



# OAK HARBOR CONSERVATION CLUB CONNECTION

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Club Phone: (419) 898-9923

## F.Y.I.

Membership fee is \$75.00 annually (\$50.00 for Sr. Citizen 65 yrs. or older or Disabled) with a one time \$20.00 initiation fee; (Upland Game Fee, is \$40 Annually -Open To All Members ) (Waterfowl Hunt/Maintenance Fee, is \$20 Annually -Open To All Members) all memberships expire on Dec. 31 of each year, regardless of date joined

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## COMMUNITY

### CASH PROGRAM IS BACK:

The O.H.C.C. is participating in the Community Cash Back Program which gives nonprofit organizations the opportunity to earn 1% cash back on qualifying purchases made at participating locations (exclusions apply). Our club members and their families who shop at the Community Markets, Fulmer Community Markets and Great Scot Community Markets will be helping us to take advantage of this timeless fundraiser. There is no limit on the amount of funds we can raise, simply save your cash register tapes and turn them in at the monthly club meetings.

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*When space is available, club members are welcome to advertise, free of charge, items for sale or wanted to buy.*

*Please let us know when to remove any items that has been fulfilled.*

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**Terry Rudes** will be conducting **Concealed Carry Classes** on **August 23 - 24, September 6 & 7, September 27 & 28**. The prices for a single person signing up is \$100, \$90.00 per person for 2 signing up, and \$83.00 person for 3 people signing up. There is a \$10 discount for club members. Advanced registration is required Classes are from 5:00 P.M. Friday evening and Saturday 8:00 A.M. till 5:00P.M. For further information contact **Terry at 419-732- 3000**.

**Non-Members are not permitted on ANY club property unless accompanied by a current OHCC Club member(s), unless attending a club function that is open to the public. Anything else will be considered TRESPASSING!!!**

**-REMINDER- THERE IS NO TRAP OR SKEET SHOOTING ON THE GORDON ROAD OUTDOOR RANGE PROPERTY Sighting in your shotgun into the backshop is permitted.**

**NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS THE INDOOR RANGES WILL NOW BE OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK 24 HOURS A DAY. HOWEVER, IF WE GET COMPLAINTS YOU ARE TO BE COURTEOUS AND PACK UP YOUR GEAR AND LEAVE. THANK YOU - THE OFFICERS & TRUSTEES.**

**NOTICE:** Deadline for the newsletter and/or calendar items is at the monthly meetings. Give your information to J. Slosnerick or e-mail: [ohccjackie@cross.net](mailto:ohccjackie@cross.net). Thank you.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:** The Oak Harbor Conservation Club would like to introduce the following new members **Roger Goetz, David A. Kerzee, John Schroeder, Jeffrey Hild, James Paul Rinaldo** We're glad to have you join us!

**NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS** There will be a vote on the sale of limited parcel(s) of Darr property at the September general meeting. You are encouraged to attend and have your voice heard.

**NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS-** All of those who are interested in getting an electronic key fob, (\$20) to the clubhouse and/or to be checked out for the use of the range(s), come to the Gordon Road Clubhouse. **The check out will be August 26 at 7:00 P.M.** Bring your membership card, your own eye & hearing protection, firearm(s) and your own ammunition. If you need a replacement fob the charge is now \$20. We are going to schedule this for the last Monday of each month, check calendar and newsletter. If you have any questions call **John Duncan at 419-276-1213**. John would like to thank **Jim Nieman, Ed Fought & Richard Rudes** for all of their help.

**President Duncan** is asking for anyone interested in chairing any one of our Standing Committees to **contact him by Phone 419-276-1213 or e-mail [jduncan@thirdplanet.net](mailto:jduncan@thirdplanet.net). THESE POSITIONS ARE APPOINTED ANNUALLY BY THE PRESIDENT. These committees include Finance, Constitution & Bylaws, Publicity, Adopt-A-Road, Audit, Fishing, Property, Wood Duck, Scholarship, Proposed Projects, Activity, Rifle & Handgun, Darr Wetlands, Upland Game, Membership and Youth Hunt.**

**SEEKING CANDIDATES** - Any eligible members wishing to run for any club office or for trustees are to contact Nominating Committee Chairman **Ralph Burnstine 419-734-3751 (during the day)** We have several openings that need to be filled, including officers, this is your club, and if you would like your interests to be represented you must participate. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the Annual meeting in October.

