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Welcome, October!

As summer draws to a close, there are numerous fall activities and events coming up at the club! Be sure to check out the events calendar on our website and subscribe to our e-blast communications for timely news and updates. A sincere thank you to everyone who is actively participating and volunteering at the club!

Local Events

Woodward Scream Cruise & Hauntiac Show: Oct. 4th
405 Cesar Chavez Ave, Pontiac

The Friendly Forest: Oct. 11th 12pm-3pm
Clintonwood Park

Trunk or Treat: Oct. 19th 1pm-3pm
Oakland County Sportsmen's Club

Band Night: Classic Maniacs Oct. 25th 8pm-12am
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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 12-6pm

*Hours subject to change, depending on events or holidays



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(248) area code unless noted

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Office Manager: Robin

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Bar: Kim & Kim

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Michelle Primeaux



From the President

Warren Pratt

I can now give you some good news about the outdoor range. We got the motion passed to proceed with the plans to update the 100-yard range and make it safe to shoot there. Construction started right away, and you can see the progress. The 100-yard wall was completed in about 3 days. The contractors got the cement poured, and now there are 15 shooting stations near completion. Please visit the 100-yard range to see the progress we have made so far.



At this point, we are waiting for a contract to be signed by Immersive Productions, Inc. to be returned to the club with proposed show dates in October for the dinosaur show.

I am still looking for members who want to string trim around the club. If you want to help, please contact me or 2nd VP Shawn Shilling if you can give us a hand.

Warren Pratt

New Members, Coming Soon!



OAKLAND COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

MINUTES OF AUGUST 2025 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sept. 3rd, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by President Warren Pratt.

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag and the Conservation pledge.

A moment of silence was observed in honor of:

The roll of officers was called by the secretary, Carl Bidinger.

Motion by Mike Lyons / Stacey Gelow to approve excuses of absent officers. Passed.

Motion by Dennis Tucker / Gary Geiger to accept the minutes of the July 2025 General Meeting. Passed.

Motion by Scott Deshettler / Jeremy Dean to accept the minutes of the July 2025 B.O.D Meeting. Passed.

Motion by Brett Luptowski / Chuck Adams to accept the minutes of the August 2025 B.O.D Meeting. Passed.

Motion by Eric Larsen / Chuck Adams to accept the treasurer's report of August 2025. Passed.

Motion to open the floor for nominations for Vice President: Mike Graham / Michele Daniels.

Mike Stailey was nominated and Mike accepted.

8 seconds: Alex Deshettler, Matt Martinec, Eric Larsen, Mike Slosson, Matt Hall, Brett Luptowski, Dave Rath, Al Jacobs.

No other nominees. Motion Passed.

Congrats, Mike.

President's Comments: Warren Pratt

Band Night Oct 25th 8 PM - 12 AM.

Trunk or Treat Oct 19th 1-3 PM, see the bartenders to sign up.

D.R. Wilson Mike Graham

PPC starts Oct 2nd; meets Thursday nights 5-9 PM and Monday mornings, 9 AM to noon.

SHOTGUN Mike Graham

Fall men's league starts next Tuesday. Planning on having a ladies' league and a youth league. Looking for participants for both. We also need desk workers.

ARCHERY: John Borth

MUCC David Budnick, see Dave's column in the magazine.

Club Mgr Report: NO MANAGER

LADIES AUXILIARY: No Report

SPECIAL EVENTS: No Report

BAR REPORT: No Report

BLDGS/GRDS/WORKBEES: No Report

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS: No Report

CONSERVATION: No Report

Fish Fry: No Report

Club Managers' Report: No Report

FISHING: No Report

FINANCE & PLANNING: No Report

QUARTER MIDGET CLUB: No Report

ROAD RACE: No Report

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: No Report

JR RIFLE: No Report

MEMBER Matthew Stewart would have won \$70.00 had he been at the meeting. Next month's lucky member could win \$80 if they attend the meeting.

Motion by Mike Graham / Michele Daniels to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Carl Bidinger, Secretary

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Mike Graham. 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 Garten, and Jim Askin to approve excuses of absent officers.
Passed 19 Y.

Ballot of New Members:
27 ballots approved 9 new members.

Treasurer's report: David Rath
Motion to approve as given by John Brundage and Rob Bauer. Passed 18 Y.

Additions to the agenda:
Item #3 Motion #3

Communication and bills
None

President's Comments Warren Pratt
The church group on Sunday is very well organized and keeps the main club building in a clean and organized area. They are also in and out at their scheduled time. The construction of the new rifle range has started and is going along very well.

Ballot Acceptance
27 ballots approved 9 new members.

Club Manager
Two applications have been received at the main office.

Old Business: The AV7 contract had a long discussion by the Board of Directors. If a contract is submitted, it is to be brought to the Board of Directors. The trustee Dale Verhey is in contact with AV7 owners on a daily basis.

