bidinger.

Motion To approve excuses of absent officers.

(1st John Borth / 2nd John Brundage)

Passed 19Y

Introduction of guests: Bill Dau, Brian Miller, David P. Smith, Eric Larsen, Mike Stailey, Cliff Hughes

Ballot of New Members: 26 ballots for 14 new members

Approved 19Y

Motion To Approve Minutes of the previous Board of Directors meeting.

(1 st Scott DeShetler, 2 nd Ed Kaiser)

Passed 19Y

Treasurer's report: (David Rath)

Motion To approve Treasurer report.

(1 st Ed Kaiser / 2 nd Jim Askins)

Passed 19Y

Additions to the agenda:

Carl Bidinger presented 5 items and questions for discussion.

All 5 Items were added to Old Business.

President's Comments: (Warren Pratt)

No report

Managers's report: (Gary Mobley)

A first draft for a contract with AV&P Productions for future light shows in the Muzzle loader/Campground forest is expected next week.

A new kitchen employee was hired recently.

Hennie Penny's fryers should be back in about 3 weeks; repairs will cost \$10,000.

The hill concession trailer was removed and is almost gone. We need a volunteer with torches to cut up the frame.

The door to the kitchen storage closet requires keycard access. Sub-clubs are asked to plan in advance if they need items, as access is limited.

Security cameras in the bar and main club are installed and working well. No one is allowed to have remote access to the system.

Old Business:

Item #1 (Carl Bidinger):

Are sub-clubs allowed to buy main club memberships for volunteers without prior Executive Board, Board of Directors, and general membership approval?

DISCUSSION: Several Directors reported this was done in the past, for the benefit of the club (example: if a new member is a welder or electrician, this member could help the club with volunteer work).

DETERMINATION: The question was referred to the Executive Board for further discussion.

Item #2 (Carl Bidinger):

Are sub clubs allowed to pay volunteers without prior Executive Board, Board of Directors, and general membership approval?

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DISCUSSION: Carl B. referenced an example from D.R. Wilson meeting minutes

It was determined that Carl misread the D.R. Wilson meeting minutes.

DETERMINATION: No, volunteers cannot be paid.

Item #3 (Carl Bidinger):

Discussion of the authorization process for keycard access to buildings.

DETERMINATION: This item was tabled; to be discussed at the August 04, 2025, E.B. meeting

Item #4 (Carl Bidinger):

Reminder of how the 100-yard range got shut down.

DETERMINATION: The 100-yard range was shut down by the E.B. in March after representatives of the OCSC Range Safety Committee informed the E.B. of some required safety updates.

Item #5 (Carl Bidinger):

How was the NRA on-site assessment at the 100-yard range authorized and;

When will the NRA assessment be completed?

DISCUSSION:

Carl Bidinger asked who authorized the NRA visit and the \$750 fee for on-site evaluations of all our firearm ranges, and when this assessment will be done.

Jan Kramer confirmed that a contract with the NRA was signed on June 5 by OCSC president Warren Pratt. This contract is only for the 100-yard rifle range, no other firearm ranges.

The date for the visit was not known at the time of the BoD meeting; however, it is expected for August.

Former BoD Chair Eric Larson and current Trustees Dale Verhey and Rick Hotchkiss confirmed that the NRA on-site evaluation was requested by the E.B. during their February 3 meeting.

DETERMINATION

The NRA on-site evaluation was approved by the E.B. on February 3 and;

Currently planned for August 2025.

New Business:

Motion #1

(1st Gary Mobley / 2nd John Brundage)

To approve the purchase of a 4-foot diameter Action Pistol Range barn sign, not to exceed \$600. This is an aluminum sign, matching the size and general style of the Scouts sign on the other side of the barn.

Passed 19Y

Motion #2

(1st Scott DeShetler, 2nd David Rath)

To approve the PPC season Indoor Range Closures:

- o Mondays: 10/06/25 to 03/30/26, from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM
- o Thursdays: 10/02/25 to 03/26/26 from 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM
- o Match closure Friday 02/27/26, Noon to Sunday 03/01/26, 5 PM

Passed 19Y

Motion #3

(1st Rob Bauer, 2nd Ed Kaiser)

To approve the Indoor Range closure for the following events:

- o Ed Kretsch Veteran's Day 1800: November 8 & 9, 2025, 8 AM to 5 PM
- o Jim Churchwell Mid-Winter 1800 on February 21 & 22, 2026, 8 AM to 5 PM
- o NRA Sectional on March 21 & 22, 2026, 8 AM to 5 PM

Passed 19Y

Motion #4

(1st Gordon Garten, 2nd Mike Severs)

To approve monies not to exceed \$1,500.00 for shotgun ammunition.

