



Oak Harbor Conservation Club

Newsletter

November 2025 975 S. Gordon Rd., Oak Harbor, OH Web: www.ohcc.us Facebook: OHCC and OHCC Members Only

November Meetings

Trustees meeting: The club received a donation of \$2,000 and plaque from the estate of John P. Winter. As a young child, Mr. Winter attended rifle classes from the OHCC which had a major impact on his life. He became an avid shooter and cartridge collector. He always remembered the club that fostered his love of shooting and wanted to make a donation so others could benefit. President Rudes related that in the 1960, the OHCC had an outreach rifle program that shot in the basement of the armory, previously located across the street from the fire station in Oak Harbor. He attended the program there, which was conducted by Mr. Sprouse, from his wheel chair. Terry also attended trap shooting events at Gordon Road conducted by Mr. Gunch for youth. Our youth programs can bear fruit with new members and people who develop a love of shooting. Youth programs are very important and the OHCC has been conducting youth programs since it's inception.

President Rudes also noted that he had received reports that members were consuming alcohol at the annual meeting. Since becoming president, there has been a policy that there would be no drinking at meetings. This was because of negative comments from multiple members regarding people who had been drinking at meetings. There had been a policy that there was no drinking during shooting events or on the ranges. President Rudes suggested that a written policy be prepared and presented to the trustees at the next meeting.

Chuck Yarletts reported on the Rimfire Sporter match conducted Saturday. The match went well, a fitting end to the sporter matches for the year.

CLUB INSURANCE: The trustees had a special meeting on October 5 for several hours to discuss the club's insurance. Our previous insurance carrier did not renew our insurance due to getting out of insuring shooting activities. We applied for insurance with several companies and got one company to offer insurance. The previous policy cost us \$6,343 the new policies will cost us between \$22,000 and \$26,000, or more than 4 times our previous expense. The new insurance cost is roughly one-third of the club's income from dues per year which will affect the money we have for club activities and operations. We are actively soliciting additional bids and hope to get similar coverage with better rates.

The trustees will be looking for ways to reduce the hit from the insurance increase. President Rudes suggested that we look at converting the club to a 501 (C)(3) from our (C)(4) status, which could save us about \$6,000 in real estate taxes. Action is postponed to next

meeting when we have more information.

President Rudes thanked the trustees and officers who attended the meeting for their time and input. Several of them put in a lot of time tacking down specific provisions and ways to cut the cost of the insurance. The discussions were on topic and everyone had input to share. Very good cooperation. Too bad some politicians can't do the same. Thanks everyone.

Suspensions: Two members have been temporarily suspended from club activities.

New Members: Eric Crawford; Janet Crawford; Jon Wilson; David Wilson; Kayen Kralik; William Ryerson.

Renewals: Remember to get your renewals in before you forget. Those members who had previously been grand-fathered with special dues, that policy is still in effect for those people only, and their renewal dues are \$75. Those members write "grandfathered" on their renewal and send it in with the \$75.

ELECTION RESULTS: Dave Witt was elected Vice President and Dave Roepke was elected Trustee. It is disappointing that these people who want to lead the club did not attend the trustees meeting to learn what is going on that they will be dealing with next year.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

You have probably heard the TV ads regarding people stealing homes by fraudulently filing deeds and mortgages. The Ottawa County Recorder has a voluntary registration for citizens to list their property and if a transfer or mortgage is recorded, they will contact you. It doesn't prevent the theft, but it gives you timely notice to start to get action taken to protect your interest. You can sign in at ottawa.oh.publicsearch.us/property-alert

President's Christmas Wish. I have again heard rumors that "they" whoever "they" are, are planning on selling the Darr. And "they" whoever "they" are, are planning on selling the Gordon Road property. I am not aware of any plans by the Officers or Trustees to sell either property. I think this is a case of a shibboleth. A shibboleth is by definition to divide (usually "us" and "them") to foment animosity between two groups. This is usually done so that a person can stir up people, usually based on false or misrepresented actions or intentions for personal or political gain. My Christmas wish is that people **STOP IT**. The club can not function efficiently when this kind of poison is being spread among the membership. We have a great club. Together we can and do a lot of good things. If divided, we lose the support and confidence in our fellow members, all for no valid reason. So, don't listen to the gossips. Look with suspicion on the persons who are spreading the gossip as they must have something to gain at the expense of the rest of the membership. If you want the real information, come to a trustees meeting and straight up ask. Go to the people in charge for the straight information, not the busy body who whispers in a corner of the room or outside the meeting.

You notice we have club officers and trustees, not Darr trustees or Gordon Road trustees. That is because all the officers and trustees are charged by law with working only for the benefit of the membership as a whole. If the Darr was sold, we would lose a lot of members. If Gordon Road was sold, we would lose even more members and there would be no more wild game dinners as there is no place to hold them except on club owned property without the health department being involved. A lose, lose situation. So my wish is STOP IT. Please.

November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Women Only 5 pm to 9 pm	BGSU 6 PM Rifle League		Junior Rifle 6 - 8:30 pm		Rimfire Sporter Relays start at 8 am 10 am and 12 noon
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Meetings Trustees 7 p.m. Members 8 p.m.	BGSU 6 PM Rifle League		Junior Rifle 6 - 8:30 pm		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Women Only 5 pm to 9 pm	BGSU 6 PM Rifle League 7		Junior Rifle 6 - 8:30 pm		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	FOB 7:00 p.m.	BGSU 6 PM Rifle League 7		Happy Thanksgiving		
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December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Women Only 5 pm to 9 pm	BGSU Rifle 6:30 Rifle League 7pm		Junior Rifle 6 - 8:30 pm		
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		BGSU Rifle 6:30 Rifle League 7pm		Merry Christmas		
28	29	30				
	FOB 7:00 p.m.	BGSU Rifle 6:30 Rifle League 7pm				

January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				Junior Rifle 6 - 8:30 pm New Years		
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	Women Only 5 pm to 9 pm	BGSU Rifle 6:30 Rifle League 7pm		Junior Rifle 6 - 8:30 pm		
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