The Board of Directors entered into executive session; after discussion, the Board of Directors came out of executive session to resume the regular meeting.

New Business

Item #1 Motion #1 by Jim Askins / Ricky Castillo for the resignation of Dan Valentini from the Board of Directors membership. Passed 18 Y.

Item #2 Motion #2 by John Brundage / Ed Keiser for monies not to exceed \$2,000 to rent an excavator to install steps to the 5-stand. Passed 18 Y.

Item #3 Motion #3 by Jan Krammer / Jim Askins to approve the closure of the indoor range for the fall 2025 and the winter of 2026 indoor .22 caliber bowling pins season, Sunday evenings from 6 PM to 9 PM, October 5 through December 21 and from February 15 through May 17.
Passed 18 Y.

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BUILDINGS 1 VP

None

GROUPS 2 VP Shawn Shilling

The tractor tire has been repaired.

We still need volunteers to clean up areas. Call me if you are interested.

Archery John Borth.

3D Bowhunter Platform Challenge shoot is Saturday, September 13. Sunday, September 14 is our normal 3D shoot from 9 AM to 2 PM.

Immediately following the 3D shoot will be the JOAD open house at 2 PM for anyone interested in knowing more about our Junior Olympic archery development program. Practice will resume the next weekend focusing on the shooting process. On Sundays from 1:30 to 4 PM on the indoor range.

Broadhead leagues begin September 18. The Broadhead league banquet will be immediately following the last day of the league.

Fall leagues begin with the Flint league on Tuesdays starting September 23 at 7 PM and the women's NFAA league on Thursdays starting September 25 at 6:30 PM.

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 Township.

Work bees are every Tuesday at 9 AM through September.

Next archery meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at 7 PM.

1. Wilson Rifle & Pistol

None Given

Junior Rifle Ron Hall (jr)

None Given

Fishing

None Given

Conservation & MUCC

None Given

Muzzleloaders Bill Klym

September rendezvous shoot.

Rendezvous fees are \$10 to shoot just for one day, \$20 to shoot and camp for the weekend, and \$3 for each additional camper from Wednesday the 17th through Thursday the 18th.

Early camp setup is throughout the day.

Friday, September 19 is the pistol woods walk starting at 1:30 PM.

Saturday, September 20 is the long gun woods walk (trade/rifle). Registration starts at 9 AM with the walk starting at 10 AM.

Archery 3D targets, knife, tomahawk, and fire starting timing to be announced throughout the day, awards at 4 PM.

Potluck dinner around the fire at the trading post. Bring a dish to pass around 6:30 PM by the trading post.

Sunday, September 21 is the trade gun woods walk, 9 AM registration, 10 AM start.

The trade gunners match consists of clay birds, knife, tomahawk, and fire starting ongoing after the woods walk. Awards after the trade gun match is complete.

Shot Gun None Given

MMRA Jessica Bortha

October 11 will be MMRA's last club or race of the season. It is our annual pumpkin/fun run. It has been a great race season for our kids. We look forward to another great run next year. MMRA will be hosting a worker bee closing of the track; day to be announced.

Bar: Is Busy.

Special events:

None Given

Good of the order: no motions

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 PM, Ron Hall (jr) / Rob Bauer. Passed 18Y. Respectfully submitted by Joseph Kapelczak



OCSC MUCC Update



Greetings fellow club members. If you're like me, you're excited and getting ready to once again experience fall in Michigan's great outdoors. For this month's column I'll touch on two topics: the Kirtland's Warbler and the departure of MUCC's CEO, Amy Trotter.

Kirtland's Warbler – For those of you familiar with the very unique Kirtland's Warbler, please bear with me. There's a new reason for you to re-acquaint yourself. For those not familiar . . . this beautiful warbler had diminished to only about 200 breeding pairs in the world in the 1970s. And those birds nest and reproduce *only* in Michigan (with a few exceptions). They migrate to the Bahamas during the winter. We discovered that the cause of their decline (and near extinction) was because of loss of the very unique habitat they require for nesting. Jack pine stands 5 to 15 years old in sandy soil like that found near Mio is essentially the only area in the world where they breed. Prior to the mass arrival of humans, forests experienced wildfires frequently enough to regenerate Jack pine stands naturally, thus making suitable habitat for Kirtland's Warblers always available. For most of the 20th century, we followed Smokey the Bear's advice and squashed all forest fires. Once we discovered the connection and started managing Jack Pine habitat, the number of Kirtland's Warblers increased. In 2019, it was removed from the endangered species list (but is still listed as threatened). A number of years ago, a friend and I spent 4 days chasing Kirtland's Warblers in an epic search to photograph an endangered species. We found them and I captured the photos below.



Now the bad news: the estimated total number of Kirtland's Warblers has declined from 2,245 breeding pairs in 2021 to 1,489 breeding pairs this past June. Experts expect the numbers to drop even further in the coming years based on the progression / non-availability of suitable habitat. The conservation lesson for us here is that some species (known as being "conservation-reliant") will always and forever require the intervention of humans to be sustained. This is only one story and one species. There are many similar conservation stories that illustrate why we must uphold the OCSC conservation pledge to ". . . faithfully defend the natural resources of my country: air, soil, and minerals; forests, waters, and wildlife."