Passed 19Y

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Motion #5

(1st John Borth, 2nd Ron Hall JR)

To approve monies not to exceed \$6,000.00 for a new video security system in the Archery building and archery barn.

Passed 19Y

Motion #6

(1st Scott DeShetler, 2nd John Brundage)

To approve General Membership Outdoor Range upgrade to:

- o Re-open the 100-yard range;
- o Meet current gun range safety standards;
- o Generate future income for OCSC

Total cost of the project not to exceed \$140,000.

DISCUSSION:

Jan Kramer presented a report on the first phase of the 100-yard range update: a safety wall between the 50-yard and 100-yard range. This wall was built by 16 club volunteers within 4 days.

The presentation included a proposal to accelerate the project and to generate future income to pay for the required safety upgrades, which was the content of subject Motion #6 as follows:

What & Where:

Construct 15 safe and covered shooting positions with targets at 100 yards;

Enclose the 100-yard range with safe walls;

Create 3 multi-purpose shooting ranges to the right of the 100-yard range.

Timing:

Construction start: August 2025.

Project details:

15 covered shooting positions with a reinforced roof structure: total cost \$100,000 to be contracted out.

Wall to be constructed on right side of 100-yard range: \$27,000.

Construct a short wall next to APR / Boy Scouts building: \$7,000.

o Funding will be supplemented with \$28,000 from D.R. Wilson Fundraising account (including \$10k received from MSP).

Benefits for OCSC:

Reopen 100-yard range for general membership in accordance with Article 2 of OCSC constitution.

Protect OCSC from liability risk due to unsafe rifle range;

Project will be paid for within 2 years (estimated ROI);

\$14,500 short-term increased revenue starting in 2026.

Opportunities for 3 x \$20,000 revenue from Level 2 action shooting matches (IDPA, USPSA, SCSA).

DETERMINATION:

Acting BoD Secretary Bidinger and guest Brian Miller argued that the proposal cannot be advanced because 3 written quotes from contractors are required in accordance with OCSC rules.

o Brian Miller reminded the OCSC trustees that it is their duty to shut down any motion that violates club rules.

o Trustees Rick Hotchkiss and Dale Verhey indicated they are not aware of an official rule requiring 3 quotes but were ultimately convinced by guest Brian Miller to terminate the motion.

No vote was allowed.

Other New Business:

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS: None.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: None.

BUILDINGS (1st VP): None.

GROUNDNS (2nd VP): None.

ARCHERY: (John Borth)

ASA Qualifier was held this past weekend. We had 52 shooters who thoroughly liked the course.

Upcoming archery shoots in August: 3D Barbeque Shoot is August 10 from 9 AM to 2 PM.

o Come out to shoot 30 targets with your friends and enjoy barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs after you shoot.

Bowhunter Jamboree is August 16-17 featuring a trail shoot.

Summer leagues of 3D Leagues and Field & Hunter Leagues are ending in July.

The FITA league is being extended into August due to numerous rainout days.

The summer league banquet is on Tuesday, August 5th at 5:30 PM.

Broadhead Leagues will start the last week of July. Tuesday, July 29 at 4 PM, Wednesday, July 30 at 9 AM, and Thursday, July 31 at 4 PM.

Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) practice will focus on the Fall Classic in early September.

Next Archery meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM.

Check the Archery websites for details, updates, and what's happening on our calendar.

Wilson Rifle & Pistol: None.

Junior Rifle: None.

Fishing: None.

Conservation & MUCC: None.

Muzzleloaders: None.

Quarter Midgets: None.

Shotgun: None.

R.R.I.: None.

Bar: Is Busy.

Special Events: (Gary Mobley)

OCSC hosted an event at WHRRI Race Track over the weekend where they predicted attendance of around 400 but only 40 showed up.

Good of the order: No motions.

Motion To adjourn the meeting at 10:42 PM.

(1st Jim Askins, 2nd Ricky Castillo)

Passed 19 Y

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The meeting was opened with the Pledge to the United States Flag and the Conservation Pledge.

The chairman reminded the members of the Board of Directors that Robert's Rules of Order is the protocol for the Board of Directors meeting.

The roll of officers was called by the secretary.

Joseph Kapelczak.