**ADOPT-A-ROAD PROGRAM 2013: Dennis Finke** announces the last date for 2013 will be Thursday **September 26** Starting at 5:00 P.M. at the Gordon Road Club House, It's suggested that you wear Hi-Vis orange vests, hardsoled shoes or boots, long pants and gloves. The committee will collect litter and other man made debris from an area of county roads. Areas to be picked up are: Toussaint North Road - Carroll Township- Two miles between Benton Carroll & Duff Washa Roads; Portage Township South Road - Salem Township - Two miles between Oak Harbor Southeast & Muddy Creek North Road; Gordon Road - Salem Township - One mile between Portage River South Road to Portage River. Contact **Dennis Finke at 419-898-0518** or **Scott Kieffer at 419-707-0232, Steve Kessler at 419-734-4910** for more information or to volunteer.

**There will be NO UPLAND HUNTING until you contact Keith Kralik at 419-202-9544**

**Terry Rudes proposes the following changes to the constitution to better reflect our club objectives -**

Article II Purposes and Objectives of the Oak Harbor Conservation Club

10. To develop, promote, and support a comprehensive educational program for juniors to teach basic firearm safety and use, to teach and promote marksmanship, and provide competition opportunities in shooting sports.

11. To develop, promote, and support a educational opportunities for juniors in hunting, fishing and trapping, and conservation.

12. To develop, promote, and support a comprehensive educational program for the public in firearm safety, firearm use, and to encourage lawful exercise of firearm use.

By Laws Section 3 Standing Committees:

Junior Rifle Committee: Plan, promote, and conduct training for juniors in rifle and shotgun safety and marksmanship, seek funding sources, promote and sponsor the club youth in rifle and shotgun competitions at local, state, and national events.

Junior Pistol Committee: Plan, promote, and conduct training for juniors in pistol safety and marksmanship, seek funding sources, promote and sponsor the club youth in pistol competitions at local, state, and national events.

Junior Hunting, fishing, trapping, and Conservation Committee: Plan, promote, seek funding for, and conduct training and opportunities for juniors to learn and engage in hunting, fishing, trapping, and conservation activities.

### Darr Wetlands - Volunteer Work

(Available 7-days per week - on your availability schedule)

**Grasslands** - Cut cotton wood , wild dogwood, willow & woody shrubs at ground level and place in central pile (1000s to cut) **Dikes** - Cut cotton wood , wild dogwood, willow & woody shrubs at ground level and place in central pile (1000s to cut)

**Mow grass** around barn, shed and trailers **Mow grass** around two rows of trees and shrubs on Hellman's Hollow (5-7 feet apart - several hundred plantings) Cut, pull, kill **Purple Loosestrife** Cut, Spray, kill thistle Mow dikes with tractor and mower deck

**Mow field waterfowl blind** - waterfowl landing areas Repair waterfowl blinds

**Construct new waterfowl blinds** (sturdy & movable like #2, #3, #17, #20, #22, #25)

If equipment needs service - service it. If equipment is damaged while using it - get it repaired.

Fill out equipment use log sheets - on Barn's meeting room desk

Whenever on Darr Property, sign on property - Sheet outside Barn Meeting Room.

# SEPTEMBER 2013

| Sunday | Monday   | Tuesday                                      | Wednesday                                     | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday   |
|--------|--|--|---|---|--|--|
| 1      | 2<br><i>Open Pistol Practice</i><br>7 P.M.   | 3<br><i>Sr. Rifle Practice</i><br>7:30 P.M.  | 4<br><i>Jr. Pistol Practice</i><br>6:30 P.M.  | 5<br><i>Jr. Rifle Practice</i><br>5:30 - 8:30 P.M.  | 6<br><i>Sr. Pistol Practice</i> 7:00 P.M.<br><b>Concealed Carry Class</b><br><b>For More Info</b><br><b>Call Terry Rudes</b><br><b>419-732-3000</b>  | 7<br><b>Concealed Carry Class</b><br><b>For More Info</b><br><b>Call Terry Rudes</b><br><b>419-732-3000</b>  |
| 8      | 9<br><i>Trustees &amp; Officers Mtg. -</i><br>7 P.M.<br><i>General Meeting-</i><br>8 P.M.                  | 10<br><i>Sr. Rifle Practice</i><br>7:30 P.M. | 11<br><i>Jr. Pistol Practice</i><br>6:30 P.M. | 12<br><i>Jr. Rifle Practice</i><br>5:30 - 8:30 P.M. | 13<br><i>Sr. Pistol Practice</i><br>7:00 P.M.  | 14   |
| 15     | 16<br><i>Open Pistol Practice</i><br>7 P.M.  | 17<br><i>Sr. Rifle Practice</i><br>7:30 P.M. | 18<br><i>Jr. Pistol Practice</i><br>6:30 P.M. | 19<br><i>Jr. Rifle Practice</i><br>5:30 - 8:30 P.M. | 20<br><i>Sr. Pistol Practice</i><br>7:00 P.M.  | 21   |
| 22     | 23<br><i>Open Pistol Practice</i><br>7 P.M.  | 24<br><i>Sr. Rifle Practice</i><br>7:30 P.M. | 25<br><i>Jr. Pistol Practice</i><br>6:30 P.M. | 26<br><i>Jr. Rifle Practice</i><br>5:30 - 8:30 P.M. | 27<br><i>Sr. Pistol Practice</i> 7:00 P.M.<br><b>Concealed Carry Class</b><br><b>For More Info</b><br><b>Call Terry Rudes</b><br><b>419-732-3000</b> | 28<br><b>Concealed Carry Class</b><br><b>For More Info</b><br><b>Call Terry Rudes</b><br><b>419-732-3000</b> |
| 29     | 30<br>Those interested in getting a fob or use of the Range(s) meet at the Gordon Road clubhouse at 7 P.M. |  |   |   |  |  |

