



# OAK HARBOR CONSERVATION CLUB CONNECTION

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Web Page : [www.ohcc.us](http://www.ohcc.us)

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 **Sept. 27 & 28, Oct. 4 & 5, Nov. 1-2.** The prices for a single person signing up is \$100, \$90.00 per person for 2 signing up, and \$80.00 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.**

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### CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATION to Darr Wetlands Rules in last months newsletter

3. Only non-toxic shot may be used on the Darr Wetlands & Hellmann's Hollow & Pittman's Prairie properties.

9. Blinds not claimed by the blind holder by 30 minutes before hunting time are declared open to anyone (any clubmember who has paid their waterfowl maintenance fee) to use.

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**7th Annual Youth Hunt**  
**Oct. 5-6 OHCC & Erie-Ottawa-Sandusky Pheasants Forever**  
**Ohio Departemnt of Natural Resources**  
**OpenTo Public**  
**Waterfowl- Ages 10-15**  
**Pheasant - Ages 10-17**  
**Must have 2013/2014 Ohio Youth Hunting License - Space is Limited**  
**All Information On the Webpage**  
**[www.ohcc.us](http://www.ohcc.us) or Call Ralph Burnstine**  
**During the day(10-4) 419-734-3751**

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

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:** The Oak Harbor Conservation Club would like to introduce the following new members **Ronald Dale Tyrie, Donald L. Diebert** *We're glad to have you join us!*

**DARR PROPERTY VOTE RESULTS** - The vote on the sale of the limited parcel (s) of land at the Darr failed to pass 13 votes to 12.

**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 September 30 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 POSTITIONS 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.**

**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 is 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### UPLAND HUNTING 2013

**\*NOTICE -To be eligible to Upland Hunt your Upland Hunting Fee must be paid, your membership card will be marked with Upland Game (Yes ). Upland Game Hunters should be prepared to show your membership card if requested. All Hunt Fees MUST be paid 8 days prior to the bird release. If you feel your membership card is in error, please notify Jackie Slosnerick at 419-734-3751 during the day to make the necessary adjustments.**

### HUNT DATES 2013

**October 13th (Sunday) - 9:00 a.m. (Meet At Darr with a work party till 1:00 We will hunt at 2:00 - we will hunt until legal close time)- You will only be able to hunt if you work on this date. Please bring chain saws and other necessary tools, we will also need people to move brush.**

**October 20th - 9:00 a.m. till 4:00 P.M.(Meet At Darr- Release/Hunt) You must be present at the release to hunt the first 2 hours. If not present at the release you may hunt 2 hours after hunt begins.**

**Nov. 28th - 8:00 a.m. - (Meet At Darr- Release/Hunt)**

**Dec. 21st - 8:00 a.m. - (Meet At Darr- Release/Hunt)**

**Winter hunt dates will be announced at our monthly meetings and it will also be posted in our newsletter and on our website . YOU MUST HAVE A 2014 UPLAND PAID MEMBERSHIP TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THESE WINTER HUNT DATES.**

### 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.

**ANNUAL MEETING** - Our Annual Meeting will be held on October 14 - we will be electing Officers & Trustees as well as voting on the proposed 2014 Administrative Fund Budget and The Oak Harbor Conservation, Wildlife Restoration, Fisheries Management, and Land Acquisition Endowment Budget. We will also be voting on three proposals- See the back of newsletter for the proposals that will be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

### THE SLATE OF OFFICERS & TRUSTEES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Current Candidates for Trustees are Dennis Finke, Edwin Gehring, Gene Keckler, Dave Roepke, Paul Wray

Current Candidates for Officers are President John Duncan, Vice President John Brikmanis, Secretary John Scharding, Treasurer Vacant

Nominations for all positions will be taken from the floor.

# OCTOBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <i>Sr. Rifle Practice</i> 7:30 P.M.	2 <i>Jr. Pistol Practice</i> 6:30 P.M.	3 <i>Jr. Rifle Practice</i> 5:30 - 8:30 P.M.	4 <i>Sr. Pistol Practice</i> 7:00 P.M. <b>Concealed Carry Class</b> <b>For More Info</b> <b>Call Terry Rudes</b> <b>419-732-3000</b>	5 <b>Concealed Carry Class For More Info</b> <b>Call Terry Rudes</b> <b>419-732-3000</b> <b>YOUTH HUNT</b> <b>DARR CLOSED</b>
6 <b>YOUTH HUNT</b> <b>DARR CLOSED</b>	7 <i>Open Pistol Practice</i> 7 P.M.	8 <i>Sr. Rifle Practice</i> 7:30 P.M.	9 <i>Jr. Pistol Practice</i> 6:30 P.M.	10 <i>Jr. Rifle Practice</i> 5:30 - 8:30 P.M.	11 <i>Sr. Pistol Practice</i> 7:00 P.M.	12
13 <i>Upland Bird Work/Release/Hunt</i> <i>Meet Darr@ 9 A.M</i>	14 <b>Trustees &amp; Officers Mtg. -</b> <b>7 P.M.</b> <b>Annual Meeting-</b> <b>8 P.M.</b>	15 <i>Sr. Rifle Practice</i> 7:30 P.M.	16 <i>Jr. Pistol Practice</i> 6:30 P.M.	17 <i>Jr. Rifle Practice</i> 5:30 - 8:30 P.M.	18 <i>Sr. Pistol Practice</i> 7:00 P.M.	19
20 <i>Upland Bird Release/Hunt</i> <i>Meet Darr@ 9 A.M</i>	21 <i>Open Pistol Practice</i> 7 P.M.	22 <i>Sr. Rifle Practice</i> 7:30 P.M.	23 <i>Jr. Pistol Practice</i> 6:30 P.M.	24 <i>Jr. Rifle Practice</i> 5:30 - 8:30 P.M.	25 <i>Sr. Pistol Practice</i> 7:00 P.M.	26
27	28 Those interested in getting a fob or use of the Range(s) meet at the Gordon Road clubhouse at 7 P.M.	29 <i>Sr. Rifle Practice</i> 7:30 P.M.	30 <i>Jr. Pistol Practice</i> 6:30 P.M.	31 <i>Jr. Rifle Practice</i> 5:30 - 8:30 P.M.		

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**PROPOSAL #1 - DARR WETLANDS WATERFOWL BLIND DRAWING FOR 2014 DRAWING-**  
20 hours of documented work at the Darr Wetlands is required to be eligible to draw a waterfowl hunting blind.

Thereafter, all hours worked on any OHCC sponsored activities are eligible for one chance in the waterfowl drawing per each 20 hours of documented work. Only persons who have worked a minimum of 20 hours at the Darr Wetlands may hunt opening day of early and regular waterfowl season.

**PROPOSAL #2 - DARR WETLANDS**

Whereas, the Dr. L.J. Darr Memorial Wetland ( a.k.a. Darr Wetland property comprising 400 acres +/- requires regular maintenance and upkeep and

Whereas, there are not enough Oak Harbor Conservation Club ( OHCC) members willing to volunteer to provide time to perform the needed maintenance and upkeep including grass mowing, noxious weed control, trimming around planted trees and bushes, cutting volunteer trees and brush growth of cottonwood, wild dogwood, willow, and other undesirable woody plants on the property, and

Whereas, there is a need for maintenance, servicing and or repair of Darr Wetland equipment and buildings, Due to lack of volunteer services provided by OHCC club members, the OHCC recognizes that compensation of a paid position is necessary to maintain the property and equipment and perform the services required by the easement of the property held by the U.S. Wetlands Reserve Program ( WRP).

Therefore, a paid position for an OHCC member in good standing is authorized and funded to assist in performing the aforementioned work at the Dr. L.J. Darr Wetlands with compensation from the C4,C3 and Hunt Committee Accounts as follows:

Monthly Stipend in the amount of \$500.00 per month with services to include a minimum of 40 hours per month for time spent on the Wetlands property to perform aforementioned services, respond to requests for information from either OHCC Trustees & Officers or OHCC members, and/or time to comply with the WRP easement requirements and provide monthly reports at the monthly OHCC Trustees & Officers meeting. Any immediately needed or emergency expenditure shall be approved in advance by the OHCC President. Otherwise, equipment and building costs of repair and parts shall be pre-approved by OHCC at monthly business meeting.

**PROPOSAL #3 - CONSTITUTION CHANGES-**

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.

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