Motion by Ron Hall (Jr.) / Gordon Garden to approve excuses of absent officers.

Passed 17Y.

Ballot of New Members:

23 ballots approved 17 new members.

Motion to Approve Minutes of previous Board of Directors meeting:

Treasurer's report: David Rath.

Motion to approve as given by John Rob Bauer / John Brundage. Passed 18Y.

Additions to the agenda:

None

Communication and bills

None

President's Comments Warren Pratt

None

Ballot Acceptance

25 ballots approved 14 new members.

Club Manager Gary Mobly

Church services are held in the main club building on Sunday morning and they remove all of their materials by 12 noon when they leave. The trailer that is parked in the club parking area belongs to the church holding the services.

The air conditioning unit that services the club office area has failed and needs to be replaced. The indoor range house has five bullet holes in the roof that need repair. No RO at the 100' yard range on Sunday, 8/10/25; OCSC needs to revisit the scheduling process. August 23 of this year is Club Manager (G. Mobley) last day; G. Mobley and D. Black have resigned.

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Old Business: Corrected Board of Directors minutes of July 14, 2025 attached.

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New Business

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Item # 3 Motion # 2 Gordon Garden / John Borth to approve closing skeet, action pistol bays four and five, muzzleloader grounds, indoor pistol range, and indoor archery range on Saturday, May 30, 2026 for ladies adventure day. Passed 19Y.

Item # 4 Motion # 3 Doug Hughson / John McCarthy to approve monies not to exceed \$1,000 for targets and pasters for USPSA matches. Passed 18Y.

Item # 5 Motion # 4 Ricky Castillo / Gordon Garden to approve monies not to exceed \$5,000 for startup expenses for the Hunter's Banquet with a tentative date of January 17, 2026. Passed 19Y.

Item # 6 Motion # 5 Rob Bauer / John Brundage to approve monies not to exceed \$7,500 for a wall behind the action pistol / Boy Scout pole barn.

The wall will be constructed the same as the wall that separates the 50-yard and 100-yard ranges. Funds are to be taken from the DR Wilson fundraising account. Passed 19Y.

Item # 7 Motion # 6 Rob Bauer / Doug Hughson to close the indoor pistol range Tuesday from 5 PM to 9 PM September 9 of 2025 to April 28 of 2026 for the bullseye precision pistol league. Passed 19Y.

Item # 8 Motion # 7 Gordon Garden / Doug Hughson to close the indoor pistol range Mondays from 5 PM to 10 PM August 2025 to April 27 of 2026 for Junior Rifle Club. Passed 19Y.

Item # 9 Motion # 8 Ed Keiser / Gordon Garden to close the indoor pistol range Monday, September 8 from 9 AM to 1 PM for the Waterford bailiffs training. Passed 19Y.

Item # 10 Motion # 9 Ricky Castillo / Doug Hughson to approve the cost not to exceed \$165,000 for the construction of 15 covered shooting positions, a 100-yard long wall, and two rows of baffles at the 100-yard range to meet current gun safety standards and reopen the range.

Passed 9Y, 6N, 4AB.

Item # 11 Motion # 10 Ron Hall (Jr.) / Ricky Castillo for monies not to exceed \$2,500 (SINGLE SOURCE) for concrete at the hilltop pavilion where the trailer used to be. Passed 19Y.

Item # 12 Motion # 11 John Brundage / Gordon Garden for monies not to exceed \$97,000 for paving of the archery parking lot. Motion failed 12N, 3Y, 4AB.

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BUILDINGS 1 VP

None

GROUND 2 VP Shawn Shilling

The club has a donated drill press located in the pole barn.

Archery John Borth.

The barbecue shoot was held this past weekend. We had 37 shooters who enjoyed a summer barbecue after shooting 30 – 3D targets.

Up-and-coming archery shoots:

Bowhunter Jamboree is August 16 and 17 featuring a trail shoot with 15 shooting stations with two targets per station.

Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) practices are Sundays from 1:30 PM to 4 PM on the FITA field. They will focus on the fall classic in early September. The following weekend, September 14 at 2 PM, there will be an open house for anyone interested in knowing more about the JOAD program.

Practice will continue into the fall focusing on the shooting process.

Parks and Recreation archery instruction begins Wednesday, October 1 at 4:30 PM and 6:30 PM. Sign up is through Independence, Springfield, or Waterford Townships.

Work-bees are every Tuesday at 9 AM through September.

Next archery meetings on the third Wednesday of the month, 7 PM.

