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Welcome, May!

We are looking forward to all of the events planned in the upcoming weeks. Keep an eye on your email and socials for information regarding registration dates, ticket sales, and more! Thank you to our members and volunteers for all that you do - whether it's rolling up your sleeves for Workbees or participating and inviting others to join our club events!

Upcoming Events

JSAD: May 2nd, 9am-5pm

OCSC

Cinco de Mayo Celebration | Taco Bar: May 5th, 1p-9p

OCSC

Clan of the Wolf Spring Rendezvous: May 15th- 17th

OCSC

Waterford Twp Memorial Day Parade: May 25th, 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



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President's Corner

Michael Graham

A Message to OCSC Members

Hello, OCSC members! My name is Michael Graham... it's an honor to serve this great club as President. I give my word that I will work tirelessly to advance the reputation of Oakland County Sportsmen's Club and restore the prestige that this club has enjoyed in years past!

But... before I move ahead, I want to thank Warren Pratt for thoughtfully and carefully advancing the reputation of OCSC and steering this club through some stressful business decisions. This club is a better place because of Warren's efforts.

About Me

I know many of you personally, but for those that don't know me, here's a short recap of my OCSC experience. I believe that I have the credentials to step into the shoes left by Warren Pratt, and what I don't know about OCSC, I'm eager to learn.

- ☒ I joined OCSC six years ago, with Life Member Barry Snyder as my sponsor.
- ☒ In 2022, I became President of the Shotgun Club.
- ☒ In 2024, I was appointed Director of OCSC Police Pistol Combat (PPC).
- ☒ I have served OCSC on the Range Safety Committee.
- ☒ Most recently, I served as Chairman of the OCSC Board of Directors.

Professional Background

Professionally, I'm retired—thank God! I spent forty years in the advertising, marketing, and consumer research fields, mostly in executive leadership roles.

My Connection to OCSC

Now, I feel that I have become part of the OCSC culture—or perhaps the culture has become a part of me. Whatever the case, OCSC is a welcome refuge for me. I truly enjoy the people here and appreciate exploring and utilizing the wide variety of opportunities that this club offers each of us as members.

Looking Forward

Most importantly, I really enjoy working to improve OCSC's reputation as the best club in Southeast Michigan. Don't be shy... please stop by to say "hi" when you see me at the club.



Vice President's Corner

Mike Stailey

Greetings OCSC Members,

By the time you read this, the new Executive Board and Board of Directors will have been seated. We have a strong group of individuals joining the Board, each bringing valuable professional experience, and I am genuinely looking forward to working alongside them. I would also like to take a moment to thank those members whose terms on the Executive Board and Board of Directors have concluded. Your service and dedication to the Club are sincerely appreciated.

As part of our responsibility for the Club's buildings and grounds, President Mike Graham and I will be conducting a comprehensive inspection of all facilities and property. From that review, we will develop a prioritized list of items requiring immediate attention, those to be addressed within the next quarter, and longer-term repairs and upgrades planned for the coming year. Please look for updates on this effort in future Member Newsletters.

Archery, the Competitive Shooting Group, and Shotgun are all gaining momentum as the season progresses. Through its outstanding programming, the Archery group has attracted shooters from another local club who will now be utilizing OCSC's excellent facilities.

On the competitive shooting side, IDPA, USPSA, and Steel Challenge are in full swing. If you have not yet experienced one of these disciplines, I encourage you to register for a match and give it a try.

The Shotgun group will also be launching its Junior Shotgun program in the near future. For additional information, please contact the Shotgun group directly.

On a personal note, I recently made my first visit to the shotgun fields and tried my hand at it. After just two sessions, I was hooked. Now comes the challenge of convincing my lovely bride why I "need" yet another firearm. If you have any persuasive suggestions, I welcome them the next time we meet at the Club.

