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Welcome, July!

Is there anything better than Michigan in July? Thank you once again to all of our incredible volunteers and staff that come together to create amazing events for our members and guests to enjoy. Keep an eye on the calendar and your email for club updates! Happy Summer!

Upcoming Events

Independence Fest: Saturday, June 27th 11am-10pm
Clintonwood Park

Independence Day Parade: July 4th 10am
Downtown Clarkston

MMRA Quad City Series: July 11th & 12th
MMRA Track

Breakfast on Saturday & Sunday from **Noon to 4pm**
Kitchen Hours Sat & Sun **12-4pm** (Bar open until 5pm)

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

Welcome!

1st, Independence Day is just around the corner... let's all celebrate the 250th anniversary of America's independence! I hope that everyone enjoys a safe and festive holiday.

Now, in case you hadn't noticed, there's been a lot happening at OCSC in the recent weeks and a lot of people (members and non-members alike) are talking about this club in positive terms...

- Ladies Adventure Day took the club by storm on Saturday, May 30 @ OCSC. Nearly 100 ladies took part in the daylong event. What a terrific way to showcase OCSC to "the fairer sex"! The whirlwind behind this fabulous event is Monique Matson (and a host of OCSC members).
- OCSC hosted the Michigan State Steel Championship match on June 5, 6 & 7... the 3-day event is a real "feather in our cap." What a terrific way to showcase OCSC to top-tier shooters from around the country! Hats off to Mike Stailey (1st VP) and his incredible crew. Everyone I spoke with at the event (and afterward) judged it a resounding success! A door has opened for OCSC to rise to prominence among the shooting community!
- On Saturday, June 13, OCSC hosted Magic Bus, a well-known musical band. The event was a huge success... very well-organized thanks to Kim Scribner (K1) and her incredible team of volunteers. The giant party (600+ people!) was blessed with great weather... everyone (and I mean everyone!) I spoke with was gushing with praise and remarking on what an amazing place OCSC is! In my time as a member of OCSC, I can't recall another band night that was so successful or enjoyable.
- And not to be overlooked, I want to thank all of the volunteers that worked hard to make these events successful! Your efforts paid off in spades.

Seriously... there's always something good happening at OCSC! Please check the OCSC website, <https://ocsportsmensclub.com>, or visit the OCSC Facebook page. There's more to come...

MMRA, WHRRI, archery, muzzleloaders, fishing club, the restaurant, and the bar.

And as I've said before... remember to volunteer your time at OCSC. Get involved with the club and all that the club has to offer! Help make OCSC the greatest place to enjoy the beautiful Michigan summer.

I'm looking forward to seeing you around the club!

Happy 250th birthday, America! Happy 4th of July!!

Michael Graham



Vice President's Corner

Mike Stailey

Greetings Everyone,

The month of June has been exceptionally busy and exciting for Oakland County Sportsmen's Club. During the first weekend of June, the D.R. Wilson Action Pistol Range hosted its first-ever Michigan State Steel Challenge Championship, and the event was a tremendous success. Competitors included world champion shooting teams and shooters from across the country, representing states such as California, Texas, New York, Florida, and many throughout the Midwest.

Thanks to the efforts of our volunteers and staff, OCSC is now being recognized as one of the premier shooting clubs on the national stage. I would also like to extend a special thank-you to Scout Troop 185 for assisting with painting targets for the championship. Removing the burden of target painting from competitors was a huge plus and added a unique touch to the event. The Scouts did a fantastic job, and their contribution was greatly appreciated.

In addition, the club recently hosted an outdoor concert featuring Magic Bus that attracted more than 600 attendees. The event was expertly organized by Kim Scribner, Kim Little, Club Manager Paul Biediger, and a dedicated team of volunteers. For many attendees, it was their first introduction to OCSC. Everyone I spoke with described it as a fantastic event and praised the welcoming atmosphere and outstanding experience.

Whether speaking with competitors at the championship or guests attending the concert, the comments were remarkably similar:

"What a great club."

"The facilities are top-notch."

"How do I become a member?"

Events such as the Michigan State Steel Challenge Championship and the Magic Bus concert showcase the best of what OCSC has to offer. They demonstrate our ability to host nationally recognized shooting competitions while also providing outstanding family-friendly events that bring new people through our gates. These opportunities help strengthen our reputation, grow membership interest, and reinforce OCSC's position as one of the premier sportsmen's clubs in Michigan.