Check the archery website for details, updates, and what's happening on our calendar.

Dr. Wilson Rifle Pistol None Given

Junior Rifle Ron Hall (jr)

September 8, 2025 is new shooter sign up starting at 6 PM.

Return shooters have been notified for August sign.

Fishing None Given

Conservation MUCC None Given

Muzzleloaders Bill Klym None Given

Shotgun None Given

MMRA Jessica Bortha

September 20 our sub club will be hosting our final drivers experience, which can be found on our website.

September 27. Our sub club will be hosting our club race number nine which will also be our checkers for a charity event. All proceeds from the sign ins, concessions, silent auction and raffles will go to the chosen charity. All are welcome to attend, as always, our races are free to spectators.

Bar: Is Busy

Special events: None Given

Good of the order

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 PM, Ron Hall (jr) / Tim Chilton Passed 19Y.

Respectively submitted by Joseph Kapelczak



OCSC MUCC Update



Greetings fellow club members. I hope your summer has been good and that you've found time to be in our great outdoors. Here are some conservation-related issues I'm paying attention to.

Ban on baiting for bear on federal lands. At our last General Membership meeting, someone raised a question about a federal bill that had just been introduced by none other than Detroit Congressman Shri Thanedar. That bill, if passed, would outlaw the practice of baiting for black bears while hunting on all federal land. Thanedar is an avowed supporter of radical animal rights views and the groups through which millions of dollars flow (think PETA, HSUS, etc.). Baiting for bears is an effective wildlife management tool that must be preserved. I don't anticipate that this bill will even make it out of committee, much less come up for a vote. Still, we must remain vigilant and be ready to oppose misguided efforts such as this one.

Russ Mason article – I recently read an article by Dr. Russ Mason, former Wildlife Chief of the Michigan DNR. The article was published in the Woods N Water News July 2025 edition. In this article, Dr. Mason called out some of the division that exists between the Michigan DNR, the Michigan Natural Resources Commission, and stakeholders like us. He suggests that the process of managing our state's fish and (especially) its wildlife has become overly politicized. As a solution, he proposes using MUCC in a way similar to what happens in Wisconsin. With the Wisconsin model, every county has a voice and the collective consensus of those groups is brought to their version of the NRC and must be considered. The model sounds a lot like the annual MUCC convention. I found his observations and recommendations spot on.

Hunters Feeding Michigan – Have you ever harvested more deer than you thought you may be able to use? Did you know you can donate deer to deserving organizations? I did this last year and I intend to do it again. The "Hunters Feeding Michigan" program is run by the state of Michigan and includes 14 deer processors throughout the state. I brought a deer to the one in Troy. The process is simple. After you gut, tag, and report the deer, you simply drop it off at one of the participating processors and you're done. You get to do something good for yourself, others, and our deer herd.

Deer damage permits – I recently did something out of the ordinary for me . . . I went deer hunting in August. A farmer friend has extensive damage to thousands of acres of his bean crop up in the Thumb. He applied for and was granted 50 "Deer Damage Shooting Permits." These permits allow any hunter to whom he grants access to take as many antlerless deer as there are permits available. The biggest problem for the farmer is finding people to come harvest the deer. I went out last week and killed an adult doe. I could see firsthand that significant percentages of that farmer's harvest are being eaten by deer. You can help by seeking out farmers who need help.

Mandatory deer registration – Be aware that registration of deer that you harvest is now mandatory. We have been registering our deer for several years now (I use the Michigan DNR app on my phone). Legislatively, that program was a "temporary test." Now, the requirement is permanent.

Facebook – I just want to let you all know that the primary social media I use is Facebook. I encourage you to please search for me and send me a friend request. Let me know who you are and let's talk conservation!

Kind regards,
Dave Budnick
OCSC rep to MUCC
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Archery Club News – September 2025

In August, we held the third leg of the 3D BBQ shoot. 37 archers showed up on a very hot day (92°F/33°C) to shoot 30 3D targets ranging from 15 to 40 yards. After the shoot, everyone enjoyed the barbecue with pulled pork, hot dogs, or hamburgers grilled to perfection with all the fixings. The following weekend, August 16-17, was the 51st Bowhunter Jamboree. We designed a unique 15-station, 30-target trail shoot stretching across the whole Archery woods. Saturday was a light day as the temperature soared into the 90s. Sunday was a beautiful day with a nice breeze. We had 42 archers for the weekend. Everyone thought it was a wonderful course.

Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) is practicing for the MSU Archery Fall Classic at the Demmer Center. The team has rooms at the Hampton Inn in Okemos on Saturday and plans to have a team dinner after they shoot. Practice will continue on the FITA field on Sundays from 1:30 to 4 PM through the month of August. In case of rain, practice will move to the indoor range. On September 14th from 2 to 4 PM, JOAD will be having an open house for all youth interested in knowing more about who we are. Bring your bow if you have one. Check it out! JOAD Open House.

Broadhead league continues through September 18th on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with starting times from 4 to 7 PM and Wednesdays from 9 to 11 AM. Come out to hone your skills ahead of the archery deer season. The Broadhead league banquets will be immediately following the last day of the league. All leagues are open to the public.

Fall Leagues begin in September with the Flint League on Tuesdays, September 23, at 7:00 PM and the Women's NFAA League on Thursdays at 6:30 PM. Both leagues run for 10 weeks, excluding Thanksgiving Day.

Parks & Rec Archery Instruction begins on October 1st with 2 lines at 4:30 and 6:30 PM. Sign up through Independence, Springfield, or Waterford Township. This is open to all youth 8 years and older, adults, members, or non-members.

Work bees will continue Tuesdays at 9 AM through September. The work bee crew takes a break in October and November to go hunting. We have a long list of things to do. Anyone looking for work hours, we have numerous individual projects that need to be done. Work bees will restart in December, beginning with the indoor wall rebuild.

Check the Archery website for event times and range closures at: 2025 Archery Events or Archery Facebook or JOAD.

Sincerely,
John Borth
Archery Club President

1st ANNUAL BOWHUNTER PLATFORM CHALLENGE

October and bow season will be here before you know it! Join us for a challenging and competitive Bow Hunter style 3D shoot. We will be shooting 20 targets from 10 fixed stations on the platform. The top 5 scores for the day will go into a 5 Target Shootdown!

Along with the Platform Challenge we will have a 10 Target Fun/Warmup Course and a Long-Distance Novelty shoot!

The OCSC Bar and Restaurant will be open to hang out in the afternoon

Along with the tournament payouts, there will be random draw door prizes to be won as well (Must Be Present to Win!)

Saturday, September 13th, 2025

Oakland County Sportsman's Club – 4775 Waterford Rd, Clarkston, MI 48346

Entry Fee: 40\$ (\$10 to club, \$30 to pot)

Open to the Public

9am and 12pm Line Times

Limited to 20 Shooters per line time

Please PRE REGISTER by Call/Text

616-368-9997

Format and Rules:

20 targets – Center 11, 10, 8, 5, 0 scoring

Shoot (2) targets per station

Known Distances to 55 yards



Equipment Allowed:

NO Magnification Lenses

Adjustable Sights are okay

Screw-in points only!

.246 Arrow Diameter Max (Standard Hunting arrow or smaller)

20" Stabilizer Length from bow attachment point (includes QD and Weight)



Muzzleloader Fall Rendezvous

Oakland County Sportsmen's Club Sept 17 to 21, 2025

Hosted by: The Clan of the Wolf Muzzleloaders

Rendezvous Fees:

- \$10 Fee to shoot just for one day
- \$20 Fee shoot and camp for the weekend
- \$3 Each additional camper

Wed Sept 17 -Thur Sept 18

- Early Camp Setup throughout the day

Friday Sept 19:

- Pistol Woods Walk 1:30 pm Start

Saturday Sept 20:

- Long gun (trade/rifle) woods walk, Registration 9 am, Start 10 am
- Archery 3D targets, Knife, Tomahawk, and Fire Starting timing TBD throughout the day.
- Awards at 4 pm
- Pot luck dinner around the fire at the trading post. Bring a dish to pass around 6:30 pm by the trading post.

Sunday Sept 21:

- Trade Gun Woods Walk, 9 am registration, 10 am Start
- Trade Gunners match consisting of Clay Birds, Knife, Tomahawk and Fire Starting; ongoing after Woods Walk
- Awards after trade gun match is complete

OCSC 2025 SUMMER BOWLING-PIN FUN SHOOTS

On the OCSC Action Pistol Range, Bay #1

Remaining Dates: September 7th & 21st, 4 PM to ?

Center-fire and Rim-fire pistol, revolver and pistol caliber carbine (PCC). .22lr to 45acp. No magnums. Up to three shooters at a time, tables/stands of five pins must be cleared as quickly as possible. (Other stands may also be used.) Range 21 feet.