Waterford Hills Road Racing will be hosting its driver's school this April, with the racing season kicking off the first weekend in May. I encourage you to come out, enjoy a day at the races, and take advantage of everything the event has to offer—including a visit to the concession stand for some classic race day fare.

From an operations standpoint, you may have noticed ongoing improvements to the Club website—and for the better. We now have a reliable and accurate calendar system in place and have been working with our sub-clubs to ensure proper submission of events. I would like to specifically recognize Michelle Primeaux for her significant efforts in updating the website and calendar, along with Danielle and her website expertise. Her hard work and dedication are clearly making a positive impact. When you have the opportunity, please consider reaching out to thank her.

Additionally, OCSC will be hosting a musical event in June featuring the local group Magic Bus. Please watch for upcoming E-Blasts and posted flyers with details regarding dates and ticket availability.

In closing, I am proud and excited to be part of such a remarkable Club—one that offers a wide range of outstanding activities and is supported by some of the finest people you could hope to know.

Mike Stailey
1st Vice President



OCSC Club Manager Update

Welcome and Recent Activities

As I begin my sixth month as club manager, I wanted to share some updates about what's been happening at OCSC. The Bar has been increasingly active, especially with the addition of Euchre nights every Thursday from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. Kim1 and Kim2 have contributed tremendously, starting with Trunk or Treat and continuing with Cookies with Santa. They decorated the main clubhouse and bar for a festive Christmas season, creating a welcoming atmosphere for all. St. Patrick's Day was a great success with our members, and most recently, the Easter Bunny made an appearance, allowing children to take pictures and participate in an egg hunt. Whiskey Business hosted a sold-out show in the main hall, and you can expect more performances from them in the future.

Upcoming Events

Our next major outdoor event will be Magic Bus on the racetrack, scheduled for June 13th. Tickets are available at the bar: \$15 for one, \$25 for two, or \$20 each on the day of the event. There will be food trucks, and the Kims will be serving drinks.

Food and Menu Updates

Ben and Clara have been working hard to create new dishes and specials for our menu. We now offer pizzas on Thursdays! Thanks to Ladies Adventure Day, we have a smoker that will be put to good use, so keep an eye out for upcoming smoked specials.

Club Swap Meet

We will be hosting a club-wide swap meet on June 20th from 12:00 to 4:00 PM in the main club building. Vendor tables are \$25 each, and there is a \$5 entry fee per person. Please contact me in the office if you would like to sign up.

Contact Information

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to reach out to me or simply introduce yourself.

Paul Bieidger



Executive Summary

General Membership Meeting Minutes 3-25-26

The Oakland County Sportsmen's Club General Membership Meeting was called to order by President Warren Pratt at 7 PM on March 25, 2026. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Key Actions & Approvals

- Approved minutes from the February 2026 General Membership Meeting.
- Approved minutes from the March 2026 Board of Directors Meeting. New Executive Officers Sworn In
- President: Michael Graham
- Vice President: Mike Stailey
- Sergeant at Arms: Enrique Castillo
- Executive Secretary: James Salem

New Life Members

The following five individuals were welcomed as new Life members:

- Allen Sutherland
- Thomas Lovette
- Marlie Wostiyca
- Ed Lee
- Dennis Mcvert

Additional Notes

- Reports were presented by various sub-clubs and committees.
- The Treasurer's report was not presented during this session.



Executive Summary

Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes 4-13-26

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Conservation Pledge.

- New Board Members Introduced: Kristy Bechard (QM), Candy Caroveau (Fishing), Ali Eghbalian, Todd Kokko, and Michael Stoutenburg (ST) were welcomed.
- Departing Board Members Recognized: Jim Askins, Carl Bidinger, Scott DeShetler (now Trustee), Michael Graham (now President), Ron Hall (Archery), Joe Kapelczak, Warren Pratt, and Shawn Shilling were acknowledged for their service.

Board Nominations and Approvals

- Chairman Nomination: Mike Graham nominated Victor Veprauskas, who was approved after discussions.
- Secretary Nomination: John Brundage nominated Robert Bauer, who was also approved.

