

# OAKLAND COUNTY

# SPORTSMAN

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## Welcome, April!

"Blossom by blossom the spring begins." Spring is in the air and we are looking forward to all of the upcoming events at the club! Reminder to renew your membership, pick up a new key card, and verify your email address for club news and communications. Thank you for your engagement!

## Upcoming Events

MMRA Rookie School: March 28<sup>th</sup> - April 26<sup>th</sup>  
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Easter Egg Hunt | Photos: April 4<sup>th</sup>, 12p-3pm  
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JSAD: May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9am-5pm  
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Clan of the Wolf Spring Rendezvous: May 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>  
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Waterford Twp Memorial Day Parade: May 25<sup>th</sup>, 10am  
Dixie Hwy

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-9pm**

Every Friday Fish Fry

No Carryout after 5pm

**Noon-8:45pm**

(full bar menu also available)

\*Hours subject to change, depending on events or holidays



# OAKLAND COUNTY SPORTSMAN

## OAKLAND COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

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# President's Corner

*Warren Pratt*

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As I finish up my last days as President of OCSC, I reflect back to when I joined this club. I never gave a thought to being on the board, let alone becoming President. OCSC is a very complex organization, and many different events come into play here. I was involved in many sub-club activities where I learned more and more about this club. I have met many new friends here and have lost many friends who will be remembered forever.

Our new leadership will be taking over very soon, but our achievements have been a group effort. I have had lots of help. We, as a group, have accomplished many goals: the new construction of our outdoor range, taxes and financials all caught up, new procedures put in place, new club manager Paul Biediger, and new media coordinator, Michelle Primeaux, in charge of the Club Magazine and other postings in emails and on websites. We have a new 1st VP, Mike Stailey, who has been very busy fixing our key card access, and a new Trustee, Scott Deshetler, filling in an empty seat on the Board. We are still looking for a 2nd VP in charge of grounds. Mike Stailey has made this club one of the top Steel Challenge shooting clubs in the USA.

We also have two Grand Master IDPA shooters now in the club, which is very rare: Brian Wice and Mat Hall. Archery has been very busy with lots of events and a great turnout every time. The WHRRI race track will be opening soon with many race dates already on the calendar. Finally, it has been my honor to have served as your president of OCSC.

Warren Pratt,  
OCSC President



# Vice President's Corner

*Mike Stailey*

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Hello Everyone,

With club elections coming up and the new Executive Board and Board of Directors to be voted in at the March General Membership meeting, everyone is eager to jump in and get started for the upcoming year.

Exciting changes and improvements are in store for OCSC. Club Manager Paul Biediger has been updating the restaurant menu and creating events for members. Keep an eye out via the club calendar for those events. The recent return of Band Night was an overwhelming success. Special thanks to both Kim's in the bar for doing an outstanding job taking care of customers.

From a facilities perspective, I have been putting together a list of maintenance items that need attention after a very harsh winter. I will report back to all of you in the coming months with an action plan for completing this work.

Activities for archery and competitive shooting sports are already in full swing for 2026. If you have been waiting to participate in one of these activities, now is the time to get involved. Check the club calendar for a list of events.

OCSC's Shotgun Club is sponsoring a pheasant hunt on Sunday, March 29, at 8:00 a.m. The event is open to all members and will be held at Walkiewicz Pheasant Farm, 6115 Chapin Road, Deford, MI. If you enjoy pheasant hunting, come out and support the Shotgun Club. For more information, please contact Mark Enzor at 248-318-5348. I look forward to seeing you around the club.

Mike Stailey  
1st Vice President



# Executive Summary

## General Membership Meeting Minutes 2-25-26

The Oakland County Sportsman Club General Membership Meeting for February 25, 2026, was called to order by President Warren Pratt at 7:00 PM and adjourned at 8:18 PM.

### Key actions and reports included:

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- **Attendance:** Roll Call of Officers and Directors was conducted, and a motion to approve absences as presented was passed.
  - **Minutes Approval:** Motions were passed to approve both the January 2026 General Membership Meeting Minutes and the February 2026 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.
  - **New Members:** Twenty-one new members were introduced.
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### Reports Presented:

- **Treasurer's Report:** Dave Rath presented the report for January 2026.
  - **Nominee Committee:** Al Jacobs presented the list of nominees for the Executive Board, Board of Directors, and Trustees.
  - **Sub-Club/Committees:** Reports were given by representatives from MUCC, the Club Manager, PPC, Shotgun, D.R. Wilson, the Range Safety Committee, and Archery.
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### ● New Business

- **Nominee Committee:** Presented list of individuals nominated for club officers
- Nominations from the Floor:** Nominations from the floor were opened, no nominations were made.



