



One Club, One Future

Uniting Our
Sporting Club

Building trust,
transparency, and
shared success
between the
Shooting Range
and Hunting
Property groups

Youth Hunt
participants
giving back
to the club



August 25th 2026, Urijah Pelow, Jaxon Spurgen and Preston Maher attended the Darr committee meeting. They are juniors in high school. They had the opportunity too make a wood project for a class and they choose to make 45 wood duck boxes. They are going to donate 34 wood duck boxes to the Oak Harbor Conservation Club. They thanked the club for taking them out on the youth hunts the last couple years.

34 Wood Duck boxes value is approximatly \$2500

~~\$6800 DONATION JULY 2026
FOR VETERANS HUNT.~~

FENWICK MARINA FUNDRAISER.



State of Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife Grant

- Bud Baringer obtained grant
- Total Award \$ 9,930.00
- Conducting events and activities to promote wildlife related recreation including hunting, trapping, conducting hunter education courses, or facilitating shooting sports, or archery events.

ODNR may provide federal pass-through grants to eligible applicants for conducting events and activities to promote wildlife related recreation including hunting, trapping, conducting hunter education courses, or facilitating shooting sports, or archery events, which are essential to the Division in the administration of its wildlife programs.

Review from last month



The club has not spent more than it has taken in since 2020.

The main objectives of our club are: **Conservation, Hunting, Fishing, Trapping, and Shooting.**

The Oak Harbor Conservation Club is a Sportsman Club

**The
Challenge
We Face
Two
groups.
One club.
One
future.**

- The conflict is not shooting ranges versus habitat and hunting properties. The real issues are **mistrust, communication gaps, and perceptions of unequal funding.**



Why the mistrust?

- Leadership misleading the members to achieve personal agenda.
- Example July 8th 2024 meeting minutes
- President Rudes states that “The largest unfunded expense category is the Darr. ”
- Not a true statement. Just in the last couple months the Darr has raised over \$18000 in grants and donations. The Wild Game dinner profited over \$12000.

One example of how we have got to where we are now come from the July 8th 2024 regular monthly Trustees meeting held at the Darr - This is from the minutes July 8th 2024 ,Finance Committee: President Rudes reported that a tentative budget is being considered by the Budget Committee. Due to a decrease in funds, programs and spending will be significantly cut for 2025. The club has had income of about \$70,000 per year, up until this year, when there was a significant drop in membership renewals or new members. Due to the reduced annual income, major budget cuts will be made. The club policy, to not spend more on operations than is taken in each year, will mean significant cuts. In looking at the long term financial survival of the club, expenses will have to be cut, unless significant additional income is found. The largest unfunded expense category is the Darr. The Darr has 16% of the clubs membership participating. The present level of income is inadequate to maintain 400 plus acres that does not produce significant income. Depending on the funding level for 2025, it is possible that the Darr will have to be eliminated.

Last month I showed that the club has never lost money. The statement that “it is possible that the Darr will have to be eliminated” is divisive and is not an

accurate statement. Leaders should never be divisive!! The only accurate statement was that the club is losing members.

Membership Comparison 2024 vs 2026

	2024	2024 Percentage	2026	2026 Percentage
Total Membership	410	100%	406	100%
Regular Membership	344	84%	286	70%
Members that pay the hunting fee	66	16%	120	30%

We Have More in Common Than We Think

Both groups want:

- A strong, financially healthy club
- Quality facilities and properties
- Safe and responsible use of the facilities
- More members
- Good stewardship of club resources
- A club that will still be here for future generations
- A voice in how money is spent
- Transparency from club leadership

The common ground is bigger than the disagreement.

Examples of Working Together

Troy Overmeyer - Pour
handicap pad at entrance of the
ranges.

Bill Moyer- Provided rubber
matting for the ranges.

Troy Overmeyer volunteered to
look into getting trucks to move
dirt for the shooting range.

Create Funding Transparency

- Publish annual budgets, show income and expenses by program, and explain how spending supports the entire club.

Build Trust Through Cooperation

- Hold joint work days, shared events, volunteer recognition programs, and mixed project teams.
- Oak Harbor Conservation Club banquet in the fall of each year.(Fund Raiser)



One Club Strategy

- Develop a 3-year plan with goals that benefit both ranges and hunting properties.



Success Measures

- Higher volunteer participation, fewer disputes, balanced investment, member satisfaction, and stronger finances.



One Club, One Mission

- When each group succeeds, the entire club succeeds. Focus on shared goals, not competing interests.



OHCC was established in 1948

- This club is the gem of Ottawa county
- We can not let a few people destroy this club over personal ambitions.

**78 YEARS
STRONG**

We are the largest club in Ottawa county