As I have said before, I am proud to be a member of OCSC. It truly is one of the finest clubs in Southeast Michigan, and its reputation continues to grow because of the dedication, commitment, and hard work of its members, volunteers, and staff.

Thank you for everything you do to make OCSC a destination for shooters, families, and our community. I look forward to seeing you at the club.

Mike Stailey
1st Vice President
Oakland County Sportsmen's Club



Oakland County Sportsmen's Club Continues to Thrive Thanks to Dedicated Volunteers and Staff

As Club Manager of Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, I am proud to report that our organization continues to operate at a very high level, thanks to the dedication of our members, volunteers, staff, and leadership team. Every successful event, league, competition, banquet, and gathering reflects the hard work of countless individuals who are committed to making our club one of Michigan's premier destinations for sportsmanship, conservation, recreation, and family activities.

From our shooting sports programs and archery events to racing activities, educational opportunities, and community gatherings, the momentum at Oakland County Sportsmen's Club continues to grow. Our facilities remain active, our membership remains engaged, and our calendar is filled with exciting opportunities for members and guests alike.

The success of our recent events did not happen by accident. It was made possible by the incredible team effort that takes place behind the scenes. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Kim 1 and Kim 2, who consistently provide outstanding service and help create the welcoming atmosphere that our members and visitors enjoy. Your professionalism, friendliness, and commitment to customer service play a major role in making every event a positive experience.

I would also like to recognize and thank our volunteers. Whether you helped with setup, registration, scoring, food service, cleanup, event coordination, maintenance, or countless other tasks, your contributions make a tremendous difference. Our club has always been built on volunteerism, and your willingness to give your time and energy helps keep that tradition strong. The positive feedback we continue to receive from members and guests is a direct reflection of your efforts. Because of your hard work, our recent events have been some of our most successful and well-attended in recent memory. The teamwork, dedication, and sense of community displayed throughout these events demonstrate exactly what makes Oakland County Sportsmen's Club such a special place.

As we look ahead to the rest of the year, we remain focused on providing exceptional programs, maintaining our outstanding facilities, and creating memorable experiences for everyone who visits our club. Together, we will continue building on our proud tradition of sportsmanship, conservation, and community involvement.

On behalf of the club, thank you again to Kim 1, Kim 2, volunteers, event organizers, committee members, and every individual who contributed to the success of our recent events. Your hard work does not go unnoticed, and Oakland County Sportsmen's Club is stronger because of you.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events and continuing the success we have built together.

**Sincerely,
Paul Biediger
Club Manager
Oakland County Sportsmen's Club**

Executive Summary

Board of Directors Meeting 6-8-26

Full Version Emailed to Members

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Conservation Pledge. Guests Dave Budnick and Christopher Collins were introduced. Roll call indicated five absences, with four excused. The absence of members was accepted, and minutes from previous meetings were approved.

The Treasurer's Report by David Rath was omitted due to inaccuracies, with a motion passed to exclude it from the magazine. No additions were made to the agenda. President Mike Graham thanked Monique and Mike Stailly for recent successful events and reminded directors of their responsibilities. Club Manager Paul Bidiger reported positive results for the bar and restaurant and resolved a hall rental invoice issue.

New members were accepted via ballot. Old business included a motion to amend a previous CPA search decision, which passed. It was noted that David Rath and Jan Kramer resigned from their positions.

In new business, several motions were discussed and passed, including re-titling the "MUCC Representative" position to "Director, Conservation Advocacy" and appointing Dave Budnick to this role. A motion was passed to conduct a thorough financial audit for fiscal years 2024 and 2025, ensuring compliance with financial standards and limiting costs to \$5,000. Additional motions included selling unused target frames and granting a 10% dues reduction to active duty military and first responders. A motion requiring sub-clubs to comply with bylaws by June 2026 failed after a roll-call vote.

Officer reports included updates from the 1st Vice President on building repairs and sub-club activities. The Archery club reported a successful event, and the DR Wilson club highlighted a successful Michigan State Championship Steel Challenge. Quarter Midget outlined upcoming races, and Shotgun noted the start of Jr Shotgun sessions. Fourteen new members were unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.