Roll Call: 8 members were absent, and 6 were excused.

Minutes Approval: Previous meeting minutes were approved.

Financial Overview

- Treasurer's Report: David Rath reported a net operating revenue YTD of \$195,915.26, with total bank accounts at \$448,013.06 and liabilities at \$146,844.84.
- Membership Issues: Membership is trailing last year by \$9,071.

President's Comments

- Acknowledgements: Michael Graham thanked departing members and encouraged new members, reminding them of their responsibilities to the club.

New Business and Motions

- Agenda Additions: Various additions were made by D.R. Wilson.
- Communications: Immersive Productions resolved an open issue with a \$1,000 payment.
- Motion Approvals: Several motions were approved, including range closures for events, equipment purchases, and budgets for upcoming activities.

Reports

- Club Manager: Paul Biediger reported on membership adjustments, building issues, and upcoming events.
- Sub-Club Activities: Updates were provided on various sub-clubs, including Archery, Steel Challenge, IDPA, USPSA, PPC, and others.
- New Member Vote: 33 new members were approved.

Conclusion

- Good of the Order: General announcements were made for the benefit of the club.
- Adjournment: The meeting concluded at 8:26 PM.





OCSC MUCC Update



Greetings fellow club members. In recent months, I've described for you the dire financial situation facing Michigan United Conservation Clubs. I'm sorry to have to report to you that the situation has not improved. The end of MUCC as an entity could be near.

Bankruptcy is an option, but likely is not necessary because MUCC does not have significant outstanding debt. The problem is that the organization does not have sufficient ongoing revenue to support ongoing operations. Multiple sources tell me this has been an issue in the making for many years. The board of directors may act soon to initiate dissolution of the 501(c)3 nonprofit we have known and loved since 1937, Michigan United Conservation Clubs.

The MUCC board of directors has taken drastic action in recent months, including the following:

- Terminated the employment of multiple staff members.
- Terminated the lease for their Lansing headquarters.
- Changed to permanent "work from home" model for remaining staff.
- Temporarily terminated publication of "Michigan Out of Doors" magazine.
- Canceled camps for the 2026 season.

A change by MUCC in recent years to the dues structure has resulted in less overall dues revenue coming into MUCC. The result of this change by MUCC in how much each club is charged has resulted in lower annual dues for large clubs (like OCSC) and higher annual dues for smaller clubs. The number of individual members (those who pay \$35 per year and may not be affiliated with a club) has also decreased. Now, MUCC does not take in sufficient revenue to sustain the same level of operations that have been the norm in the past.

On the two pages that follow this article are descriptions of the tremendous value MUCC provides and an appeal to those who are willing to become individual members and help sustain the organization. I am an individual member as well as a member (like all of you) by virtue of being part of OCSC. I encourage you to do the same and become an individual member. If you are currently an individual member or will answer this appeal from MUCC, I'd love to hear from you.

Informing you of these matters is not pleasant for me. I want to write about actual conservation topics that matter to all of us at Oakland County Sportsmen's Club. I have lots of topics I'm planning to write about (and a few opinions I'd like to convey), but for now, MUCC deserves this attention.

Please let me know what you think.

Kind regards,

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UNITING MICHIGAN TO PROTECT OUR OUTDOOR HERITAGE

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TODAY & FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

MUCC

OUR PRIORITIES

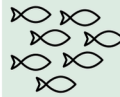
SCIENCE-BASED WILDLIFE & FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

Sound science & the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation guide all policy decisions.



GREAT LAKES PROTECTION & FISHERIES ENHANCEMENT

Strong invasive species management & long-term stewardship of Michigan's most critical resource.



HABITAT & PUBLIC LAND STEWARDSHIP

Improving wildlife habitat & ensuring balanced access for all outdoor users on public land.