# Executive Summary

## Board of Directors Meeting

### Minutes 3-9-26

#### Key Actions & Approvals:

- **Excused Absences and Minutes:**

Approved the list of excused absences, and the previous General Membership and Board of Directors meeting minutes.

- **Treasurer's Report:** The report was **rejected** due to admitted inaccuracies and incompleteness. Key issues noted were an office processing backlog, lack of software integration(QuickBooks and Lightspeed), and fiscal year overlap confusion.

- **Motions Approved (New Business):**

- Approved five life member candidates
- Significant funds for sub-clubs including:
  - i. \$5,000 for 3D targets (Archery).
  - ii. \$1,000 for foam/banding materials (Archery).
  - iii. \$2,000 for general outdoor range maintenance (Archery).
  - iv. \$2,000 for 5,000 paper targets (PPC leagues/DR Wilson).
  - v. \$30,000 for 24 pallets of clay targets (Shotgun club).
  - vi. \$8,500 for competition shooting supplies (Steel Challenge, IDPA, USPSA).
  - vii. Approved moving the March 14th Bullseye match to April 4th.
- **New Member Vote:** 24 yes votes were cast for 22 new members.

#### Executive Board Items & Discussions:

- Accepted the resignation of Board Secretary and Director Joe Kapelczak.
- Approved **WHRR** to assume the cost of Phragmites treatment.
- Agreed to hire **Tech Mechanical** to inspect the Indoor Pistol Range air handling system for lead testing.
- Approved the **relocation of pool tables** and agreed to hire professional movers.
- Discussed club finances authority and investigating alternative website providers.
- Appointed a committee to explore **enclosing the back porch**.
- Initiated efforts to recruit the **Senior Olympic competitions**.





## OCSC MUCC Update



Greetings, fellow club members. This month, I want to tell the story of the conservation pledge we recite at OCSC meetings and ask you some questions. As you know, at most formal OCSC meetings, we recite the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag and we recite the following Conservation Pledge:

*I give my pledge as an American  
to save and faithfully to defend from waste  
the natural resources of my country—its air, soil, and minerals,  
ts forests, waters, and wildlife.*

It's a profound statement that I'm proud to support. I hope to be an asset in pursuing its lofty goals. The story of this pledge goes back to 1946 when Outdoor Life magazine announced a contest to create a conservation pledge that clubs all over the United States could adopt and rally around. The contest prize was \$5,000 (which is over \$70,000 in today's dollars, according to Google AI). The pledge shown above was printed on the cover of the January 1947 issue of Outdoor Life (but without the word "air," which was added later). In rapid succession and in line with the goal of the entire initiative, clubs all over the country adopted the pledge as their own, including Oakland County Sportsmen's Club. The winner was named L.L. Foreman, but interestingly, the person who came in second place was Rachel Carson, author of the landmark 1962 book, ***Silent Spring***.

But let's be honest . . . it's a mouthful. And, if I'm *really* honest, it's at least linguistically awkward if not outright grammatically incorrect. Maybe it's more aligned with the way people spoke and wrote in 1947.

But guess what? In 1993, the pledge was modified by Outdoor Life. It was simplified to the following:

*I pledge to protect and conserve the natural resources of America.  
I promise to educate future generations  
so they may become caretakers  
of our water, air, land, and wildlife.*

There are now many clubs that have adopted this new pledge. OCSC has not. Has this been discussed in the past? What do you think of these pledges? Is one better than the other? Is a change to the newer pledge worthwhile?

Please let me know what you think.

Kind regards,

Dave Budnick OCSC rep to MUCC  
(248) 978-3454  
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# Archery Club News – April 2026

We are coming up to the Archery Banquet in April where we recognize all the league champions as well as those individuals who participated in the Tri-County and Michigan Archers Association tournaments. Every paid-in-full archer who shoots in a league will receive a ticket. Extra tickets are available for purchase. I do not have a price today, but I will by the time you read this article. Contact me, John Borth, if you would like to purchase tickets. We are planning to have a wonderful time. We hope you can make it to the Banquet.

My term as Archery President is quickly coming to an end at April's Archery Meeting. At April's meeting, we will be adding new people to the Archery Board, and we will vote for the Archer of the Year, presenting this award at the Archery Banquet.