Executive Summary

General Membership Meeting Minutes 5-27-26

Full Version Emailed to Members

The meeting commenced at 7:03 PM, beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for deceased members Gordon Garten and John Shep. A Celebration of Life for Gordon is set for July 19th, accompanied by a raffle sponsored by Hunters Insight, with proceeds donated in his honor.

Officers and Board Members present included Michael Graham, Michael Stoutenbeg, Rob Bauer, and others, with a few excused and unexcused absences noted. The motion to approve excused members was accepted.

Minutes from previous meetings in April and May were approved. A motion regarding \$89,000 for paving the Archery parking lot was defeated, but the overall May meeting minutes were approved, including the paving expenditure.

Thirty-seven new members were welcomed. Treasurer David Rath reported April's finances: Income of \$117,172.78, Expenses of \$136,892.50, resulting in a net loss of \$19,454.15, with \$441,555.79 in the bank.

In new business, Club Manager Paul Bidiger announced the "Magic Bus" event, seeking volunteers and introducing a new fundraiser. He reminded members of specific rules for the swap meet and noted the campground's availability. Fishing Club's Candi Cariveau requested an additional boat for Ladies Adventure Day.

Dave Budnik shared updates regarding MUCC, noting its dissolution, changes in deer regulations, and concerning commercial fishing bills. Eric Larson emphasized the importance of Dave's conservation role. Al Jacobs mentioned a 5-gun raffle and upcoming Steel Challenge State Match, seeking volunteers.

Ron Gerchow from Archery highlighted recent and upcoming events, including a Ladies Adventure Day and various shoots. No updates were provided for Shotgun and Muzzleloaders sections. An aluminum/pull-tab contest is planned for July 12th.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM, as moved by Matt Martinec and seconded by Candi Cariveau. The minutes were submitted by Robert Bauer.



The Conservation Corner

Greetings fellow club members,

I have three things to report on this month. First, an update on the commercial fishing bills. Then, a laughable proposal that we better take seriously, and finally, some news regarding the role we previously called the “MUCC representative.”

HB 5801 and HB 5802: The two Michigan House bills that would allow for commercial fishing (netting) of walleye, perch, lake trout, and other species are still alive, but hopefully close to being dead. In the last month, multiple co-sponsors of the bills, both Democrats and Republicans, have rescinded their co-sponsorship and reversed their endorsement to now oppose the bills. The Michigan DNR also opposes the bills, as do over 170 Michigan conservation organizations like OCSC (this according to the newly formed “Michigan Angler Consortium”). After a committee hearing and some outstanding written and verbal testimony, it seems as if the likelihood of a vote by the full legislature is low. We can stop it if we act.

We are not over the finish line yet on this issue. Have you ever written to your elected representatives? It’s very easy. You can do it via email, and you will get a response back. I contacted my State Representative (Donni Steele) and my State Senator (Ruth Johnson) to register my objection to these bills. If you want to be a conservation advocate, you too can take this small action so easily. Please do it! Today. And please mention that you are a member of OCSC.

Oregon ballot proposal – In case you’ve ever wondered how bad it could get for us outdoorspeople, consider this: enough signatures have been collected in Oregon to place a proposal on the November ballot that would make the intentional harming, killing, or forcing of sexual relations by animals (i.e. breeding) a felony. This is not a joke. This proposal would make it illegal to engage in activities including farming, ranching, fishing, hunting, dog-breeding, animal research, and many veterinary practices. There are multiple out-of-state anti-hunting and “animal rights” organizations getting behind this proposal, hoping it will be a template for other states. So far, they have been successful. That is, they got enough signatures to get it on their statewide ballot. To me, this is very alarming. There really are people out there who want to prevent us from living the outdoor lifestyle we cherish.

New Title – I would like to extend my appreciation to the OCSC Board of Directors for their support at the most recent board meeting. Two motions were presented: one to establish the position at OCSC of “Director of Conservation Advocacy” and second, to appoint me to that position. Both the board and you, the general membership, have expressed the opinion that we should be aware of threats to our natural resources, that we should be aware of actions we can take, and that we should in fact ACT when necessary. Our club’s Constitution and Bylaws list seven objectives for why the club exists. The first of those seven is to **“encourage and safeguard conservation in all of its aspects.”** That objective will be the guiding principle of the role of Director of Conservation Advocacy. Additionally, this monthly column will be called the “Conversation Corner,” a title that has been used by the club for some years, including on our website. Please feel free to let me know your thoughts on any conservation (and 2nd amendment) issues.