YOUTH OUTDOOR EDUCATION & RECRUITMENT

"Kids in the Outdoors" & education initiatives to recruit the next generation of conservationists.

SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR NATURAL RESOURCES

Long-term funding solutions to properly manage wildlife, forests, & outdoor recreation.



PUBLIC ACCESS & OUTDOOR OPPORTUNITY

Expanding access to hunting, fishing, & recreation for all through partnerships & outreach.

CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIPS & VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT

Mobilizing a statewide network of members and volunteers behind Michigan conservation.



SPORTSMEN AGAINST HUNGER

Hunters donating venison to feed families while promoting responsible wildlife management.



A VOICE FROM THE FIELD

Michigan's wild places, from our backyards to the state forests, aren't just resources- they are our identity. Every time we cast a line, pull a trigger, or step into the woods, we are part of something bigger than ourselves. MUCC is how we can make our voices heard and ensure that those moments and opportunities endure for the generations after us. This is why I care, why I show up, and why MUCC matters to me.

- **Shelby LaButte** / Hunter, Angler, & Conservationist / MUCC Board Member

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Become a Member

Join a Statewide Network of Conservationists

Support Our Mission

Advocate for Michigan's Natural Resources

Partner with MUCC

Strengthen Collaboration for Lasting Impact

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MICHIGAN UNITED CONSERVATION CLUBS

A MESSAGE TO OUR MEMBERS

**SINCE 1937, MUCC HAS BEEN THE VOICE OF MICHIGAN'S OUTDOORS.
TO KEEP THAT VOICE STRONG, WE ARE MAKING A STRATEGIC SHIFT.**

MUCC is currently navigating a period of financial transition. To ensure our long-term viability, the Board of Directors has moved the organization into a **strategic "idle mode."** This is not a shutdown. It is a deliberate, necessary pause to modernize our operations and strengthen our foundation for the decades to come.

The reality is the model MUCC has operated under since 1937 must evolve to meet the demands of today's world. We are using this time to build a more *agile, effective, and modern* organization. One that will continue for another 90 years.

The Work in Progress

- **Reaffirmed Mission:** Our core values remain the bedrock of everything we do.
- **Strategic Growth:** We are developing a forward-focused plan with modernized marketing and deeper digital engagement.
- **Uninterrupted Advocacy:** MUCC's vital work with the Legislature, DNR, and NRC remains a constant. Our seat at the table is not changing.

How You Can Help

To bridge the gap during this transition, we are asking our member clubs for a sustaining financial contribution. These funds will ensure we maintain essential operations while we finalize our relaunch plan.

- **Heritage Supporter:** \$100-\$999
- **Legacy Partner:** \$1,000-\$4,999
- **1937 Society:** \$5,000+

Your contribution is an investment in the next century of Michigan conservation. These funds provide the vital bridge through our transition and toward a relaunch that honors our 1937 roots while meeting today's challenges head-on. Help us lead the charge into MUCC's next chapter.

The 30-Day Goal

Our ambition is to reach every conservationist in Michigan within the next 30 days!

Stay engaged- the conservation clubs have always been the foundation of MUCC, and your voice, support, and leadership will shape our next chapter.

Updates will follow as we hit our milestones. We sincerely thank you for standing with us as we secure the future of MUCC, Michigan's voice in natural resources.

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Waterford Hills Road Racing: May 2026



It is almost May. The race season starts with activities on the track 3 out of 4 weekends between the end of April and the beginning of May. After a few weeks off, we race Memorial weekend, and then many of us racers volunteer at the Detroit Grand Prix the following weekend. The next WHRRI general membership meeting is May 6th. That should give everyone plenty of time to prepare bench racing discussions to have at the meeting. Thank you to everyone who has participated in the work bees to get the track in prime condition for the season. The upgraded barriers are a lot of work but are looking good. To all WHRRI members: please come out to the club (WHRRI General Membership Meeting 1st Wednesday of each month at the clubhouse; except December), use the range, volunteer, grab some food, or do all three. Remember that your OCSC membership is for more than just racing — make the most of it when you renew each year.