Pin bottoms, tops, or full pins depending on caliber and your choice.

Cost is \$5 for members, \$10 for guests for the day.

While the Steel Plates shoots are not currently scheduled, watch the Pins & Plates video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oAl9-MxxUnA>

Unlike past years, the Pin-Shoots will be run afternoons, usually after another match, up to twice a month.

These are "Fun Shoots", not matches, with the emphasis on improving your skills and safety, and is a good place for new shooters to get started without the pressure of the other shoots O.C.S.C. provides.

Email questions to: Rob Bauer at: robbauer1@netscape.net

Bring your friends, family and coworkers, and make sure to have plenty of ammo for the day!

The Fall/Winter .22Cal Indoor Bowling-Pin shoots are set to start October 5th, Sunday evenings a 6 PM.

**Do you want to know how
to get that extra edge...**



...and increase your pistol scores?

All Sportsmen Members can call Kelli at

Advanced Eye Care of Michigan

Ask for the "Sportsman Shooter Eye Exam"

248-620-1100

5874 Dixie Hwy ◦ Clarkston, MI ◦ 48346

**View the updated
calendars on the
website!**



Honors Ceremony for Ed Kretsch

By: Robert Bauer, Secretary, D.R. Wilson Rifle & Pistol

With the beginning of the July 30th O.C.S.C. General Membership meeting, we held the overdue Honors Ceremony for long time member Ed Kretsch, who passed away last December.



**Edward J. Kretsch
January 10, 1941 -- December 13, 2024**

Ed was an Air Force veteran and a fixture at the Oakland County Sportsman's club for many years, leading, supporting, training several of our rifle and pistol activities including:

Bullseye/Precision Pistol Helping build our award winning team.

Junior Rifle One of the largest Jr. Rifle programs in the Country.

Pistol training classes

High-Power Rifle Training members for the CMP competitions.

Began the .22 Caliber Bowling-Pin Shoots. "Fun shoots" for the whole family.

Ran the "Hunter's Sight-In" Fall events. Rifle sight-in opportunity and help for the public.

Built our earlier Honor Guard team Providing honors services for our Veteran members.

President of D.R. Wilson Rifle & Pistol Leading the sub-club for many years.

Board of Directors Served for many years representing Jr. Rifle.

Fundraising for Junior Rifle was a particular focus back when we held the Swap Meets, and dedicating Tips when running the Hilltop Concession stand, as well as many more activities supporting the club. This is only a small part of the recognition he's earned and deserves from us, the members of the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club.

As many of the members of our prior Honor Guard team were no longer available, we had to put together a new group of volunteers. Tom Burnside had previously been in charge of the Club's Garand rifles used for the salute, prepared the rifles and clips of blank ammunition to keep the operation as simple as possible for the riflemen, and provided additional suggestions and direction. Dave Rath, who has taken over the High-Power Rifle training in Ed's absence, drilled the seven riflemen in the 21-gun salute procedure briefly before the ceremony. With the limited practice time, the line was set prior to the club members coming out for the ceremony.

Rain had been threatening, but was only a very light sprinkle as we began.



The commands were given, the line to attention, rifles raised, fired three times, and back to attention.



Our Trumpeter, club member Nick Ewing, played "Taps." Finishing the ceremony, our Piper Richard Parker, who had originally been sponsored for membership to the club by Ed, now played "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes. We all moved back inside to finish the business of the meeting, and then the sky opened up, the heavy rain having held off just long enough. I was reminded of something I told Ed when his wife Sandy passed in 2022: *"Someday, we will all have to take that walk beyond the hills and horizon to find our friends and family who have preceded us. But until then, those of us who remain will simply have to keep them in our hearts and memories."*

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James E Jacques Jr.

1954 - 2025



SATURDAY
SEPT 6TH 2025

Oakland County Sportsmen's Club

Noon- 4pm

Lunch provided-Cash Bar

Outdoor Range Update:

Starting Sunday, May 11, 2025, the 100 yard outdoor range will be open during the following times with Range Safety Officers present. During these times, standard 100 yard range rules apply. Please follow the instructions given by the Range Safety Officers at all times. The range will remain closed at times other than those listed below except for scheduled organized events and practices.

Sunday: 10 AM - 1 PM

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10 AM - 1 PM

Wednesday: 3 PM - 6 PM

Thursday: 3 PM - 6 PM

Friday: 3 PM - 6 PM

Saturday: 10 AM - 1 PM

Other closures will occur as repairs and range updates can be scheduled.