Dave Budnick – Director, Conservation Advocacy, Oakland County Sportsmen’s Club
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Archery Club News – July 2026

With much warmer weather upon us, we are well into all our summer leagues. We just finished a successful SAM shoot on the racetrack field on June 5th and 6th with over 60 archers competing. July 11th and 12th, our 3D course will be hosting an ASA shoot. Our Archery Club meeting for July 15 starts at 7 PM for those who would like to attend. July 18th, we have a private event on our FITA field with the Masons. July 19th is the second leg of the BBQ shoot trifecta at Detroit Sportsmen's Congress. We have started on all our tasks to prepare for the much-needed paving of our parking lot. Some great work has been accomplished to ready the area to be paved. This will provide us the ability to be fully ADA compliant and, in the future, have the Senior Olympics indoor shoot and offer our range to disabled archers.

Get ready for Archery by joining us for our upcoming Broadhead Leagues that begin July 28th for the morning league and July 29th and 30th for the evening leagues. These leagues run for 8 weeks with an awards banquet at the end. August 8th and 9th, it's time for the annual Bow Hunter Jamboree with a totally new course idea from Bob Ayotte; it should be a lot of fun.

August 16th is the 3rd leg of the 3D BBQ shoot to be held at Royal Oak Archers. The price for all BBQ shoots is \$15.00 for shooting and includes food. I would think that many are now doing their scouting and working on their food plots along with picking sites for blinds and stands. Whatever you are doing in the great outdoors, make sure you are safe to be able to enjoy the upcoming seasons. Our shoot committee is working to coordinate all our upcoming shoots. Soon we will have calendars on the main club website and the archery website that actually correspond.

Ron Gerchow
Archery Club President

OCSC Shotgun News

July, 2026

Men's & Women's leagues are underway, with the men shooting trap & wobble trap and the women shooting 5-stand and trailer trap. The men's championship is Saturday, June 20th, and the women's is July 11th. All shotgun club members are welcome to shoot.

Shotgun has started, and once again we have a full group of 20 shooters, including 5 girls. Our instructors, Dave Carlock, Frank Schietaert, Tim Bentley, Dan Porter, and Ron Bereznicki, have their hands full with 6 totally new shooters.

July 12th is the Jr. Shotgun Meat Shoot fundraiser. Hamburgers, ribs, NY strip steaks, and prime rib are the prizes you'll be shooting for. \$5 a shot, and you can purchase as many shots as you want. We use the money to replace old worn-out supplies and keep Jr. Shotgun affordable. Please mark your calendars and come out and join us for this great cause.

Shooting has been a little sketchy due to weather. All members and non-members are welcome to come out and shoot. We're open Tuesday & Wednesday 6 PM-10 PM, and Saturday and Sunday 11 AM-4 PM.

Are you looking for a great activity for your work or social club? Sign up for our Steak & Shoots: 25 rounds of trap with a cook-your-own steak dinner. For more information and scheduling, contact Michael Graham at michaelalanjamesgraham@gmail.com or call (248) 417-5951.

Michael Graham
Shotgun President





July Races

7/11/2026	SAT	Quad City Regional Race
7/12/2026	SUN	Points Race 4
7/17/2026	FRI	Friday Night Fury 2
7/18/2026	SAT	Points Race 5 Christmas In July
7/19/2026	SUN	Points Race 6



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OCSC 2026 SUMMER BOWLING-PIN FUN SHOOTS

**On the New OCSC “Events Range”
(Next to the new Outdoor 100-yd range.)**

**July 12 & 19, August 9 & 16, September 13 & 20, ~3 PM to 6 PM?
Center-fire and Rim-fire pistol, revolver, and pistol caliber carbine (PCC). .22
LR to .45 ACP. No magnums.
Up to four 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.**

**Each set consists of shooting six tables/stands of five pins.
(Usually, as we sometimes include other fun variations.)
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>

**The Pin-Shoots will be run Sunday afternoons, up to twice a month, weather
permitting.**

**These are “Fun Shoots,” not matches, with the emphasis on improving your
skills and safety, and it 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!**