2026 WHRRI Race Dates:

Driver School April 25-26, Race 1 May 2-3, Race 2 May 23-24, Race 3 June 27-28, Vintage July 24-26, Race 4 August 1-2, Race 5 August 29-30, Race 6 September 26-27

Happy Racing!

Jerry Morlewski
WHRRI President
OCSC Trustee

Archery Club News – May 2026

Spring is here! The Workbee crew is working hard to have the outdoor range open for leagues in May. The Woods course was cleared and set up with 20-3D targets for the first outdoor shoot of the year. We had a beautiful day to set up the course, but rain moved in at the beginning of the shoot. The rain cleared by 10:30 am allowing archers to shoot the course.

The rest of the archery trails have many downed trees. Come out on Tuesdays at 9 am and Thursdays at 6 pm through April to help us clear the trails. In May, workbees will move to 9 am on Wednesdays.

JOAD just held their banquet to award youth archers pins for achieving milestones in their shooting scores. JOAD now moves outside to the FITA field for the summer season. Improvements were made moving the shooting line to 70 meters creating more space for spectators. Their first shoot of the summer is the SAM tournament held here in June at OCSC on the racetrack.

The Archery Banquet was just held where we recognize the Archer of the Year, all the league champions as well as those individuals who participated in the Tri-County and Michigan Archers Association tournaments. We will let you know next month who Archer of the Year is as this article was due before the banquet.

Upcoming Archery shoots and leagues:

- April 25 Flashlight/Zombie Shoot 7:30 pm
- May 2 Junior Adventure Day – Indoor Range Closed 8 am – 6 pm
- May 5 3D League 9 am– 11 am
- May 5 3D League 4 pm – 7 pm
- May 5 Instructional Youth League 5 pm
- May 6 FITA League 6 pm
- May 7 Field & Hunter 9 am – 11 am
- May 7 Field & Hunter 4 pm – 7 pm
- May 15 Michigan Bow Hunters Spring 3D Shoot 3 pm – 8 pm
- May 16 -17 Michigan Bow Hunters Spring 3D Shoot 9 am – 3 pm
- May 20 Archery Meeting 7 pm – 8:30 pm
- May 30 Ladies Adventure Day – Indoor Range Closed 8 am – 6 pm

Check the Archery website for updates [Archery Events](#) or [Archery Facebook](#) or [JOAD](#).

This is my last article as Archery President. I thoroughly enjoyed watching the club grow. We have expanded our youth programs, especially JOAD with a strong coaching team and many new youth archers along with a new adult JOAD program. We have gained interest from newer members stepping up to be on the Archery Board to continue our legacy of being a top tier archery club in the region. This was made possible by all of our volunteers, too many to list here, that makes our club the best.

We still have a lot of work ahead of us. Inventing creative shoots to challenge our archery community. Enticing Senior Olympics to use our facilities for their competition along with the many archery associations we try to schedule a shoot. Recruiting younger adults to be members. One of our biggest challenges is paving the parking lot for safer winter access and better ADA access. This has been a tough sell to the executive board. I believe we can achieve all these things and more if we put our minds to it.

In closing, I am proud to serve as your president for the last few years.

John Borth, Archery President



Junior Sportsmen's Adventure Day

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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