March 8 was the third leg of the Souper Sunday 3D Shootout. 63 archers showed up to the shoot. The line was almost full by the normal starting time of 9 am on the first morning of daylight savings time. It shows the dedication of archers to the trade. We had a tremendous response from our archers who volunteered 12 choices of soups, chilis, and stews along with cornbread and cake for dessert. We appreciate the enthusiastic response from our archers. Frankenmuth-Forest Archers won the competition over OCSC Archers by 49 points!

The Archery Championship is March 21 at 5 pm or March 22 at 10 am. Sign up on the indoor range.

The Michigan Archery Association 420 is March 28 & 29 at 10 am and 2 pm. It is our last indoor shoot of the winter season.

Upcoming Archery shoots and leagues:

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|------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| • Sundays  | JOAD                              | 2:00 pm – 5 pm |
| • March 28 | Michigan Archery Association 420  | 10 am & 2 pm   |
| • March 29 | Michigan Archery Association 420  | 10 am & 2 pm   |
| • April 18 | Archery Banquet                   | 5 pm           |
| • April 21 | Archery Instruction for Troop 189 | 7 pm           |
| • April 25 | Flashlight/Zombie Shoot           | 7:30 pm        |

We are offering a new time for Outdoor workbees on Thursdays at 6 PM beginning April 2nd through the month of April. Outdoor workbees also continue Tuesdays at 9:00 AM. These workbees consist of dead tree cutting, clearing shooting lanes, and repairs to safety fences. Come out and earn hours for volunteering. We have other projects that need to be done besides cutting down trees. Give me a call to find the right project for you. Check the Archery website for updates at: Archery Events or Archery Facebook or JOAD.

**John Borth, Archery  
President**

## Shotgun Club News – April 2026

Looking outside today, with temperatures in the 20s and light snow on the ground, spring cannot get here fast enough. While this winter has made shooting challenging with snow, wind, and the cold, summer is around the corner. In preparation for summer, the Shotgun club and ranges are moving to summer hours starting April 1st (no, that is not a fool's day joke). Starting April 1st, the SG club is open TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM and SATURDAY and SUNDAY from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Also, for all the shooters waiting for trailer trap, it will also be opening (weather permitting) for the summer.

On Saturday, April 25th, the SG club is hosting the annual Shotgun Banquet. This is the annual fundraiser for the shotgun club. There will be great food, door prizes, and raffles. Dinner tickets are available for \$40. Please contact Ron Bereznicki (248-561-1966) or the SG club to purchase tickets. If you have not purchased your Gun of The Year raffle tickets, don't miss your chance to win a beautiful Browning semi-automatic 12-gauge with a maple stock. Stop by the SG clubhouse to see for yourself how great this gun looks. The drawing will take place at the Shotgun Banquet.

Come out and give shotgun shooting a try! We offer trap, wobble trap, skeet (steel shot only), 7-yard & 12-yard upland angles, 5-stand, and flurry. Just remember shotgun shooting is way less stressful than golf. So, ditch the golf clubs this summer and come on out with your shotgun.





# Junior Sportsmen's Adventure Day

4770 Waterford Rd \* Clarkston, MI 48346 \* (248) 623-0444



**SHOTGUN**



**ARCHERY**



**Outdoor Skills 101**



**MUZZLE LOADER**



**.22 RIFLE**



**ATV Overview**

*Presented by*  
**Oakland County Sportsmen's Club**  
**Saturday**  
**May 2, 2026**  
**9:00 am - 5:00 pm**

This one day adventure day is open to youth **ages 8 – 18**. You need not be a club member to participate.

You'll spend the day with qualified instructors honing your skills in each of the disciplines listed.

Participants must **pre-register** for this activity.

The Junior Sportsmen's Adventure Day activity has 72 openings. The cost is \$40. All materials are provided. Lunch is included for all those attending. Closing date for registration is Saturday, April 25, 2026.

Register early to reserve your spot.