### -Summary of the Darr Wetland Hunting Rules For Waterfowl-

(These are for everyone's convenience, please familiarize yourself with them.)

1. ALL O.H.C.C. members may hunt on the Darr Wetland properties upon paying a \$20.00 waterfowl maintenance fee for waterfowl hunting or for upland hunting which requires a \$40.00 per year fee. (*see Upland Game Rules*)
2. No consumption of alcoholic beverages is permitted before or during hunting on O.H.C.C. property. If found doing so you will be asked to immediately leave the premises.
3. Only non-toxic shot may be used on the Darr Wetlands & Hellmann's Hollow & Pittman's Prairie properties except when hunting dove.
4. Waterfowl hunting is allowed all days of the week per the early and regular seasons as published by ODNR.
5. The hours of 10 AM - 3 PM are reserved every day for upland hunting priority.
6. Special Upland hunting days are arranged and publicized in advance when the whole day is reserved for pheasant hunting.
7. Waterfowl hunting (shooting of a firearm) may only be from a designated blind unless retrieving a wounded waterfowl.
8. Blind drawing eligibility is based on 20 hour O.H.C.C. (whole club activities) per ticket. Typically, drawings are at the July meetings each year.
9. Blinds not claimed by the blind holder by 30 minutes before hunting time are declared open to anyone (any clubmember) to use.
10. If the blind holder occupies a blind, any O.H.C.C member may request to join that person. Up to three persons may hunt from each blind.
11. No walking or driving around the property on hunt days except to walk to and from blind.
12. Only designated parking areas may be used for vehicles on the property.
13. Deer bow hunting is allowed only by schedule on non-waterfowl hunting days. Call Dan Pittman to reserve a deer hunting day.
14. All people **waterfowl hunting** on the property must sign-in on the log sheet every time they come on the property and sign-out when they depart the property, any waterfowl harvested must be listed by type and number, on the sign in/out sheet.
15. Each hunter must declare that they are on the property and at which blind by placing a tag on the map displayed inside the barn.
16. Copies of the complete set of rules are kept in the Darr property meeting room or are available by calling the Chairperson.
17. Use of the Darr property for other activities are only available by prior scheduling with the Darr Wetland's Committee Chairperson. It is currently Dan Pittman - (419) 862-2759.
18. For questions, clarifications, or to report violations of the rules, call the Chairperson at the number above.
19. O.H.C.C. wishes that all interested club members enjoy the wetlands properties and HUNT SAFELY.
20. The FIRST day of hunting waterfowl (early & regular season) on OHCC's Darr Wetlands is reserved for those members who have contributed 20 Hours\* of work the past year to any OHCC maintenance activity or function and paid the \$20.00 waterfowl maintenance fee
- \* Members who are 75 years of age and paid the \$20 waterfowl maintenance fee or older are exempt, however they may NOT be in the drawing for a blind without donating 20 hours or more to club to any OHCC maintenance activity or function.
21. NO DRINKING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BEFORE OR DURING HUNTING ON OHCC PROPERTY.

All Waterfowl/Upland Hunters MUST sign a release before they will be permitted to Hunt on OHCC Property. Releases will be available at the Darr and all Upland bird releases. Any current O.H.C.C member who is 21 years of age or older with a valid Hunting License and State Wetlands Stamp and Federal Waterfowl Stamp is permitted to take one related or non-related youth hunter with them provided, the youth is in compliance with all State and Federal Hunting Regulations and has passed the Hunter's Education Class and has returned a completed release form to the Darr Committee prior to the day of hunting. Only one youth hunter will be permitted per blind. The release forms are available from the Waterfowl Committee. The release forms will be on file from Jan 1 - Dec. 31 of that year.

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