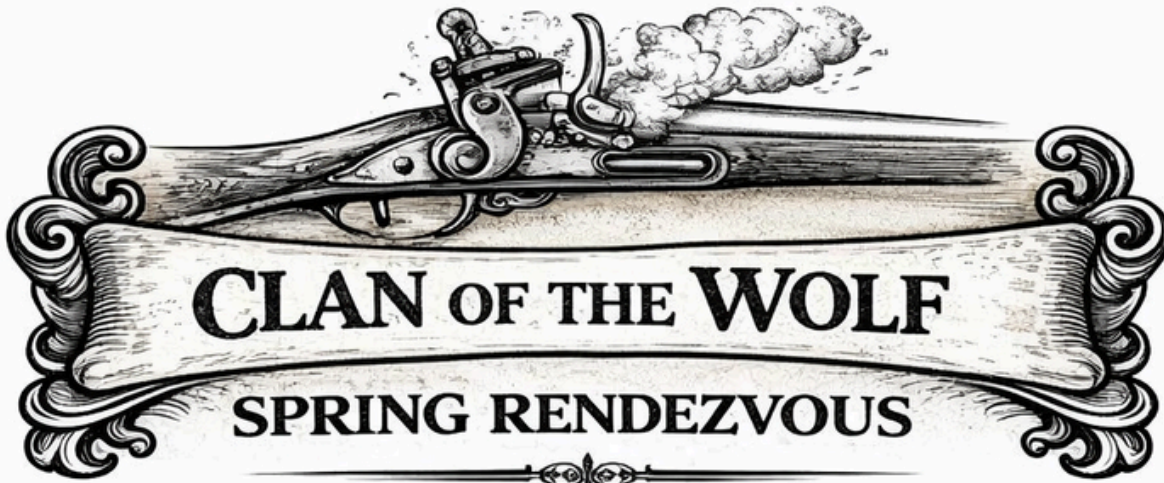
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CLAN OF THE WOLF

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

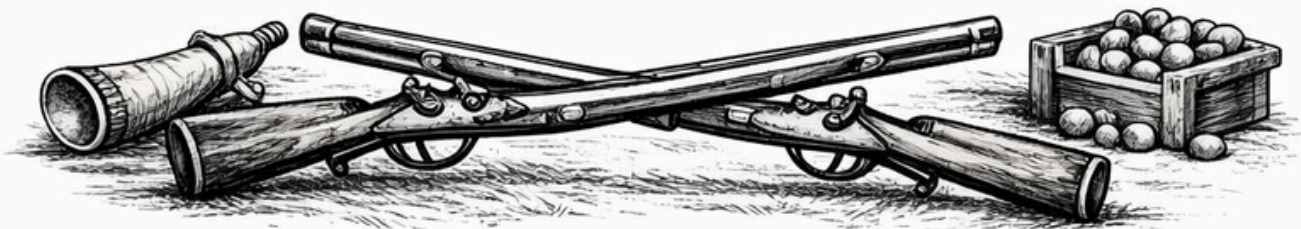
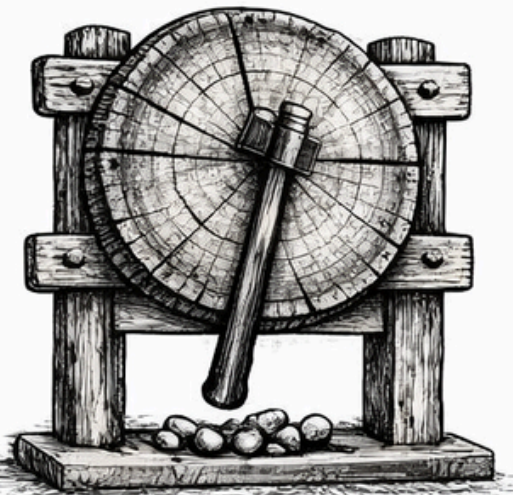
- Early Camp Setup throughout the day
- Pistol Woods Walk – 1:30 pm Start

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





Archery Workbees

Thru April:

Tuesdays @ 9:00 am

Thursdays @ 6:00 pm

**Outdoor Range Fallen Tree Cleanup
Trail Prep for Summer Shoots and Leagues
Broadhead Target Painting
Tournament Volunteers
Special Event Volunteers**

as well as

Several Do It Yourself Projects

Questions?

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LONG-RANGE RIFLE TEST FEST!

Sunday, MAY 17, 2026 | 11 - 4 pm

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