MUCC CEO – MUCC announced last Thursday, September 18, 2025, that Amy Trotter is no longer with MUCC. She had been with the organization for over 18 years and has served as Chief Executive Officer for the last 2 plus years. Mike Mitchell will serve as interim-CEO while a search is conducted for a permanent replacement. I've searched for more information on the circumstances of her departure but have found nothing. It is somewhat interesting that outdoors media personality Mike Avery announced Amy Trotter's departure 10 days *before* MUCC did. I'll relay more information as it becomes available.

Kind regards,

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WHRRI
October 2025



By the time you read this, we will be days away from our final race, September 27 & 28. It has been a great year with many new members. Class championships and Top Ten positions are up for grabs, and with the Big Bore Bash and the Pursuit Race happening, it should be an exciting finale to our season!

Elections for WHRRI open Board of Director positions will be held during the General Membership meeting on October 1st. As designed, 4 positions are up for election or re-election every year. Come to the meeting and make your voice heard.

We will celebrate our season, our winners, and the extraordinary contributions of some of our members at the annual Awards Banquet. It will be on Saturday, November 8th. Tickets are only \$30.00 each and will be available both at registration and on MSR. Please attend; it is fun, and the honorees deserve your support! Volunteer Appreciation Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 18th, starting at 10 AM. We owe all of our volunteers, crew members, and family a debt of gratitude; this is our chance to show it.

Watch the website and the forum for more information regarding closing work bees and other events.

To all WHRRI members: Come out to the club and use a range, volunteer, get some food, or do all three. Use the OCSC membership that you renew each year for more than just racing.

2026 WHRRI Race Dates TBD

Happy Racing!
Jerry Morlewski
WHRRI President
OCSC Trustee
www.waterfordhills.com

Archery Club News – October 2025

September is coming to an end, and you know what that means? Broadhead League is over and archery deer season begins October 1st. We hope everyone gets a deer. This year the Hunter's Banquet is back, sponsored by Muzzleloaders. They are looking for game donations. Consider donating game and coming to the banquet.

Smile for the camera! Archery is now being monitored 24 hours a day. We have 10 cameras installed in and around the main buildings to enhance security of our assets.

On Labor Day weekend, we had a vine removal Workbee. The crew was tasked with cutting vines climbing up the trees in the Archery Forest. With short notice of 1 week, we had 20 people cutting vines! A few of them never shot a bow. We appreciated everyone that showed up to help us gain the upper hand on this invasive vine.

In September, we held the 3D Bowhunter Platform Challenge Shoot. The turnout was light with only 14 archers. They provided ideas on using the platform

Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) held an open house on September 14th. The goal was for each member to bring a friend. We had a few new faces. Practice resumes on the indoor range on September 21, from 1:30-4 pm. The coaches will meet on September 28th to formulate a plan for practice and tournaments for the winter season.

Fall Leagues begin on September 23rd with the Flint League on Tuesdays @ 7:00 pm and the Women's NFAA League on Thursdays @ 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.

Workbees end at the end of September for the hunting seasons. Our next scheduled workbee will be the indoor wall rebuild scheduled for December 27th. We have things to do for anyone looking for work hours.

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

Fall/Winter/Spring Bowling-Pin Shoots

.22 Cal., Half-Pins

Open to the Public!

October 5th - December 21st and February 15th - May 17th

Where: The O.C.S.C. Range House

When: Sunday evenings, 6 PM - 9 PM

4770 Waterford Road Clarkston, MI 48346

Cost: \$5 Members, \$10 Non-Members

This is a “Fun-Shoot” for .22LR pistols, but we will allow .22 LR (magazine-fed) rifles.

Typical Equipment: Ruger Mark I, II, III, IV, 22/45; Hi Standard and other similar semi-auto pistols, and .22 Cal. Revolvers. Red Dot or Iron Sights.

Required: Eye and hearing protection.

**Objective and course of fire: Clear the tables as quickly as possible. Range: 21 Ft.
6 tables per shooter per set. (Typically 2-3 sets per night.) Up to 5 shooters on the line.
The longest time is thrown out, and the remaining 5 times are averaged for your score.**

The maximum time for a table is 15 seconds, cleared or not.

Pins must be OFF the table, but not necessarily on the floor to stop the clock.

Shooters start at a “Low Ready” position, waiting for the start buzzer.

No magazine changes, but you are allowed to clear jams.

Check out our Range Safety Video at <https://ocsportsmensclub.com/ranges/> and watch to the end after the credits, at about the 14:30 mark to see what this is all about.

View the updated calendars on the website!



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Advanced Eye Care of Michigan

**Ask for the “Sportsman Shooter Eye Exam”
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