**Registration begins Saturday,**  
**April 4th – 10:00 am.**  
**Main Club House**

*For more information, download an application form at*  
[ocSportsmensClub.com](http://ocSportsmensClub.com)

\* Menu - SPECIAL GROUPS \*  
Or call Ron at (586) 946-8014

**Interested in donating towards the program.**  
Contact Janay McVety (810) 459-1558



The Oakland County Sportsmen's Club  
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Office Hours: Tue thru Sat 9:00am to 5:00pm



# CLAN OF THE WOLF

## SPRING RENDEZVOUS

— May 15-17, 2026 —

Hosted by The Clan of the Wolf Muzzleloaders

### Rendezvous Fees:

- \$20 Fee shoot and camp for the weekend
- \$3 Each additional camper

### Friday May 15

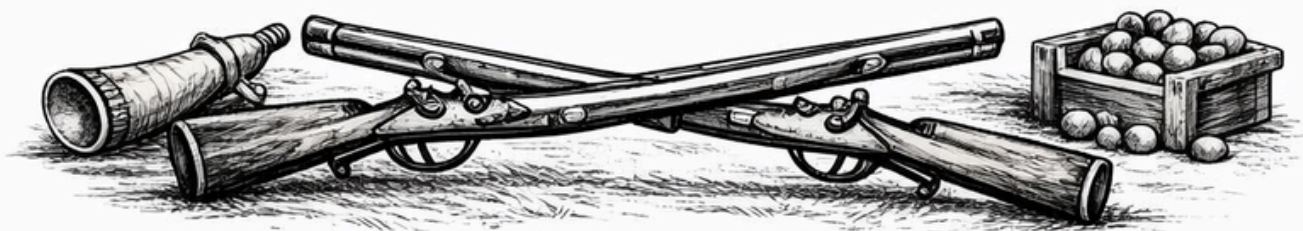
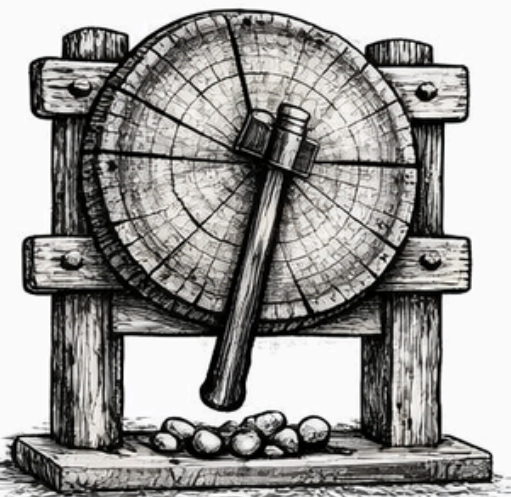
- Early Camp Setup throughout the day
- Pistol Woods Walk – 1:30 pm Start

### Saturday May 16

- 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

### Sunday May 17

- 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



# CHILI RACK COOK-OFF

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**WILD GAME & REGULAR CHILI CATEGORIES**

*Bring your rack – and the tale behind it.*



— MAIN HALL AT  
**OAKLAND COUNTY**  
★ SPORTSMAN'S CLUB ★

TO ENTER, CONTACT STEVE NO LATER THAN  
— MARCH 14 TO REGISTER —

CALL/TEXT: **586-206-9931**



# Fall/Winter/Spring Bowling-Pin Shoots

.22 Cal., Half-Pins

## Open to the Public!

October 5<sup>th</sup> - December 21<sup>st</sup> and February 15<sup>th</sup> - May 17<sup>th</sup>

Where: The O.C.S.C. Range House  
4770 Waterford Road Clarkston, MI 48346

When: Sunday evenings, 6 PM to ~9 PM

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.

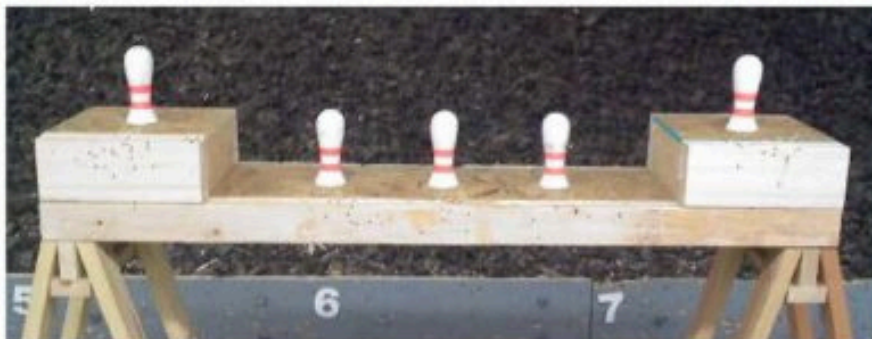
The maximum time for a table is 15-seconds, cleared or not.

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!**

**[Calendar Link](#)**



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